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M. E. CARY B. FISH -----Grand High Priest, Sarasota.
R. E. R. J. McMASTER -----Dep. Grand High Priest, Tampa.
R. E. STAFFORD CALDWELL --Grand King, Jacksonville.
R. E. JOHN PASCO -----Grand Scribe, Monticello.
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. ALEX B. STEUART -----Grand Captain of the Host, Tampa.
E. W. B. GREER -----Grand Prin. Sojourner, Quincy.
E. CHESTER C. SNOW -----Gr. Royal Arch Capt., Daytona Bch.
E. R. P. BUCKMASTER -----Grand Master Third Vail, Orlando.
E. CHAS. M. GRUBER -----Gr. M. Second Vail, W. Palm Beach.
E. ARCHIE AITCHISON -----Gr. Master First Vail, St. Petersburg
E. JOHN W. CAPPER -----Grand Guard, Jacksonville.

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The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida assembled in its Eighty-first Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple in the City of Jacksonville, at 10:00 A. M., Tuesday, May 17, A. D., 1927, A. I. 2457.

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

E. L. ShearM. E. Grand High Priest.
Cary B. FishR. E. D. Gr. High Priest.
R. J. McMasterR. E. Grand King.
D. B. Palmeras R. E. Grand Scribe.
Marcus EndelR. E. Grand Treasurer.

W. P. WebsterR. E. Grand Secretary.
 Dorsey H. Rutteras R. E. Grand Chaplain.
 J. Lloyd Headas E. Gr. Capt. of the Host.
 John PascoE. Gr. Prin. Sojourner.
 Alex. B. SteuartE. Gr. Royal Arch Capt.
 W. B. GreerE. Gr. Master Third Vail.
 Chester C. SnowE. Gr. Master Second Vail.
 R. P. BuckmasterE. Gr. Master First Vail.
 John W. CapperE. Grand Guard.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

Marcus Endel,	T. S. Wilmarth,
Wilber P. Webster,	E. E. Haskell,
Louis C. Massey,	Jos. R. Keller,
Wm. S. Ware,	T. Picton Warlow,
D. B. Palmer,	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—W. S. Perry, H. P.; C. H. Willoughby, proxy for S.
 Tampa No. 3—E. D. Dow, H. P.; Melvin C. Cole, K.; J. E. Shepley, S.
 St. Johns No. 4—H. L. Taylor, H. P.; W. B. Gleason, proxy for K.; C. L. Heath, proxy for S.
 Halifax No. 5—Joseph B. Davis, proxy for H. P.
 Mt. Horeb No. 6—L. A. Wilson, H. P.
 Eureka No. 7—J. E. Ramsdell, H. P.; T. P. Robinson, K.; Bert L. Blair, proxy for S.

Dade City No. 8—James A. Peek, Jr., H. P.
 Putnam No. 9—Lewis A. Smith, proxy for H. P.
 Kissimmee No. 10—Colvin Parker, H. P.
 Jericho No. 11—John B. Phelps, H. P.
 Jacksonville No. 12—J. D. Kennedy, H. P.; N. H. Schoonover, K.; H. E. Hollowell, S.
 Ocala No. 13—A. L. Lucas, H. P.; C. P. Holbrook, K.
 Inverness No. 14—Geo. A. Dame, H. P.
 Monroe No. 15—Glen E. McKay, H. P.; W. A. Routh, proxy for K.
 Plant City No. 16—A. J. Peacock, H. P.; A. E. Wilson, proxy for K.
 St. Augustine No. 17—H. M. Saunders, H. P.
 Manatee No. 18—M. C. Walters, H. P.
 Lake Butler No. 19—Chas. H. Register, H. P.
 Keystone No. 20—Wm. B. Baker, H. P.
 Thomas Brown No. 22—J. P. Hyman, proxy for Officers.
 Lake Worth No. 24—Walter H. Long, H. P.
 Live Oak No. 25—B. W. Helvenston, proxy for H. P.
 Jefferson No. 26—R. P. Johnson, K.
 Indian River No. 27—Geo. W. Scobie, proxy for H. P.
 Joppa No. 28—James L. Hoeflich, H. P.
 Lakeland No. 29—W. F. Cook, H. P.
 Gadsden No. 30—P. S. Thomson, proxy for K.
 St. Petersburg No. 31—Richard L. Martin, H. P.; J. H. Rauch, K.
 Jackson No. 32—Chas. W. Davis, proxy for H. P.
 Eustis No. 33—C. R. Horne, H. P.
 Leesburg No. 34—E. R. Canaday, H. P.
 Sarasota No. 35—B. M. Hulse, K.
 Arcadia No. 36—E. L. Morgan, H. P.
 Providence No. 38—Chesley Roberts, H. P.

Bay County No. 39—E. H. Wilkerson, S.
 Crestview No. 40—James L. Clary, H. P.
 Winter Haven No. 41—Robert Sands, H. P.
 Highlands No. 42—J. K. Chapman, H. P.
 Union No. 43—Alfred G. Basch, H. P.
 Perry No. 44—H. R. Byrd, S.
 Clearwater No. 45—L. A. Morgan, H. P.
 Okeechobee No. 46—O. J. Price, proxy for H. P.
 Dade No. 47—A. H. Hinman, H. P.; E. J. Dyal, proxy
 for K.; H. G. Hinman, proxy for S.
 Poinciana No. 50—R. V. Lee, H. P.
 Hill City U. D.—H. G. Crafton, H. P.
 Monroe D. Cushing, U. D.—R. B. Lovett, H. P.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Alabama	R. J. Kishpaugh.
Arkansas	Warner T. Hamm.
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.
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.
Massachusetts	Walter J. Bennett.

Mississippi	D. B. Palmer.
Missouri	Cary B. Fish.
New York	Marcus Endel.
New South Wales	John D. Grether.
North Carolina	John L. Hall.
North Dakota	R. J. McMaster.
Nova Scotia	T. Picton Warlow.
Ohio	Ely P. Hubbell.
Oklahoma	W. B. Greer.
Oregon	F. H. Thompson.
Pennsylvania	Louis C. Massey.
Saskatchewan	Wm. J. Smith.
Texas	R. P. Buckmaster.
Victoria	John L. Hall.
Western Australia	John Pasco.
West Virginia	Geo. J. Tolson.
Wisconsin	Geo. A. Dame.
Wyoming	John Pasco.

PAST HIGH PRIESTS PRESENT IN NO OTHER CAPACITY

H. S. Chiles, Tampa Chapter No. 3.
 Geo. H. Leavitt, Tampa Chapter No. 3.
 N. H. Fender, Tampa Chapter No. 3.
 W. J. Bennett, Tampa Chapter No. 3.
 Joe B. Johnson, Tampa Chapter No. 3.
 R. L. Gillett, Tampa Chapter No. 3.
 L. Earl Curry, Jericho Chapter No. 11.
 Whipple Bishop, Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.
 B. C. Webb, Ocala Chapter No. 13.
 C. M. Gruber, Lake Worth Chapter No. 24.
 Archie Atchison, St. Petersburg Chapter No. 31.
 H. L. Schaeffer, Leesburg Chapter No. 34.

Past Grand High Priest Massey called attention to the fact that Past Grand High Priest Wilmarth, one of our oldest Past Grand High Priests was present and a cordial welcome was extended to him.

Messages of greetings and best wishes were received from the following Companions stating that owing to unavoidable circumstances, they would be unable to be present at this Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter: Stafford Caldwell, Grand Scribe; W. B. Y. Wilkie, Grand Chaplain and T. T. Todd, Past Grand High Priest.

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

RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS

Bert L. Blair,
Glenn E. McKay, Colvin Parker.

Upon motion of Companion Fish, 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 Endel, 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

A. J. Peacock,
F. S. Hartsfield, Walter H. Long.

PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES

Cleveland Horne,
A. J. Lucas, Wm. B. Baker.

DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS

Geo. H. Leavitt,
R. L. Gillett, E. E. Macy.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE

Marcus Endel,	T. S. Wilmarth,
W. P. Webster,	E. E. Haskell,
Louis C. Massey,	Jos. R. Keller,
Wm. S. Ware,	T. Picton Warlow,
D. B. Palmer,	W. V. Carter,
H. O. Snow,	John L. Hall,
R. J. Kishpaugh,	Ely P. Hubbell,
	Erle L. Wirt.

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

H. O. Snow,
C. C. Snow, J. B. Davis.

MEMORIALS

D. H. Rutter,
E. P. Hubbell, H. L. Taylor.

VISITORS

E. D. Dow, Chester DeRocher,
Maurice Walters.

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

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS

Companions, on this the Eighty-First Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Florida, I extend to you a most cordial welcome and hope that you will receive, while here, an inspiration which will make you and your Companions better men and Masons, remembering that with you largely depends the kind of a report we will hear of the progress of capitular Masonry this coming year.

One year ago today when you elected me to this high honor, I was the most grateful man in Florida.

I started out on the performance of the duties of this exalted office with the highest aspiration determined to do my best to fulfill the task entrusted to me.

Today I stand before you to render an account of my stewardship. How well I have accomplished my ambitions I shall not attempt to state, but will admit that my ideals were higher than my attainments.

If I have not met your expectations, or if I seemingly, have not given my best to this great office, it was not due to wilful neglect but was owing to matters over which I had no control. Under existing circumstances I have done my best.

Unusual demands have devolved upon the Grand Chapter during this year. The heavy financial deflation

throughout our domain necessitated the exercise of the most judicious care in financial affairs.

The terrible cyclone which wrought destruction and death in the southern part of our state was a call to us to alleviate suffering to which we responded doing our best.

We also heard the cry of a quarter of a million of our people who were rendered homeless, penniless and wanderers by the awful floods in the Mississippi Valley; to their appeal we gave all we could.

MY FIRST OFFICIAL ACT WAS THE SIGNING OF
THIS LETTER

May 20th, 1926.

*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Florida,
and All Chapters Subordinate Thereto:*

Companions:

The Grand Chapter of Florida has created an Educational Fund to aid and assist worthy students to obtain an education. This fund will be loaned to students in amounts not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) in any one year, and must be repaid in sums beginning one year after leaving school. It is desirable that this fund should be used to complete the student's education in college, but may be made to apply to teachers' or other courses at the discretion of the committee.

All applications should be made to W. R. O'Neal, chairman of the committee, Orlando, Florida.

You will cause this information to be presented to your Chapter at the next regular meeting, and the first meeting thereafter.

You are urged to keep this matter before the members as it is one of the greatest works that can be done by a fraternal organization.

Fraternally yours,

E. L. SHEAR,
Grand High Priest.

NECROLOGY

While our official family remains unbroken, we have suffered the loss of our good friend, Most Illustrious Companion, Irving E. Webster, Past Grand High Priest, who passed to the great beyond on April 20, 1927.

Our Sister Grand Jurisdictions have not been so fortunate, as some of them have sustained losses in their official families, and from most of them have come notices of the deaths of Past Grand High Priests, as well as many distinguished Companions.

To them we extend, in their bereavement, our sincerest sympathy.

On April 23rd, accompanied by Past Grand High Priest, W. V. Carter, I went to the home of our beloved Companion Webster and attended the funeral, extending our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

The following memorial was prepared by Past Grand High Priest E. E. Haskell:

To All Companions Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Florida, and all other Grand Jurisdictions; and to all Knights Templar, of the State of Florida, and all other Grand Jurisdictions:

Dear Companions, and Fraters:

It is with saddened hearts, that it becomes our duty, to announce to you, that Past Grand High Priest, of the Grand Chapter, of Royal Arch Masons, of Florida, and Past Grand Commander, of Knights Templar, of the State of Florida,

IRVING ELROY WEBSTER

is dead.

Alas! This good Companion and revered Frater, passed to the Great Beyond, April 20th, 1927, at his home in Gainesville, Florida.

Like the brave and patient soldier of the Cross, that he was, he fought the last sad battle for life, with courage undaunted, face to the foe, bravely, manfully, struggling vainly against disease that in his years and physical condition, could not longer be denied. He died about eleven o'clock, P. M., on April 20th, 1927.

Companion and Sir Knight Irving Elroy Webster, was born February 13th, 1852, in the town of Hartland, State of Vermont. He came to Florida, his adopted State, in the year 1874, and ever since then had been a resident and citizen of the city of Gainesville, with the best interests of which city, he has been identified with its struggles and present prosperity.

On September 12th, 1876, he married Miss Hattie E. Barney, daughter of the Hon. Wm. H. Barney, of Guilford, State of Vermont, who died some years since. He has two daughters, who survive him, Mrs. C. F. Merritt, of Gainesville, and Mrs. H. H. Gates, of Miami.

This notice would not be complete, without briefly touching upon the many useful characteristics and qualities of this unusually busy, useful and accomplished man.

His was a well rounded figure, of physical perfection, that, pulsing with life and vigor, attracted attention.

His was a personality, attractive, genial and magnetic, that united with an active, acute and intelligent mind, compelled friendship at once and held it henceforth. An agreeable, friendly and lovable man.

AS A CITIZEN

In business life, his earlier activities, became engrossed in the banking interests of his city and county; and with an unusual measure he was successful in this line of endeavor.

The later activities of his life, were engrossed in public service in his city, for his fellows, and as his last active duties were performed, until an insidious disease coupled with his advancing years, compelled his retirement from active business life, and which continued for several years prior to his decease.

AS A SOLDIER

Colonel Webster, as he was most generally called, became a charter member of the "Gainesville Guards," in July, 1878, and was in continuous active service therein, until May 23rd, 1903, when

he retired, ranking as Colonel. He served as Lieutenant Colonel of the 1st Florida, Volunteers, during the Spanish American War of 1898.

That he was appreciated as a soldier, is evidenced by the statement contained in General Orders No. 5, dated April 21st, 1927, in which it is stated by J. Clifford Foster, Brigadier General, A. G. D. F. N. G., The Adjutant General, Florida, "that he not only served long and conspicuously well as a soldier, but bore an active and appreciated part in the civic life of his home community;" and in his honor directed the Commanding Officer of Company "G," 124th Infantry, to provide an appropriate funeral escort, and as a further mark of respect, that the flags at the State Arsenal and on all armories through the State, to be displayed at half staff on the day of the funeral.

AS A MASON

He was initiated, passed and raised to be a Master Mason, in Gainesville Lodge No. 41, of Gainesville, Florida, on July 14, 1880, and served it as its Worshipful Master.

He was exalted to be Royal Arch Mason, in Gainesville Chapter No. 2, at Gainesville, Florida, April 6, 1886, and became its High Priest.

He served as Grand King of the Grand Chapter, in 1891, and was elected to preside and govern the affairs of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, for the year 1892.

He was elected and served as Grand Chaplain of that body, for the years, 1893, 1894, 1902, 1903, 1907 to 1917 inclusive.

He was elected to serve and did so, as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Florida, for the years 1895, 1896, and 1897, all of which offices he filled with honor to the fraternity and signal credit to himself.

He was dubbed and created a Knight Templar, in Damascus Commandery No. 2, of Jacksonville, Florida, March 3rd, 1893; he affiliated with Pilgrim Commandery, of Gainesville, and served as its Eminent Commander.

He was elected and served as Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, of Florida, in 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, and 1901, as Junior Grand Warden, in 1902, as Senior Grand War-

den in 1903, as Grand Captain General, in 1904, as Deputy Grand Commander, in 1905, and as its Grand Commander, in 1906.

He was elected and served as Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star, of Florida, in 1914; and was a member of the Scottish Rite 32nd degree, completing those degrees March 4th, 1908.

He was created a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 15th, 1895.

The mention of the above, carries with it a very incomplete idea of the useful activities of this good Brother, for he brightened, with his Christian and fraternal character, the minds and souls of his Brethren, and the more to know was to respect and love him.

Gone awhile, and has left us, to bide awhile, and then we trust we'll meet again.

On April 23rd, 1927, in the cemetery near Gainesville, Florida, attended by bereaved relatives, sorrowing friends and neighbors, many, many of them, with an official representation from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Florida, official representation of the Grand Commandery, of Florida, Knights Templar, representation of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, a military funeral escort of the Florida National Guards, and with the Masonic Funeral Ceremonies, conducted by the members of Gainesville Lodge No. 41, F. & A. M. of Gainesville, all that was mortal of this good friend and Brother, Companion, Sir Knight, and soldier, was laid to rest, until the resurrection morn.

Dear Companions, and Sir Knights, may we emulate his high Christian character, and his love for his fellow man.

Let this notice be read in open Chapter, in each Chapter in the Grand Jurisdiction at the next possible Convocation after its receipt.

Attest:

W. P. WEBSTER,
Grand Secretary.

(Seal)

and,

E. L. SHEAR,
Grand High Priest.

It is my order that the same be read in open Asylum, upon the first possible Conclave of each Commandery in this Grand Jurisdiction after receipt thereof.

Attest:

W. P. WEBSTER,
Grand Recorder.
(Seal)
May 16th, 1927.

F. WILLIAM SCHULTZ,
Grand Commander.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES

I have made the following appointments:

The Grand Representative of Florida near the Grand Chapter of Tennessee having been unable to attend their Grand Convocations, I have upon the recommendation of the Grand Secretary of Tennessee, appointed on August 16th, Companion Walter B. Bell of Bells, Tenn., Grand Representative of Florida in that jurisdiction.

Owing to the resignation of Companion Conyngham, and upon recommendation of the Grand Secretary of New York, I appointed William C. Wright of 200 E. 166th St., New York City, to fill vacancy on October 16th.

Notice having reached me of the death of our Grand Representative, Companion Kline, and upon recommendation of the Grand Secretary of Pennsylvania, I appointed Companion William F. Goodwin of Philadelphia, Pa., as Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, on January 21st, 1927.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES

To M. E. E. L. Shear, Grand High Priest: Halifax No. 5, New Smyrna No. 51, St. Johns No. 4, Mon-

roe No. 15, Orange No. 52, Indian River No. 27, Nassau No. 49, Jefferson No. 26, Florida No. 1, Gadsden No. 30, Jackson No. 32, Chipley No. 23, Walton No. 37, Crestview No. 40, Mt. Horeb No. 6, Bay County No. 39 and Island No. 21.

To R. E. Cary B. Fish, Deputy Grand High Priest: Sarasota No. 35, Manatee River No. 18, Arcadia No. 36, Poinciana No. 50, Highlands No. 42, St. Petersburg No. 31, Thomas Brown No. 22, Plant City No. 16, Lakeland No. 29, Winter Haven No. 41, Kissimmee No. 10, Eureka No. 7, Clearwater No. 45.

To R. E. R. J. McMaster, Grand King: Tampa No. 3, Dade City No. 8, Inverness No. 14, Leesburg No. 34, Eustis No. 33, Ocala No. 13, Gainesville No. 2, Lake Butler No. 19, Providence No. 38, Live Oak No. 25, Perry No. 44 and Putnam No. 9.

To R. E. Stafford Caldwell, Grand Scribe: Jericho No. 11, Keystone No. 20, Lake Worth No. 24, Dade No. 47, Joppa No. 28, Okeechobee No. 46, Jacksonville No. 12, Duval No. 48, Union No. 43 and St. Augustine No. 17.

VISITATIONS

On June 25, 1926, in response to an invitation, I visited Saint Johns Chapter No. 4 in their new Chapter room where I was most hospitably received, and there saw the work exemplified by them in a very creditable manner. They also showed me their Charter which was reported lost at the last Grand Convocation, it having been found amongst the rubbish of the Temple when they moved to their new Temple.

In response to a request for help from Perry Chapter, on Oct. 7th, 1926, I sent John Pasco, Grand Principal

Sojourner, who went over and gave them the needed instructions, conferring degrees on fifteen candidates.

I received an invitation to attend the 17th Annual Convocation of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, but was unable to do so; but the Grand Chapter was well represented by Wilber P. Webster, our efficient secretary and Past Grand High Priest. Our Deputy Grand High Priest, Cary B. Fish, was also present representing the Grand Lodge as Grand Master.

On March 11th, I visited Island Chapter at Key West, and was most hospitably received by Past Grand High Priest Ketchum. I went over the situation there thoroughly with him, and after spending two days decided that it was better that we take up their Charter as their records show their last meeting was held in July 1909. I, therefore, deemed it unwise at that time to try to revive this Chapter.

In response to a request from Winter Haven Chapter No. 41, I appointed Past Grand High Priest, W. V. Carter, to visit their Chapter, and give them what information was needed.

Am giving here report of Companion Carter.

"In compliance with the request of Winter Haven Chapter No. 41, viz.: 'That you be represented at regular Convocation on April 11th' I visited the Chapter on that date as you desired. I am pleased to report that the Companions of Winter Haven Chapter are truly to be commended for their efficiency.

"Aside from a few minor points in their floor work, I might better call it drill work, they really did not need an instructor.

"The Officers (Elective and Appointive), have committed their work in full, no abbreviations or short cuts and no books in sight during the ceremonies. They opened and closed in full form, had a team ready for the Royal Arch Degree, which was exemplified

in a manner that was truly pleasing, and I may say reverential, as is due this sublime degree.

"Would that every Royal Arch Mason in the State might see the Royal Arch Degree exemplified by the Winter Haven Companions."

I received from Robert Sands, High Priest of Winter Haven Chapter, a nice letter of thanks for the services Companion Carter had rendered them and the manner in which he had been able to help them in their degree work.

DISPENSATIONS TO FORM NEW CHAPTERS

On July 27th, 1926, I granted a dispensation to a number of Royal Arch Masons to form Delray Chapter, U. D. at Delray, Fla.

On October 11, 1926, I granted dispensation to form Hill City Chapter U. D. at Brooksville, but ordered the same held by the Grand Secretary until I could look into the matter fully as to whether a Chapter would have sufficient territory to draw from at Brooksville, being close to both Dade City Chapter and Inverness Chapter, but after writing both of these Chapters and receiving no reply from them, and upon the receipt of the following from Companion H. G. Crafton stating that "while we have a town of only 2,000 people, I wish to state for your own information, we have over fifty eligibles, waiting for our dispensation to be granted to give us their application for initiation, and will no doubt have more within the next week or two. I believe we will have, should dispensation be granted us, the most active Chapter of its size in the State, and assure you that your efforts to cause same to be granted will be highly appreciated." I, therefore, ordered the Grand Secretary

to deliver their dispensation. How well this confidence was justified you can best judge when I tell you—they are bringing a degree team at their own expense and will exemplify the Most Excellent Masters Degree for you.

On October 28th, 1926, I signed dispensation to form Monroe D. Cushing U. D. Chapter at Tampa, with the following officers:

High Priest, Gustave F. McWilliams; King, Richard B. Lovett; Scribe, Frank O'Berry.

On November 2nd, I received the following letter:

We are in receipt of the dispensation to form Monroe D. Cushing Chapter, R. A. M., in our city, with your signature as Grand High Priest, but no word from Companion Webster as to time said Chapter will be instituted; we are writing to ascertain your wishes in the matter, and for information regarding same."

To which I answered on November 8th, 1926.

"Answering yours of the 2nd. The receipt of dispensation is your authority to go ahead and organize your Chapter and proceed with your regular work. You will work under this dispensation, that is under the authority of the Grand High Priest, until the Grand Chapter meets in Jacksonville next May the 17th.

"Then you should come before them with petition for Charter, bringing all records, etc., as upon your record while under dispensation will depend their granting you a Charter.

"If Charter is granted it will be brought you by the Grand High Priest, or his representative, who will then institute your Chapter.

"However, if you will notify me when you have your first meeting, I will, if possible, arrange to be there."

"P. S. Refer to the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Chapter as revised 1919, page 19, Chapters U. D."

CHAPTERS CONSTITUTED

On June 28th, in accordance with the action of the last Grand Chapter, it was my pleasure to institute Orange Chapter No. 52, Winter Garden. Accordingly, accompanied by Past Grand High Priest W. V. Carter and several Companions, we went to Winter Haven where we were most hospitably received, and instituted this Chapter.

EXEMPLIFICATION OF WORK

Having heard good reports from, and being desirous of showing what can be done, I have invited Monroe D. Cushing Chapter, U. D. to exemplify the several degrees at the Annual Convocation, and they are here prepared to comply with my request.

RECOMMENDATIONS

On March 4th, I received a letter from Past Grand High Priest, R. J. Kishpaugh, Secretary of Lake Worth Chapter No. 24, West Palm Beach, Fla., stating that owing to the failure of the bank there, they would be unable to pay their Grand Chapter dues. I, therefore, recommend that they be granted representation at this Convocation, and such extension of time as will be necessary until they can make arrangements to pay the Grand Chapter dues.

That we should have an open Forum devoted to an active discussion of Chapter welfare, this to be an annual affair.

That as far as possible all Committees be taken from active members already on the pay roll.

That more time should be given to that most instructive order of High Priesthood, as all who have received it are ready to give testimony of its beauty and importance, and ever ready to laud its purposes.

I am in receipt of a rather lengthy report from Herbert B. Holt, Grand Master of New Mexico, regarding their Tuberculosis Relief Work. As the Grand Chapter last year had this matter up, and made an appropriation for this work, and as they are evidently going ahead with the work and endeavoring to raise more money to properly equip their hospitals, in which Masons from every State are being treated, it would seem that we should help them in this great work to the extent of our ability, and I so recommend.

I recommend that Paragraph No. 7, in Regulation No. 20 entitled "On Memorials," be transferred and added to Section No. 21, as appearing on page 21 of the Regulations.

This Regulation will then provide that the Committee on Memorials shall be appointed at the closing of the Annual Convocation and to serve until the close of the next ensuing Annual Convocation.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

The Fortieth Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America will be held in the City of Denver, Colorado, commencing on Wednesday, September 28. I understand plans are being made to make this the most memorable, as well as the most enjoyable triennial ever held. I recommend that arrangements be made for a creditable representation on this occasion, and that a

sufficient appropriation be made to cover the expenses of those who attend.

That to the standing committees, we add the Committee on Memorials.

RULINGS

On November 15th I received the following letter from James A. Smith, Secretary of Jackson Chapter No. 32, Marianna, Fla.:

"Last Thursday, the 11th, was our regular Convocation. Since then I have received five applications for the Chapter degrees, and our High Priest has ordered a Special Convocation for work (on three that are already elected), and we want you to grant us permission to ballot on new applicants next Friday afternoon, the 19th, in order that our Chapter may be able to make a creditable showing this year."

To which I answered as follows on November 17th:

"In answer to your request of the 15th in regard to balloting on candidates at a special meeting, I would call your attention to the report of the Jurisprudence Committee as printed in the Proceedings of May, 1925, which was adopted:

"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 Capitular Masonry will be better served by not permitting the ballot upon petitions for degrees at any other than regular Convocations."

"I am, therefore, obliged to refuse to grant your request."

On December 16th, 1925, I received the following letter from Samuel C. McConnell, Secretary Monroe D. Cushing Chapter, U. D., Tampa, Fla.:

"Companion Gustave F. McWilliams, who was named in our Dispensation as High Priest of this Chapter, has seen fit to resign because of other activities and business which prevents him from giving it the time and attention required. Our members met the other night and named the following officers to fill the several stations caused by this resignation, viz.:

Companion Richard B. Lovett, High Priest,
Companion Frank O'Berry, King.
Companion Henry A. VanBorssum, Scribe.

"Will it be necessary to secure a new dispensation with these names inserted, or may we proceed as we are. We met on the 20th of November and organized, read the dispensation and proceeded to the transaction of business; several petitions have been reached and on December 9th, our first Stated Convocation, the degree of Mark Master was conferred upon four candidates—the work being given in full form.

"A question arises which seems not to be covered by the regulations: Is it permissible to receive and enter upon our charter list the name or names of Companions holding dimits issued prior to the date of our dispensation. There are a few Chapter Masons in Tampa who would like to join in with us in the new Chapter and they hold dimits several months old. If we can accept them as members we will be pleased to do so and it will increase our membership by several names.

"Our charter members did not secure dimits from Tampa Chapter, but hold certificates of good standing, will we pay dues for 1927 to Tampa Chapter or may we hold off and pay to our own Chapter. This is a question we will appreciate your reply before the end of the year so that we may ask for and receive our dimits before having to pay 1927 dues.

"We have begun operations under most favorable conditions, and hope to build our Chapter up in membership and good works to the top of the list, if it can be done."

To which I answered as follows on December 20th:

"As the officers named in the dispensation hold only subject to the Grand High Priest, and it being apparent they cannot serve,

I therefore appoint Richard B. Lovett, High Priest, Frank O'Berry, King, and Henry A. VanBorssum, Scribe, of Monroe D. Cushing Chapter, U. D.

"It will not, therefore, be necessary to secure a new dispensation. You have permission to receive the dimits if by the unanimous action of the Chapter. They can then become charter members by signing the petition for charter—but signatures must be accompanied by their dimits.

"All members that did not dimit are still members of their respective Chapters and will be so held until you have been granted a charter which you will be required to sign, accompanied by certificates of good standing. If the charter is granted, you are then automatically dropped from your Chapter, becoming a member of the new Chapter."

On December 11th, I received the following letter from Jackson Chapter No. 32, Marianna, Fla.:

"Owing to unavoidable conditions, we did not have an election of officers for Jackson Chapter No. 32, on Thursday, Dec. 9th.

"Our next regular Convocation will be Thursday, Dec. 23rd, and we ask that you give us a dispensation to hold an election for officers on that date."

To which I replied as follows:

"I would call your attention to Article IV, Section 8 of the Constitution and regulations of the Grand Chapter, calling for an election at the first regular Convocation in December, or as soon thereafter as practicable, it would, therefore, be perfectly proper that you hold your election December 23rd."

In accordance with rumors reaching me, and from a letter received from Samuel W. Carman, High Priest of Gadsden Chapter No. 30, who says that circumstances having arisen which make it to the best interest of the fraternity that he retire, I wrote him as follows:

"It appearing to the best interest of Gadsden Chapter, and the fraternity, you are hereby removed as High Priest of Gadsden Chapter No. 30."

I am glad to report that our relations with other Grand Jurisdiction have been harmonious, with the exception of the following, if it prove such.

On April 10th, I received the following Edict from the Grand Chapter of Illinois:

"To the High Priests, Kings, Scribes and Companions of all Royal Arch Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction:

"Greetings:

"At the last annual Convocation of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, that body, by official action, eliminated the degree of Past Master as a pre-requisite to, or any part of, Royal Arch Masonry in that Grand Jurisdiction.

"Therefore, no Companion hailing from the Grand Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, who has not received the degree of Past Master, can be admitted as a visitor in any Royal Arch Chapter in Illinois, nor can he be elected to membership by affiliation.

"However, any Royal Arch Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction may, if it shall meet their pleasure and convenience, confer, with out charge, the degree of Past Master upon such Companion, after which he may be admitted as a visitor, or elected to membership by affiliation as the case may be.

"It is ordered that this edict be read in open Chapter at the first stated Convocation after its receipt.

"In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, under the seal of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois, at Chicago, this 31st day of March, A. D. 1927."

(S) WILLIS McFEELEY,
Grand High Priest.

On April 11th, I wrote our Grand Secretary acknowledging receipt of this Edict and enclosing a similar one of my own, stating;

"As this is the first information that I have had in regard to the action of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, I am, therefore, taking it for granted that such action was taken. If such action was taken, to your knowledge, you may, therefore, cause to be issued the enclosed Edict, as I believe that is the best way out of this matter."

On the 12th, I received his reply stating he did not know of his own knowledge.

April 27th, I received from the Grand Secretary a similar Edict issued by the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, asking for information in regard to my Edict, to which I replied.

"In regard to the Pennsylvania matter, while it seems that this action has probably been taken, I do not believe it is wise for us to take action until we really do know officially. Therefore, since the meeting of the Grand Chapter is so near now, we will await until that meeting."

HURRICANE DISASTER RELIEF

Immediately after the appalling hurricane had wrought disaster in the southern part of our State, I consulted several of our Grand Officers, and also got in direct communication with many of the Companions affected by the storm as to the best method of rendering aid.

It was the consensus of opinion that the Grand Chapter and the subordinate Chapters could work to a better advantage by placing all contributions in the hands of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Cary B. Fish, and his committee who were thoroughly organized to carry on the relief work. This was deemed advisable so as to prevent overlapping.

I am thankful to say that immediately after the storm, your Grand High Priest sent \$2,000.00 all the funds

available in the Grand Chapter treasury for this worthy cause.

Many subordinate Chapters rendered direct aid and individual members contributed heavily to our distressed Companions and their families. Be it said to the everlasting honor of the other Grand Chapters throughout the country that assistance came from every section of our nation. The General Grand Chapter heard the call and responded in a most generous way.

And in April another appeal from our suffering countrymen in the flood district of the Mississippi Valley came to us and we rejoice that this Grand Chapter was able to contribute \$500 to this most worthy cause.

Modern Masonry true to its ancient principles, has lost none of its benevolent spirit, but is ever ready to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and bind up the wounds of the afflicted as was exemplified in these recent disasters.

APPROVALS

September 27th, 1926, I received communication from our Grand Secretary, W. P. Webster, stating that during the storm, Dade Chapter No. 47, located at Homestead, Fla., had its windows blown out, and their Charter was lost. Asked permission to issue them a certified copy of the Charter, which I granted.

On October 11th, 1926, I approved By-Laws of Sarasota Chapter No. 35 located at Sarasota, Fla.

On November 22nd, 1926, I approved of the following changes in the By-Laws of St. Johns Chapter No. 4 DeLand, Fla.:

"Section 3, Article 5 of this Chapter be changed so as to read a fee for initiation of this Chapter shall be \$50.00."

On December 27th, 1926, I approved a temporary loan of \$3,000.00 to the Grand Lodge for use as an emergency measure for the Masonic Home.

On April 2nd, I granted St. Johns Chapter No. 4, DeLand, Fla., their request to hold a Special Convocation on April 29th.

On April 23rd, I approved By-Laws of St. Johns Chapter No. 4.

FINANCES

I have signed warrants numbered 1 to 45, totaling \$12,999.43.

EXEMPLIFICATION OF WORK

As an example of what can be done by men who determine to make their Chapter a success, I have requested the youngest Chapter, U. D. to exemplify the work before this Grand Body.

Here you see demonstrated the value of intelligent leadership, which leadership has the co-operation of determined and live members whose purpose is to make Chapter Masonry a mighty force in their community.

The Chapter that succeeds is the one which has aggressive leadership, and that always has representatives at the Grand Chapter where inspiration is received which stimulates not only those who attend, but in turn, these become an inspiration to their local Chapters.

The supreme need of every Chapter is an efficient secretary. In my official capacity, I find much deficiency here; in fact, I am yet waiting for several secretaries to reply to official communications. It is the duty of every Companion to see that the secretary fulfills accurately and promptly, the function of his office.

Where it is otherwise, the officer should be declared inefficient and a new secretary elected.

CONCLUSION

And now my Companions, my task is nearly done, my record is before you. I sincerely thank every member of this Grand Body for the many courtesies you have so generously shown me not only during this year, but ever since I began to visit you on these annual occasions.

Without exception, when on my official visitations to the subordinate Chapters, I was received in a most gracious manner.

The burdens of this office were greatly lightened by that lovable Companion, P. G. High Priest, our efficient Grand Secretary, Wilber P. Webster.

Not the least of the many pleasurable memories of my term of office are the numerous Christmas greetings I received from this and from other Grand Jurisdictions.

The companionships formed during the years of my office holding, shall ever remain among the tenderest memories of my life.

I trust that this companionship begun so happily here on earth, shall continue throughout eternity where we shall ascribe all glory and honor to the Supreme Grand High Priest of the universe for conducting us safely over the rough and rugged road of life, and finally giving us entrance into the Holy of Holies above.

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 R. J. Kishpaugh, George A. Dame and Charles H. Register as such Committee.

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

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

I have the honor to submit my twenty-ninth report as Grand Treasurer and incidentally to report also my forty-ninth consecutive attendance upon the Grand Chapter.

Dr.

1926		
May 18,	To balance as per last report -----	\$18,701.46
June 2,	To received interest Delray Lodge Bonds -----	100.00
July 7,	To received from Grand Secretary -----	65.00
July 7,	To received from Grand Secretary -----	124.00
Nov. 5,	To received interest Duval Lodge Bonds -----	45.00
1927		
Jan. 8,	To received from Grand Secretary -----	333.00
Jan. 17,	To received from Grand Secretary -----	452.00
Feb. 1,	To received from Grand Secretary -----	1,852.00
Feb. 4,	To received from Grand Secretary -----	314.00
Feb. 11,	To received from Grand Secretary -----	516.00
Feb. 24,	To received from Grand Secretary -----	993.00
Mch. 1,	To received from Grand Secretary -----	940.00
Mch. 4,	To received from Grand Secretary -----	202.00
Mch. 7,	To received from Grand Secretary -----	66.00
Mch. 14,	To received from Grand Secretary -----	232.00
Mch. 24,	To received from Grand Secretary -----	298.00
Mch. 28,	To received from Grand Secretary -----	558.50
Mch. 28,	To received from Grand Secretary -----	176.00
Mch. 29,	To received from Grand Secretary -----	470.00
Mch. 31,	To received from Grand Secretary -----	184.00
Apr. 16,	To received from Grand Secretary -----	755.00

May 4, To received from Grand Secretary -----	758.00
May 4, To received interest Duval Lodge Bonds -----	45.00
May 16, To received from Grand Secretary -----	474.00
May 16, To received interest from Barnett Bank -----	268.71
May 16, To received ctf. indebt. from Grand Lodge -----	3,000.00
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	\$31,922.67

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1926		
May 19, To paid M. W. Bishop, order G. H. P.		
To be added to pay roll -----	\$ 21.00	
To paid vouchers Nos. 1-45 -----	12,999.43	
To paid vouchers Nos. 1 and 2 Educational Loan Fund -----	200.00	\$13,220.43
Balance on hand -----		\$18,702.24
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		\$31,922.67

Distributed as follows:

Barnett Nat. Bank -----	\$11,702.24
Delray Lodge Bonds -----	2,500.00
Gr. Lodge Cert. Indebt. -----	3,000.00
Duval Lodge Bonds -----	1,500.00
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	\$18,702.24

Books and vouchers are herewith submitted,

MARCUS ENDEL,
Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Secretary made the following report which was received and referred to the Special Committee on Distribution:

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Companions:

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

As authorized by the Grand Chapter at its last Annual Convocation, a certified copy of Charter was issued to St. Johns Chapter No. 4, on May 24, 1926, to replace the original charter which had been lost.

REGULATIONS

I did not carry forward the Amendment to Regulation No. 6 as recommended by the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence in 1926 as, in my opinion, the desired change was not clearly stated. The committee also failed to formulate regulations clearly stating the law of this Grand Chapter in regard to Emeritus Members and Life Members as referred to it by the Committee on Distribution to submit such Amendments to the Constitution or Regulations, only stating their views in the matter.

I would suggest that such regulations or amendments be formulated and presented for action by the Grand Chapter.

The supplemental report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence as adopted in 1926 seems to be in conflict with Regulation No. 30 as adopted in 1922, although the latter was not rescinded. I would also call attention to the Regulation in regard to "Representatives" as adopted in 1925, and suggest that a new Regulation be adopted covering this whole matter.

NEW CHAPTERS

By order of the M. E. Grand High Priest the following dispensations have been issued to form new Chapters:

July 27, 1926, to Delray Chapter U. D. at Delray, Palm Beach County, with

Willoughby A. Brennan, H. P.

Lewis W. Carrier, K.

Irwin J. Sinks, S.

Oct. 9, 1926, to Hill City Chapter U. D. at Brooksville, Hernando County, with

H. G. Crafton, H. P.

H. A. Chadsey, K.

R. A. McCaghren, S.

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Oct. 26, 1926, to Monroe D. Cushing Chapter U. D. at Tampa, Hillsboro County, with
 Gustave F. McWilliams, H. P.
 Richard B. Lovett, K.
 Frank O'Berry, S.

All of these Chapters now come before this Grand Chapter with petitions for charters and papers are ready to be placed in the hands of the proper committee.

The petition of Hill City Chapter was not received until yesterday noon, too late to be properly checked up. This is too often the case as very often there are errors and omissions requiring correspondence to overcome.

I would recommend the adoption of the following regulation:
 "Regulation No. --- Petitions for Charters must be filed in the Grand Secretary's office at least ten (10) days prior to the opening of the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter. Dispersions to form Chapters U. D. expire by limitation on the first day of the month in which the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter is held."

RETURNS

All of our Chapters have filed correct returns for 1926. Lake Worth Chapter No. 24 and New Smyrna Chapter No. 51 have not paid their dues. There is a balance still due from

Sarasota Chapter No. 35	-----	\$ 6.00
Arcadia Chapter No. 36	-----	8.00
Walton Chapter No. 37	-----	13.00

The returns of our Chapters show 887 candidates have been exalted and that we have made a net gain in membership during the year of 590.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

Dr.

To back dues collected	-----	\$ 18.00
Dues Joppa Chapter No. 28 (1925)	-----	\$124.00
Walton Chapter No. 37 (1925)	-----	65.00—\$ 189.00
Florida No. 1 (1926)	-----	\$237.00
Gainesville No. 2	-----	210.00
Tampa No. 3	-----	639.00
St. Johns No. 4	-----	176.00
Halifax No. 5	-----	342.00
Mt. Horeb No. 6	-----	210.00
Eureka No. 7	-----	394.00
Dade City No. 8	-----	59.00
Putnam No. 9	-----	169.00
Kissimmee No. 10	-----	129.00
Jericho No. 11	-----	470.00
Jacksonville No. 12	-----	703.00
Ocala No. 13	-----	185.00
Inverness No. 14	-----	62.00
Monroe No. 15	-----	238.00
Plant City No. 16	-----	113.00
St. Augustine No. 17	-----	188.00
Manatee River No. 18	-----	226.00
Lake Butler No. 19	-----	37.00
Keystone No. 20	-----	156.00
Thomas Brown No. 22	-----	279.00
Chipley No. 23	-----	53.00
Live Oak No. 25	-----	404.50
Jefferson No. 26	-----	105.00
Indian River No. 27	-----	286.00
Joppa No. 28	-----	140.00
Lakeland No. 29	-----	267.00
Gadsden No. 30	-----	176.00
St. Petersburg No. 31	-----	491.00
Jackson No. 32	-----	189.00

Eustis No. 33	92.00	
Leesburg No. 34	145.00	
Sarasota No. 35	195.00	
Arcadia No. 36	87.00	
Walton No. 37	66.00	
Providence No. 38	106.00	
Bay County No. 39	184.00	
Crestview No. 40	106.00	
Winter Haven No. 41	206.00	
Highlands No. 42	130.00	
Union No. 43	73.00	
Perry No. 44	111.00	
Clearwater No. 45	130.00	
Okeechobee No. 46	51.00	
Dade No. 47	111.00	
Duval No. 48	86.00	
Nassau No. 49	63.00	
Poinciana No. 50	97.00	
Orange No. 52	33.00	\$9,405.50
Delray U. D. Charter Fee	50.00	
Monroe D. Cushing, U. D. Charter Fee	50.00	
Hill City U. D. Charter Fee	50.00	\$ 150.00

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\$9,762.50

1926

July 7, Paid Grand Treasurer	\$ 65.00
July 7, Paid Grand Treasurer	124.00

1927

Jan. 8, Paid Grand Treasurer	333.00
Jan. 17, Paid Grand Treasurer	452.00
Feb. 1, Paid Grand Treasurer	1852.00
Feb. 4, Paid Grand Treasurer	314.00
Feb. 11, Paid Grand Treasurer	516.00
Feb. 19, Paid Grand Treasurer	675.00
Feb. 24, Paid Grand Treasurer	318.00
Mch. 1, Paid Grand Treasurer	940.00
Mch. 4, Paid Grand Treasurer	202.00

Mch. 7, Paid Grand Treasurer	66.00
Mch. 14, Paid Grand Treasurer	232.00
Mch. 24, Paid Grand Treasurer	298.00
Mch. 28, Paid Grand Treasurer	558.50
Mch. 28, Paid Grand Treasurer	176.00
Mch. 29, Paid Grand Treasurer	470.00
Mch. 31, Paid Grand Treasurer	184.00
Apr. 16, Paid Grand Treasurer	755.00
May 4, Paid Grand Treasurer	758.00
May 16, Paid Grand Treasurer	474.00—\$9,762.50

Books and vouchers are herewith submitted for examination and approval.

W. P. WEBSTER,
Grand Secretary.

Companion Hubbell presented his report on Correspondence, which was received and ordered printed with the proceedings of this Annual Convocation.

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 R. E. Grand Secretary, recommend that such matters in said address and report as refers to necrology, be referred to the Committee on Memorials.

That such matters as refer to dispensations and new Chapters, be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

That such matters as refer to expenditure of Grand Chapter funds, be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts, and all matters referred to in the Grand Secretary's report, having to do with Finance of the Grand Chapter, be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

That such matters as pertain to decisions rendered, amendments to regulations and by-laws, dispensations granted and foreign relations and edicts, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

That all other portions of the address and report be received and filed for information.

Fraternally submitted,

R. J. KISHPAUGH,
GEO. A. DAME,
CHAS. H. REGISTER,

Committee.

Upon motion of Companion Fish the attention of the Committee on Finance and Accounts was called to the necessity for procuring an additional supply of aprons for the Grand Chapter and they were requested to arrange for an appropriation for same.

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 Eightieth Annual Convocation and find there is no unfinished business on record.

Fraternally submitted,

A. J. PEACOCK,
F. S. HARTSFIELD,
WALTER H. LONG,

Committee.

The High Priest of Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 announced that arrangements had been made for dinner at 6:30 P. M., to be served under the direction of the

ladies of Jacksonville Chapter No. 15, Order of Eastern Star, and all members of the Grand Chapter with their ladies were invited.

The motion prevailed that when the Grand Chapter is called from labor to refreshment, it be to resume labor at 2:00 o'clock P. M., and that the first order of business be the exemplification of the work in the Mark Masters Degree.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

IN GRAND CHAPTER

Tuesday, May 17, 2:00 P. M.

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

The minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

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

TRIENNIAL

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your Triennial Committee begs leave to report as follows:

That we have carefully examined the various routes suggested for representatives of this Grand Body who will attend the Triennial session of the General Grand Chapter at Denver.

Your committee has received an invitation from the Grand Chapters of North and South Carolina, Alabama and Georgia to join the Grand Chapters of these States on their special train to Denver, which route will include the following points of interest: Indianapolis, Chicago, Kansas City, Missouri, where the party will

be entertained by the Grand Chapter of Missouri; Denver, where the Triennial will be held; Colorado Springs, Pike's Peak, Garden of the Gods, the Grand Canyon of Arizona, Albuquerque, El Paso, Juarez Mexico, San Antonio and New Orleans. It is estimated that twenty (20) days will be consumed in this trip from Atlanta to Atlanta, to which two days would have to be added for Companions going from Florida.

This special train will leave Macon and Atlanta, Wednesday, September 21st.

The committee also is in receipt of the official itinerary of the General Grand Chapter in which provision is made for a choice of two routes, either of which Companions from this State could join at Chicago or Cincinnati. Route A of the official itinerary will go direct from Chicago to Denver via C. B. & Q. Railroad, returning via D. & R. G. W. Railroad to Colorado Springs, Rock Island Lines to Chicago.

Their Route B will leave Chicago via C. M. & St. P. Railway to St. Paul, Minneapolis, Gallatin Montana, Yellow Stone Park, Salt Lake City, Glenwood Springs, Royal Gorge, Colorado Springs and Denver, returning from Denver to Chicago via Union Pacific or Missouri Pacific to St. Louis.

The committee is informed that the rate to those traveling with the Carolina, Alabama and Georgia Companions, will be for the round trip from Jacksonville, Florida, railroad fare \$125.65. Pullman lower berth, approximately \$75.00; upper, approximately \$62.00.

We are further informed that the rates for the official itinerary, Journey A, above referred to, from Jacksonville, Florida, including railroad fare from Jacksonville and Pullman from Chicago only, are as follows: Lower berth, \$148.75, upper berth, \$144.70, compartment, \$146.75 to \$159.85, drawing room, \$155.10 to \$169.85.

The rates for Journey B, from Jacksonville, figuring Pullman from Chicago only, are for lower berth, \$303.45, for upper berth, \$293.95, compartment \$301.45 to \$314.95, drawing room, \$310.45 to \$324.95.

Headquarters of the General Grand Chapter during the Convocation will be at the Brown Palace and Cosmopolitan Hotels. These

hotels are already reserved, but rates have been named by other hotels, ranging from \$2.50 to \$6.00 per day.

Your committee recommend that all Companions desiring hotel reservations to Denver, communicate with the Grand Secretary in order that such reservations may be made together as far as possible, and in order to insure hotel accommodations, this should be done immediately.

Persons desiring to do so, may occupy the Pullman for their entire trip, except during the time at Denver.

Reservations may be made through Mr. C. H. Andrew, 342 Hardeman Ave., Macon, Ga., for those desiring to go with the Carolina, Georgia and Alabama delegation, and reservations may be made through Mr. G. L. Wheeler, 18 North Third St., Columbus, Ohio, for those desiring to go by either of the two routes named in the official itinerary of the General Grand Chapter referred to in our report.

In addition to these special trips, round trip summer tourist tickets will be on sale daily from May 15th to Sept. 30th, with stop-over privileges at all points enroute and bearing a final return limit of October 31st.

The approximate round trip there from Jacksonville, not including Pullman or meals, will be \$87.10. This rate of course anticipates a routing by some direct line.

This rate will also apply for those desiring to go out to Denver with the Carolina, Georgia, Alabama delegation, but returning by a direct route and full information regarding such routing may be obtained from Mr. J. C. Bland, District Passenger Agent, Southern Railway System, 504 Stovall Bldg., Tampa, Florida, who will also be glad to make Pullman reservation for those desiring such routing. The approximate cost of lower berth Pullman on the above plan will be \$50.00.

Fraternally submitted,

E. L. WIRT,
R. J. McMASTER,
CARY B. FISH,

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 begs leave to submit the following report:

Were it not for the hope inculcated by the sublime teaching of our great Order, our Annual Convocations would be occasions of deepest grief, bordering on despair. From year to year, we anticipate the pleasure of seeing and greeting our Companions whose friendship means so much to us. But on coming together, we miss the warm handclasp and the cheery voices of many "we have loved long-since and lost awhile" and we sigh for "the touch of a vanished hand, and the sound of a voice that is still."

Death has no respect for either person or exalted position. During the year, he has called hence some who held supreme offices in our Fraternity as well as those who were in the ranks.

The General Grand Chapter sustained a great loss in the passing of that princely Companion, John Albert Blake, General Grand High Priest. Companion Blake was born in Danvers, Massachusetts, April 15, 1843, and died at Malden, Massachusetts, November 27, 1926.

From our own Grand Chapter has been taken:

Past Grand High Priest Irving E. Webster, born at Hartland, Vt., February 13, 1852, died at Gainesville, Fla., April 20, 1927; Grand High Priest, 1892; Grand Chaplain, 1893, 1894, 1902, 1903, 1907-1917. M. E. Companion Webster was a regularly ordained minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, serving as pastor for many years. He was in military service over twenty years, was commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel, and was in active service during the entire Spanish-American War.

And Past Grand High Priest Thomas G. Hutchinson, who was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter in 1903. M. E. Companion Hutchinson was Past Worshipful Master, Past High Priest, Past Illustrious Master, and Past Eminent Commander of the Jacksonville bodies, but he was better known for his activity in the Mystic Shrine, having been Potentate of Morocco Shrine for several years. He died at Jacksonville, January 31, 1927.

From other Grand Jurisdictions we have the same story of Companions who having traveled the rough and rugged road and

have received entrance into the Holy of Holies above. Their names follow:

Arkansas—William I. Whitewell, Grand Sentinel, born at Springfield, Illinois, April 17, 1836; died August 31, 1926. James R. Donnell, Past Grand High Priest, born at Greenbrier, Arkansas, March 3, 1859; died at Little Rock, March 21, 1927.

Colorado—Cromwell Tucker, Past Grand High Priest, was born in Camelford, Cornwall, England, July 19, 1850; died at Denver, Colorado, September 16, 1926.

Connecticut—Samuel Henry Huntingdon, Past Grand High Priest, born at Winham, Conn., August 10, 1854; died at Norwalk, Conn., June 23, 1926.

Kansas—Samuel E. Busser, Past Grand High Priest, was born at York, Pa., August 5, 1850; died in Los Angeles, California, September 17, 1926.

Kentucky—William R. Johnson, Past Grand High Priest, was born November 8, 1859; died June 30, 1926.

Maine—Winslow Emery Howell, Grand Sentinel, was born at Westbrook, Maine, July 21, 1866; died at Portland, Maine, September 16, 1926.

Maryland—Eugene Hammond, Past Grand High Priest, was born at New Market, Maryland, July 31, 1842; died at Cumberland, Md., December 21, 1926.

Massachusetts—Eugene A. Holton, Past Grand High Priest, was born January 13, 1847, and died March 21, 1927.

Minnesota—Jerome Eugene Cooley, Past Grand High Priest, was born at Hume, New York, October 6, 1844, and died at Las Vegas, Nevada, May 8, 1926. George D. Moore, Grand Scribe, was born at Lancaster, Missouri, September 26, 1867, and died in Preston, Minnesota, August 6, 1926. Samuel J. Prentiss, Past Grand High Priest, was born in Sheldon, Vermont, March 21, 1836; died at Chicago, Illinois, September 21, 1926. Leonard Cast Weeks, Grand Scribe, was born at Hartland, Wisconsin, March 8, 1869; died at Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, December 19, 1926. Ambrose D. Countryman, Grand King, was born in Fine, New York, February 8, 1850, and died at Appleton, Minnesota, February 23, 1927.

Missouri—Alexander Monroe Dockery, Past Grand High Priest, was born near Gallatin, Missouri, February 11, 1846; died December 26, 1926. David M. Wilson, Past Grand High Priest,

was born in Gettysburg, Pa., September 26, 1853, and died at Milan, Missouri, October 27, 1926.

Nebraska—Robert Emmet French, Past Grand High Priest, was born in Ross County, Ohio, March 7, 1849; died in Kearney, Nebraska, February 16, 1927.

Nevada—Frank Bell, Past Grand High Priest, was born in Toronto, Canada, January 29, 1840, and died at Reno, Nevada, February 13, 1927. Edward D. Vanderlieth, Grand Scribe, was born near Nevada City, California, August 19, 1861; died December 18, 1926. George Gillson, Past Grand High Priest, was born at Collingwood, Ontario, July 14, 1840; died at Carson City, Nevada, November 8, 1926.

New Jersey—Frederick James Melvin, Past Grand High Priest, was born at Lumberton, N. C., February 28, 1848, and died at Cape May, New Jersey, August 10, 1926. Josiah Smith Davidson, Past Grand High Priest, was born near Belvidere, N. J., June 30, 1848; died at Washington, N. J., February 6, 1927.

North Dakota—David Montgomery Holmes, Past Grand High Priest, was born in Northumberland County, Pa., July 29, 1851, and died at Grand Forks, N. D., February 18, 1927.

Ohio—Grafton Molen Acklin, Past Grand High Priest, was born in Aberdeen, Ohio, July 30, 1851; died in Toledo, Ohio, December 17, 1926. Homer P. Smith, Grand Master of the Third Vail, was born at Ashtabula, Ohio, March 23, 1870, and died in Ashtabula, April 2, 1926.

Oklahoma—William Lemuel Eagleton, Past Grand High Priest, was born at Woodbury, Tennessee, November 7, 1860; died July 16, 1926.

Oregon—James Fullerton Robinson, Past Grand High Priest, was born in Henry County, Iowa, December 2, 1846, and died in Portland, Oregon, December 2, 1926. Donald Mackay, Past Grand High Priest, was born near Woodstock, Canada, December 25, 1841, and died April 24, 1926.

Utah—Robert Wells Fisher, Past Grand High Priest, was born at Reaford, Delaware, October 10, 1863; died at Salt Lake City, January 16, 1927.

Vermont—Edwin Buxton Clift, Grand High Priest, was born at Middletown, Vt., May 25, 1858, and died at Fair Haven, Vt., January 8, 1927.

West Virginia—David Kennedy Reed, Past Grand High Priest, was born in Grafton, W. Va., February 25, 1863; died at Clarksburg, W. Va., May 9, 1926. John Morris McConihay, Past Grand High Priest, was born June 23, 1853; died at Charleston, W. Va., November 2, 1926.

Washington—John Moore, Past Grand High Priest, was born in Ohio, October 1, 1838, and died in Orting, Washington, April 26, 1926. Robert Smith Nichols, Past Grand High Priest, was born in Worcester, England, January 10, 1841; died in Seattle, Washington, October 9, 1926.

Wisconsin—Walter A. West, Past Grand High Priest, was born at Sugar Creek, Wis., November 14, 1856; died in Elkhorn, Wis., May 29, 1926. Bernard F. Keeler, Past Grand High Priest, was born in Clayton, Iowa, April 7, 1866, and died in La Crosse, Wis., August 28, 1926.

In our own Grand Jurisdiction of Florida, 100 Companions have departed this transitory life.

They have gone from us. Rough, rugged and dangerous may have been their road; long and tedious their journey, but sustained and guided by the Great I Am, they have passed beyond the veils; their work has passed the scrutiny of the Divine Master Overseer and they have entered that city which hath foundations whose Builder and Maker is God.

Fraternally,

D. H. RUTTER,
ELY P. HUBBELL,
HARRY L. TAYLOR,

Committee.

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 three petitions for Charters have been presented to us from Delray Chapter, U. D. Hill City Chapter, U. D. of Brooksville, and Monroe D. Cushing Chapter U. D. of Tampa.

We find the books and records of these three Chapters have been kept in regular form except as follows:

Delray Chapter—No mention has been made in the minutes of their first meeting showing by what authority they are holden. In their by-laws under the head of Business, should be changed to read: Appropriate business of general character shall be transacted in the Royal Arch degree at a Regular Convocation, under the absolute direction of the High Priest, King or Scribe. In the absence of all three of these officers, the Junior Past High Priest present shall preside.

Under the head of Meetings, Section 2, add the words: "For work and instruction only."

Under the head of discipline change to read as follows:

Section 1. Every violation of the Moral Code as comprehensively embraced in the Ten Commandments and recorded in the Holy Book of the Law, every violation of the ancient established laws of Royal Arch Masonry, written or unwritten, and every violation of the laws, rules and regulations of this Chapter, by any member thereof, will subject the offender to punishment by reprimand, suspension or expulsion, as the Chapter may determine.

Section 2. For non-payment of dues for two years or more, any member may be dropped from the roll of membership, after due notice has been sent him, on vote of the Chapter.

Section 3. It is the duty of every member of this Chapter to visit every regular Convocation thereof, except for some rational or reasonable cause without any summons or notice.

Hill City Chapter—No mention has been made in the minutes of their first meeting showing by what authority they are holden.

On account of the fact that the records and other papers of this Chapter were not received in the Grand Secretary's office until yesterday, we are unable to ascertain whether dimitts enclosed are correct and check with the names on the charter.

Monroe D. Cushing Chapter—We find the books and records of this Chapter to be in excellent condition.

We recommend that charters be granted to all three of these Chapters as we find from their records that they have held all

their regular Convocations since being granted their dispensations and have all conferred the several degrees on two or more classes and are all in a sound and healthy condition.

We further recommend that the charter for Hill City Chapter be held by the Grand High Priest until the charter list has been found to be correct.

We further recommend that the representatives of these Chapters be allowed representation at this Grand Chapter and that they be placed on the pay roll and be allowed mileage and per diem for attendance on this Grand Convocation.

Fraternally submitted,

G. H. LEAVITT,

R. L. GILLETT,

EDWIN E. MACY,

Committee.

Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions extended greetings and best wishes from their respective Grand Chapters.

Labor was dispensed with in the Grand Chapter and a Lodge of Mark Masters was opened.

Brothers Lem T. Jones, Bob R. Milam and George W. Milam for Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, and Earnest A. Morrison for Southern Pines Chapter No. 61, N. C., were advanced to the Hon. Degree of M. M. in due form, the work being exemplified by members of Monroe D. Cushing Chapter U. D.

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

Lem T. Jones, Bob R. Milam and George W. Milam for Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 and Earnest A. Morrison for Southern Pines Chapter No. 61, N. C., were inducted into the O. C. of K. S. in due form, the work being exemplified by members of Monroe D. Cushing Chapter U. D.

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

Lem T. Jones, Bob R. Milam, George W. Milam, George Henry Hill and Hugh J. Grainger for Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, and Earnest A. Morrison for Southern Pines Chapter, No. 61 N. C., were received and acknowledged as Most Excellent Masters in due form, the work being exemplified by members of Hill City Chapter U. D.

The Lodge of Most Excellent Masters was closed and a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened.

Lem T. Jones, Bob R. Milam, George W. Milam, George Henry Hill, Gilbert H. Cantrell, Hugh J. Grainer, Charles Duggan, Joe. W. Norris, Charles R. Dunwody and Robert Ashton for Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, P. J. Looney for Nassau Chapter No. 49, Earnest A. Morrison for Southern Pines Chapter No. 61, N. C., and John F. Gaylord for Highland Park Chapter No. 160, Michigan were exalted to the August and Sublime degree of R. A. in due form, the work being exemplified by members of Monroe D. Cushing Chapter, U. D.

The Chapter was closed and labor was resumed in the Grand Chapter.

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

IN GRAND CHAPTER

Wednesday, May 18, 10:30, A. M.

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

The minutes of the previous 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 Chapters have made correct returns and paid dues in full within the time limit except Lake Worth Chapter No. 24. They made their returns, but on account of the bank closing, were unable to pay dues, and we recommend that further time be given them.

We have collected dues as follows: Sarasota No. 35, \$6.00; Arcadia No. 36, \$8.00; New Smyrna No. 51, \$123.00; making a total of \$137.00 which we have turned over to the Grand Secretary.

There is a balance of \$13.00 still due from Walton No. 37, and we recommend that it be referred to the incoming Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary for adjustment.

The following Chapters have no representatives present so far: Chipley No. 23, Walton No. 37, Duval No. 48, Nassau No. 49, New Smyrna No. 51 and Orange No. 52.

Fraternally submitted,

BERT L. BLAIR,

GLENN E. MCKAY,

COLVIN PARKER,

Committee.

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

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

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

We have examined the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and find them correct with a balance on hand of \$18,702.24, distributed as follows:

Cash in Barnett National Bank	\$11,702.24
Duval Lodge Bonds	1,500.00
Delray Lodge Bonds	2,500.00
Grand Lodge Certificate of Indebtedness	3,000.00
Total	\$18,702.24

From which we recommend the following appropriations:

Monument to Past Grand High Priest Irving E. Webster	
Expenses Foreign Correspondence Committee	\$ 400.00
Extra clerical help	480.00
Grand Treasurer's Salary	200.00
Grand Secretary's Salary	1,500.00
Grand Chapter Educational Fund	1,000.00
Masonic Home Endowment Fund	1,000.00
Geo. Washington Nat. Memorial Asso.	200.00
Aprons for Grand Chapter	300.00
Pay Roll Attached	2,887.70
Total	\$7,967.70

Leaving a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of \$10,734.54.

We also recommend that an amount sufficient to defray the expenses of the first four officers of this Grand Chapter and such Past Grand High Priests as may be able to attend the General Grand Chapter at Denver, Colorado, in September, be appropriated,

and that the Grand High Priest be authorized to draw warrants to cover such expense, and that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay the same.

We also recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure a Past Grand High Priest's jewel and apron 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 General 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 valuable services rendered them by our Companions and the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

Fraternally submitted,

H. O. SNOW,
C. C. SNOW,
J. B. DAVIS,

Committee.

PAY ROLL

Name	Mileage	Per Diem	Total
E. L. Shear, G. H. P.	\$11.00	\$21.00	\$32.00
Cary B. Fish, D. G. H. P.	25.00	14.00	39.00
R. J. McMaster, G. K.	21.20	14.00	35.20
Marcus Endel, G. Treas.	---	21.00	21.00
W. P. Webster, G. Secretary	---	21.00	21.00
John Pasco, G. P. S.	14.20	14.00	28.20
A. B. Steuart, G. R. A. C.	21.20	14.00	35.20
W. B. Greer, G. M. 3rd Vail	18.90	14.00	32.90
C. C. Snow, G. M. 2nd Vail	11.00	14.00	25.00
R. P. Buckmaster, G. M. 1st Vail	14.70	14.00	28.70
J. W. Capper, Grand Guard	---	14.00	14.00
E. E. Haskell, P. G. H. P.	5.50	21.00	26.50
D. B. Palmer, P. G. H. P.	14.20	21.00	35.20

Name	Mileage	Per Diem	Total
T. S. Wilmarth, P. G. H. P. -----		14.00	14.00
L. C. Massey, P. G. H. P. -----	14.70	21.00	35.70
Wm. S. Ware, P. G. H. P. -----		21.00	21.00
H. O. Snow, P. G. H. P. -----	21.20	21.00	42.20
R. J. Kishpaugh, P. G. H. P. -----	29.90	21.00	50.90
E. L. Wirt, P. G. H. P. -----	22.20	21.00	43.20
J. R. Keller, P. G. H. P. -----	25.60	14.00	39.60
T. P. Warlow, P. G. H. P. -----	14.70	14.00	28.70
W. V. Carter, P. G. H. P. -----	14.00	21.00	35.00
John L. Hall, P. G. H. P., -----		21.00	21.00
Ely P. Hubbell, P. G. H. P. -----	21.20	21.00	42.20
F. S. Hartsfield, Chapter No. 1 -----	16.50	14.00	30.50
W. S. Perry, Chapter No. 2 -----	7.00	14.00	21.00
E. D. Dow, Chapter No. 3 -----	21.20	14.00	35.20
H. L. Taylor, Chapter No. 4 -----	11.00	14.00	25.00
J. B. Davis, Chapter No. 5 -----	11.00	14.00	25.00
L. A. Wilson, Chapter No. 6 -----	36.90	14.00	50.90
J. E. Ramsdell, Chapter No. 7 -----	14.70	14.00	28.70
J. A. Peek, Jr., Chapter No. 8 -----	16.20	14.00	30.20
L. A. Smith, Chapter No. 9 -----	5.50	14.00	19.50
Colvin Parker Chapter No. 10 -----	16.40	14.00	30.40
John B. Phelps, Chapter No. 11 -----	36.60	14.00	50.60
J. D. Kennedy, 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
G. E. McKay, Chapter No. 15 -----	12.40	14.00	26.40
A. J. Peacock, Chapter No. 16 -----	18.90	14.00	32.90
H. M. Saunders, Chapter No. 17 -----	3.50	14.00	17.50
M. C. Walters, Chapter No. 18 -----	24.40	14.00	38.40
C. N. Register, Chapter No. 19 -----	5.20	14.00	19.20
W. B. Baker, Chapter No. 20 -----	35.60	14.00	49.60
J. P. Hyman, Chapter No. 22 -----	22.20	14.00	36.20
W. H. Long, Chapter No. 24 -----	29.90	14.00	43.90
B. W. Helvenston Chapter No. 25 -----	8.10	14.00	22.10
R. P. Johnson, Chapter No. 26 -----	14.20	7.00	21.20
G. W. Scobie, Chapter No. 27 -----	14.00	14.00	28.00
J. L. Hoeflich, Chapter No. 28 -----	24.40	14.00	38.40
W. F. Cook, Chapter No. 29 -----	20.90	14.00	34.90

Name	Mileage	Per Diem	Total
P. S. Thompson, Chapter No. 30 -----	18.90	14.00	32.90
R. L. Martin, Chapter No. 31 -----	26.50	14.00	40.50
C. W. Davis, Chapter No. 32 -----	23.30	14.00	37.30
C. R. Horne, Chapter No. 33 -----	15.80	14.00	29.80
E. R. Canady, Chapter No. 34 -----	13.80	14.00	27.80
B. M. Hulse, Chapter No. 35 -----	25.60	14.00	39.60
E. L. Morgan, Chapter No. 36 -----	28.90	14.00	42.90
Chesly Roberts, Chapter No. 38 -----	6.50	14.00	20.50
E. H. Wilkerson, Chapter No. 39 -----	25.00	14.00	39.00
J. L. Clary, Chapter No. 40 -----	31.80	14.00	45.80
Robt. Sands, Chapter No. 41 -----	19.70	14.00	33.70
J. N. Chapman, Chapter No. 42 -----	22.40	14.00	36.40
A. G. Basch, Chapter No. 43 -----	19.40	14.00	33.40
H. R. Byrd, Chapter No. 44 -----	12.50	14.00	26.50
L. A. Morgan, Chapter No. 45 -----	24.40	14.00	38.40
O. J. Price, Chapter No. 46 -----	29.90	14.00	43.90
A. H. Hinman, Chapter No. 47 -----	37.00	14.00	51.00
R. V. Lee, Chapter No. 50 -----	32.30	14.00	46.30
H. G. Crafton, Hill City U. D. -----	21.20	14.00	35.20
R. B. Lovett, M. D. Cushing, U. D. ---	21.20	14.00	35.20
Bert L. Blair, Com. R. and C. -----	14.70	14.00	28.70
G. H. Leavitt, Com. D. and B. L. -----		14.00	14.00
R. L. Gillett, Com. D. and B. L. -----	21.20	14.00	35.20
E. E. Macy, Com. D. and B. L. -----		14.00	14.00
D. H. Rutter, Com. Memorials -----	11.00	14.00	25.00
Chester DeRocher, Com. Visitors -----		14.00	14.00
Lloyd Head, Act. G. P. Sojourner -----		14.00	14.00
Horace L. Tolbert, Degree Team -----	21.20	14.00	35.20
Robert B. Price, Degree Team -----	21.20	14.00	35.20
A. W. Connor, Degree Team -----	21.20	14.00	35.20
H. S. Weber, Degree Team -----	21.20	14.00	35.20
W. J. Bennett, Degree Team -----		14.00	14.00
Frank O'Berry, Degree Team -----	21.20	14.00	35.20
F. R. Hamlett, Degree Team -----	21.20	14.00	35.20
F. P. Townsend, Degree Team -----	21.20	14.00	35.20
S. C. McConnell, Degree Team -----	21.20	14.00	35.20

Name	Mileage	Per Diem	Total
V. M. Douglass, Degree Team -----	21.20	14.00	35.20
J. L. Ayers, Degree Team -----	21.20	14.00	35.20
W. M. Russell, Jr., Degree Team -----	21.20	14.00	35.20
R. A. Clark, Degree Team -----	21.20	14.00	35.20
	\$1,529.70	\$1,358.00	\$2,887.70

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

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence having had under consideration the matters pertaining to such subjects as were referred to it in the Grand High Priest's address, renders the following report:

The rulings and decisions granted by the M. E. Grand High Priest, being in harmony with our laws, we recommend they be approved.

We recommend that the acts of the M. E. Grand High Priest in the matter of amendments to By-laws as contained in his address, be approved.

In the matter of dispensations granted, the same being within his power and discretion, are not subject to review by this committee, and are approved.

In reference to the action of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania at its last Convocation, we recommend the adoption of the following:

Whereas, at the last Grand Convocation of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, that body by official action eliminated the Degree of Past Master as a pre-requisite to, or any part of Royal Arch Masonry in that Grand Jurisdiction; that no Companion hailing from the Grand Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania who has not received the degree of Past Master shall be admitted as a visitor in any Royal Arch Chapter in Florida, nor is he eligible for election to membership by affiliation, unless healed.

Hereafter, if any Royal Arch Companion hailing from the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania shall seek to affiliate in this Grand Jurisdiction and has not received the Past Master's degree, it shall be necessary that such applicant be healed, which may be done without charge, by the subordinate Chapter, if deemed proper so to do.

We recommend that the Grand Secretary be directed to disseminate this edict to each of the subordinate Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction.

We recommend that the Grand Secretary send a copy of this edict to each of our Sister Grand Jurisdictions.

With reference to the Grand Secretary's request for a new regulation relative to dues to the Grand Chapter on Emeritus and Life Members, we recommend the adoption of the following Regulation:

Sec. 14, of Article 4, as amended in 1924, and Section 1 of Article 5 of the Constitution only exempt Emeritus (That is, aged or infirm) members from Grand Chapter dues. The Chapters shall pay Grand Chapter dues on Life Members the same as on regular members.

The committee has formulated this regulation in deference to the request of our Grand Secretary, but are of the opinion that the same was clearly expressed in our former report as adopted in 1926.

We recommend the repeal of Regulation No. 30, as amended in 1922, and in lieu thereof, the Regulation adopted by the Grand Chapter in 1926 on page 42, be carried forward and to be known as Regulation No. 30, to read as follows:

The Grand High Priest shall 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 the repeal of that portion of the Regulation designated "Representatives" as appears on page 64 of the 1926 Proceedings.

In the matter of the recommendation of the Grand High Priest relative to open Forum, this opportunity is always present in the Grand Chapter under the direction of the Grand High Priest or on motion of any member.

Fraternally submitted,

MARCUS ENDEL,
T. S. WILMARTH,
E. E. HASKELL,
LOUIS C. MASSEY,
WM. S. WARE,
T. PICTON WARLOW,
D. B. PALMER,
W. V. CARTER,
H. O. SNOW,
JOHN L. HALL,
R. J. KISHPAUGH,
ELY P. HUBBELL,
E. L. WIRT,

Committee.

Upon motion of the Grand Secretary, Paragraph No. 7, in Regulation No. 20, entitled "On Memorials," was transferred and added to Section 21 as appearing on page 21 of our Regulations, as recommended by the M. E. Grand High Priest in his annual address.

The following regulations presented by the Grand Secretary were adopted:

Regulation No. ---- Subordinate Chapters may by a two-thirds vote at a regular Convocation create as "Emeritus Members" such members as from old age, infirmity or misfortune, have become incapacitated and unable to pay dues. Such members shall be exempt from the payment of annual dues.

Regulation No. ---- Chapters may incorporate in their by-laws articles providing for "Life Membership" which do not con-

flict with the payment of dues of the Chapters to the Grand Chapter. Chapters must pay annual dues to the Grand Chapter on "Life Members."

Regulation No. ---- Petitions for charters must be filed in the Grand Secretary's office at least ten (10) days prior to the opening of the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances stated as nothing had been referred to that Committee for consideration no report would be made.

The following resolution presented by Past Grand High Priest Wirt was adopted:

Whereas, The Grand Chapter of Florida has never been honored by representation in the General Grand Chapter; and

Whereas, Most Excellent Companion Henry Oscar Snow, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Florida, by his zeal and labor for the Craft, especially by his efforts in the promotion of Capitular Masonry in Florida, is eminently qualified to fill an office in the General Grand Chapter, now therefore

Be It Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of Florida fraternally presents to the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, Most Eminent Companion Henry Oscar Snow for favorable consideration and prays for his election to a station in the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

Be It Further Resolved, That the Florida delegation be instructed to use every effort to bring about this much to be desired result.

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

EDUCATION

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, and Members of the Grand Chapter of Florida:

Companions:

Your Educational Committee would respectfully report that inasmuch as there has been a sufficient fund in the Grand Com-

mandery to provide for the applications, your committee has deemed it advisable not to draw on the Grand Chapter fund until it should become necessary, but at the suggestion of those making the applications, loans to the amount of \$200.00 have been made.

Your committee would further report that the use of the educational fund is now being understood throughout the state, and continuous applications are coming in for the ensuing year.

It is probable that there will be a demand for much more money than is available in the Grand Commandery fund. Your committee would therefore recommend that as liberal appropriation as possible be made from the Grand Chapter treasury to this fund.

The membership of the State have been slow in understanding the possibilities of the fund, and are now only beginning to realize what can be done.

Faternally submitted.

W. R. O'NEAL,
Chairman.

The following telegram was received from the Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and the Grand Secretary was directed to make suitable reply:

Panama City, Fla., May 18, 1927.

The Grand Chapter of Florida sends greetings and good wishes that this, your Eighty-first Annual Convocation, may be one of profit and pleasure. May the splendid work done by you be a blessing to those who give and those who receive.

ANGIE JAMESON MANK,
Grand Matron O. E. S.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Companions J. B. Davis and E. E. Macy as Tellers, and the Grand Chapter proceeded with the annual election of officers with the following result:

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

Cary B. FishM. E. Grand High Priest.
R. J. McMasterR. E. D. Gr. High Priest.
Stafford CaldwellR. E. Grand King.
John PascoR. E. Grand Scribe.
Marcus EndelR. E. Grand Treasurer.
Wilber P. WebsterR. E. Grand Secretary.
W. B. Y. WilkieR. E. Grand Chaplain.

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

GRAND OFFICERS APPOINTED

Alex. B. SteuartE. Gr. Capt. of the Host.
W. B. GreerE. Gr. Prin. Sojourner.
Chester C. SnowE. Grand Royal Arch Capt.
R. P. BuckmasterE. Gr. Master Third Vail.
Chas. M. GruberE. Gr. Master Second Vail.
Archie AitchisonE. Gr. Master First Vail.
John W. CapperE. Grand Guard.

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

INSTALLATION

Cary B. FishM. E. Grand High Priest.
R. J. McMasterR. E. D. Gr. High Priest.
John PascoR. E. Grand Scribe.
Alex. B. SteuartE. Gr. Capt. of the Host.
W. B. GreerE. Gr. Prin. Sojourner.

Chester C. SnowE.'.Gr. Royal Arch Capt.
 R. P. BuckmasterE.'.Gr. Master Third Vail.
 Chas. M. GruberE.'.Gr. Master Second Vail.
 Archie AitchisonE.'.Gr. Master First Vail.

Stafford Caldwell, R.'.E.'.Grand King, being absent, the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Grand Chaplain having been re-elected and the Grand Guard re-appointed, their installation was not necessary at this time.

The M.'.E.'.Grand High Priest requested Past Grand High Priest Hall to install Companion Caldwell as Grand King in Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, as soon as he found it convenient to do so.

Past Grand High Priest Snow presented the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend Sec. 15, of Article II to read as follows:

In balloting for Grand Officers, each Chapter represented is entitled to three (3) votes and each Grand Officer to one (1) vote, each Past Grand High Priest and Past High Priest of constituent Chapters present not holding an office in the Grand Chapter, to one (1) vote.

By order of the M.'.E.'.Grand High Priest this proposed amendment to the Constitution was ordered printed in our proceedings to be brought up for final action at the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

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

RITUAL

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

In the matter referred to the Ritual Committee, we recommend that in forming the groups preparatory to communicating the Royal

Arch Word, the wording of the instructions on page 157 of the Florida Ritual be used in place of the wording now appearing on page 213 of the ritual.

E. L. WIRT,
 JOHN L. HALL,
 R. J. KISHPAUGH,
Committee.

A Past Grand High Priest's jewel was presented to retiring Grand High Priest Shear, Past Grand High Priest Endel making the presentation.

Upon motion a vote of thanks was extended to Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 for the use of the rooms and dinner provided for the members of the Grand Chapter and to the ladies of Jacksonville Chapter No. 15, O. E. S. for the delightful manner in which the dinner was served.

The following resolution of Past Grand Master Endel was adopted and the Grand Secretary was directed to send a copy to the new Chapters that exemplified the work.

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of Florida in appreciation of the splendid work as presented by the U. D. Chapters in the exemplification of the degrees, the thanks of the Grand Chapter are hereby tendered to these Chapters for the splendid proficiency shown and commend their examples to the Companions throughout the Grand Chapter for their emulation.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

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

PRINTING

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

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE

All Past Grand High Priests.

EDUCATION

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

MEMORIALS

D. H. Rutter,
Ely P. Hubbell, John Pasco.

INVESTMENT

Louis C. Massey, Erle L. Wirt.

RITUAL

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

TRIENNIAL

Cary B. Fish,
H. O. Snow, 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.

CARY B. FISH,
Grand High Priest.

Attest:



Grand Secretary.



To the Memory of
**Companions of
 Our Jurisdiction**

Who have passed away during the year 1926
 These pages are fraternally dedicated

Name	Lodge	No.	Date of Death
W. H. Chancey	Florida	1	Jan. 16, 1926
C. W. Monroe	Florida	1	Apr. 27, 1926
John B. Moffatt	Florida	1	June 29, 1926
George S. Waldo	Gainesville	2	July 29, 1926
George N. Benjamin	Tampa	3	Aug. 7, 1926
Charles H. Gale	Tampa	3	Aug. 31, 1926
William E. Linton	Tampa	3	Nov. 13, 1926
Fred W. Queripel	Tampa	3	Mch. 23, 1926
Henry E. Snow	Tampa	3	Oct. 13, 1926
J. I. Westmoreland	Tampa	3	Mch. 1, 1926
George W. Balch	Halifax	5	Sept. 3, 1926
James C. Conn	Halifax	5	Feb. 10, 1926
Sumner H. Gove	Halifax	5	Oct. 27, 1926
James A. Hamilton	Halifax	5	Oct. 3, 1926
Fred J. Jones	Halifax	5	Nov. 7, 1926
Frank A. Parker	Halifax	5	May 21, 1926
Gus Eitzen	Mt. Horeb	6	Sept. 11, 1926
J. D. Miller	Mt. Horeb	6	Nov. 15, 1926
Wm. W. Watson	Mt. Horeb	6	Aug. 21, 1926
Edw. F. Wicks	Mt. Horeb	6	Feb. 12, 1926
John N. Bradshaw	Eureka	7	Jan. 17, 1926
Perry L. Holland	Eureka	7	June 7, 1926
Adrian A. Holmes	Eureka	7	May 31, 1926
Sam A. Johnson	Eureka	7	Nov. 25, 1926
Sexton Johnson	Eureka	7	Apr. 4, 1926
Chas. M. Mallett	Eureka	7	Aug. 30, 1926
John W. Page	Eureka	7	Apr. 18, 1926
Earl L. Paddock	Eureka	7	Aug. 2, 1926
Chas. E. Anderson	Putnam	9	May 13, 1926
H. Clay Stanford	Kissimmee	10	Dec. 20, 1926
Frank W. Chapman	Jericho	11	Oct. 3, 1926
Jacob Feuer	Jericho	11	1926
Asbury J. Legg	Jacksonville	12	Feb. 19, 1926
Jos. H. Burroughs	Jacksonville	12	July 10, 1926

Name	Lodge	No.	Date of Death
Stuart B. Rogers	Jacksonville	12	Aug. 16, 1926
Marcus Conant	Jacksonville	12	Sept. 3, 1926
James W. Butler	Jacksonville	12	Oct. 8, 1926
Martin C. Foster	Jacksonville	12	Oct. 11, 1926
James R. Bean	Jacksonville	12	Oct. 27, 1926
A. E. Gerig	Ocala	13	Jan. 3, 1926
R. L. Martin	Ocala	13	Feb. 19, 1926
Albert O. Harris	Ocala	13	Sept. 3, 1926
J. L. Gaston	Ocala	13	Nov. 3, 1926
Alford Lilja	Monroe	15	July 28, 1926
Thomas J. Baker	Plant City	16	1926
F. C. Buell	St. Augustine	17	July 18, 1926
Robert R. Scott	St. Augustine	17	Aug. 10, 1926
Harry M. Snow	St. Augustine	17	Aug. 2, 1926
J. Ed. Walton	St. Augustine	17	May 3, 1925
W. J. Nettles	Lake Butler	19	July 7, 1926
Geo. Peter Gates	Keystone	20	Dec. 1926
Josiah W. Keel	Thomas Brown	22	Mch. 30, 1926
Francis M. Long	Thomas Brown	22	Dec. 5, 1924
John Logan	Thomas Brown	22	Sept. 4, 1926
Wm. J. Parker	Thomas Brown	22	Aug. 10, 1926
M. A. Waldo	Thomas Brown	22	July 18, 1926
Jos. W. Sapp	Chipley	23	Sept. 30, 1926
Thos. E. Burns	Lake Worth	24	June 1926
John M. Cash	Lake Worth	24	Oct. 31, 1926
Wesley V. Jones	Lake Worth	24	1926
Edwin R. Willis	Lake Worth	24	Jan. 24, 1926
James E. Pennington	Live Oak	25	Jan. 29, 1926
Grover C. Brinson	Live Oak	25	Jan. 28, 1926
Charles F. Ryan	Live Oak	25	Aug. 5, 1926
John Schneider	Indian River	27	Jan. 15, 1926
Arthur M. Cook	Joppa	28	July 5, 1926
Thos. J. Appleyard	Lakeland	29	Jan. 8, 1926
Leon O. Cason	Lakeland	29	Nov. 5, 1926
John W. Mahaffey	Gadsden	30	July 24, 1926
John I. Bondeman	St. Petersburg	31	Nov. 22, 1926
Geo. S. Blackburn	St. Petersburg	31	Apr. 24, 1926
E. A. Converse	St. Petersburg	31	Apr. 1926
J. L. Martin	St. Petersburg	31	Sept. 1926
P. H. Sparks	St. Petersburg	31	Aug. 26, 1926
J. P. Ivey	Jackson	32	Mch. 12, 1926
Joseph Wiggins	Eustis	33	Jan. 28, 1926
Robert I. Fox	Leesburg	34	Aug. 13, 1926
William McFarland	Sarasota	35	Oct. 26, 1926
Peter W. Strader	Sarasota	35	Nov. 1926
James N. McLean	Walton	37	1926

Name	Lodge	No.	Date of Death
Willie S. Talbott	Walton	37	1926
J. B. Blackwell	Bay County	39	Aug. 3, 1926
L. B. Curtain	Bay County	39	July 18, 1923
R. L. Love	Bay County	39	1925
W. H. Phillips	Bay County	39	June 5, 1926
L. J. Rose	Bay County	39	Dec. 19, 1926
George W. Adams	Highlands	42	Dec. 9, 1926
George F. Smith	Highlands	42	Oct. 20, 1926
Walter Lee Crews	Highlands	42	Mar. 25, 1926
W. W. M. Hill	Clearwater	45	Oct. 30, 1926
Wm. W. Cunningham	Dade	47	July 18, 1926
Andrew J. Kapperud	Duval	48	Aug. 1, 1926
David B. Newsome	Nassau	49	May 1926
Jackson D. Ogilvie	Nassau	49	Mar. 31, 1926
Walter O. Sheppard	Poinciana	50	Aug. 29, 1926
David W. Disbennett	New Smyrna	51	Mar. 2, 1926
Thos. J. Harvey	New Smyrna	51	Feb. 22, 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, September 28-30, 1927.

GRAND SECRETARIES.

STATE	NAME	ADDRESS
General Grand Chapter	Charles A. Conover	Coldwater, Mich.
Alabama	Geo. A. Beauchamp	Montgomery.
Alberta	Clifford R. Wentzel	Calgary, 809 9½ St. NW
Arizona	George J. Roskruge	Tucson.
Arkansas	John C. Bone	Batesville.
British Columbia	J. W. Prescott	Vancouver, 603 Hastings 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	Trenton.
Montana	Luther T. Hauberg	Helena, Box 896.
Nebraska	Lewis E. Smith	Omaha, Mas. Temple.
Nevada		
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.
Pennsylvania	Joseph E. Quimby	Multnomah Hotel. 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.
Victoria	John E. Kennedy	Melbourne, Cromwell Bldg, 366 A, Bourke St
Virginia	J. Gus Hankins	Richmond, Box 542.
Washington	Henry L. Kennan	Spokane, 412 Hyde 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*	Ben. Sawyer*	David C. Wilson*	John B. Taylor*	Edwin L. T. Blake*
1851 Thos. Douglas*	Gad Humphreys*	Alfred A. Fisher*	Ben. 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*	John L. McKinnon*	David C. Wilson*	John B. Taylor*	E. G. Asny*
1854 J. Wayles Baker*	Thomas Y. Henry*	James Ellenwood*	James Ellenwood*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	Home'r Hendee*
1855 J. Wayles Baker*	Edward R. Ives*	Joseph S. May*	James Ellenwood*	R. A. Shine*	John B. Taylor*	Home'r Hendee*
1856 Thomas Hayward*	Edward R. Ives*	John L. McKinnon*	David S. Walker*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	Charles E. Dyke*
1857 Gad Humphreys*	James Ellenwood*	John L. McKinnon*	James Ellenwood*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	J. R. Plummer*
1858 Thomas Hayward*	James Ellenwood*	D. P. Holland*	Charles E. Dyke*	John S. Bond*	John B. Taylor*	John Penny*
1859 D. P. Holland*	James Ellenwood*	Geo. F. Baltzell*	Calvin Davis*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	John Penny*
1860 Thomas Y. Henry*	Geo. F. Baltzell*	Geo. D. Fisher*	Josiah Payne*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	John Penny*
1861 Geo. F. Baltzell*	James Ellenwood*	Franklin Branch*	Charles Slager*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	Edwin L. T. Blake*
1862 Geo. F. Baltzell*	James Ellenwood*	Charles Slager*	D. C. Dawkins*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	John Penny*
1863 Geo. F. Baltzell*	James Ellenwood*	Green H. Hunter*	Wm. H. Arendell*	Thomas Hayward*	Hugh A. Corley*	Thomas A. Carruth*
1864 Geo. F. Baltzell*	James Ellenwood*	Thos. K. Leonard*	Wm. H. Arendell*	Thomas Hayward*	Hugh A. Corley*	Columbus Smith*
1865 David Jones*	D. C. Dawkins*	E. S. Fuller*	Elias Earle*	T. Preston Tatum*	Hugh A. Corley*	Columbus Smith*
1866 David Jones*	D. C. Dawkins*	E. S. Fuller*	A. J. Lea*	T. Preston Tatum*	Hugh A. Corley*	Samuel C. Craft*
1867 David Jones*	D. C. Dawkins*	Charles Slager*	Chas. K. Sparhawk*	T. Preston Tatum*	Hugh A. Corley*	Wm. A. McLean*
1868 James Ellenwood*	Wm. Morrill*	Charles Slager*	M.M.T. Hutchinson*	T. Preston Tatum*	Edw. Bradford, Jr.*	Thomas A. Carruth*
1869 D. C. Dawkins*	M.M.T. Hutchinson*	H. H. Berry*	Michael Bowes*	T. Preston Tatum*	Edw. Bradford, Jr.*	Thomas A. Carruth*
1870 C. C. Dawkins*	Chas. Slager*	Charles Slager*	Samuel Pasco*	T. Preston Tatum*	Edw. Bradford, Jr.*	Thomas A. Carruth*
1871 D. C. Dawkins*	James Ellenwood*	Wm. Morrill*	Theodore Ball*	T. Preston Tatum*	W. M. McIntosh*	Edwin L. T. Blake*
1872 Wm. Morrill*	Hugh A. Corley*	John C. Ley*	James L. Taylor*	T. Preston Tatum*	W. M. McIntosh*	Thomas A. Carruth*
1873 Michael Bowes*	Samuel Pasco*	John S. Driggs*	Ben G. Alderman*	D. L. Oakley*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1874 Michael Bowes*	John S. Driggs*	Benj. G. Alderman*	D. C. Wilson*	Wm. A. Young*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1875 Henry W. Long*	Edmund P. Jordan*	Wm. T. Weeks*	W. W. Tucker*	D. L. Oakley*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1876 John S. Driggs*	Charles J. Allred*	W. W. Tucker*	John T. Miller*	D. L. Oakley*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1877 John S. Driggs*	George R. Jones*	W. W. Tucker*	John T. Miller*	McCombie*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1878 Enos Wasgate*	Robert J. Perry*	G. E. Wentworth*	Geo. S. Hallmark*	L. McCombie*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1879 Robert J. Perry*	G. E. Wentworth*	Geo. S. Hallmark*	Hugh A. Corley*	L. McCombie*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1880 Robert J. Perry*	Geo. S. Hallmark*	Wm. E. Anderson*	John G. Ellis*	L. McCombie*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1881 W. A. McLean*	Wm. E. Anderson*	Warren F. Scott*	John G. Ellis*	L. McCombie*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1882 W. A. McLean*	Wm. E. Anderson*	Warren F. Scott*	G. S. Hallmark*	L. McCombie*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1883 Geo. S. Hallmark*	Wm. E. Anderson*	Warren F. Scott*	J.W.V.R. Plummer*	L. McCombie*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1884 Wm. E. Anderson*	Wm. E. Anderson*	Warren F. Scott*	Angus Paterson*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1885 Wm. E. Anderson*	Wm. E. Anderson*	J.W.V.R. Plummer*	Angus Paterson*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1886 Angus Paterson*	Marcus Endel*	F. S. Goodrich*	Marcus Endel*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1887 Angus Paterson*	Marcus Endel*	F. S. Goodrich*	John G. Ellis*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1888 Marcus Endel*	Fred S. Goodrich*	Wm. M. McIntosh*	R. A. Montsalvitge*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1889 Marcus Endel*	Fred S. Goodrich*	James W. Boyd*	Chas. H. Munger*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1890 J. W. Boyd*	T. S. Wilmarth*	F. P. Mersereau*	Chas. H. Munger*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1891 T. S. Wilmarth*	F. P. Mersereau*	I. E. Webster*	Silas B. Wright*	John H. Stephens*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1892 Irving E. Webster*	Silas B. Wright*	W. M. McIntosh*	John H. Stephens*	Henry S. Ely*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1893 Silas B. Wright*	Wm. M. McIntosh*	J. H. Stevens*	Henry S. Ely*	Henry S. Ely*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1894 Wm. M. McIntosh*	John H. Stephens*	Wm. H. Jewell*	Warren Tyler*	Warren Tyler*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1895 John H. Stephens*	Wm. H. Jewell*	Warren Tyler*	Wilber P. Webster*	Wilber P. Webster*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1896 Wm. H. Jewell*	Warren Tyler*	Warren Tyler*	Wilber P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1897 Warren Tyler*	W. P. Webster*	James Carnell*	Olin S. Wright*	Irving E. Webster*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1898 Wilber P. Webster*	James Carnell*	E. E. Haskell*	E. E. Haskell*	Irving E. Webster*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1899 James Carnell*	E. E. Haskell*	E. E. Haskell*	J. R. Wetherell*	Marcus Endel*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1900 E. E. Haskell*	E. E. Haskell*	I. R. Wetherell*	T. G. Hutchinson*	Marcus Endel*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1901	I. R. Wetherell*	T. G. Hutchinson*	Louis C. Massey*	Marcus Endel*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1902 J. R. Wetherell*	T. G. Hutchinson*	Louis C. Massey*	Louis C. Massey*	Marcus Endel*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1903 T. G. Hutchinson*	Louis C. Massey*	Olin S. Wright*	Olin S. Wright*	Marcus Endel*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1904 Louis C. Massey*	Olin S. Wright*	Joseph R. Keller*	Joseph R. Keller*	Marcus Endel*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1905 Olin S. Wright*	Joseph R. Keller*	Wm. S. Ware*	Wm. S. Ware*	Marcus Endel*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1906 Joseph R. Keller*	Wm. S. Ware*	F. W. Armstrong*	F. W. Armstrong*	Marcus Endel*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1907 William S. Ware*	F. W. Armstrong*	T. Picton Warlow*	T. Picton Warlow*	Marcus Endel*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1908 John H. Weddell*	Samuel Pasco*	T. Picton Warlow*	F. B. Stoneman*	Marcus Endel*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1909 Samuel Pasco*	T. Picton Warlow*	F. B. Stoneman*	Robert McClellan*	Marcus Endel*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1910 T. Picton Warlow*	F. B. Stoneman*	Robert McClellan*	Robert McClellan*	Marcus Endel*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1911 F. B. Stoneman*	Robert McClellan*	H. N. Sweeting*	H. N. Sweeting*	Marcus Endel*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1912 Robert McClellan*	H. N. Sweeting*	John M. Caldwell*	John M. Caldwell*	Marcus Endel*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1913 H. N. Sweeting*	John M. Caldwell*	Willi C. Address*	Willi C. Address*	Marcus Endel*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1914 John M. Caldwell*	Willi C. Address*	Wm. R. O'Neal*	D. B. Palmer*	Marcus Endel*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*

PAST ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA—Continued.

	GRAND HIGH PRIESTS	DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS	GRAND KINGS	GRAND SCRIBES	GRAND TREASURERS	GRAND SECRETARIES	GRAND CHAPLAINS
1915	Wm. C. Andress*	Wm. R. O'Neal	D. B. Palmer	C. H. Ketchum	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	Irving E. Webster*
1916	Wm. R. O'Neal	D. B. Palmer	C. H. Ketchum	L. F. Bialock	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	Irving E. Webster*
1917	D. B. Palmer	C. H. Ketchum	L. F. Bialock	W. V. Carter	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	Irving E. Webster*
1918	C. H. Ketchum	L. F. Bialock	W. V. Carter	H. O. Snow	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	B. Y. Wilkie
1919	H. O. Snow	John L. Hall	John L. Hall	R. J. Kishpaugh	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	B. Y. Wilkie
1920	John L. Hall	R. J. Kishpaugh	R. J. Kishpaugh	E. L. Wirt	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	B. Y. Wilkie
1921	R. J. Kishpaugh	Ely P. Hubbell	E. L. Wirt	T. T. Todd	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	B. Y. Wilkie
1922	Ely P. Hubbell	E. L. Wirt	T. T. Todd	E. L. Shear	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	B. Y. Wilkie
1923	Ely P. Hubbell	E. L. Wirt	E. L. Shear	Cary B. Fish	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	B. Y. Wilkie
1924	Ely P. Hubbell	E. L. Wirt	Cary B. Fish	R. J. McMaster	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	B. Y. Wilkie
1925	Ely P. Hubbell	E. L. Wirt	E. L. Shear	Stafford Caldwell	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	B. Y. Wilkie
1926	Ely P. Hubbell	E. L. Wirt	Cary B. Fish				

*Deceased

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

OF FLORIDA IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS	GRAND CHAPTERS	OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN FLORIDA
Robert T. Ward, Dadeville	Alabama	R. J. Kishpaugh, W. Palm Beach.
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James H. Cowan, Galt	Canada	Chester DeRocher, Bradenton.
John Stroehle, Black Hawk	Colorado	B. C. Webb, Ocala.
Wm. K. Wilson, So. Norwalk	Connecticut	Wm. S. Ware, Jacksonville.
Leslie W. Stout, Wilmington	Delaware	W. P. Webster, Jacksonville.
Geo. R. Davis, Washington	Dist. of Columbia	
Wm. A. Sims, Atlanta	Georgia	E. E. Macy, Eau Gallie.
Edgar J. Finch, Twin Falls	Idaho	R. M. Oglesby, Bartow.
Wm. B. Carlock, Bloomington	Illinois	C. H. Ketchum, Key West.
Donald J. Pickett, Greenfield	Indiana	T. T. Todd, Pensacola.
A. D. Meeker, Marshalltown	Iowa	W. V. Carter, Daytona.
Joseph E. McMullen, Great Bend	Kansas	Alex B. Steuart, Tampa.
Virgil P. Smith, Somerset	Kentucky	E. L. Shear, Daytona.
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Enoch G. Best, Greenfield	Massachusetts	Walter J. Bennett, Tampa.
Jas. H. Thompson, Oldsmar, Fla.	Michigan	F. Wm. Schultz, Sarasota.
Herbert E. Blair, Minneapolis	Minnesota	C. L. Benedict, Miami.
R. W. Hinton, Jr., Lumberton	Mississippi	D. B. Palmer, Monticello.
C. C. Wood, St. Louis	Missouri	Cary B. Fish, Bradenton.
Carlisle S. Kenyon, Bozeman	Montana	Cary B. Fish, Bradenton.
Walter L. Spear, Geneva	Nebraska	Stephen E. Gregory, Jacksonville.
David S. Ward, Goldfield	Nevada	Robert McClellan, Gainesville.
Guy J. Gabel, Woodstock	New Brunswick	John J. Jones, Micanopy.
Chas. L. Wentworth, Rochester	New Hampshire	E. L. Wiederkehr, Ft. Myers.
Wm. Herbert Lowe, Patterson	New Jersey	Wm. R. O'Neal, Orlando.
Wm. C. Wright, New York	New York	Charles H. Ketchum, Key West.
Wm. Thompson Philpot, Lithgow	New South Wales	Marcus Endel, Jacksonville.
Geo. G. Bullock, Wanganui	New Zealand	John D. Grether, Jacksonville.
Wm. C. Brown, Winston-Salem	North Carolina	Max Sirkin, W. Palm Beach.
Otto Hennings, Dickinson	North Dakota	John L. Hall, Jacksonville.
W. P. Doull, Charlestown, P. E. L.	Nova Scotia	R. J. McMaster, Tampa.
Ernest B. Brown, Cleveland	Ohio	T. Picton Warlow, Orlando.
Stanley C. Tyler, Guymore	Oklahoma	Ely P. Hubbell, Bradenton.
L. V. Roake, Oregon City	Oregon	W. B. Greer, Quincy.
Wm. F. Goodwin, Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	F. H. Thompson, Lakeland.
A. G. Adams, Westmount	Quebec	Louis C. Massey, Orlando.
Stephen Magown, Woonsocket	Rhode Island	W. B. Y. Wilkie, Dunedin.
Geo. N. Langlands, Edinburg	Scotland	W. P. McKee, Eustis.
Wm. J. Smith, Shaunavon	Saskatchewan	S. L. Chapman, Helen.
Robert T. Goodale, Camden	South Carolina	H. L. Shaeffer, Leesburg.
John F. Schrader, Rapid City	South Dakota	James F. Miller, Inverness.
Walter B. Bell, Bells	Tennessee	Wm. R. O'Neal, Orlando.
D. C. McCord, Dallas	Texas	Frank B. Stoneman, Miami.
David R. Beebe, Provo	Utah	R. P. Buckmaster, Orlando.
Rufus W. Spear, Newport	Vermont	J. J. Torrey, Jacksonville.
Baron Marks, Melbourne	Victoria	L. E. Webster, Gainesville.
Elmer D. Hanes, Norfolk	Virginia	John L. Hall, Jacksonville.
Wm. H. Ellert, Seattle	Washington	Stafford Caldwell, Miami.
Harold Waldby, Claremont	W. Australia	John Pasco, Monticello.
A. C. Nadenbousch, Martinsburg	West Virginia	Geo. J. Tolson, Lakeland.
W. F. Owen, Steven's Point	Wisconsin	Geo. A. Dame, Inverness.
Homer E. Zorn, Greybull	Wyoming	John Pasco, Monticello.

CHAPTER DIRECTORY

CHAPTER	No.	HIGH PRIEST	KING	SCRIBE	TREASURER	SECRETARY	SECRETARY'S ADDRESS
Florida	1	B. A. Luning	H. E. Moore	C. C. Hobbs	W. H. Markham	T. E. Andrews	Tallahassee.
Gainesville	2	W. S. Perry	J. M. Leacke	E. F. Brandt, Jr.	H. E. Taylor	C. W. Mathews	Gainesville.
Tampa	3	E. D. Dow	Melvin V. Cole	J. E. Shepley	R. J. McMaster	Herbert S. Chiles	Tampa.
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Halifax	5	J. B. Kludjian	L. E. Ellenwood	W. C. Cordes	Wm. G. Hobbs	John W. Williams	Daytona Beach.
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Eureka	7	J. E. Ramsdell	T. P. Robinson	R. G. Reynolds	T. Picton Warlow	Bert L. Blair	Pensacola, 1610 E.
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Putnam	9	Chas. H. Hyde	Alston R. Halle	Geo. F. Cagle	Walter McNally	L. A. Smith	Oriango, Box 1538.
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Joricho	11	John B. Phelps	Robt. M. Adams	Perry M. Lindblom	Vincent R. Brick	John H. Hughes	Palatka.
Jacksonville	12	J. D. Kennedy	N. H. Scheonover	H. E. Hollowell	J. Lloyd Head	W. P. Webster	Miami, 426 S. W.
Ocala	13	A. L. Lucas	C. P. Holbrook	C. A. Bangert	C. E. Simmons	B. L. Adams	12th Ave.
Inverness	14	George A. Dame	George W. Scofield	Frank Morris	W. M. Maloy	W. H. Warnock	Jacksonville.
Monroe	15	Glen E. McKay	James O. Huff	Thos. E. Meredith	John D. Gove	C. J. Rumph	Masonic Temple.
Plant City	16	A. J. Peacock	Alex. McQuinn	A. Boring	J. Evers	Ray H. Kramer	Ocala.
St. Augustine	17	H. M. Saunders	George F. Kendrick	L. O. Davis	C. A. Lamont	C. G. Oldfather	Inverness.
Manatee River	18	M. C. Walters	Fred J. Weedman	J. H. Daughtery, Jr.	J. F. Campbell	P. J. Hampton	Sanford.
Lake Butler	19	Chas. H. Register	S. T. Dowling	W. H. Andrews	D. T. McGill	A. D. Zacharias	Plant City.
KeySTONE	20	Wm. B. Baker	Herschel Kelson	Jasper E. Shippe	John N. Cain	Elwyn Ewing	St. Augustine.
Thomas Brown	22	H. G. Taylor	V. R. Judson	Nat J. Patterson	Erie L. Wirt	W. B. Wyandt	14 Robde Ave.
Chipley	23	E. L. Gainer	J. O. Blackburn	W. F. Davis	C. B. Dunn	N. A. Bull	Bradenton.
Lake Worth	24	Walter H. Long	L. T. B. Southwick	Thos. S. Potts	George W. Brown	R. J. Kishpaugh	Lake Butler.
Live Oak	25	Arthur H. Grant	Chas. H. Sherman	Samuel E. Fleet	Richard P. Hopkins	Archle E. Leslie	Ft. Lauderdale.
Jefferson	26	R. J. Taylor	R. P. Johnson	S. D. Clarke	F. J. Sattler	D. B. Palmer	Bartow.
Indian River	27	W. F. LaRoch	J. L. Patterson	A. S. Rhoades	Geo. W. Scoble	M. H. Poe	Chipley.

Joppa	28	James L. Hoeflich	W. J. Shellhouse	C. F. Greene	R. V. Ankeny	Frank B. Goodwin	Fort Pierce.
Lakeland	29	W. F. Cook	W. L. King	Elliott Cheatham	K. T. Haynes	O. J. Moore	Lakeland.
Gadsden	30	Samuel W. Carman	J. G. Sturges	Geo. B. Gregory	W. B. Greer	A. L. Hinson	Quincy.
St. Petersburg	31	Richard L. Martin	J. H. Rauch	A. A. Russell	W. M. Brinker	Chas. H. Bon	St. Petersburg.
Jackson	32	Walter L. Eddy	Charles Wandeck	Jas. E. Golsen	Frank M. Golsen	James A. Smith	Marianna.
Eustis	33	C. R. Horne	E. M. Savage	Ira E. Williams	W. P. McKe	J. R. Ashmore	Eustis.
Leesburg	34	E. R. Canaday	C. B. Gamble	R. P. Butler	G. G. Ware	C. A. Laye	Leesburg.
Sarasota	35	Mason B. Hunt	B. M. Hulise	Thos. S. Jerkins	F. Wm. Schultz	H. A. Cranmer	Sarasota, Box 1044.
Arcadia	36	E. L. Morgan	F. E. Munson	A. W. Way	Chas. A. Roe	A. I. Roe	Arcadia.
Walton	37	Chas. Murray, Jr.	M. L. Cawthon	P. W. Miles	G. B. Campbell	M. T. Fountain	DeFuniak Springs.
Providence	38	Chesley Roberts	C. H. Cox	W. W. Nihiser	H. P. Cason	R. C. Mansfield	Lake City.
Bay County	39	J. L. Kersey	H. B. Patrick	E. H. Wilkerson	Daniel Gillis	Carl G. Varlin	Panama City.
Crestview	40	Jas. L. Clary	W. R. White	P. J. Steele	E. A. Fleming	Frank C. Webb	Crestview.
Winter Haven	41	Robert Sands	A. D. Newkirk	C. H. Henson	W. D. Gray	L. B. Spaul	Winter Haven.
Highlands	42	J. K. Chapman	H. F. R. Reek	J. P. Ripberger	Fred M. Smith	B. H. James	Avon Park.
Union	43	Alfred G. Basch	John B. Rodes	W. R. Butler	S. S. Lichty	Chas. H. Stewart	Melbourne.
Perry	44	E. V. Davis	W. B. Fletcher	H. R. Byrd	E. S. Gaston	F. S. Scott	Perry.
Clearwater	45	Louis A. Morgan	D. W. Culp	L. N. Russell	R. E. McMaster	Charlie Shaw	Clearwater.
Okeechobee	46	F. R. Mustin	H. H. Hancock	I. Casey	J. H. Walker, Jr.	A. W. Davis	Okeechobee.
Dade	47	A. H. Hinman	Given Victor	B. L. Joiner	H. J. Davis	A. R. Livingston	Homestead.
Duval	48	J. G. Williams	Wilhelm Nywall	A. F. Hoagland	Jas. DeBartolomeis	M. C. Edwards	South Jacksonville.
Nassau	49	F. H. Hobeln	B. B. Brooks	O. M. Haverstick	W. S. Whitney	Frederick C. Winton	205 Hendricks Av.
Poinciana	50	R. V. Lee	C. J. Tierney	S. R. Hall	J. M. Boring	Nathan G. Stout	Fernandina.
New Smyrna	51	H. L. Rood	John S. Duss, Jr.	H. G. Putnam	Chas. Ebenbeck	K. L. Chilton	Fort Myers.
Orange	52	L. H. King	J. E. Clontz	C. Law	R. J. Dodd	G. T. Smith	New Smyrna.
Delray	53	W. A. Brennan	L. W. Currier	I. J. Sinks	H. N. Bagley	Sam'l C. McConnell	Winter Garden.
M. D. Cushing	54	R. B. Lovett	F. O'Berry	H. A. VanBorssum	H. N. Bagley	Sam'l C. McConnell	Delray.
Hill City	55	H. G. Crafton	W. E. Oxley	J. W. Smith	J. W. Smith		Tampa, Box 222.
							Brooksville.

STATISTICS

CHAPTERS	Number	Membership Last Year	Exalted	Reinstated	Affiliated	Total	Died	Dimitted	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended U. M. C.	Expelled	Rejected	Present Membership
Florida	1	200	21	1	0	222	3	2	17	0	0	0	200
Gainesville	2	209	5	2	5	221	1	2	18	0	0	0	200
Tampa	3	483	85	0	14	582	6	5	2	0	0	0	569
St. Johns	4	33	40	1	6	140	0	1	3	0	0	0	136
Halifax	5	268	40	0	2	310	6	5	16	0	0	3	283
Mt. Horeb	6	195	7	2	2	206	4	1	14	0	0	0	187
Eureka	7	335	29	0	13	377	8	47	3	0	0	0	319
Dade City	8	63	0	1	0	64	0	0	10	0	0	0	54
Putnam	9	148	12	2	2	164	1	3	5	0	1	0	154
Kissimmee	10	110	11	0	1	122	1	4	1	0	0	0	116
Jericho	11	370	48	0	16	434	4	1	0	1	0	4	428
Jacksonville	12	645	36	5	4	690	7	3	9	0	0	4	671
Ocala	13	141	24	0	5	170	4	1	2	0	0	0	163
Inverness	14	54	3	6	3	66	0	1	7	0	0	0	58
Monroe	15	213	13	1	2	229	1	0	7	0	1	2	220
Plant City	16	101	11	0	0	112	1	0	1	1	0	0	109
St. Augustine	17	181	5	0	2	188	4	1	11	0	0	0	172
Manatee River	18	183	27	0	2	212	1	2	6	0	0	0	203
Lake Butler	19	57	0	1	0	58	1	0	1	0	0	0	56
Keystone	20	102	27	0	2	131	1	0	0	0	0	0	130
Thomas Brown	22	249	17	0	2	268	5	1	14	0	0	0	248
Chipley	23	66	0	0	0	66	1	0	0	0	0	0	65
Lake Worth	24	345	27	1	4	377	4	1	4	0	0	0	368
Live Oak	25	402	13	3	4	422	3	5	50	0	0	0	364
Jefferson	26	105	4	1	0	110	0	3	6	0	0	0	107
Indian River	27	239	26	2	3	270	1	2	13	0	0	0	254
Joppa	28	122	9	0	3	134	1	0	0	0	0	0	133
Lakeland	29	212	23	1	4	240	2	1	3	0	0	0	234
Gadsden	30	173	5	0	2	180	1	1	5	0	0	0	173
St. Petersburg	31	421	35	1	3	460	5	4	2	0	0	0	449
Jackson	32	191	3	2	1	197	1	2	9	0	0	0	185
Eustis	33	79	8	0	2	89	1	0	0	0	0	0	88
Leesburg	34	120	14	0	0	134	1	1	0	0	0	2	132
Sarasota	35	116	38	2	4	160	2	0	2	0	0	0	156
Arcadia	36	94	0	1	0	95	0	0	0	0	0	0	95
Walton	37	64	0	4	0	68	2	1	22	0	0	0	43
Providence	38	97	7	0	0	104	0	1	21	0	0	0	82
Bay County	39	189	6	0	0	195	5	3	43	0	0	0	144
Crestview	40	95	7	2	0	104	0	1	6	0	0	0	97
Winter Haven	41	151	26	0	4	181	0	2	11	0	0	0	168
Highlands	42	98	14	3	2	117	3	0	0	0	0	0	114
Union	43	66	3	0	2	71	0	1	0	0	0	0	70
Perry	44	69	19	0	2	90	0	4	0	0	0	0	86
Clearwater	45	90	16	2	1	109	1	0	0	0	0	0	108
Okeechobee	46	45	4	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	49
Dade	47	78	18	0	0	96	1	0	1	0	0	0	94
Duval	48	70	10	0	0	80	1	1	0	0	0	1	78
Nassau	49	61	2	1	1	65	2	0	0	0	0	0	63
Poinciana	50	79	9	0	1	89	1	1	0	0	0	1	87
New Smyrna	51	111	6	0	4	121	2	0	0	0	0	0	119
Orange	52	32	0	0	2	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
Delray	53	--	9	0	18	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
Monroe D. Cushing	54	--	22	0	22	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	44
Hill City	55	--	43	0	9	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	52
		18480	887	48	181	9596	100	115	339	2	2	17	9038

SUMMARY

Exalted	887
Reinstated	48
Affiliated	181
Died	100
Dimitted	115
Suspended for non-payment of dues	339
Suspended for un-Masonic conduct	2
Expelled	2
Rejected	17
Present Membership	9038
Net Gain	558
Members Chapter Chartered, not Dimitted from former Chapter	38

DIRECTORY OF CHAPTERS

CHAPTER	LOCATION	TIME OF MEETING
Florida	1 Tallahassee	Second Monday.
Gainesville	2 Gainesville	First and Third Friday.
Tampa	3 Tampa	First and Third Thursday.
St. Johns	4 DeLand	Third Friday.
Halifax	5 Daytona	Second Thursday.
Mount Horeb	6 Pensacola	Second Monday.
Eureka	7 Orlando	First and Third Monday.
Dade City	8 Dade City	Second and Fourth Monday.
Putnam	9 Palatka	Second and Fourth Monday.
Kissimmee	10 Kissimmee	Second and Fourth Monday.
Jericho	11 Miami	Second and Fourth Fridays.
Jacksonville	12 Jacksonville	Second and Fourth Thursday.
Ocala	13 Ocala	Fourth Friday.
Inverness	14 Inverness	Fourth Monday.
Monroe	15 Sanford	Second and Fourth Tuesdays.
Plant City	16 Plant City	Second Friday.
St. Augustine	17 St. Augustine	Second and Fourth Tuesdays.
Manatee River	18 Bradenton	Second Tuesday.
Lake Butler	19 Lake Butler	First Thursday.
Keystone	20 Ft. Lauderdale	First and Third Friday.
Thomas Brown	22 Bartow	Second and Fourth Friday.
Chipley	23 Chipley	Third Monday.
Lake Worth	24 West Palm Beach	First and Third Mondays.
Live Oak	25 Live Oak	Second Thursday.
Jefferson	26 Monticello	First Monday.
Indian River	27 Titusville	Third Wednesday.
Joppa	28 Fort Pierce	First Friday.
Lakeland	29 Lakeland	Second and Fourth Wednesday.
Gadsden	30 Quincy	Third Monday.
St. Petersburg	31 St. Petersburg	First and Third Thursday.
Jackson	32 Marianna	Second and Fourth Thursday.
Eustis	33 Eustis	Third Tuesday.
Leesburg	34 Leesburg	Second Tuesday.
Sarasota	35 Sarasota	Second and Fourth Tuesday.
Arcadia	36 Arcadia	First Friday.
Walton	37 DeFuniak Springs	Second Thursday.
Providence	38 Lake City	First Friday.
Bay County	39 Panama City	Second and Fourth Wednesday.
Crestview	40 Crestview	Second Tuesday.
Winter Haven	41 Winter Haven	Second and Fourth Monday.
Highlands	42 Avon Park	Second Monday.
Union	43 Melbourne	Third and Fifth Wednesday.
Perry	44 Perry	Second and Fourth Mondays.
Clearwater	45 Clearwater	Second and Fourth Friday.
Okeechobee	46 Okeechobee	1st and Third Mondays.
Dade	47 Homestead	Second and Fourth Fridays.
Duval	48 South Jacksonville	First and Third Friday.
Nassau	49 Fernandina	First and Third Tuesday.
Poinciana	50 Fort Myers	Second and Fourth Monday.
New Smyrna	51 New Smyrna	Second Friday.
Orange	52 Winter Garden	Second and Fourth Mondays.
Delray	53 Delray	
M. D. Cushing	54 Tampa	
Hill City	55 Brooksville	

Chapters Chartered

May 18, 1927

DELRAY CHAPTER NO. 53

DELRAY, PALM BEACH COUNTY

- Brennan, W. A., H. P. Black Hills No. 25, So. Dak.
- Currier, Lewis W., K. Lake Worth No. 24, Fla.
- Sinks, Irwin J., S. Lake Worth No. 24, Fla.
- Adams, Archer J. Lake Worth No. 24, Fla.
- Bache, Harold F. Monroe No. 15, Fla.
- Breeze, Harry Lake Worth No. 24, Fla.
- Brenk, J. A. Lake Worth No. 24, Fla.
- Evans, James B. Lake Worth No. 24, Fla.
- Hicks, Raymond G. Lake Worth No. 24, Fla.
- Johnson, Lysle W. Jacksonville No. 12, Fla.
- McMullen, Charles E. Montrose No. 25, Col.
- McSwain, C. M. Vidalia No. 137, Ga.
- Milliken, Andy Lake Worth No. 24, Fla.
- Mussle, Emil J. Lake Worth No. 24, Fla.
- Needham, Mahlon J. Brunswick No. 66, Ga.
- Newton, Daniel R. Lake Worth No. 24, Fla.
- Sundy, John S. Lake Worth No. 24, Fla.
- Webb, William J. Lake Worth No. 24, Fla.
- Jordan, Garret L. Delray U. D.
- Lawson, R. C. Delray U. D.
- Lee, Robert E. Delray U. D.
- Schnoble, P. E. Delray U. D.
- Tuchman, S. Joe Delray U. D.
- Weinerman, M. N. Delray U. D.

Wiggins, Charles B.Delray U. D.
 Williams, E. L.Delray U. D.
 Zeder, H. HaildDelray U. D.
 Gibbs, David, P. M.Delray U. D.

MONROE D. CUSHING CHAPTER NO. 54

TAMPA, HILLSBORO COUNTY

Lovett, Richard B., H. P. ..Tampa No. 3, Fla.
 O'Berry, Frank, K.Tampa No. 3, Fla.
 Vanborssum, Henry A., S. ..Tampa No. 3, Fla.
 Bagley, H. N.Tampa No. 3, Fla.
 Clarkson, Charles T.Tampa No. 3, Fla.
 Connor, A. WayneTampa No. 3, Fla.
 Dorella, Joseph P.Tampa No. 3, Fla.
 Douglas, Victor M.Tampa No. 3, Fla.
 Gould, Ralph J.Tampa No. 3, Fla.
 Hill, Jesse E.Tampa No. 3, Fla.
 Hiers, Luther M.Tampa No. 3, Fla.
 Leasure, Hiram H.Tampa No. 3, Fla.
 McConnell, Samuel C.Tampa No. 3, Fla.
 McPherson, Kenneth G.Tampa No. 3, Fla.
 Mueller, Herman E.Tampa No. 3, Fla.
 Northup, Edward L.Providence No. 1, R. I.
 Phelps, Colonel A.Tampa No. 3, Fla.
 Price, Robert B.Tampa No. 3, Fla.
 Sutton, Elam S.Tampa No. 3, Fla.
 Tolbert, Horace L.Tampa No. 3, Fla.
 Townsend, Frank P.Tampa No. 3, Fla.
 Weber, Howard S.Tampa No. 3, Fla.
 Anderson, HarryMonroe D. Cushing U. D.
 Barrett, John O.Monroe D. Cushing U. D.
 Bogue, Russell S.Monroe D. Cushing U. D.

Butz, Albert P.Monroe D. Cushing U. D.
 Campbell, Edward S.Monroe D. Cushing U. D.
 Caubin, FredMonroe D. Cushing U. D.
 Coarsey, John R.Monroe D. Cushing U. D.
 Chancey, Franklin J.Monroe D. Cushing U. D.
 Cochrane, Fred V.Monroe D. Cushing U. D.
 Hamlett, Frank R.Monroe D. Cushing U. D.
 Kerby, Pat J.Monroe D. Cushing U. D.
 Kerr, John A.Monroe D. Cushing U. D.
 McPherson, HughMonroe D. Cushing U. D.
 Oatley, Benj. E.Monroe D. Cushing U. D.
 Sciple, Thomas R.Monroe D. Cushing U. D.
 Slattery, Joseph M.Monroe D. Cushing U. D.
 Smallwood, Wm. F.Monroe D. Cushing U. D.
 Vaughan, John F.Monroe D. Cushing U. D.
 Whitley, Guy H.Monroe D. Cushing U. D.
 Whitley, Herbert L.Monroe D. Cushing U. D.
 Wilcox, William B.Monroe D. Cushing U. D.
 Wilson, J. BennettMonroe D. Cushing U. D.
 Austin, Henry Lloyd, M. M.Monroe D. Cushing U. D.
 Caruthers, W. H., M.M.Monroe D. Cushing U. D.
 Geary, Francis E., M. M.Monroe D. Cushing U. D.
 Hair, Vernal, M. M.Monroe D. Cushing U. D.

HILL CITY CHAPTER NO. 55

BROOKSVILLE, HERNANDO COUNTY

Crafton, Hugh, G., H. P.Halifax No. 38, Va.
 Oxley, Williard E., K.Hill City U. D.
 Smith, Joel W., S.Hill City U. D.
 Carpenter, Thomas U.Gainesville No. 2, Fla.
 Chadsey, Harry A.Rushville No. 184, Ill.
 Durham, Frank A.Biloxi No. 116, Miss.

Kimbrough, James W.Eureka No. 7, Fla.
 McKathan, William M.Eureka No. 7, Fla.
 Stoudemier, Eugene E.Hillabee No. 79, Ala.
 Weeks, Peter L.Tampa No. 3, Fla.
 Williams, George H.Inverness No. 14, Fla.
 Ayers, John L.Hill City U. D.
 Bell, John J. Jr.Hill City U. D.
 Benton, Henry B.Hill City U. D.
 Bloom, Edward C.Hill City U. D.
 Bush, Ferman M.Hill City U. D.
 Carpenter, Thomas A.Hill City U. D.
 Cason, Ezekial L.Hill City U. D.
 Cherry, Edwin H.Hill City U. D.
 Chew, Robert L. Jr.Hill City U. D.
 Clark, Ross A.Hill City U. D.
 Collins, Simeon R.Hill City U. D.
 Creekmore, George R.Hill City U. D.
 Dick, Sam E.Hill City U. D.
 Emerson, Chas. M.Hill City U. D.
 Evans, James S.Hill City U. D.
 Friday, Albert G.Hill City U. D.
 Fulton, William A. Jr.Hill City U. D.
 Good, Wilbur D.Hill City U. D.
 Grubbs, Robert B.Hill City U. D.
 Hankins, Donald W.Hill City U. D.
 Harvelle, Ralph M.Hill City U. D.
 Hawkins, Allen C.Hill City U. D.
 Hope, Walter C.Hill City U. D.
 Hurst, Howard H.Hill City U. D.
 Joiner, Chas. M.Hill City U. D.
 Jones, William O.Hill City U. D.
 Keathley, AlgenonHill City U. D.
 Kilpatrick, Carlton E.Hill City U. D.

Kirk, Clarence C.Hill City U. D.
 Law, Thomas W.Hill City U. D.
 Moore, Jos. R.Hill City U. D.
 Nix, William M.Hill City U. D.
 Randall, Newt. P.Hill City U. D.
 Russell, Willis M. Jr.Hill City U. D.
 Saxon, Eston L.Hill City U. D.
 Smith, Charles H.Hill City U. D.
 Springstead, John D.Hill City U. D.
 Stringer, Fred L.Hill City U. D.
 Taylor, Ernest A.Hill City U. D.
 Varn, GillespieHill City U. D.
 Weston, Henry J.Hill City U. D.
 Hart, William B., M. M.Hill City 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 Masters." (1921)

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." (1920)

COMMITTEES

Regulation No. 21, amended by striking out the last line as follows: "On Work, to consist of seven members." (1920)

Regulations No. 20 and 21 amended to read as follows:

20. Annually after the opening of this Grand Chapter, the Grand High Priest shall appoint the following standing Committees, each to consist of not less than three members:

1. On Returns and Credentials.
2. On Unfinished Business.
3. On Propositions and Grievances.
4. On Dispensations and By-Laws.
5. On Masonic Jurisprudence.
6. On Finance and Accounts.

21. Previous to the closing of the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter the incoming Grand High Priest shall appoint the following Committees to serve during recess and until the close of the next ensuing Annual Grand Convocation:

On Foreign Correspondence, to consist of three members.

On Printing, to consist of three members.

On Transportation, to consist of three members.

On Memorials. (1927)

Regulation No. 22, repealed and the following adopted:

22. The M.E.G. 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 sur-

plus 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, as amended in 1922, was amended to read as follows:

The Grand High Priest shall 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.

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)

Regulation No.— Sec. 14 of Article 4, as amended in 1924, and Section 1 of Article 5 of the Constitution, only exempt Emeritus (that is, aged or infirm) members from Grand Chapter dues. The Chapters shall pay Grand Chapter dues on Life Members the same as on regular members.

EMERITUS MEMBERS

Regulation No.— Subordinate Chapters may by a two-thirds vote at a regular Convocation create as "Emeritus Members" such members as from old age, infirmity or misfortune, have become incapacitated and unable to pay dues. Such members shall be exempt from the payment of annual dues.

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)

LIFE MEMBERS

Regulation No. — Chapters may incorporate in their by-laws articles providing for "Life Membership" which do not conflict with the payment of dues of the Chapters to the Grand Chapter. Chapters must pay annual dues to the Grand Chapter on "Life Members."

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)

PETITIONS FOR CHARTERS

Regulation No. — Petitions for charters must be filed in the Grand Secretary's office at least ten (10)

days prior to the opening of the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

REPORTS

Secretaries of constituent Chapters are required to report promptly to the Grand Secretary any and all changes made in the dates of their regular Convocations. (1920)

REPRESENTATIVES

Regulation designated "Representatives" as appears on page 64 of the 1926 Proceedings was repealed. (1927)

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 this 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."

Proposed Amendment to Constitution

The following amendment to the Constitution was proposed and ordered to lie over until the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter for final action:

Amend Section 15 of Article II to read as follows:

Sec. 15, Art. II. In balloting for Grand Officers, each Chapter represented is entitled to three (3) votes and each Grand Officer to one (1) vote, each Past Grand High Priest and Past High Priest of constituent Chapters present, not holding an office in the Grand Chapter, to one (1) vote.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

ANNUAL CONVENTION
1927

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 18, A. D. 1927, at 9:00 o'clock A. M., the following officers being present:

M. .E. .Cary B. Fish, President.
E. .Erle L. Wirt, Vice-President.
E. .D. H. Rutter, as Chaplain.
E. .Wilber P. Webster, Secretary and Treasurer.
E. .Ely P. Hubbell, Master of Ceremonies.
E. .John Pasco, as Conductor.
E. .R. J. McMaster, Herald.
E. .George H. Leavett, Steward.
E. .Archie Aitchison, as Guard.

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:

William S. Perry, H. P., Gainesville Chapter No. 2.
Ernest D. Dow, H. P., Tampa Chapter No. 3.

Nathan H. Fender, P. H. P., Tampa Chapter No. 3.
 Harry L. Taylor, H. P., St. Johns Chapter No. 4.
 Wm. B. Gleason, P. H. P., St. Johns Chapter No. 4.
 Lawrence A. Wilson, H. P., Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 6.
 Jesse E. Ramsdell, H. P., Eureka Chapter No. 7.
 James A. Peek, Jr., H. P., Dade City Chapter No. 8.
 Colvin Parker, H. P., Kissimmee Chapter No. 10.
 John B. Phelps, H. P., Jericho Chapter No. 11.
 John Dillon Kennedy, H. P., Jacksonville Chapter
 No. 12.
 Glenn E. McKay, H. P. Monroe Chapter No. 15.
 Avon J. Peacock, H. P., Plant City Chapter No. 16.
 Maurice C. Walters, H. P., Manatee River Chapter
 No. 18.
 Wm. B. Baker, H. P., Keystone Chapter No. 20.
 Walter H. Long, H. P., Lake Worth Chapter No. 24.
 J. Lynn Hoeflich, H. P., Joppa Chapter No. 28.
 William F. Cook, H. P., Lakeland Chapter No. 29.
 Richard L. Martin, H. P., St. Petersburg Chapter
 No. 31.
 Elmer R. Canaday, H. P., Leesburg Chapter No. 34.
 Errol L. Morgan, H. P., Arcadia Chapter No. 36.
 Robert Sands, H. P., Winter Haven Chapter No. 41.
 James K. Chapman, H. P., Highlands Chapter No. 42.
 Alfred G. Basch, H. P., Union Chapter No. 43.
 Louis A. Morgan, H. P., Clearwater Chapter No. 45.
 Robert V. Lee, H. P., Poinciana Chapter No. 50.

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

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

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

SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Dr.	
To balance as per last report	\$76.96
To Fees	78.00
	\$154.96
Cr.	
By Paid Bibles and Express	\$61.21
Supplies80
	\$62.01
Balance	\$92.95
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 forty 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. Dorsey H. Rutter, Chaplain.
 E. Wilber P. Webster, Secretary and Treasurer.
 E. Ely P. Hubbell, Master of Ceremonies.
 E. John Pasco, Conductor.

E. R. J. McMaster, Herald.

E. George H. Leavitt, Steward.

E. Archie Aitchison, 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
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
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. KishpaughConsecrated	May 19, 1915
W. L. LowryConsecrated	May 19, 1915
W. E. TylanderConsecrated	May 19, 1915
W. J. MillikinConsecrated	May 19, 1915
H. L. SchaefferConsecrated	May 19, 1915
Arthur A. BrownConsecrated	May 17, 1916
C. H. TildenConsecrated	May 17, 1916
R. E. McMahanConsecrated	May 17, 1916
J. M. Willson, Jr.Consecrated	May 17, 1916
Roy P. DavisConsecrated	May 17, 1916
E. E. CoulsonConsecrated	May 17, 1916
Charles H. RegisterConsecrated	May 17, 1916
Guy E. PhippsConsecrated	May 17, 1916
R. M. OglesbyConsecrated	May 17, 1916
Max SirkinConsecrated	May 17, 1916
John PascoConsecrated	May 17, 1916
H. E. CrooksConsecrated	May 17, 1916
C. L. WilloughbyConsecrated	May 17, 1916
W. M. BrinkerConsecrated	May 17, 1916
Ira G. ArchibaldConsecrated	May 17, 1916
C. R. HorneConsecrated	May 17, 1916
R. E. GoodmanConsecrated	May 16, 1917
T. T. ToddConsecrated	May 16, 1917
J. R. M. BeattyConsecrated	May 16, 1917
B. C. WebbConsecrated	May 16, 1917
C. T. MeakinsConsecrated	May 16, 1917
F. M. SayConsecrated	May 16, 1917
R. S. ClarkConsecrated	May 16, 1917
Wm. W. ScottConsecrated	May 16, 1917
Frank H. ThompsonConsecrated	May 16, 1917
George W. StilesConsecrated	May 16, 1917
C. H. RyalsConsecrated	May 16, 1917
William P. McKeeConsecrated	May 16, 1917

NAME	DATE
W. S. McLellandConsecrated	May 16, 1917
S. E. CollisonConsecrated	May 22, 1918
E. L. ShearConsecrated	May 22, 1918
H. J. PeiperConsecrated	May 22, 1918
Roscoe E. ScottConsecrated	May 22, 1918
Earl HathawayConsecrated	May 22, 1918
Edwin E. MacyConsecrated	May 22, 1918
A. H. WhiteConsecrated	May 22, 1918
A. F. BullardConsecrated	May 22, 1918
Edmund Paul ErwinConsecrated	May 31, 1918
William Henry BaileyConsecrated	May 31, 1918
Louis Douglas GatesConsecrated	May 31, 1918
John R. KnightConsecrated	May 31, 1918
Seldon C. WellsConsecrated	May 31, 1918
George W. ScobieConsecrated	March 19, 1919
John R. WalkerConsecrated	March 19, 1919
Harry C. JepsonConsecrated	March 19, 1919
R. J. McMasterConsecrated	May 21, 1919
James E. PetrisConsecrated	May 21, 1919
Thomas F. ZieglerConsecrated	May 21, 1919
T. P. WayConsecrated	May 21, 1919
J. S. B. MoyerConsecrated	May 21, 1919
H. D. MorrisConsecrated	May 21, 1919
William H. WarnockConsecrated	May 21, 1919
James MoughtonConsecrated	May 21, 1919
W. B. Y. WilkieConsecrated	May 21, 1919
Cary B. FishConsecrated	May 21, 1919
Burt G. ArnoldConsecrated	May 21, 1919
William E. KeenConsecrated	May 21, 1919
John W. GarwoodConsecrated	May 21, 1919
W. W. ChaseConsecrated	May 21, 1919
Archie AitchisonConsecrated	May 21, 1919
J. Claude TurnerConsecrated	May 21, 1919

NAME	DATE
Douglas Renault Trevor ..Consecrated	Nov. 17, 1919
Walter Scott RaddinConsecrated	Feb. 9, 1920
Alexander B. SteuartConsecrated	Feb. 9, 1920
Fred E. FletcherConsecrated	Feb. 9, 1920
Isaac MaasConsecrated	May 19, 1920
W. L. MarshallConsecrated	May 19, 1920
W. M. BullardConsecrated	May 19, 1920
J. P. CartinConsecrated	May 19, 1920
N. G. ForcheimerConsecrated	May 19, 1920
L. S. ThorntonConsecrated	May 19, 1920
Lewis A. SmithConsecrated	May 19, 1920
Stephen E. GregoryConsecrated	May 19, 1920
H. J. DameConsecrated	May 19, 1920
Charles S. HillConsecrated	May 19, 1920
Frank SanfordConsecrated	May 19, 1920
C. D. ScroggsConsecrated	May 19, 1920
H. T. DavisConsecrated	May 19, 1920
F. M. WatsonConsecrated	May 19, 1920
Ben M. CaldwellConsecrated	May 19, 1920
W. M. ReckConsecrated	May 19, 1920
Henry M. SnowConsecrated	May 18, 1921
Roy C. DubbsConsecrated	May 18, 1921
Frederick E. WeathersConsecrated	May 18, 1921
H. L. ErmatingerConsecrated	May 18, 1921
R. M. HollidayConsecrated	May 18, 1921
F. William SchultzConsecrated	May 18, 1921
Thomas S. SandersConsecrated	May 18, 1921
Ralph B. ChapmanConsecrated	May 18, 1921
Flavel McK CampbellConsecrated	May 18, 1921
Richard L. BatchelorConsecrated	May 18, 1921
Mack TynerConsecrated	May 18, 1921
Arthur I. RoeConsecrated	May 18, 1921
Walter E. AcostaConsecrated	May 18, 1921

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B. W. HelvenstonConsecrated	May 18, 1921
Ray A. StroutConsecrated	May 18, 1921
Herbert S. ChilesConsecrated	May 31, 1922
Robert Lee SmithConsecrated	May 31, 1922
Richard P. Buckmaster ..Consecrated	May 31, 1922
Frank D. RuthConsecrated	May 31, 1922
Henry C. HarperConsecrated	May 31, 1922
Hugh PetersConsecrated	May 31, 1922
R. Erwin WilliamsConsecrated	May 31, 1922
Cyrus T. NeunerConsecrated	May 31, 1922
Percy J. HamptonConsecrated	May 31, 1922
Loyd C. OliveConsecrated	May 31, 1922
Thomas J. WattsConsecrated	May 31, 1922
Carl A. LytleConsecrated	May 31, 1922
David G. BardenConsecrated	May 31, 1922
George I. FullertonConsecrated	May 31, 1922
Lynn W. BloomConsecrated	May 31, 1922
W. B. GreerConsecrated	May 31, 1922
Lester W. LambertConsecrated	May 31, 1922
Fred BlankConsecrated	May 31, 1922
Ernest H. WilkersonConsecrated	May 31, 1922
James L. ClaryConsecrated	May 31, 1922
Charles H. StewartConsecrated	May 31, 1922
F. S. HartsfieldConsecrated	May 16, 1923
George Herbert Leavitt ..Consecrated	May 16, 1923
Walter J. BennettConsecrated	May 16, 1923
Warner T. HammConsecrated	May 16, 1923
A. S. ButterworthConsecrated	May 16, 1923
C. L. BenedictConsecrated	May 16, 1923
C. T. YoungConsecrated	May 16, 1923
William U. LathropConsecrated	May 16, 1923
R. H. BrownConsecrated	May 16, 1923
Roscoe H. RollinsConsecrated	May 16, 1923

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B. W. Helvenston, Jr.Consecrated	May 16, 1923
E. F. AdamsConsecrated	May 16, 1923
G. J. TolsonConsecrated	May 16, 1923
T. E. DickensonConsecrated	May 16, 1923
R. L. WilkinsonConsecrated	May 16, 1923
C. W. DavisConsecrated	May 16, 1923
J. Emery BattleConsecrated	May 16, 1923
T. J. ZimmermanConsecrated	May 16, 1923
H. G. BeardConsecrated	May 16, 1923
George SmithConsecrated	May 16, 1923
E. L. WiederkehrConsecrated	May 16, 1923
Joseph Brown DavisConsecrated	May 21, 1924
Joseph E. OlneyConsecrated	May 21, 1924
J. Nathan BryanConsecrated	May 21, 1924
Vincent R. BriceConsecrated	May 21, 1924
M. Whipple BishopConsecrated	May 21, 1924
Lester G. GilbertConsecrated	May 21, 1924
Albert L. LucasConsecrated	May 21, 1924
Ewing M. OglesbyConsecrated	May 21, 1924
Charles M. GruberConsecrated	May 21, 1924
Bryon M. JonesConsecrated	May 21, 1924
P. D. GoodyearConsecrated	May 21, 1924
Will C. WinansConsecrated	May 21, 1924
Raymond E. WymanConsecrated	May 21, 1924
John E. MattocksConsecrated	May 21, 1924
C. Olin TeateConsecrated	May 21, 1924
W. A. MosherConsecrated	May 21, 1924
O. J. PriceConsecrated	May 21, 1924
William L. HolsenbackConsecrated	May 21, 1924
Edward S. DuBoseConsecrated	May 21, 1924
John F. BurketConsecrated	May 23, 1924
William M. TuttleConsecrated	May 23, 1924
Carl H. DekleConsecrated	May 20, 1925

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Sam BrammarConsecrated	May 20, 1925
Asa FarrarConsecrated	May 20, 1925
Pearl J. BeachemConsecrated	May 20, 1925
Charles T. GrohConsecrated	May 20, 1925
Werner G. JonesConsecrated	May 20, 1925
George R. LymanConsecrated	May 20, 1925
Archie E. LeslieConsecrated	May 20, 1925
Charles L. SudduthConsecrated	May 20, 1925
Edwin A. PierceConsecrated	May 20, 1925
William DunstanConsecrated	May 20, 1925
Lee C. StewartConsecrated	May 20, 1925
George B. MerrillConsecrated	May 19, 1926
Erle Arnold DuBoisConsecrated	May 19, 1926
Ralph L. GillettConsecrated	May 19, 1926
Chester C. SnowConsecrated	May 19, 1926
Jesse C. ClarkConsecrated	May 19, 1926
Joseph M. McCormickConsecrated	May 19, 1926
F. Byron AmesConsecrated	May 19, 1926
L. Earl CurryConsecrated	May 19, 1926
William T. DowConsecrated	May 19, 1926
Morris H. SpencerConsecrated	May 19, 1926
John Duncan GoveConsecrated	May 19, 1926
Reuel A. DanielConsecrated	May 19, 1926
John P. HymanConsecrated	May 19, 1926
Joseph BormanConsecrated	May 19, 1926
H. Eugene CarterConsecrated	May 19, 1926
William FeinbergConsecrated	May 19, 1926
Robert J. HillConsecrated	May 19, 1926
Frank H. GallupConsecrated	May 19, 1926
Anthony P. LivingstonConsecrated	May 19, 1926
Lee M. BoothConsecrated	May 19, 1926
Norman C. EdwardsConsecrated	May 19, 1926
Howard G. PutnamConsecrated	May 19, 1926

NAME	DATE
William S. PerryConsecrated	May 18, 1927
Ernest D. DowConsecrated	May 18, 1927
Nathan H. FenderConsecrated	May 18, 1927
Harry L. TaylorConsecrated	May 18, 1927
Wm. B. GleasonConsecrated	May 18, 1927
Lawrence A. WilsonConsecrated	May 18, 1927
Jesse E. RamsdellConsecrated	May 18, 1927
James A. Peek, Jr.Consecrated	May 18, 1927
Colvin ParkerConsecrated	May 18, 1927
John B. PhelpsConsecrated	May 18, 1927
John D. KennedyConsecrated	May 18, 1927
Glenn E. McKayConsecrated	May 18, 1927
Avon J. PeacockConsecrated	May 18, 1927
Maurice C. WaltersConsecrated	May 18, 1927
Wm. B. BakerConsecrated	May 18, 1927
Walter H. LongConsecrated	May 18, 1927
J. Lynn HoeflichConsecrated	May 18, 1927
William F. CookConsecrated	May 18, 1927
Richard L. MartinConsecrated	May 18, 1927
Elmer R. CanadayConsecrated	May 18, 1927
Errol L. MorganConsecrated	May 18, 1927
Robert SandsConsecrated	May 18, 1927
James K. ChapmanConsecrated	May 18, 1927
Albert G. BaschConsecrated	May 18, 1927
Louis A. MorganConsecrated	May 18, 1927
Robert V. LeeConsecrated	May 18, 1927

Report of Committee on

Fraternal Correspondence

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

Report of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence

FOREWORD

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

Once again it is a pleasure to prepare a review of all Grand Chapter Proceedings which have been received up to the time it became necessary to close the report so that completed copies may be ready for distribution at the Annual Convocation.

This review, as has all previous ones, has been prepared primarily for the Companions of Florida. It is hoped they may get both pleasure and profit out of what is being accomplished in other Grand Jurisdictions.

Such proceedings as may come in too late to appear in the regular alphabetical order, will follow Wyoming.

ALABAMA—1927

Chapters, 83. Members, 15,229. Exalted, 878.
Net Loss, 155.

SIDDONS STOLLENWERCK, Acting Grand High Priest.

Serious illness prevented the attendance of Grand High Priest John B. Bethea at the Centennial (One Hundredth) Annual, which convened in the city of

Montgomery, Nov. 29, 1926, with a large number of Past Grands, and Representatives from all but a few Chapters, with Past Grand High Priest Robert T. Ward to speak for Florida. Excellent Companion Oliver Day Street, Grand Master of Alabama, was a distinguished visitor.

Somewhat brief and devoid of spectacular features was the address of Grand High Priest Bethea, which was read by the Acting Grand High Priest. He specially regretted that his illness prevented him from visiting many of the subordinate Chapters during the year. So smoothly did matters Capitular move along during the year that he was not called upon to make any decisions nor did there appear to have been anything to have disturbed the harmonious conditions. His modern and progressive ideas are thus expressed:

Remember that the correct rendering of ritual is well and good and should in nowise be neglected, but the time has passed when Masonry will be satisfied with this. We as Masons must give a concrete reason for our existence as Masons; and what better opportunity could there be than to do our individual parts in the up-building of our Masonic Home.

During the year two dispensations for new Chapters were granted and their work proving satisfactory charters were ordered granted. One of them starts off with a large membership list while the other is much smaller. The small membership ought to be an inspiration for special activities. In two cases consolidation of Chapters are reported, probably the weaker uniting with the stronger, and thus making a real progressive Chapter able to produce results.

Although Grand Chapter had appropriated a generous amount for twenty-five scholarships, providing any

local Chapter would match it, yet the Grand High Priest reported only one Chapter had taken advantage of the opportunity, which is open to the child of any deceased Royal Arch Mason. Grand Chapter is also standing four-square behind its committee on Masonry and American citizenship in every movement tending to advance the public educational system of the state, which is seeking to convince the powers that be of the state that "no true permanent economic advancement can be made except one resting on the solid foundation of an educated citizenship."

He reported that the response to the appeal which he sent out in connection with the Florida storm disaster "had been most generous and that contributions were still coming in." He further added: "When the various Chapters feel they have given what they should give, do not let it stop there, but let the individual members take subscriptions among the membership."

A generous contribution was made to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association; and a lesser one to the National Masonic Tuberculosis Association.

Next Grand Chapter will be asked to pass upon fixing the minimum fees for the Capitular degrees at thirty dollars.

Twenty-six qualified Companions were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

There is no Report on Correspondence because M. E. Comp. Lawrence H. Lee, who has been doing this work very acceptably these many years, states that the copy was lost after completion and there was not time to prepare another, and with this additional statement that will bring regret to many readers:

This is the last message from the present Correspondent as the mantle has passed to other shoulders more able and in the future the Companions will have the pleasure of reading the very splendid reports that will emanate from the pen of E. Comp. Francis S. Stillwell, of Selma.

This splendid recommendation by Comp. Lee ensures him a cordial welcome to the Guild.

Next Annual in Montgomery, Dec. 5, 1927.

Siddons Stollenwerck, Faunsdale, Grand High Priest;
Geo. A. Montgomery, Grand Secretary.

ALBERTA—1926

Chapters, 27. Members, 2,840. Initiated, 170.
Net Gain, 88.

S. H. MIDDLETON, Grand Z.

Capitular Masonry appears to be taken at its face value in Alberta, for most every active worker was present when the Grand Z. formally opened the Twelfth Annual in the City of Edmonton, March 17, 1926, for a two days' session, with M. E. Comp. C. F. Sherwin, Past Grand First Principal of British Columbia, and M. E. Comp. George McLeod, Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, as distinguished visitors. Florida Companions will regret to learn that M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, the senior Grand Z. and Florida's Grand Representative, was unable to be present on account of illness.

So regularly do matters Capitular move along there that the address of the Grand Z. partakes more of the

nature of a pastoral letter, replete with encouragement and admonition, in which he finds comparatively little to bring before Grand Chapter requiring official action.

By reason of the Grand Lodge meeting in Banff during the year, it was deemed advisable to change the annual Convocation of Grand Chapter from that city to Edmonton.

The Grand Z. stated that he had made only twenty-two official visitations, besides on several occasions being a "side bencher," so that he might view the work from a different angle. Surely a commendable record, even though he regretted he could not have done more. It was at the Chapter of Instruction at Calgary that he presented to M. E. Companion S. Y. Taylor the regalia used by him during his term of office. Hereafter Grand Chapter will follow this pretty sentimental custom of presenting the Grand First Principal with his official regalia and which will become his personal property.

The Grand Z. in his visitations noted much latitude in interpreting Constitutional clauses. One Chapter elected its officers by open nomination, another introduced ritualistic innovations, while several others "persisted in exposing the ritual and reading therefrom during the conferring of degrees." Grand Chapter did not appear, however, to take official cognizance of this somewhat caustic comment:

The first can be remedied by knowing the Constitution; the second may be avoided by following the rulings of Grand Chapter, but no excuse can be offered for the third, other than negligence and supreme indifference.

Noting a lack of attendance and apparent interest among some of the Companions he offers this timely suggestion:

What member cares to sit through the ceremonies when the degree work drags, when the officers are placed in the attitude of school children striving to master some little play; when they blunder through their parts, to the disgust of the well informed and the contempt and amusement of the newly exalted?

He recommended that all Chapters following the moon schedule change from a moveable feast to a fixed date. Also that all Chapters make provisions to have their Masonic year correspond to that of Grand Chapter. Of course Grand Chapter approved.

Rotation in elective offices appear to be the rule, for several special dispensations were granted to install Principals who had not served in preceding stations.

Much interesting information is found in the detailed reports of the other Principals and Grand Superintendents, particularly noticeable being this:

One unique occurrence during the Refreshment Hour after Chapter (Capital City, Edmonton), was the bidding farewell and wishing "bon voyage" to Comp. Wild, Third Principal, who was leaving for Aklivik, the Post farthest north on the Arctic Ocean, to take charge of a detachment of Royal Northwest Mounted Police, and who would not return for several years.

Official recognition is given those who faithfully serve in important places, for Past Rank is conferred on Grand Superintendents, some of whom during their year of office travel thousands of miles in visiting some of the far away Chapters and endure hardships as well.

Recognition of the Grand Chapter of Queensland was left in abeyance, pending further information.

Of course there is no Order of High Priesthood.

Quite concise is the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and apparently by the Chairman, M. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson. He finds a few items of

interest in the Florida Proceedings, and for his approval we thank him.

Next Annual in Calgary, March 16 and 17, 1927.

E. G. Ironsides, Grand Z.; C. R. Wentzel, Grand Scribe E.; J. E. Johnson, Correspondent; all of Calgary.

ARIZONA—1926

Chapters, 11. Members, 1,305. Exalted, 42.
Net Loss, 1.

NELSON C. BLEDSOE, Grand High Priest.

Every Chapter was represented; all Grand Officers, many Past Grands and the Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Charles H. King, of California, were present when the Grand Chapter opened its Thirty-sixth Annual in Tuscon, Feb. 9, 1926. Unavoidable reasons no doubt prevented the attendance of the other Permanent Members, "noble Giblemites," but no reason is shown why Florida was not represented.

Fortunately Grand High Priest Bledsoe was not overly burdened with official duties, which enabled him to officially visit most of the Chapters, and but for unavoidable natural causes he would have had a "clean slate." Particularly enjoyable was his visit to the Grand Chapter of California, being accompanied by several Arizona Companions, for, he says:

The Grand High Priest of California welcomed the Grand High Priest of Arizona in true California style. He expressed his felicitations and tendered the gavel, the emblem of authority of the Grand Chapter of California, to the Grand High Priest

of the State of Arizona, who accepted it and for one brief moment presided over the Grand Chapter of California, for the first time in the history of Capitular Masonry.

He was requested to rule on the acceptance of a petition from a Brother who was afflicted with a tubercular knee, which rendered it impossible for him to stand or walk, although he was a man of means and would not become a burden on the Chapter. The ruling was that the applicant was ineligible because he could not comply with the required rites and ceremonies.

The unfortunate closing of a bank tied up the available funds of the Grand Chapter and brought about the resignation of the Grand Treasurer, though in nowise held responsible. The resignation was accepted and an appointment made for the rest of the year.

In order to stimulate interest the Grand High Priest recommended that some Chapter be designated to demonstrate how that particular degree is being conferred in that Chapter. He also recommended that some plan be arranged whereby Grand Chapter will have one whole day in which to complete its work. Grand Chapter approved both these recommendations and the in-coming Grand High Priest already had some work mapped out for him.

The committee reports were the merely formal approving of the actions of the Grand High Priest.

There is no Order of High Priesthood, nor is there a Report on Correspondence.

Next Annual in Phoenix, Feb. 8, 1927.

Harry A. Drachman, Grand High Priest; George J. Roskrige, Grand Secretary; both of Tucson.

ARKANSAS—1926

Chapters, 93. Members, 8,079. Exalted, 445.
Net Gain, 32.

HUNTER D. BOWERS, Grand High Priest.

Possibly the above statistics may be slightly incorrect, for the Grand Secretary states "it is impossible for me to make an accurate report to the Grand Chapter of the complete membership and the loss or gain." However the above figures are taken from the Synopsis of Returns to the Seventy-seventh Annual held in Little Rock, Nov. 18, 1926, with most of the Grand Officers and Past Grands present and a large percentage of the subordinate Chapters represented; but Florida was not in evidence.

Somewhat brief was the account of stewardship of Grand High Priest Bowers, for his recorded activities do not appear to have been overly burdensome. He made a good start in sending out monthly letters to the several Chapters, but, he states, "the apparent lack of interest among the Chapters caused me to abandon the project."

He endeavored to secure concurrent jurisdiction near the Arkansas-Missouri line, but he was advised by the Grand High Priest of Missouri "that their law would not permit such procedure."

One of his decisions was that whenever the charter of a Subordinate Chapter was arrested, the Grand Chapter assumed all indebtedness; but this was modified "to the extent of the proceeds of the assets of the defunct Chapter and no more."

Another was that when a Past High Priest of another State affiliates with an Arkansas Chapter he does

not retain his title unless he has been regularly elected and installed in that Chapter.

He refused to issue a dispensation to an active Chapter to accept petitions from a practically dormant Chapter, without its consent. He issued dispensations for four new Chapters, and arrested the charters of three. Where there are dormant Chapters one wonders, with the present good roads and quick transportation, if consolidation of the weaker with the stronger would not be more beneficial to the Royal Craft? This is being done in some sections, and with apparent satisfactory results.

Grand Chapter generously enlarged on the recommendation of the Grand High Priest in the matter of jewels for Past Grand High Priests:

That commencing with 1926 two Past Grand High Priest jewels will be presented annually to the two oldest Grand High Priests in point of years, and also to the retiring Grand High Priest, until all have been supplied.

One U. D. Chapter which failed to make returns or pay dues requested the return of its dispensation and also the \$100 fee which accompanied it, but Grand Chapter decided to continue the dispensation another year. Two other active Chapters wished to surrender their charters, but instead these requests were referred to the incoming Grand High Priest.

Recognition and exchange of Representatives were made with the Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, there being some doubt that such action had previously been taken.

Only a half dozen qualified Companions deemed the Order of High Priesthood desirable. Others are missing something worth while.

Past Grand High Priest Mark P. Olney, for the sixth time, reviews the proceedings of other Grand Chapters and finds:

A general dearth in work and interest throughout the country, and in a number of states the Grand Chapters show a decrease in membership rather than a going forward. Also that the question of ritual is pretty well settled, and that the General Grand Chapter ritual is somewhat gaining in prestige.

Ye scribe is wondering if Companion Olney read carefully the Florida 1926 Proceedings concerning "emeritus" and "life" membership. None of the Florida Grand Bodies recommend "life" membership, nor, so far as the writer knows, do any of those subordinate to them. Further mention is made to this in another review.

We also thank him for his kindly reference, but wish to correct the impression of being an officer in the General Grand Chapter, merely a member of a standing committee in that Body.

Next Annual in Little Rock, Nov. 17, 1927.

Shem E. Hollabaugh, Marshall, Grand High Priest;
John C. Bone, Batesville, Grand Secretary; Mark P. Olney, Mena, Correspondent.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—1926

Chapters, 44. Members, 2,630. Exalted, 175.
Net Gain, 81.

F. C. BIRD, Past Grand Z. presiding.

In the midst of life's duties, before his year of service was completed, M. .E. .Comp. John Gammon, Grand Z., was suddenly stricken with death and his station was

vacated by him forever. For more than a score of years he was devoted to Masonry in its varied phases and seems never to have been found wanting when he was needed.

A summary of the official acts of M. E. Comp. Gannon was presented in lieu of an address of Immediate Past Grand Z. Bird, which indicated that part of the Capitular year had been uneventful, and of no particular interest to the outside world.

Grand Second Principal H., R. E. Comp. T. H. Carey, assumed charge the remaining few weeks of the year, although he stated that he questioned his constitutional rights and suggested that definite provisions should be made in future cases, should another Grand Z. for any reason be unable to complete the duties of the year. This was done by a constitutional amendment that the Grand Second Principal shall assume all the duties of the Grand First Principal, but nothing appears about carrying the added honors with the added responsibilities.

It is so seldom that anything amusing is recorded in the usually prosaic proceedings that this from the report of the Grand Registrar of a happening in a British Columbia Chapter is given:

It is that of a candidate drawing out a large roll of bills and presenting the Worshipful Master, at a central stage in the conferring of a certain degree, to his surprise and chagrin with a dollar bill. It is needless to say what happened, but the dollar bill is framed with the Ex. Companion's photo and hangs in the Chapter room as a warning to all S. D's.

Due and careful search fails to disclose additional matters of Capitular interest to the Craft at large excepting the Report on Correspondence by R. E. Comp. J. W. Prescott, Grand Scribe E., who effectually "covers" the proceedings of every Grand Chapter that has reached him.

Florida is consistently reviewed which include a reproduction from the address of Grand High Priest Wirt on the value of friendship, and which Companion Prescott well says is "to the point." He noted that the Permanent Officers "are truly veterans," citing the Grand Treasurer, M. E. Companion Marcus Endel, who is now in the twenty-ninth year of service in that office, and was Grand High Priest in 1888 and 1889, which makes him the dean of the "Amen Corner," not only in the Grand Chapter, but in the Grand Lodge as well, being Grand Master in 1893, and a member of the Committee on Work in the Grand Lodge so long that the memory of man runneth not back to the contrary. He also compliments ye scribe by quoting freely from our report of the year previous. Thank you.

Next Annual in New Westminster, June 23, 1927.

Thomas H. Carey, Cumberland, Grand Z.; John W. Prescott, Vancouver, Grand Scribe E. and Correspondent.

CALIFORNIA—1926

Chapters, 123. Members, 24,744. Exalted, 1,676.
Net Gain, 1,198.

CHARLES H. KING, Grand High Priest.

No Grand Masters of Veils are recorded at the formal opening of the Seventy-second Annual held in San Francisco, April 20, 1926, but every other station was rightfully filled, there being also in attendance nine Past Grands, seven survivors of the 1906 earthquake and fire, Florida's Grand Representative, and the distinguished

visitors included high lights from every other Masonic Body in the State besides Past Grand Herbert J. Evans, of Oklahoma. This was also the occasion for presenting each Past Grand High Priest with an appropriate apron. Altogether it was a fitting opening of a harmonious session which seems to describe the Capitular spirit throughout the State.

This no doubt is the logical result of the wonderful record of Grand High Priest King who individually visited 105 of the Chapters of the State and the remaining ones by joint convocations, which required 240 days and the traveling of over 31,000 miles. He has truly "kept the faith" and is entitled to the honors, and he may well say:

I feel rather fortunate that through the will of God, the forbearance of my good wife, and the assistance of you good Companions, to have been able to make good in at least one of my promises of a year ago, in visiting all of the Chapters of the Jurisdiction.

Capitular Masonry is forging ahead in our Jurisdiction, quietly but forcefully. Peace and harmony prevails and there are wonderful prospects for the ensuing year.

His most interesting meeting and visitation appears to have been at Los Angeles when the Grand Officers conferred Royal Arch degree, the candidates including William Gibbs McAdoo, the Mayor of Los Angeles, a Judge of the Superior Court and six other prominent Masons, nearly a thousand being turned away for lack of space. This pertinent comment is illuminating:

For the benefit of the few officers throughout the state, who still confer the work with the book in hand, I might say that your Grand Officers so perfected themselves as not to bring discredit upon the Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest is a thorough believer in outdoor meetings, five being held during the year. He cited one of a previous year when over 800 were present.

Being called upon to set the Keystone in a new Temple, he had a special ceremony prepared, for he found none existing. A few years ago Past Grand High Priest F. B. Stoneman, of Miami, formulated and performed a somewhat similar ceremony in Miami.

Appropriate mention is made of the passing away of M. E. Companion Harry Maundrell, who was Grand High Priest in 1920.

Only a few decisions were required and the only one of general interest was his refusal to grant a dispensation to allow a blind man to receive the degrees.

He recommended raising the annual dues from \$3.00 to \$6.00, but Grand Chapter believed \$4.00 enough. However it must be different with the Lodges, for at the last Communication of that Grand Lodge we notice it approved many Lodge by-laws raising the dues to \$12.00 and a few to \$15.00.

He recommended that Chapters change from the moon schedule, for in these days of "jazz wagons," he says, "the moon plays but little part."

Most of the long list of special dispensations would not have been required under Florida laws. There may be such things as too much machinery.

Grand Chapter did not look with approval upon a resolution which would require Companions to give evidence of standing in Blue Lodge when paying Chapter degrees.

Moral but not practical sympathy was expressed in the work of the National Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association, Wayfayers' Club of Arizona and the Near East Relief.

So "eloquent and interesting" was the address of M. E. Comp. Mattison B. Jones, General Grand Royal Arch Captain of the General Grand Chapter, who was an eleventh hour substitute for the Grand Orator, that "he was rewarded by the unanimous and long continued applause of all present."

Nearly four score of qualified Companions were duly set apart to the Order of High Priesthood and the former officers re-elected.

For the fifth time E. Comp. Max A. Plumb presents his Report on Correspondence, and it is again of the topical variety, in which he finds two or three items from the Florida proceedings worth reproducing. Evidently the Companions were "tired of the topical form which we have had now for five years," for it is recorded that Arthur A. Willoughby, of Healdsburg, is the chairman of the Correspondence Committee.

Next Annual in Santa Barbara, April 19 and 20, 1927.

Clifton S. Hite, Sacramento, Grand High Priest; Thomas A. Davies, San Francisco, Grand Secretary; Arthur A. Willoughby, Healdsburg, Correspondent.

CANADA—1926

Chapters, 153. Members, 25,650. Exalted, 1,143.

Net Gain, 335.

W. H. DAVIS, Grand Z.

All the Presiding Officers of the other Canadian Grand Bodies as well as the Grand High Priests and other Grand Officials of the Grand Chapters of Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania and Quebec were present when

the gavel sounded which convened in Ample Form the Sixty-eighth Annual in the City of Toronto, Feb. 24, 1926. Of additional interest was the presentation to the Past Z.'s of "beautiful new chain collars with their Jewels of Office attached." But for some reason, good, no doubt, R. E. Comp. James H. Cowan, Florida's Grand Representative, was not present.

Operative rather than speculative matters prevailed throughout the comprehensive address of the Grand Z., in which he briefly presented his official acts of the year, which included the consecration of three new Chapters, the approving and appointing of Grand Representatives as well as the approval of Chapter by-laws and the recommendation that a model set of by-laws be prepared, which was referred to a special committee.

In granting dispensations to confer degrees upon candidates with physical disabilities, he takes this practical view, surely applicable in Capitular Masonry: "I consider mental and moral qualifications much more important than physical qualifications." He refused to allow regalia to be worn in attendance at divine service, but did permit it at an "At Home," when attended by Masons and their families only. Florida has so much sunshine that our Chapter Masons are very willing to confine the wearing of regalia to the absolutely necessary Royal Craft functions held behind its tyled doors.

Most if not all Canadian Grand Chapters do not include the Past Master's degree, and visitations sometimes lead to embarrassment, as did occur when a Canadian Companion wished to visit a Rochester Chapter. Naturally being denied admission, the matter was taken up with the Grand Chapter of New York and the Grand Z. was informed:

That, while, by their constitution, he could not be admitted without receiving the degree, the Chapter had the power to confer the degree upon him.

One of the rulings was that Chapter minutes might be typewritten, with the provision that each sheet be numbered, signed and afterwards secured in binder. Florida regulations absolutely prohibit loose leaf record books.

Another ruling pertained to a claimed lost dimit of which there was no record, and which he ordered granted, with this sensible comment:

If the Companion is honest in his contention, an injustice would be done him by not granting it, and no Chapter should ever be unjust to a Companion. If the Companion is dishonest in his claim, the Chapter is well advised not to seek to continue him as a member.

His official visitations included as many subordinate Chapters as opportunity permitted as well as to the Grand Chapters of New York and Pennsylvania.

He gave this interesting bit of historical information:

In Hamilton, on the 19th of January, 1857, eight earnest Royal Arch Masons met and formed the Grand Chapter of Canada. From this small beginning, the present Grand Chapter, with its 153 subordinate Chapters and its 25,650 Companions, and flourishing Grand Chapters in Quebec, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, each considered by us "A Daughter in her Mother's house but Mistress in her own," have grown and developed.

If such a thing were possible and the eyes of those Grand old Masons could penetrate the veil separating the Grand Chapter above and this Grand Convocation, we can easily imagine them saying, "We builded better than we knew."

When our District Deputy Grand High Priests, or by whatever title designated, become imbued with the Capitular enthusiasm of our Canadian Companions, they

will make willing sacrifices and visit every Chapter allotted them, even more than once and their reports will be as instructive and inspiring as are those each year in the Grand Chapter of Canada, which occupy nearly a hundred pages of the Canada Proceedings.

When questions of economy arise it is interesting to note the various conceptions of retrenchment suggested. Canada Grand Chapter ordered it to begin by limiting the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence to 150 to 200 pages. Perhaps if the Florida practice of presenting in pamphlet form the Correspondence Reports at the Annuals, so that each one in attendance might have one to read and take back home with him, thus giving it greater publicity and so enhancing its real value, Grand Chapter members might have deemed it expedient to have taken here a little and there a little from the several appropriations, and not have placed the entire burden on one of its most, if not the most, educational factor.

Encouraging is the report of the Committee on Capitular Masonry which notes that the prevailing sentiment is not "more members," but "better members." It particularly emphasizes that in the selection of officers and leaders it should be continually kept in mind that timely admonition, that "He who would wear the spurs must first win them." A timely query of the hour—"Is Royal Arch Masonry too cheap—are we giving a year's membership with all its privileges for less than cost?" If so, it can only be overcome by increasing the yearly dues and making the revenue commensurate with the operating expenses. These pertinent suggestions are applicable to the Craft everywhere.

Tribute was paid to the memory of M. E. Comp. John E. Harding, First Grand Principal in 1892 and 1893, and also the same years Grand Master of the Grand

Lodge. He had the unique distinction of being a member of Grand Chapter fifty-three years and of Grand Lodge forty-five years.

Although approving all the official acts of the Grand Z., yet the committee report on his address was not presented to Grand Chapter until towards the close, a similarity often noticeable in other Grand Bodies as well, which often causes ye scribe to wonder how committees can consider matters before they have been regularly presented?

M. .E. .Comp. W. N. Ponton, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, recommended recognition of the Grand Chapter of Queensland, and it was referred to the Executive Committee to report at the next Annual. However, the above title is not the specific name of either of the Grand Chapters which have been formed in Queensland.

Companion Ponton's Review of Sister Jurisdictions follows and is a valuable compendium of Capitular jurisprudence and eloquence, with copious reproductions and appropriate comment. He knows what he wants to say and then says it, and the members of The Guild and we opine Canadian companions as well, will regret if this privilege be curtailed.

Under Florida he designates the practice of erecting monuments to the memory of Grand High Priests "a unique and worthy tribute of regard." His numerous quotations from the proceedings are appreciated as well as the approval intimated or expressed.

Referring to the quotation, "Praise from Sir Richard, etc." ye scribe is not able to give the author, for he came across it many years ago, and for some reason it has stuck by him ever since. As he recalls it, it was in the works of one of the earlier English writers.

There is so much in the Canada volume to interest and instruct that ye writer scarcely knows when or where to stop.

Next Annual in Ottawa, Feb. 23 and 24, 1927.

Kenneth J. Dunstan, Grand Z., and Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., both of Toronto; W. N. Ponton, Belleville, Correspondent.

COLORADO—1926

Chapters, 53. Members, 8,102. Exalted, 346.
Net Gain, 38.

ROBERT A. STEEN, Grand High Priest.

For some reason uneventful are the Proceedings of the Fifty-fifth Annual held at Denver, Sept. 23, 1926, with all the Grand Officers and many of the Past Grands present, with but few Chapter representatives and Florida missing.

As the dimensions of the Lodge are said to embrace all climes, so the conscious and unconscious Masonic influence of M. .E. .Comp. Ernest LeNeve Foster may be said to be almost as extensive. He was Grand High Priest in 1887, and was chairman of the Committee on Correspondence of the Grand Chapter for thirty-eight years. His great lifework, however, seems to have been the founding and administration of the Benevolent Fund of the Grand Lodge. Another Permanent Member to respond to the final summons the last time was M. .E. .Comp. Cromwell Tucker, Grand High Priest in 1903.

A disturbing feature of the year was a bank failure which temporarily tied up practically all of the Grand Chapter funds. However matters were finally adjusted so that most of the funds were recovered. The resignation of the Grand Treasurer came later.

Only one decision was required from the Grand High Priest, and that pertained to dues. Most of his other official acts were of local interest only. Particularly commendable were his official visitations to Chapters which seldom or never had been honored by a Grand Officer, being in three of the four corners of the state, two of which were on the opposite side of the Continental Divide from centers of population.

The appointments of Grand Representatives are made by the Committee on Correspondence and all were approved. Ample preparations appear to be under way for the coming Triennial of the General Grand Chapter as well as General Grand Council, though no details are given.

The General Custodians of the Work do not favor adopting that of the General Grand Chapter, but instead presented a revised work of its own, and which apparently was adopted.

Twenty-six Companions were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood in due and ancient form.

E. Comp. H. W. Woodward presents his third Report on Correspondence, and which he says is his first "in which we have not had the benefit of the kindly advice of Companion Ernest LeNeve Foster." Companion Woodward notes a slight tendency towards innovations in a few instances, but "always there has been a healthy reaction and a return to the time honored usages and landmarks of the Craft."

Under Florida he notes the amounts that were appropriated for tubercular relief in Arizona and New Mexico, and with this comment:

Appeals have been sent out to all Grand Masonic Bodies, we understand, from these institutions, and while we have no wish to say anything to the disadvantage of institutions with which we are not thoroughly familiar, we would suggest that tabulated report submitted by them may possibly be incorrect—not published so intentionally, but on account of unreliable information. This matter has been discussed by the Grand Master of New York, who, from returns received from all his constituent Lodges, found a great discrepancy in the number of Masons reported by New York Lodges as being in New Mexico and needing assistance, and the number reported by New Mexico.

He also quotes a paragraph from the work of ye scribe pertaining to those organizations which make Masonic membership prerequisite, "as one deserving careful attention by all Masons."

Next Annual in Denver, Sept. 22, 1927, which is the week preceding that of the General Grand Chapter Triennial.

Frank D. Burns, Grand High Priest; William W. Cooper, Grand Secretary; H. W. Woodward, Correspondent; all of Denver.

CONNECTICUT—1926

Chapters, 44. Members, 16,531. Exalted, 684.
Net Gain, 376.

WILLIAM BOWERS, Grand High Priest.

For the purpose of exemplifying the Royal Arch Degree, a Special Convocation was held on the day previous to the formal convening of the One Hundred and Twenty-

eighth Annual, in Hartford, May 11, 1926. A long list of Grand Officers, Standing Committees, Permanent Members, Grand Representatives and all but one of the subordinate Chapters, assisted the Grand High Priest in all his undertakings, and that one Chapter was fined \$8.00 for non-representation, but there appears to be no penalty attached for the absence of Florida's Grand Representative. New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Delaware furnished distinguished sons to grace the occasion, and added to the flow of oratorical admonitions.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a strictly business recital of official acts and with no frills.

All of the official acts of the Grand High Priest were approved. However, two or three of the special dispensations granted were made ahead of time to advance the date of regular Convocations a week, so as to allow Council Officers to attend the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, both coming the same date. According to the report of the Credentials Committee, in no case were all three Council members of these Chapters present, either one of whom we presume could have presided. This causes one to wonder why the necessity of anticipating a failure to meet, when if it then became necessary the same request might have been made to the newly-elected Grand High Priest?

The Grand High Priest reported a considerable number of visitations made, several of which were interjurisdictional.

On account of its geographical location Florida is deprived of many of the interstate visitations which are so much enjoyed by the Companions in other sections of this great country.

At the previous Annual an effort was made to consider state-wide jurisdiction, but it seems to have lost out even before reaching committee consideration.

Noting that in working the Royal Arch Degree Companions often came on the floor in misfit uniforms or with parts missing, he recommended the elimination of all uniforms and robes in this degree except those worn by the Council Officers, and substituting for the others tuxedos or business suits, with belt for sword from right shoulder to left hip. This was referred to the Committee on Ritual, who tried it out at an exemplification, which evidently was pleasing, for Grand Chapter instructed that the work in this degree the coming year be substantially as it was worked before Grand Chapter.

Noting that the attendance in Chapter at the beginning of degree work was greater than at the closing, he wonders if this would not be overcome by eliminating much or all of the r. and r. r., which the writer understands is done in the General Grand Chapter work and which is now being adopted by several of the Grand Chapters.

Excellent equipment in itself will not produce results, unless there is the necessary action along with it, for at one Grand Official visitation the Officer reported "that only three of the officers of the Chapter thought it worth while to attend on the night of inspection," and he seriously considered recommending the surrender of the charter.

It will now be possible for Chapters to act upon applications for affiliation, unaccompanied by a dimit, but not to take effect until after the dimit has been deposited.

It was again brought to the attention of Chapters that all aprons should have the proper emblem upon them, otherwise the Companions are not properly clothed as Royal Arch Masons.

One of the first official acts of the newly-elected Grand High Priest was to rectify an error made by the Grand Chapter in ratifying the appointment of a Companion as Honorary Member of the Masonic Charity Foundation, he being ineligible by reason of being a member of a Lodge outside of Connecticut.

It is just as necessary for Chapter representatives to be present at the closing roll call as at the opening, for two Chapters were notified to show cause "why the usual fine should not be imposed upon them for non-representation at (the final) roll call."

Immediately following the closing of Grand Chapter the Annual Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests was held, when about the usual proportion, approximately a half, of the High Priests to the number of Chapters were set apart to that order.

Appreciating that there was no use in further "kicking against the pricks," Grand Secretary and Past Grand High Priest George A. Kies gets right down to business and again presents a Review of other Grand Chapters second to none.

Under Florida he is glad that Grand High Priest Wirt did not issue a single "hurry-up" dispensation. He is courteous and complimentary to the writer of this by reproducing with apparent approval several comments. Thank you.

Next Annual in Hartford, May 10 and 11, 1927.

Elbert L. Darbie, Danielson, Grand High Priest;
George A. Kies, Hartford, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

DELAWARE—1926

Chapters, 5. Members, 2,068. Exalted, 49.
Net Gain, 3.

WEST A. TROTTER, Grand High Priest.

Of course the attendance of Grand Officers and Chapter Representatives was 100 per cent plus at the Fifty-eighth Annual, held in Wilmington, January 20, 1926; besides there were oodles of Permanent Members and distinguished visitors from New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York, and Florida's Grand Representative, E. Comp. Leslie W. Stout, as well.

This sentence in the opening part of the address of the Grand High Priest indicates the Capitular condition existing in Delaware:

We have been making no special efforts towards any particular objective and for this reason the year has passed quietly. It is our good fortune to report that a gain has been made in our membership, although very small.

All the Chapters were officially visited and he was privileged to include three visits of an inter-jurisdictional character, although he regretted that he found it necessary to decline as many more.

He was requested to do courtesy work for Nevada, but by the time the preliminaries were arranged the recipient-to-be had evidently changed his mind and the efforts were as "sweetness wasted on the desert air."

The Order of High Priesthood being compulsory, all elected High Priests were instructed to forward their certificates of election immediately after the election had taken place.

Nothing else of outside importance was submitted by the Grand High Priest. All matters seemed to have been transacted in a Masonic and business-like way, and he was appreciative of the privileges and honors he had received which he expressed as he said, "before I pass the game to my successor." References are often made to the importance and seriousness of Capitular work, but this is the first time the writer recalls having seen the term "game" so used.

Grand Chapter is so well satisfied with its present ritual that it adopted the committee's report which recommended no changes being made.

One of the standing committees, seldom noticed, is that of Past Grand High Priest's Portrait.

Following requirement, each of the five High Priests-elect were advanced to the Order of High Priesthood, and the Recorder was instructed to purchase an individual service set for use in conferring this degree.

For the tenth time Past Grand King Thos. J. Day presents a Review of Proceedings which, though brief, contains much of interest and instructions for the Delaware Companions, and the other readers as well. He finds several features worth noting in Florida's 1925 Proceedings, and with no adverse comment. Being a regular Florida winter visitor he can speak with authority, for his peregrinations always include a call on ye scribe. He has our permission to come oftener and remain longer. And this is a blanket invitation and not confined to members of the Guild either.

Next Annual in Wilmington, Jan. 19, 1927.

George O. Fearon, Georgetown, Grand High Priest;
John W. Macklem, Grand Secretary, and Thos. J. Day,
Correspondent, both of Wilmington.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—1926

Chapters, 16. Members, 6,558. Exalted, 316.
Net Loss, 53.

J. DAVIS BRADFIELD, Grand High Priest.

Representatives from every Chapter, half a dozen Past Grands and all the regular officers were present when the gavel fell at the Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation, held in Washington, Feb. 10, 1926. Grand Lodge, Grand Commandery and Grand Council, were also represented. Weather conditions were responsible for the absence of Past General Grand High Priest George E. Corson and Past Grand High Priest W. W. Jermyne, and illness for other Past Grands. Grand Secretary Emeritus Arvine W. Johnston was a hospital inmate as a result of a fall, but no excuse is offered for the absence of Florida's spokesman.

During the year the last summons came to one member of the Permanent Family, M. E. Comp. Harrison Dingman, who was Grand High Priest in 1893.

No disturbances having arisen among the workmen, the address of the Grand High Priest was of an encouraging nature, in which he sought by frequent personal contact to promote a spirit of fraternity, whereby the privileges of Capitular Masonry would be better appreciated and its material interests advanced.

No necessity for formal decisions were needed, for access to the Grand High Priest and the Grand Secretary were always available and a free discussion of the problems made solutions easy.

Of the two dispensations, one was granted because it was for a constitutional requirement but the other was re-

fused, being a permission to ballot short of time. The reason advanced was that the petitioner wished to join a Commandery with some friends, which of course was not of sufficient importance to strain if not break a constitutional provision.

Grand High Priest Bradfield discusses at considerable length the present condition of the Craft, induced, no doubt, by the fact that while the exaltations and reinstatements for the last two years were about the same, there was a material increase in the number of those dimitted and suspended for non-payment of dues. These conditions prevail in many other Grand Chapters to a greater or less extent. He reasons with many others that the real solution of this problem will be the making of Royal Arch Masonry more attractive to its adherents. As the conclusions reached by him are equally applicable to the Royal Craft at large, the crux is here presented:

If we can find means by which to insure the active participation of a large number of our Companions in the work undertaken by the Chapters, we shall have solved the problem of retaining and increasing our membership. I do not mean participation in the ritualistic work, for necessarily the number who may actively participate in that is limited, but there are many other lines of activities in which we might engage with resulting benefit to us as individuals, as communities and as an organization, and the successful High Priest will find channels into which he may direct the energies of his members and foster their interest in and devotion to the Royal Arch.

One of the very practical methods already being put into operation, and which is shared by all the Masonic and pseudo-Masonic Bodies in the District, is the reorganization of the Masonic Employment Bureau. It will be under the control of the Grand Lodge and gives great promise of being a real service. This altruistic work

is not confined to this one city alone but is being employed in some form in many of the great centers throughout the country.

Different methods for improving ritualistic proficiency are being used, each of which are producing results, but it appears to the writer that the Grand Bodies using the Grand Lecturer plan in connection with the Schools of Instruction are reporting the greater benefits. This is the plan pursued in the District of Columbia. Grand High Priest Bradfield speaks in high terms of the proficiency attained by the officers as well as the splendid attendance.

When the Grand High Priest so fully covers all the business of the year in his address there is but little for the several Committees to do but to report "nothing has been referred to us." So it is there is nothing else left for the reviewer to say but, "Me, too."

Two Conventions of the Order of High Priesthood were held, the first to receive the fourteen petitions presented and elect officers for the next year, and the second, about a month later, to consecrate and set apart the petitioners and hold the annual banquet. Florida has not yet reached the banquet stage.

"The big rush is over," is the way Past Grand High Priest W. W. Jermane starts off his Doings of the Various Grand Chapters in the Capitular World. By this he means that some of those who came in with the crowd during war time conditions are now quietly leaving by dimit and suspension. He further adds:

I have said several times in the course of this review, the pendulum, having swung violently to one side of the arc of the circle, is due to swing just as violently to the other side, and is now doing it. There is no human agency that can stop the operation of that law. * * *

There isn't anything serious about it, or that should cause worry. We shall weather the storm. * * *

Let us get it out of our heads that the blame rests with individuals in the constituent Chapters. They are as powerless as everybody else. The law of compensation is at work, and all we can do is to sit tight, know that things are going to come out alright and that there is no occasion for alarm, even in the milder forms.

With all due respect to our esteemed Companion, the writer of this, who has been secretary of his Lodge and Chapter several years, is convinced there would have been more suspensions in both bodies had the secretary been less diligent, and he does not believe his experience is an exception.

Companion Jermane's is a well written review of Florida, plainly showing that it is the work of a trained newspaper man of years of experience. He particularly commends the erection of monuments over the deceased Grand High Priests as an innovation and expresses the wish "that it may be adopted elsewhere." He opines that it is doubtful if there will ever be a unanimity in the matter of head covering of the High Priest while presiding. Noting that the Grand High Priest was also ex-officio Grand Lecturer, he believes it would be better to elect or appoint a Grand Lecturer as one of the Grand Chapter Officers, for, he says:

Without the constant oversight of such an officer, the tendency on the part of Chapter Officers invariably is to fall below the required standards of ritualistic proficiency. If this isn't true in Florida, that State is an exception to the rule.

Next Annual in Washington, Feb. 9, 1927.

Daniel G. Davis, Grand High Priest; J. Claude Keiper, Grand Secretary; W. W. Jermane, Correspondent; all of Washington.

ENGLAND AND WALES

After an absence of five years in Australia, M. W. The Earl of Stradbroke, Pro Grand Master, presided at the Quarterly held Aug. 31, 1926, and he stated that he felt it was a "very great honor indeed to have been appointed year after year," during his absence.

Advices received from a deputation from the various Grand Masonic Bodies of England who were making a trip through South Africa, contain this interesting information:

We had a Mark Lodge there (Grahamtown) that night, the work was very good indeed, a Craft meeting last Saturday, a K.T. meeting tonight, a Craft meeting again tomorrow and on Wednesday, we give the Thirtieth degree to about six candidates.

It is quite evident that from a Masonic point of view, things are going well, and a pleasant side of it is that all the different Degrees are being worked together in unity.

I will not go into details now about the relations between the different Constitutions, but these are very amicable.

GEORGIA—1926

Chapters, 163. Members, 18,516. Exalted, 675.
Net Loss, 399.

WILLIAM A. SIMS, Grand High Priest.

Good reasons, presumably, account for the rather large net loss in membership during the year, as well as the lack of representation of approximately a third of the subordinate Chapters at the One Hundred and Fourth Annual, held in Macon, April 28 and 29, 1926. This in

a measure, however, was overcome by the presence of every Grand Officer, most of the Past Grands as well as the presiding officers of Grand Lodge, Grand Council and Grand Commandery, and of course Florida, because it was represented by the Grand High Priest himself.

Three vacancies occurred in the ranks of the Past Grand Officers: M. .E. .Comp. Jacob A. Walton, Past Grand High Priest, 1908-09; E. .Comp. Harry S. Colding, Grand Captain of the Host in 1910; M. .E. .Comp. James W. Taylor, Grand High Priest, 1886 to 1893, and General Grand High Priest 1900; also Grand Master of the Grand Lodge and of the Grand Council. His Masonic career was notable in many ways, as the records show:

He was initiated by Haralson Lodge No. 142, on October 25, 1854, the day he was twenty-one years old, and was raised on November 25th. Five years later he entered the Grand Lodge of Georgia and until October, 1925, never missed a roll call of the Grand Lodge. During the Civil war he obtained a furlough to attend Grand Lodge. He was elected Grand Master in 1896. He was exalted in 1863, and in 1875 was the first High Priest of a newly constituted Chapter, continuing in that office several years, and for forty years was the treasurer of the same Chapter. Was elected Grand High Priest in 1886 and General Grand High Priest in 1900; and in 1924 was elected Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Council. He was one of the original members of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home and it is said he never missed a meeting of the Board for more than twenty years. This is a wonderful record and it is very doubtful if it can be duplicated.

The address of the Grand High Priest indicates that he was a man of vision, to which he added a year of service, and that he had a good and definite reason for all his official acts, which met the unqualified approval of Grand Chapter. However, much of his administration pertained to internal matters of no special interest to the outlanders.

With one exception he was in attendance at all of the District Conventions. He made as many Chapter visitations as conditions would permit besides being present at several gatherings of a more general nature.

No applications for new Charters were received, and in view of the apparent lack of interest in some already established, perhaps it is just as well, although he found some places that he believed should have Chapters.

Grand Chapter is engaged in the very commendable effort of assisting the Grand Lodge in building and furnishing a cottage at Alto for tubercular children, there being at this time no other place in the State where these unfortunate little ones can be sent for treatment. An additional appropriation for this project was made by Grand Chapter. Grand Chapter is also working in connection with Grand Lodge in erecting a new Auditorium and Office Building.

He ruled that a High Priest who left the State permanently after being installed could not retain his title. Also that an applicant who had resided out of the State more than six months, but who still claimed Georgia as his residence, would not be entitled to receive the degrees in a Georgia Chapter, for he rightfully belonged to the Chapter in the city in which he was then living; but that Chapter would not have the right to accept the application without a waiver of jurisdiction.

The Grand High Priest heartily favors the custom previously established of granting a general dispensation to all Chapters which permitted them to confer all the degrees on a specified date, thus making it convenient for the Brethren whose duties prevent them from being present at the regular schedule dates. Some three hundred took advantage of this special opportunity throughout the

State. There is such a thing as obtaining privileges so easily that they are not prized.

He believed there was a great opportunity for members of the Craft by contributions to preserve in print Masonic history, symbolism and philosophy through the columns of the Masonic Messenger, the official organ, edited by the Grand Secretary, and published at the Masonic Home Print Shop, which also prints the proceedings of the several Grand Bodies.

This wording appearing under the heading of "Lodge Notices," in a city daily, came to the attention of the Grand High Priest:

Notice—Any Mason in good standing within a radius of ten miles of * * * who desires to take all the Royal Arch Degrees, together with the four Council Degrees, all for \$40, may do so by applying to * * *. You may pay \$20 down and balance in sixty days if you so desire. You will get all the degrees at * * *, but your application must be returned in time to be voted on that night. Tell others—a swell dinner for all.

Investigation showed that the advertisement was without authority from the Chapter. The Grand High Priest felt he was justified in censuring the Companion, who took the attitude that he believed he was within his rights in his actions and that he had not "disobeyed any obligation ever taken by me, or any Masonic law." Apparently the Jurisprudence Committee accepted his explanation and passed it over as the "unfortunate act of one over zealous member," and recommended:

That such practices cannot be too heartily condemned, and further recommended that such conduct will constitute a Masonic offense and subject the offender to Masonic discipline.

Grand Chapter has a wonder in its Grand Secretary-Grand Lecturer, R. E. Comp. Edgar A. McHan, who

holds a similar position in Grand Council, and is also Grand Lecturer in both Grand Lodge and Grand Commandery. During the year he made, he states, 135 visitations, to make which he traveled more than 25,000 miles, most of which were in an auto. He is also chairman of the Grand Lodge Building Committee to raise funds for the cottage for tubercular children, and editor of the Masonic Messenger. He admits that "my spare time has been fairly well taken up in Masonic work." But being a busy man he finds time to devote to his church work, as a deacon and the leader of the Bible Class. And we doubt if there be another man in the whole State of Georgia who gets more real pleasure out of his work than does Companion McHan. May his tribe increase.

Once again the report on Foreign Correspondence is submitted by E. Comp. Pleasant T. McCutchen, the handle of whose name very appropriately describes the work presented. He finds so much to commend that there seems to be little room left for criticism. Particularly is this true in his review of Florida, and for which he will please accept "Thank you."

Next Annual in Macon, April 27 and 28, 1926.

Hugh W. Taylor, Cuthbert, Grand High Priest; Edgar A. McHan, Macon, Grand Secretary; P. T. McCutchen, Franklin, Correspondent.

IDAHO—1926

Chapters, 24. Members, 2,775. Exalted, 119.
Net Gain, 77.

MATTES MATTSON, Grand High Priest.

Considering geographical and physical conditions, Capitular Masonry made a splendid showing, only one Grand Officer and one Subordinate Chapter representative missing, when the Eighteenth Annual convened in Wallace, May 19, 1926. It would have been nearer 100 per cent perfect if Florida had been represented. M. E. Comp. James H. Richmond was present as the personal representative of the Grand High Priest of Oregon.

The Grand High Priest held that a Companion should visit a Chapter before application for affiliation is balloted upon; but Grand Chapter disagreed. Undoubtedly the latter is more commonly observed, but ye scribe believes that the ruling of the Grand High Priest ought to be more general, for as he looks at it there are many reasons favoring visitation first and very few against it.

There being some doubt about the use of one substitute in the Royal Arch degree, Grand Chapter adopted this amendment, which is also the way Florida and many other Grand Chapters look at it, and which in the opinion of ye scribe is the only way it was originally intended:

Any number may be given all parts of the Degree of Royal Arch and the lectures appertaining thereto, except that only one trio shall be exalted at one and the same time. "Exaltation" consists in the communication to the trio, as per ritual, of the G. R. A. W. and G. S. N.

One Chapter was constituted. Approval was given to the collection of "pennies" to be presented to the Supreme Council in Washington.

An original poem of two stanzas by the Grand High Priest expressed the sentiments of the Grand Chapter at the Christmas Observances of the Knights Templar of Idaho.

Undoubtedly the most noteworthy event of the year was the visitation of the Grand High Priest, accompanied most of the time by the Grand Lecturer, to every subordinate Chapter in Idaho. It is partially summarized in the report of the Grand Lecturer:

When we started out in his automobile on October 6th it took us more than a month to visit the Chapters in the Idaho Jurisdiction, and I assure you it is no small matter to leave your business and travel more than 3,000 miles of mountains and plains through Oregon, Washington and Montana. When we left Wallace, Idaho, we had to go to Missoula, Montana; from there we had to cross the Continental Divide to get to Salmon City, Idaho, and often had to travel nights and Sundays to reach our destination. But through it all he was all a Grand High Priest should be—courageous and faithful to the end—and he deserves well at the hands of the Craft, and we can say of him, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Recognition was given the Grand Chapter of Queensland, which one is not stated. Ye scribe often wonders if the claims for recognition advanced by each of the Grand Chapters in Queensland have been always carefully and thoroughly investigated by the Grand Chapters which have accorded them recognition?

Grand Chapter approved the recommendation of the reading of the essential parts of the Proceedings in the Chapters, with the additional requirement that this be reported to the Grand Secretary within ten days thereafter.

Hereafter all Chapters failing to make Annual returns within the required time will be penalized and if not paid in thirty days a more severe penalty will be imposed. Laws lose their efficiency when not enforced.

Companion Geo. E. Knepper, who again presents a very informative and interesting fraternal Correspondence Report, says he would not know what an Order of High Priesthood looked like if he saw it coming towards him. And he intimates he does not expect to know. Something wrong somewhere.

Under Florida this pertinent comment by Companion Knepper precedes the quotations from the address of Grand High Priest Erle Wirt anent the last General Grand Chapter:

The Florida delegation was said to be one of the largest [if not the largest] delegations in attendance. It had representation on three committees. This was doubtless owing to the fact that Florida was a bigger man than the General Grand Chapter, as indicated in the quotations from the address of the Grand High Priest.

His other comments are friendly and his approval is appreciated. Thank you.

Howard R. McBride, Kellogg, Grand High Priest; Edward H. Way, Boise, Grand Secretary; Geo. E. Knepper, Correspondent—wish somewhere he would state where he lives.

ILLINOIS—1926

Chapters, 242. Members, 90,565. Exalted, 4,277.
Net Gain, 1,565.

A. J. SCHATTGEN, Grand High Priest.

Although not equalling previous years in net gain in members, yet Grand Secretary Jeffers rejoiced that "we still lead in point of numbers among the various Grand Chapters." And with the exception of Florida's Grand Representative, most every one that ought to be was in attendance when the Seventy-seventh Annual convened in Chicago, October 28, 1926.

Four times during the year did the Supreme Grand High Priest send his imperial summons to members of the Permanent Family: M. .E. .Comp. George W. Curtiss, Grand High Priest in 1886, and Grand Treasurer since 1903; M. .E. .Comp. Arthur E. Wood, Grand High Priest in 1917; M. .E. .Comp. W. C. Hadley, Grand High Priest in 1917; M. .E. .Comp. Hiram A. Clevestine, Grand High Priest in 1924.

By relegating all of his official acts as well as the reports of the District Inspectors to an Addenda, the address of Grand High Priest Schattgen occupied less than half a dozen pages of the Proceedings.

So well posted, seemingly, were the officers of the various Chapters in law and usage that nearly every question submitted to the Grand High Priest was answered by reference to the Code; and well might he have sung "O happy condition." The only exception appearing was whether wrestling and boxing bouts were permissible as a part of a Chapter's evening entertainment, and this was the mild reply:

That while there is probably a time and place for such exhibitions, they are not to be included as a part of the program of entertainment sponsored by a Royal Arch Chapter, or by Royal Arch Masons acting as such.

During the year two Chapters were constituted and dispensations granted for two others, one of which will get a charter, but the other coming in near the eleventh hour was told to wait another year.

Five successful Schools of Instruction were held during the year, all of which were attended not only by the Grand High Priest and many others of the Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter, but also by the Grand Commander of Knights Templar and other officers of the Grand Commendery, and is the first instance ye scribe recalls where mention is made of Templar Officers attending Chapter Schools of Instruction. That certainly indicates close connections between Capitular and Templar Masonry.

Noting that Grand Chapters with smaller membership were being well represented at the Grand Chapter Triennials, he recommended that Illinois take due notice, which it did by arranging not only to send its four Council Officers but also all Past Grands who could attend. If its full quota take advantage of this, Florida will have to look well to the prestige it acquired last year of having the largest number of Permanent Members of the General Grand in attendance.

Undoubtedly the Grand High Priest secured all necessary information from the concise reports of the District Inspectors, but there is little information for the outsiders and possibly not much more for the insiders.

Fraternal relations were re-established with the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons of England and Wales, which

were severed in 1884, when that Body invaded the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Quebec.

So smoothly do matters Capitular move in this premier Grand Chapter that all its recorded activities were to formally receive and accept the various committee reports and the acts of the Grand High Priest as well.

One hundred and seven qualified High Priests were consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood. To be sure if Florida had that number it would take more than the hour allotted, to which Companion Turnbull refers in his Correspondence Report, and which is his eighth to the Grand Chapter of Illinois.

Correctly believing that "anything of interest to Masonry in general should have the attention of Capitular Masons," he considers the tuberculosis question is of vital interest to the Masonic fraternity. He was staggered by the amount expended for relief in one city in the Southwest alone, more than half of which came from the local Craft, and he intimated that we ought to be zealous in partially relieving the financial strain of those faithful Brethren.

Companion Turnbull is impressed with the "very genial, friendly face" of Grand High Priest T. T. Todd, of Florida, the expression of which, he says, "shows the emotions he evidently felt" when he delivered his address, parts of which are quoted. Referring to the division of the jurisdiction into districts he says:

If these deputies do what is expected of them they will smoke out a lot of irregularities and perhaps uncover much promising material that only needs encouragement to become leaders in future years.

Next Annual in Chicago, Oct. 27 and 28, 1927.

Willis McFeely, Chicago, Grand High Priest; James

E. Jeffers, Springfield, Grand Secretary; E. R. Turnbull, Carlinville, Correspondent.

INDIANA—1926

Chapters, 123. Members, 33,418. Exalted, 1,121.
Net Gain, 57.

KARL F. BOSWORTH, Grand High Priest.

It was a splendid array of Officers and mere Members from the Senior Past Grand High Priest to those who were present for the first time as well as distinguished visitors galore who took part in the formal opening of the Eighty-first Annual in Elkhart, Oct. 20, 1926; Florida being also represented. Many of the visitors "delighted the assembled Companions with happy and inspiring remarks."

Grand High Priest Bosworth did not deem it necessary to recapitulate what many of his hearers already knew, but got down to business at once in giving an account of his official acts for the year. They included dispensations for two new Chapters which were granted charters. Two Chapters of the previous year's vintage were constituted and two consolidations were reported. It was also intimated that a further consolidation treatment might be likewise beneficial.

Three special dispensations were quite properly refused for the good reason that the "Grand High Priest has not the power to grant them." Sometime, let us hope, Masonic presiding officers will not be expected to become wilful law breakers.

One of his decisions was: "Exaltation has been declared by this Grand Chapter not to take place until investiture of the word."

He regretted that he was not able to accept many of the invitations he received, but it was "his good fortune to be able to accept some of them," both inside and outside the State.

He was particularly gratified that for the first time in many years, the annual returns were filed with the Grand Secretary within the time required. Also that the so-called Moon schedule was now obsolete, and all the Chapters are working under stipulated calendar dates. Among the courtesy requests was one to have Sarasota Chapter No. 35 confer all the degrees.

Irregular as well as complicated was where a petitioner was rejected in one Chapter and petitioned another two months later, was elected and received the degrees. Later it appeared, that the first Chapter, which it seems was more at fault than the petitioner, was justly reprimanded. The Grand High Priest further said:

Incidentally, we should remember that Chapters oftener than petitioners, are guilty of the illegalities that appear on the face of petitions, and that their faults should not be shifted to the shoulders of the petitioner, except for cause fully proved.

Chapters and members who complain of vacant chairs may well take note of this from the Grand Lecturer's report, which indicates what can be accomplished when the Companions enter into the spirit of the work: "With 129 Companions present when the Chapter was opened there were 127 present when it was closed."

Grand Secretary Woods reports two clandestine Chapters in Indiana: Garfield No. 9, at Marion, and Ivanhoe No. 17 at Rushville, and also one at Hagerstown,

Maryland. This is the first reference in a long time to clandestine Chapters that ye scribe recalls.

Hereafter members attending Grand Chapter will be allowed one day going and returning in addition to the two days in attendance. But the Committee on Claims reported adversely on the recommendation of the Grand High Priest in the matter of relief to Florida tornado sufferers, "in view of the condition of the finances of the Grand Chapter." Neither did Grand Chapter look with favor upon an additional \$500 for the expenses of the Grand High Priest, for the reason that:

Any appropriation made to the Grand High Priest is in the nature of an honorarium and not a salary. The time has not yet arrived when there is a dearth of competent Companions who are willing to accept this office without the hope of any fee or reward whatever.

Loose-leaf minute records are taboo in Indiana, for a pre-requisite to one of the new U. D. Chapters receiving its charter is the re-writing of its minutes from the beginning in a substantially bound volume, as well as adhering to the forms prescribed by Grand Chapter.

This admonition from the report of the Committee on Inspection is equally applicable in Florida or elsewhere:

Chapters should learn that being merely a good fellow does not fit a Companion for a high office. Every office in a Chapter is a preferred one and deserves the best effort of those elected or appointed. The candidate meets the minor officers first, and gains an early impression of what is to follow. If there is dignity and personality shown the candidate on his first appearance, and the same degree of elevated action is carried through to the end, the candidate will not only have a high regard for the experience he has had, but those Companions who attend the meetings will be edified.

Under these circumstances there will be no cry of small attendance, but the Companions will come to see and hear, and find a new love for Royal Arch Masonry.

According to the Condensed History of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, compiled by Grand Secretary and Past Grand High Priest Robert A. Woods, the first Chapter in Indiana was organized in Madison, July 14, 1819. The first Grand Chapter, composed of three Chapters, met in Madison, May 13, 1823, but never functioned and was legally dissolved. It, however, paved the way for the present Grand Chapter, which was organized December 25, 1845, in which four Chapters participated.

Sixty-two qualified Companions were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

So readable and instructive is the sixteenth Annual Capitular Review by Past Grand High Priest Robert A. Woods that the evening we gave to it ran into the wee sma' hours, and it was time well spent.

He truly calls the address of Grand High Priest T. T. Todd "concise, clear, and satisfactory," but he is not quite sure whether his Christian name is "Theophilus Theophratus" or merely "Tom Tom," and he hopes to get it correctly on his records some time. Will M. E. Companion Todd please take notice? There will no doubt, however, be an opportunity to settle it at Denver. Referring to ye scribe, we see ourselves as others see us:

He does not always agree with this writer, but that is simply an evidence that he has a mind of his own and the nerve to state his conclusions as he finds them.

Next Annual in Marion, Oct. 19 and 20, 1927.

Eleazar K. Amsden, Waldron, Grand High Priest;
Robert A. Woods, Princeton, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

IOWA—1926

Chapters, 127. Members, 23,727. Exalted, 873.
Net Loss, 133.

ARTHUR D. MEEKER, Grand High Priest.

Nearly one-quarter of the subordinate Chapters were not represented at the Seventy-third Annual, held in Dubuque, Oct. 14 and 15, 1926. All the Grand Officers, several Past Grands, distinguished out-of-state visitors and of course Florida's Representative, the Grand High Priest himself, were in attendance.

Many will agree in this conclusion of Grand High Priest Meeker:

I do not concur in the idea that subordinate Chapters are merely a mill to provide new Royal Arch Masons to rehearse the ritual. A Chapter of Royal Arch Masons should be regarded as a place of meeting or home for the Companions, and while new members are desirable and that work should be encouraged, no Chapter should be derived of its home because it does not produce new members each year.

Not being called upon to render any decisions, he aptly concludes that the Companions are reading the law.

Because a Chapter had offered a prize of a \$50.00 silk flag to the Lodge that furnished the most petitions before a certain date it asked for a dispensation to receive and ballot on petitions at a special convocation. Which of course was denied and with this merited reprimand:

I was very much surprised and did not suppose a Chapter in our jurisdiction would stoop so low as to offer a prize to obtain candidates.

Although other matters prevented him making but few visitations, yet his observations were that schools of

instructions had now accomplished largely the purposes for which they were intended, and he recommended that these schools be temporarily discontinued, but Grand Chapter deemed it wise to give them another trial.

Neither did Grand Chapter approve another recommendation which suggested the repeal of regulations requiring proficiency and examination in a degree before advancement. If such regulations were more general there would be more Royal Arch Masons, even though there might be less new members. Also this from a committee report is worthy of the attention of every reader:

Whether or not there is work to do, let each officer and member prepare themselves so that when the work does come they will be able to do it.

From the specimens of the work presented, it appears that no disturbances have arisen among the workmen and a quietude of peace seems to have settled over the quarries, while no particularly new designs are shown on the trestleboard.

Less than a third of the qualified High Priests were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood. Wonder if President Huttenlocher is still considering a get-together of the Presidents of the Order of High Priesthood at the coming Denver Triennial? Such a gathering would no doubt awaken enthusiasm among those present, even if it did not result in the formation of some sort of an organization. Of course as a people we are, as some express it, "organized to death," but another one would not materially complicate the symptoms.

Companion Past Grand High Priest Edward W. Willard commenced his correspondence work in Grand Chapter about the same time as did ye scribe, as he recalls it, and Companion Willard has served well his con-

stituent readers. This year he gives them this wise admonition, and in which others may share:

Companions, what are you and your Chapters doing to enlighten the newly initiate, to prepare him for an unselfish usefulness, and to start him on a successful Masonic career? What kind of preparation has been given him, that he may assist in expounding true Masonic light and knowledge? These are some of the things worth while. Give them careful consideration.

He finds little of interest in the Florida proceedings and comments are not in evidence.

Next Annual in Council Bluffs, June 14 and 15, 1927.

James H. Sterling, Eagle Grove, Grand High Priest;
O. F. Graves, Harlan, Grand Secretary; E. M. Willard,
Atlantic, Correspondent.

KENTUCKY—1926

Chapters, 147. Members, 19,283. Advanced, 667.

Net Loss, 755.

FRANK D. RASH, Grand High Priest.

It is interesting to note the optimism of Grand High Priest Rash, who rejoices "in the splendid condition of this Grand Chapter," with the returns showing a net loss in membership of 755, and 1,114 suspensions. However, no doubt that represents the driftwood and drones, and emphasizes that quality not quantity is what actually counts in the last analysis.

This also carried out in the attendance at the One Hundred and ninth Annual, held in Louisville, Oct. 19

and 20, 1926, with only one Grand Officer and one living Past Grand High Priest absent, illness accounting for both these, and when the roll of Grand Representatives was called "all but two or three rose in response," Virgil P. Smith representing Florida.

The sad feature of the year was the "calling to his great reward" of M. E. William R. Johnston, the Junior Past Grand High Priest of Kentucky.

Not overly burdensome appeared to have been the demands made upon Grand High Priest Rash for decisions and dispensations, these and all other acts being approved. Although the law permitting the granting of dispensations to ballot out of time "was repealed some ten or fifteen years ago," yet one such request was made. One new Chapter was instituted and one charter arrested. And one duplicate charter was granted to a Chapter which originally was chartered in 1871, and was dormant from 1881 to 1891, when it was permitted to resume labor, but apparently its charter was not returned, and it had been getting along since without a charter, so the Grand High Priest ordered a duplicate without further expense.

Hereafter Grand Secretary Holland will refer all letters from Grand Representatives "to the Representative of his State near the Grand Chapter of Kentucky for response and further communication." A good suggestion and well worth trying.

Very encouraging is the report of the Educational Trustees which show that seventy-six wards are being cared for, an increase of six over the previous year, and which is sponsored by the York Rite Bodies and the Eastern Star. This report states in part:

This work, Brethren, challenges the best in Masonry, and it has been engaged in long enough (for eleven years has passed since it was organized) for us to judge its results; and those of us who

are familiar with them are deeply impressed with the profound wisdom of the Masons of Kentucky in creating such an agency.

Grand Chapter evidenced its interest in the New Masonic Widows and Orphan's Home and Infirmary by appropriating \$20,000. One of the new buildings will be designated as "The Building of The Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons."

The Order of High Priesthood, whatever may be its specific title, is a separate and distinct organization, as ye scribe understands it, and no reference to it appears in the Grand Chapter Proceedings.

Ye scribe always turns with pleasure as well as profit to the "Doings of Other Grand Chapters," by Past Grand Master William W. Clarke, whose comments are positive as well as informative, even though we may not always see exactly alike in the conclusions.

But this does not at all apply to his comment upon the stand taken by Florida's Grand High Priest, Erle Wirt in the Texas embroglio, for after quoting from it he says: "The writer of this report heartily concurs in the position taken by the Grand Chapter of Florida."

For this and other favorable comments, Companion Clarke, thank you.

Next Annual in Louisville, Oct. 18 and 19, 1927.

Virgil P. Smith, Somerset, Grand High Priest; G. Allison Holland, Lexington, Grand Secretary; W. W. Clarke, Owensboro, Correspondent.

LOUISIANA—1926

Chapters, 59. Members, 9,350. Exalted, 497.
Net Gain, 210.

LEON S. HAAS, Grand High Priest.

No outstanding event appears to have characterized the Seventy-ninth Annual, held in New Orleans, Feb. 2 and 3, 1926. Only one was missing from the regular officers; there was a goodly number of Past Grands and many more Past High Priests and Representatives of subordinate Chapters, but no one to speak for Florida.

Fraternalism lost a leader and a faithful worker when the final summons came to M. E. Comp. Joseph Sinai, Past Grand High Priest in 1922. He was also a Past Grand Master in Grand Lodge and in Grand Council and attained much distinction in the Scottish Rite as well.

The record of the official acts of Grand High Priest Haas indicate that the burden was light and the yoke easy, nothing being reported during the year to disturb the peace and harmony of Capitular Masonry.

Business matters prevented him from making many official visitations, but this in a measure was overcome by the activities of the Grand Lecturer, who visited 55 out of the 59 subordinate Chapters, "some of them more than once, and many of them often." And he was pleased to find that "most of the Chapters are making some effort to function as they are expected to do, and much improvement has been made in Chapter activity in the last few years." He, however, feels impressed to say that the visiting of Chapters by the Grand High Priest himself "carries with such visits a sentimental influence for good that cannot be overestimated."

In the light of the foregoing this part of the address of the Grand High Priest is interesting:

If Capitular Masonry is to succeed in this Grand Jurisdiction, every Companion Royal Arch Mason must endeavor to live up to his obligation. He must dispense light to his less informed Companions. My own experience is that we are not willing to forego our own pleasures and make the sacrifice of giving a little time and attention to Capitular Masonry.

The decisions of the Grand High Priest brought out no new constructions and most if not all were of such a nature that any High Priest might have answered them himself had he been a student of Masonic laws. The writer sometimes wonders when the time will come when Masonic presiding officers will realize that the obligations they assume on installation are not mere lip service?

The Grand High Priest concluded his address with a brief dissertation on the symbolism of the lost word and its interpretation coupled with the admonition that "we must practice service and self sacrifice."

The further business of Grand Chapter included the approving of the acts of the Grand High Priest and the presentation and adoption of the reports of the several committees, which brought out that Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1 had disbursed during the year \$11,553.97 in connection with the Relief Association of the United States and Canada, and in which Grand Chapter had done its part.

At the Most Excellent Council of High Priesthood eleven petitioners were elected and set apart to that Holy Order.

Notwithstanding the many other arduous duties of Grand Secretary John A. Davilla he found time to present, as usual, a report of Foreign Correspondence that

is as interesting as it is illuminating, in which important matters are given consideration. Florida is given due attention and his favorable comments are appreciated.

Incidentally permit us to add that the spelling of our first name differs from that of Eli the Priest, and we lay no claim to his prophetic qualifications.

Next Annual in New Orleans, Feb. 8 and 9, 1927.

H. W. Palfrey, Alexandria, Grand High Priest; John A. Davilla, New Orleans, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

MAINE—1926

Chapters, 69. Members, 17,731. Exalted, 667.
Net Gain, 333.

GEORGE H. BANGS, Grand High Priest.

For the purpose of constituting Medomak Chapter and Hiram Chapter, two Special Convocations were held, at both of which Grand High Priest Bangs presided and most of the other officers assisted; a splendid evidence that Capitular Masonry is a popular force in this eastern most part of our country.

At the One Hundred and First Annual, held in Portland, May 4 and 5, 1926, all the officers were present, fourteen of the fifteen living Past Grands, and most of the other Permanent Members and Chapter representatives, the other ten and Florida's Representative being about the only others of importance who could not make it convenient to "do their bit." The Grand Chapter of Maine have many reasons to throw bouquets to itself

During the year the imperative summons came to R. E. Harry E. Larrabee, Grand King in 1919, and Thomas E. McDonald, Grand Scribe in 1919.

Owing to the prevailing conditions among the Royal Craft, Grand High Priest Bangs had an easy year of it, as brought out in his address, in which he enumerates some of the great ideals—objects of Masonic study—the supreme thought at this time being how faithfully they have been carried out, and so truthfully adding:

Whatever the results, the effect must incite us with resolute determination to press onward with still greater effort for the advancement of our sublime organization.

The Grand High Priest presented a detailed summary of the condition of the Craft, both numerically and financially, and he is pleased that on the whole there is an improvement over last year.

He inspected all the Chapters assigned to himself besides making other semi-official visitations, not enumerated; however, conflicting engagements prevented him from accepting several inter-jurisdictional invitations. While this course may have deprived him of personal pleasures, yet we opine that the Craft within the State was the gainer whenever a choice was necessary.

The dispensations granted and other official acts performed were according to law and of course approved. He reports no questions requiring decisions, all of which indicate an almost ideal condition of Royal Arch Masonry. This appears to be confirmed in the quite full reports of the other inspecting officers, who visited nearly every Chapter. The Grand Lecturer also reported that the attendance at the Schools of Instruction are increasing yearly as well as the enthusiasm, and that

a better knowledge of the ritual and its applications are being gained.

Among the recommendations of the Grand High Priest was one to change the time of the Annual Meetings of the Chapters, all to come in one month, but the Jurisprudence Committee, the court of last resort, said in effect let well enough alone. Of course that is their business and we have no right to "butt in," but just the same it seems to the writer that this irregularity must be very annoying to the Grand Secretary. However, if he can "get by," outsiders ought not to concern themselves.

The Grand High Priest questioned the wisdom of any Chapter sponsoring the cause of any non-Masonic or junior organization, and the Jurisconsults sided with him this time and recommended, which Grand Chapter adopted:

That no Chapter within this Grand Jurisdiction be allowed to give its support, as such, to any society, order or organization, whatever its aims, purposes or conditions of eligibility.

During the year dispensations were granted to form Mt. Sinai Chapter in the city of Portland, and Boaz Chapter in New Gloucester; the work in both passing inspection, charters were granted them.

Twenty-eight Companions petitioned and were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

No less interesting and on the whole more informative is the Report on Correspondence by Past Grand High Priest Thomas H. Bodge. The writer being privileged to count him a personal friend, wouldn't find imperfections in it if he could; but, moreover, he couldn't if he would.

Under Florida, Companion Bodge finds several parts of the address of Grand High Priest Erle Wirt worthy

of reproduction with comment, generally favorable, although queries arise, for they seem to present features differing from Maine regulations, and which on closer scrutiny he finds partial answers. Answering one query, might say, according to Florida laws, that while the King or Scribe would preside, in the absence of the High Priest for any cause whatever, neither succeed to higher duties or honors, nor would the Scribe fill the station of the King if the latter were sitting in the East.

This commendation of Companion Bodge is particularly appreciated for it so fully sets forth the prime object the writer is striving to accomplish in all his reviews, and for which I thank him:

It is just filled with information and constructive criticism for all readers, and being connected with the proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions does not often lend itself to excerpts.

Next Annual in Portland, May 3 and 4, 1927.

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

MANITOBA—1926

Chapters, 14. Members, 1,632. Exalted (?).
Net Gain, 22.

WILLIAM G. FRASER, Grand Z.

This paragraph from the Report of the Committee on Capitular Masonry to the Third Annual Convocation, which was held in the City of Winnipeg, February 3, 1926, indicates a much to be desired condition:

From the reports of the Grand Superintendents, and from personal observations, progress of the healthiest kind is to be found at every turn, and the interest displayed by the Officers and Companions throughout the Grand Jurisdiction is of a degree hitherto unknown in Manitoba.

Further proof of this statement is indicated by the presence of every Officer and Permanent Member, besides distinguished guests from Saskatchewan and North Dakota. The former Grand Chapter was formed the same year as Manitoba, and North Dakota was instrumental in Manitoba's organization, which is good reason for this being a veritable "love feast." Florida was represented by R. E. Comp. James Duthie, Grand Scribe N.

Although the Grand Z., in his address, intimates that other duties prevented him from giving the time and attention to his office it ought to have, yet he took great pleasure in visiting all of the Chapters in the Jurisdiction. His official duties were comparatively light.

One of the dispensations issued was to form a new Chapter. Another one was to advance the time of opening one hour and also "to communicate the M. E. M. degree to a Brother before exaltation," a proceeding the writer never saw, nor does he recall having heard of it being done before this time. Others were to anticipate failures to hold convocations on dates prescribed and make changes to suit seeming needs. This again brings up the much debated question, has a Grand High Priest or a Grand Z. the authority to set aside a Chapter by-law?

This gratifying statement is made by the Grand Z.:

Perhaps the best indication we could have of the splendid harmony prevailing, will be conveyed by my reporting to you that during my term in office no request for an official ruling has been presented to me.

The Grand Scribe E. reported that there were only three Grand Chapters which has not granted official and fraternal recognition of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba and that he was still in communication with them. Added privileges carry with it added responsibilities, it being necessary to materially increase the number of printed proceedings to properly supply the increased fraternal relations.

Manitoba adds its approval to the benefits to be derived from District meetings when presided over by its properly accredited official, provided, of course, he takes the initiative and gives it the requisite force and inspiration.

The proper interpretation of the essentials and work will be looked after by a committee composed of the Present and Past Grand Z.'s.

Manitoba regulations do not yet provide for an Order of High Priesthood. It emphasizes certain features of Masonic teachings that no other concordant order does, as those who are privileged to receive it will testify.

A comprehensive, readable and instructive report on Correspondence is again presented by E. Comp. John Parton. He finds salient features in Florida's proceedings which he brings out with apparent approval, and we hope he may find it convenient to attend the next Triennial in Denver where he will receive a cordial welcome by The Guild as well as from many others, including the writer of this.

Next Annual in Winnipeg, Feb. 2, 1927.

Frank W. Brownell, Grand Z.; Harry F. Moulton, Grand Scribe E.; both of Winnipeg; John Parton, (?), Correspondent.

MARYLAND—1925

Chapters, 27. Members, 9,716. Exalted, 407.
Net Gain, 222.

CHARLES P. MORNINGSTAR, Grand High Priest.

Every Chapter appears to be represented by all of its three elective officers, quite unusual, at the One Hundred and Twenty-eight Annual, held in Baltimore, Dec. 8, 1925, and apparently at a single session, beginning at 4:45 p. m. All the regular officers, several Past Grands and many more High Priests, with Past Grand High Priest Dorsey Gassaway to speak for Florida; but Grand Chapter relieved him and all other Grand Representatives of sending personal greetings "through the adoption of the Committee's Report and the distribution of the Proceedings containing it."

According to the report made by Grand High Priest Morningstar in his address, he did not find his duties over arduous. He made a few visitations, but "business engagements" prevented him from accepting the courteous invitations received from Sister Grand Chapters. (One sometimes wonders why "Sister," when all the members are "Brothers"?) But through the combined activities of the other Grand Officers, Grand Lecturer and Grand Inspector every Chapter was visited, and which were found to be progressing, doing good work and living in harmony.

The two Chapters granted charters at the previous Annual were duly constituted by Grand Chapter, but no dispensations for new Chapters were requested. The other dispensations granted, mostly to change dates of regular Convocations, "evidence an exercise of commend-

able judgment on the part of the Most Excellent High Priest."

A pleasant and notable instance of inter-state courtesy involved the waiving of jurisdiction over thirty-six petitioners living over the Pennsylvania line but who wished to join Enoch Chapter, much more convenient to them. This was brought about through the courteous consideration of M. E. Comp. George P. Darrow, Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania.

However, in connection with his further recital of inter-state courtesy work is this significant recommendation by the Committee, and which Grand Chapter adopted:

But as there are decided differences in the ritualistic work conferred by the several jurisdictions, these requests should only be made in extreme cases. We are, therefore, specially pleased that no such request was made by a Maryland Chapter, and suggest, that should such a necessity arise, care must be used to make the request of such jurisdictions as confer the Mark, Past, Most Excellent and Royal Arch Degrees only.

Fraternal relations were resumed with the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, subject to these regulations:

Such visitors may not be present when a Chapter degree is being conferred which such visitor has not received under the Scottish Constitution, and no Chapter shall attempt to "hele" such visitors without a special request through the proper officers of the Grand Chapter of Scotland.

Demitted members may be "heled" by having any Chapter degree conferred upon him which he has not yet received and be obligated in the degrees he has received.

In order to maintain a high standard of ritualistic proficiency, the Grand Lecturer holds two sessions monthly of the Chapter of Instruction, the various stations being usually filled by the Junior Officers in line

in the various Chapters, and the credits thus given "avoids the necessity of examining such High Priests-elect in the work of the degrees for which they have received credit."

Evidently the Order of High Priesthood means much to the Royal Craft in Maryland, as the large attendance of officers and members at the Annual Convocation testify, when seventeen High Priests-elect were set apart to that Holy Order.

One of the standing resolutions of the Grand Chapter of Maryland provides that the report on Correspondence "shall be limited to seventy-five pages." However, a "page" is a somewhat indefinite quantity, as for instance: A page of the Maryland report contains approximately six hundred words, while a "page" of the correspondence work in Florida contains less than half that number of words. Then, too, all the Florida reports are prepared in advance so that every one in attendance gets a copy to take home with him, and it is then included in the published proceedings. As a matter of fact the added cost is small, for the matter has to be put in type in any event, and the extra cost is the printing of the additional sheets and a little extra binding. In this way the report has a far larger number of readers, education and information being the prime reason for the time and money expended. If it is worth doing at all, it is or should be worth doing well.

Rev. Henry Branch, D. D., again presents the Report for Maryland and keeps well within the prescribed limits, in which he concisely alludes to the important topics with timely comment.

Next Annual in Baltimore, Dec. 14, 1926.

Charles W. Zimmerman, Grand High Priest; Gustav A. Eitel, Grand Secretary; Rev. Henry Branch, D. D., Correspondent; all of Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS—1926

Chapters, 95. Members, 41,860. Exalted, 1,442.
Net Gain, 348.

HARRY G. POLLARD, Grand High Priest.

Grand High Priest Pollard was in the Canal Zone at the time of the March Quarterly, and a disastrous fire at his place of business prevented him from attending the June Quarterly, but he was present at the September Quarterly and the Annual in December. However, Florida's Grand Representative did not make it convenient to attend any Grand Convocation during the year.

M. E. Charles D. Burrage, who was Grand High Priest 1910-11-12, was memorialized at the March Quarterly. A notable address at this same Quarterly was by E. R. Perry Bush, Grand Chaplain, the theme being "The Story of the Royal Arch." Unfortunately it was not reproduced. It was undoubtedly his last appearance at any Masonic gathering, for the records state:

Two days over three weeks from that date Dr. Bush, without warning, was called to that "Heavenly Home" about which he had so long and earnestly preached, and which gave additional value and significance to the above occurrence.

This bit of historical information appears in an address at a Special Convocation of the Grand Chapter held at Lowell, May 9th, the occasion being the observance of the Centennial Anniversaries of Capitular and Cryptic Masonry in that city:

About 1740 the Royal Arch Degree, which is the essence of Chapter Masonry, made its appearance in England and completed

the symbolisms. From that time there are many records of Royal Arch Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters conferring this degree as a part of the Master Mason's or as a Fourth Degree, but always under a Master's or a Grand Lodge Warrant. Not until 1798 in the United States and 1813 in England, did it become a Chapter Degree under jurisdiction of a Grand Chapter.

A somewhat remarkable incident in connection with this Centennial Anniversary is that the combined ages of the five Past Grand High Priests who were present on this occasion totaled over four hundred years. Longevity of years does not appear to be confined to any particular section of our great Republic.

The forenoon and afternoon sessions of the Annual Convocation were given over largely to the exemplification of the four degrees under the direction of the Grand Lecturer, and time seems to be essence of the four exemplifications, which totaled only four hours and forty-three minutes. Some of our readers no doubt can recall when nearly as much time has been given to the Royal Arch alone. It was at this Quarterly, December 7th, that attention was called to the death of M. E. Companion John Albert Blake, which occurred Nov. 27, 1926. He was not only a Past Grand High Priest of Massachusetts, 1891-1892-1893, but was also the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States.

Much of the address of Grand High Priest Pollard at the Annual Convocation is given to an account of his official visitations, three of which were on the suite of the General Grand High Priest, and included the Chapters at Havana, and also at Cristobal and Canal Zone on the Isthmus, all of which are under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter. His other official duties do not appear to have been overly irksome.

Memorials were read at the Annual Assembly of the Massachusetts Convention of High Priests of R. E. E. Henry S. Bunton, Grand Chaplain since 1916, and M. E. Charles A. Burrage, its Excellent President since 1922. Following the setting apart of forty-six Excellent Companions to the Order of High Priesthood an amendment was submitted increasing the fees from five to ten dollars and which was adopted at a later Assembly.

Once again Grand Secretary and Past Grand High Priest Frederick T. Comee presents the Capitular Review, in which all Proceedings reaching him are fraternally reviewed, and are as instructive as interesting.

Under Florida, referring to our taking candidates to other Chapters for courtesy work, Companion Comee says:

Many years ago the same answer could have been given in Massachusetts but we found that the officers of some of the Chapters were frequently having the degrees conferred in neighboring Chapters, simply to avoid doing the work themselves, therefore a regulation was adopted which requires a dispensation for a Chapter to confer a degree for another Chapter.

All Grand Convocations are held in Boston.

Harry G. Pollard, Lowell, Grand High Priest; Frederick T. Comee, Boston, Grand Secretary and Reviewer.

MICHIGAN—1926

Chapters, 169. Members, 46,799. Exalted, 2,059.
Net Gain, 989.

HARRY L. IZOR, Grand High Priest.

Being numerically the second largest Grand Chapter, if we mistake not, necessarily the proceedings of the Seventy-eighth Annual, held in Lansing, May 19 and 20, 1926, contain much of general interest to the Royal Craft. Excepting E. Comp. John H. Carrigan, Grand Master of the First Veil, whose light was suddenly extinguished in the midst of life's duties, as he was called to higher things, every Grand Officer was in his appointed station, also a majority of the Past Grands and many mere Grands, Florida being represented by Past Grand High Priest James H. Thompson, now a resident of Tampa, Florida, and it is hoped he may find it convenient to attend Florida's Annual Convocation.

The occasion was also honored by the presence of distinguished guests from New York, Canada and Missouri, the presiding officers of Grand Lodge, Grand Council and Grand Commandery and two members of the General Grand Chapter. No particular attention is given in Florida to the presence of Grand Officers of other York Rite Bodies, for in so doing it might be necessary for the presiding officer in introducing such distinguished visitors to include himself as a Present or Past Grand in one or all of the other Concordant Orders.

Every one who is privileged to read the address of Grand High Priest Harry L. Izor will fully agree with him when he says at the outset, "My labor in the vine-

yard of Capitular Masonry has been one of love," and he could well have added of service.

His minor necessary official acts are briefly enumerated, which include the sending of Christmas Greetings to the guests at the Masonic Home at Alma and to the smaller ones at the Adrian Villa. And in another report it is stated that "Our Grand High Priest in the goodness of his big heart arranged to have roses sent to the widows of all our Past Grand Officers."

A few years ago this Grand Chapter inaugurated a Line Officers' Meeting, called by the Grand High Priest, soon after installation, for a two-day session, and which is attended by every Grand Officer from Grand High Priest to Grand Master of the First Veil. At this time matters of general Capitular interest are discussed and policies outlined for the ensuing year. At the evening session this year the Royal Arch Degree was exemplified, the Grand Lecturer operating the lantern, "illustrating the ritualistic work, but leaving out the b....., r..... r..... and v....., which this Grand Chapter has discarded, and which, if the writer reads the other proceedings rightly, is gradually gaining favor, and which, he believes, cannot increase too fast.

The Grand High Priest and Michigan generally strongly endorses the Order of DeMolay, in which he says, "the one fact stands out pre-eminent at this time, that it is a permanent movement that will carry on successfully."

He finds that the field work in connection with the activities of the line officers mentioned above is generally profitable, but there are exceptions, as this pertinent censure indicates:

Unfortunately some of the officers of constituent Chapters in the state not only appear to be unappreciative of service offered by the Grand Officers, and apparently would rather prolong a deep slumber, but they also have yet to learn the first lesson of courtesy. * * * The sincere hope is expressed that a true co-operative spirit will prevail in the future, and that no Companion in this entire jurisdiction, particularly one who has been favored with a position of honor and trust, will permit himself or his Chapter to be likened to the discourteous.

A somewhat similar spirit seems manifested in connection with the arrest of the charter of a Chapter, which action was approved at another meeting of Present and Past Grand Officers, for this appears in the report:

It was the general opinion expressed that the action should stand until the members of the Chapter show some evidence of interest and are willing to make amends for the misconduct of its officers.

This recommendation of the Grand High Priest and later ordered by Grand Chapter, to again have a Report on Correspondence, will meet the unanimous approval of The Guild. And while the old-timers will miss the familiar touch of Companion Conover, whom we have learned to love and whose approval we seek, yet we extend a cordial welcome to the new occupant, who will be M. E. Comp. Harry L. Izor, and as he is a newspaperman of years of experience, it behooves us to sit up and do our level best if we expect to be retained in the good graces of the new Michigan quill wielder.

The dispensations granted by the Grand High Priest, which were approved, include several for satisfactory reasons to change dates of authorized Chapter convocations. And the one refused was to hold a meeting for the transaction of business in a Lodge room in some other town. Although he at another time held that special

convocation for the conferring of degrees could be held in the hall of any regular Masonic Lodge within the Chapter's jurisdiction, provided the Lodge gave its permission.

Another decision was that the election of a Companion as an Honorary High Priest, Past or Present, was "not a power delegated to a constituent Chapter." But of course this does not apply as an Honorary Member. Also the collecting of the password in the Royal Arch Degree cannot be omitted, this being a separate ritualistic requirement from the declaration of the Captain of the Host that "All present are Royal Arch Masons." Wonder what the average Florida Companion would do when confronted by such a demand?

Also that concurrent jurisdiction between two Chapters can be effected by mutual agreement.

Instructive as well as informative is the account he gives of the many Chapter visitations, in company with the Grand Lecturer, which covered all parts of this bisected State. At one of the visitations it was announced in advance that the work would be according to the "Old Ritual." But later this was changed when the Grand High Priest explained the impropriety, and he noticed that many of the Companions adjourned to other parts of the Temple, because, as one said, "the lid was on." The Grand High Priest in connection makes this pertinent statement: "The future policies of this Chapter will be watched with interest."

Well attended was the Sixty-fifth Annual Convention of the Michigan Grand Council of High Priesthood, when eighty-five Excellent Companions were consecrated and set apart to this Holy Order.

In lieu of a Correspondence Report, Grand Secretary Conover concludes his chronological history of the Gen-

eral Grand Chapter, in which we find occasional references to Florida. Although this has been copyrighted and will appear later in book form in connection with his other historical productions which have appeared in the Proceedings for several years past, he has given us permission to make a few quotations pertaining to Florida:

When the General Grand Chapter met in 1856, it had reached a high degree of prosperity. It had twenty-six Grand Chapters under its jurisdiction, all organized under its laws. There were only three Grand Chapters in the country not under its authority—Pennsylvania, Virginia and Florida. In New Jersey and Delaware only, were there no Grand Chapters, and there were Chapters in the former ready to form a Grand Chapter immediately after this session.

At the 1859 session this resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Chapters of Virginia, Florida and Pennsylvania be fraternally invited to unite with their peers now represented in this General Grand Chapter under the present constitution, and that those of Kentucky and North Carolina be also fraternally invited to rescind their action to withdraw from this union of Grand Chapters.

At the 1868 Triennial the General Grand Chapter unanimously resolved, that the Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania, Virginia and Florida be requested to send delegates to the next Triennial Convocation as a Committee of Conference to arrange terms of union, if practicable, with the General Grand Chapter.

At the Triennial Convocation in 1871, the General Grand High Priest was able to announce that the Grand Chapter of Florida, had given its adhesion to the General Grand Chapter, and that the Grand Chapters of Iowa, Vermont and North Carolina had rescinded their resolutions of withdrawal, and all four were then represented.

It was at this session the per capita tax of one cent per member on Grand Chapters to furnish revenue was adopted and has been maintained since.

Next Annual in Grand Rapids, May 18 and 19, 1927.

George K. Phillips, Grand Rapids, Grand High

Priest; Charles A. Conover, Coldwater, Grand Secretary; Harry L. Izor, Durand, Correspondent.

MINNESOTA—1926

Chapters, 87. Members, 17,040. Exalted, 722.
Net Gain, 239.

FRANK H. Mc CLUSKY, Grand High Priest.

Four times during the year did the Supreme Grand High Priest send his imperative summons to Permanent Members: R. E. Comp. George E. Moore, the Grand Scribe; M. E. Comp. Samuel J. Prentiss, Grand High Priest in 1876; M. E. Comp. Jerome E. Cooley, Grand High Priest in 1908, and M. E. Comp. Ethan G. D. Adams, Grand High Priest in 1925. With these stations vacant the Sixty-fifth Annual was formally opened in St. Paul, Oct. 12, 1926. Florida was not represented.

It was sixty-seven years previous, Grand High Priest McClusky stated in his address, that twelve Companions laid the foundation of Capitular Masonry in Minnesota. The partial answer to this practical query is found in the record of his official acts, but time alone can complete it:

Have we this past year added anything of stability and permanence to the ideals they had in view, or have we simply added another 365 days to the past?

He refused to grant a waiver of dispensation on a petitioner whose residence was in St. Paul and whose business was in Minneapolis, because, he said, he had no

authority. Somehow this is not clear to ye scribe, probably because no other information is given.

He reported attending a joint Convocation in Minneapolis when over two hundred Mark Masters received the Past and Past Excellent Master Degrees.

Life membership appears to be in disfavor in Minnesota, for an amendment to a Chapter by-law was not approved by the Grand High Priest, by reason of action taken a year previous by Grand Chapter.

This novel query and approved decision is in line with a general growing tendency to appropriate public funds to private purposes:

Question: Can a Chapter by a majority vote donate funds of the Chapter to a school girl who has won a prize which includes free transportation and expenses to a certain exposition? This money was intended as a gift in recognition of her accomplishment.

Answer. No. A very dangerous precedent would be established with no ending. Where would you draw the line?

Because it would be in the nature of advertising, he refused the representative of a railroad permission to address Grand Chapter on economic conditions.

Believing that \$1.00 annual dues is insufficient to run a Chapter, he recommended \$2.00 as a minimum, and Grand Chapter so enacted. But it did not approve that Chapter members be required to show current Lodge card when paying Chapter dues.

A check-up in the Grand Secretary's office showed that the by-laws of four Chapters had never been approved, and were consequently void.

One year ago Grand Chapter established the office of Grand Lecturer, and his report indicated a woeful lack of Capitular interest in some of the Chapters, some of the officers elected stating they had no interest in the

Chapter and had no intention of learning the work belonging to the office. A reorganization was effected. So satisfactory appear to be the results that the office of Grand Lecturer was continued. A School of Instruction will be held one day prior to the Grand Convocation and a delegate from each Chapter will be allowed per diem. This is putting theory into practice.

Approximately the usual proportionate number of qualified High Priests were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

We turn with pleasure to the Report on Correspondence by Companion Chas. S. Schurman, his fifth review, and who, he states with Companion Knepper of Idaho, have the unique distinction of never having held a Chapter office. Perhaps that may be one reason why their reviews are so comprehensive and instructive. Then, too, Companion Schurman is a *real* newspaperman.

Referring to the standard set for members of the Craft in the address of Grand High Priest Todd of Florida, he says: "That is an exalted status, and in actual practice we are afraid it falls somewhat short of that." It is better to aim at a star, even though only the barn door is hit. Again referring to the condition reported by Grand High Priest Todd, which is followed by a reproduction, Companion Schurman further comments:

They have the machinery for the instruction, but the Grand High Priest waits for these lazy fellows to ask for the help. It might have been more effective to have thrust it upon them.

Here are two illuminating comments, the first from his review of Florida, and the other from his review of Texas, and both have a bearing on the attitude taken by Scotland in chartering Chapters in the Australian States:

We do not know whether we are in accord with Florida and the General Grand Chapter as to the "Texas-Mexican" matter or not. The action of the General Grand Chapter in Portland has left some of the Grand Chapters in a peculiar position, which we expect to comment upon in another way. * * *

The report of the Texas Committee on Fraternal Relations, shows that Texas had severed with Scotland two years before the action of the General Grand Chapter. Texas action was based on the fact that Scotland has invaded the jurisdictions of West Australia, New Zealand and New South Wales with which Texas was in fraternal relations, and it was in protest to the action of Scotland that Texas broke the line of fraternal intercourse with Scotland. (Here follows a quotation from the Texas committee). * * * In our humble judgment Texas has made a pretty strong case, and its criticism of the treaty justified.

Next Annual in St. Paul, Oct. 11, 1927.

Thomas Morris, Crookston, Grand High Priest; John Fishel, St. Paul Grand Secretary; Chas. S. Schurman, St. Paul, Correspondent.

MISSISSIPPI—1926

Chapters, 70. Members, 7,683. Exalted, 425.
Net Loss, 46.

FRANK E. RANKIN, Grand High Priest.

Comparatively little matter of general interest to the Craft appear in the proceedings of the Seventy-eighth Annual, held in the city of Meridian, February 24 and 25, 1926.

Three familiar faces were absent when the roll of the Permanent Members was called: M.'E.'Comp. Robert Somerville, Grand High Priest in 1914; M.'E.'Comp

John J. McIntosh, Grand High Priest in 1916, and M. E. Comp. George A. Teunisson, an Honorary Past Grand High Priest.

But little requiring official action came to the attention of Grand High Priest Rankin, and his address was therefore brief.

Nothing out of the ordinary is shown in the list of dispensations which he granted. The one refused was to confer degrees on Sunday evenings, the reason given being that other Masonic Bodies occupied the Lodge room weekday evenings.

He reported that no question of law had been presented that was not plainly covered by the Digest.

One recommendation was that the three first elective officers and the Grand Lecturer compose the representation at the next Triennial. And another was that at the next Annual the office of Deputy Grand High Priest be dropped. Grand Chapter approved both recommendations.

Although he visited all but four of the Chapters and assisted in conferring less degrees than usual, yet he finds that approximately a quarter of the Chapters cannot confer degrees without outside help. But in most cases he finds the Companions willing, the great need being a competent leader, coupled with the organization of good working teams, and success will be assured. But, he says, "it takes energy, time, devotion to duty, unswerving determination, the 'never-say-die' spirit, to carry it through."

The Law Committee held that on the death of the High Priest neither the King nor Scribe could be elected High Priest for the balance of the year. Florida looks at it differently.

Grand Chapter adopted the report of the Special Committee favoring the sponsoring of the Order of DeMolay.

Hereafter when a Grand Representative is absent for two consecutive Annual Convocations the office will be declared vacant and another appointed in his stead, for Grand Chapter considers that office "not an empty honor, but one of responsibility and opportunity for service."

Fraternal relations were resumed with the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland and Representatives will be exchanged.

Fourteen Companions were elected and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

E. Comp. George C. Myers again presents a Report on Correspondence that is as instructive as it is readable. Leading features in the Florida Proceedings are graphically reviewed, being in part reproduced, for he finds them worthy of passing along.

The time and place of the next Annual was left optional with the Grand High Priest and Grand Lecturer, and if more time can be given to Grand Chapter and Grand Council it will meet with Grand Commandery.

Irvin M. Moody, Meridian, Grand High Priest; Edward L. Faucette, Meridian, Grand Secretary; Henry C. Yawn, Lumberton, Correspondent.

MISSOURI—1926

Chapters, 113. Members, 35,776. Exalted, 1,511.
Net Gain, 70.

ORSON W. SWEARINGEN, Grand High Priest.

Last year Grand Chapter met at a seat of learning; this time it held its Eightieth Convocation in Kirksville, a city noted for its connection with one branch of the medical fraternity. It was well attended, only thirteen Chapters missing, with all Grand Officers present, an equal number of Past Grands, three others telegraphed regrets, and distinguished guests from Tennessee and Michigan. Florida was not represented, for no doubt, M. E. Comp. Charles C. Woods was again sojourning in the land of winter sunshine and flowers.

There is a great deal of common sense in the concise address of Grand High Priest Swearingen, a considerable part of which is given to the matter of the transferring of the Grand Secretary's office as well as of other York Rite bodies from St. Louis to Trenton, the actual home city of Grand Secretary and Past Grand High Priest Ray V. Denslow. After the moving of the properties was under way a temporary court injunction was served, which somewhat delayed matters, but this was finally adjusted, the Council Officers of the several Grand Bodies agreeing that there was no Masonic law that prevented the movement, and that the civil courts had no jurisdiction in the case.

Past Grand High Priest Dr. John Picard was appointed to collect the writings and compile a book or books of the life of William F. Kuhn, this movement originating at the previous Grand Convocation. It is a

splendid appointment and the Masonic world wait with interest the forthcoming work.

It is interesting to note that while the Grand High Priest was called upon to issue a large number of dispensations, none were to change the regular dates of Chapter Convocations.

Only one decision was reported and that pertained to the change of the Grand Secretary's Office.

Cabany Chapter was instituted during the year and a charter was granted. Cabany is such a strange name that the writer wonders how or where it originated?

The Grand High Priest reported having received a letter, probably for general circulation, which he says, "may not be in violation of any positive *statute* but it appears to be violative of the *spirit* of Free Masonry." Also of another with a baseball schedule and admission tickets, to be paid for, which called for a Sunday game between a "Royal Arch Team" and another team. He recommended that Grand Chapter go on record "immediately against Sunday athletics under Masonic management or for Masonic amusement." Which it did and referred both letters to a special committee, probably to be appointed by the incoming Grand High Priest.

He also reported the receipt of a letter from the Grand High Priest of Arkansas suggesting the preparation of a plan for concurrent jurisdiction in the case of an Arkansas Chapter six miles from the Missouri line. This was likewise referred to a similar committee—according to the Arkansas Proceedings, as elsewhere stated, this did not find form with Missouri, because it was "agin" the law.

Eloquence, enthusiasm and inspiration characterized the addresses made by the visiting dignitaries, but a reproduction is not feasible and lesser quotations unsatis-

factory. The committee reports and other matters occupying attention of Grand Chapter were of an internal nature and of no special interest to outsiders.

In addition to the electing and setting apart forty-seven Excellent Companions to the Order of High Priesthood, M. E. Comp. Corona H. Briggs, the senior ranking member, addressed the Convention on every-day conditions, urging faith in God as a remedy for all ills, but the address, regrettably, is not given in full.

Once again the Fraternal Correspondence is presented by Past Grand High Priest David M. Wilson, in which he says:

I see much to commend, little to criticise. When tempted to criticise I try to keep in mind two very old and two most excellent sayings that my father and mother taught me when a boy. The first was that children should be seen, not heard. I am no longer a child in years, but am still very young as a reviewer. The other, uttered centuries ago by the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, was "Judge not that ye be not judged."

Splendid admonitions. How closely do we, as members of The Guild, follow them?

Florida is concisely reviewed, quoting with apparent approval the writer's reference to the place of last year's Annual, and closing with this pertinent allusion:

"By way of 'editorial comment,' we again note that the Proceedings are not indexed."

Next Annual in Marshall, April 26 and 27, 1927.

Edward W. Taylor, Marceline, Grand High Priest; Ray V. Denslow, Trenton, Grand Secretary; and probably David M. Wilson, of Milan, Correspondent, although we fail to find a reference of his appointment.

NEBRASKA—1927

Chapters, 54. Members, 8,383. Exalted, 315.
Net Gain, 61.

HARRY D. CONE, Grand High Priest.

Only three Chapters were not represented at the Sixtieth Annual Convocation, held in Omaha, Dec. 8 and 9, 1926, and one of those, so the records state, had not been represented since 1916. Neither was Florida in evidence, but perhaps we may look for something different, for it was enacted, that if any Grand Representative "shall absent himself from two consecutive Annual Convocations, without reasonable cause, his office shall be declared vacant." It has always seemed to ye scribe that a willful absence, without excuse, is discourteous to the Grand Body he represents.

Nebraska's Memorial to Deceased Past Grand High Priests is a very appropriate observance that any Grand Jurisdiction could with propriety observe. The Grand High Priest recited the "names of the Companions who, from the beginning of the Grand Chapter have been its guiding hand," and the Grand Chaplain, at the altar read the date of each death, and followed with the Memorial Prayer. Fortunately this year there was no break in the ranks of either the official or the permanent families.

Grand High Priest was not called upon to make any decision, all inquiries being answered by reference to the law. That is a splendid disposition of the query, yet it sometimes happens that the High Priest or other enquirer is not certain of the right interpretation, and unless some light is given by the powers that be an act is unintentionally consummated that leads to complications that might have been avoided.

Although the Grand High Priest found that conditions were "not all that we could wish for the Capitular Rite," yet he was optimistic and believed "the so-called slump in Masonic membership" had passed. And this seems to be borne out in the statement that while there were 209 less exaltations than the previous year, there were also 126 less suspensions for dues.

The Grand High Priest officially visited a few less than half of the subordinate chapters, certainly a good record; and his few dispensations issued were proper and approved, as were his other official acts, which were comparatively few. He received the commendation of Grand Chapter "for the very efficient services rendered as Grand High Priest."

A notable annual occurrence is the Grand Chapter dinner and the oration which followed, the theme this time being "The Ancient Craft," in which the orator seeks to answer this question, as a minister of the gospel sees it and which he stated was asked him during the first year of his ministry: "What do you see in Masonry that makes you run around after that bunch?" His answer was in the nature of a series of mental pictures in which he likens to man "knocking" for admission to humanity "groping blindly towards the light;" and the long search for God's ancient covenant with man which in the final analysis is, he says, "that name that is above every name—the perfect name of God."

The Grand Chapter of Nebraska has a constitutional committee the duties of which, so far as the writer recalls, is not found in other Grand Chapters; the name of which is Advisory on Reinstatement. Its duties are to pass on the petitions for reinstatement of Companions who have been in suspense for dues more than three

years, which being favorable and being approved by the Grand High Priest, such Companions may be restored to membership on the unanimous vote of the Chapter.

Fraternal recognition was accorded the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Queensland.

For the second time since 1873 did Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary Emeritus Francis E. White fail to respond to roll call, he being absent in California at the time. He was, however, remembered with a telegram of fraternal greetings as well as regret that he was "retiring after thirty-four years of valuable services to our Grand Chapter."

Thirty-seven Excellent Companions were anointed and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood, and the joining fee was raised from \$3.00 to \$5.00.

Conforming to the sentiment expressed a year previous, the Committee on Correspondence instructed Past Grand High Priest George N. R. Brown to review the proceedings of other Grand Chapters, and a report of such as the limited time permitted appear. It certainly passes inspection at this station and he will receive a cordial welcome by The Guild. Of course we hope to greet him in person in Denver in September.

Florida is among the favored ones. He notes that several Companions represent more than one Jurisdiction. That seemed desirable in the earlier days of this Grand Chapter, but now as vacancies occur the dual idea is not followed. He refers to Florida as "so small a jurisdiction," but this depends upon how one looks at it. It may be so numerically, but geographically there are few jurisdictions whose area is larger, and perhaps none with a longer coast line; also it is nearly a forty hour train ride from Pensacola in the northwest to Key West in the southeast.

Thank you, Companion Browne, for your good opinion of the work of ye scribe. The "length" of the reviews also depends somewhat on the point of view. Our pages are smaller and the type used is larger, but if compared by the number of words, which is really basic, one might be surprised to find that the same 1926 reviews in Florida would average no more words if as many as the same Grand Chapters reviewed in Nebraska.

However the foregoing comments are to be construed as merely informative, with no intention of criticism.

Next Annual in Omaha, Dec. 7 and 8, 1927.

A. Sherman Pinto, Omaha, Grand High Priest; Lewis E. Smith, Omaha, Grand Secretary; George N. R. Browne, Hastings, Correspondent.

NEVADA—1926

Chapters, 8. Members, 655. Exalted, 28.
Net Gain, 10.

CHARLES E. WHITESIDES, Grand High Priest.

Although numerically small, yet the real Capitular spirit appeared to pervade the Proceedings of the Fifty-third Annual Convocation, held in Reno, June 8, 1926, with every Grand Officer, many Past Grands, representatives from every Chapter and many distinguished visitors present, but Florida was left out.

Only one Chapter failed to receive a visit from Grand High Priest Whitesides, and his expressed thoughts at

those visitations, he says, often reverted to the legend of the Third degree and its incompleteness, as he expressed it in his address.

I have often wondered at the pact made between Solomon, whose wisdom has been a by-word for all following generations, Hiram, the sound and efficient King of the great nation of Tyre, and Hiram Abiff, skilled beyond all men in the arts and sciences. I have wondered why they did not provide against a possible contingency that might prevent their fulfilling their solemn promises with an army of Craftsmen. And I have thought that perhaps Solomon, in his great wisdom, foresaw that future prophets would lead the Craft onward, and that it was best that hope should not too soon end in fruition.

In making these visitations he says he "found the Chapters lacking in interest," and that this condition has existed for some time. He is firmly of the opinion "that the attempt of the Grand Chapter to force the adoption of the General Grand Chapter work, in the name of uniformity, is in no small way directly responsible." He fully believes that uniformity is to be desired, but "not at the excessive cost of loss of interest in Capitular Masonry by its members." He made no special recommendation, but suggested and Grand Chapter concurred, that as two of the subordinate Chapters were prepared to exemplify the "old work":

That the various Chapters should avail themselves of every opportunity to see the exemplification of the "old work," to the end, that after witnessing it they will then be in a better position to select some work on its merit.

Grand Chapter did not take favorably to his recommendation to abolish the office of Deputy Grand High Priest, nor to the appointment of a Grand Lecturer; but it did approve the recommendation to increase the salary

of R. E. Comp. Edward D. Vanderleith, who has been Grand Secretary since 1912, and Chairman Fraternal Correspondence since 1903. It further showed appreciation by publishing his portrait, and well merited is this tribute by Grand High Priest Whitesides:

Not that we may need a remembrance, but that in future years we may look upon his kindly face and think of him, who, to us, has been our chief adviser through all.

Four Companions were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

Another educational and inspiring report from the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence by Comp. Edward D. Vanderleith, whose comments are always worth while.

He heartily approves the action of Florida in making the loans to students, for he well says, "Education is the watchword of Masonry;" and truly adds, "From our schools must come an intelligent educated citizenry upon which depends the good government of our country." This is his acceptance of our invitation to him to come and see Florida:

We hope to some day, and Sageland awaits your inspection. We may not boast a gay creation where nature exerts an unwearied power, but we have the majesty of the mountains, "rocked, ribbed and ancient as the sun," the glory of beautiful lakes, the witchery of the desert sky, and nature in many visible forms to delight the eye. A cordial come and see to you, Companion, and speed the coming.

Thank you, Companion Vanderleith; the spirit is willing, though, perchance, the flesh may be weak.

Next Annual in Reno, June 7, 1927.

Adams F. Brown, Goldfield, Grand High Priest; Edward D. Vanderleith, Reno, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

NEW BRUNSWICK—1926

Chapters, 9. Members, 1,620. Exalted, 78.
Net Gain, 22.

ORVILLE B. DOBSON, Grand High Priest.

Only one Chapter failed to answer to roll call when the Thirty-ninth Annual Convocation was opened in Ample Form in the City of St. John, Aug. 25, 1926, with Florida's Representative among the absentees. Those who responded to the imperative summons during the year included: M. E. Robert Murray, Grand High Priest, 1912; and M. E. Herbert E. Goold, Grand High Priest, 1913 and 1914.

Although illness prevented the Grand High Priest from visiting all the Chapters, yet he kept in touch with them, and he is satisfied that Capitular Masonry is steadily increasing in membership and influence for good.

Carrying out the thought of Mohammed and the mountain, the Grand High Priest granted two dispensations for Chapters to hold Convocations elsewhere than in the regular Chapter room, and in each case he believes "it has been a great benefit to the Chapter."

After a Companion is exalted, he receives a Grand Chapter certificate. Perhaps Florida's regulations are more simple and convenient, for the Grand Secretary's Certificate appears on the reverse side of every receipt issued for dues in Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery.

The principal legislation of this Convocation was the adoption of the recommendation of the Executive Committee for a Union of the Order of High Priesthood with Grand Chapter. For four years after the organization of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick in 1887, the title of the four Council Officers corresponded to those of the Grand Chapter of England which chartered the subordinate Chapters. In 1891 they were changed to correspond to the titles of the American Chapters. The accompanying informative facts are taken from the committee's report:

This Grand Chapter when constituted, had authority over the Masonic degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Excellent Master, The Royal Arch Degree, and the Chair Degrees of the three Principals, or Installation Degrees.

That previously to the taking over of these Degrees the Chair Degree of Z., H. and J. were conferred on the installation of these officers. When the Constitution of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter was adopted in 1893 its authority was continued over the four Chapter Degrees. But in order to meet the requirements of Sister jurisdictions it was found necessary to reorganize the New Brunswick Council of the Order of High Priesthood. Since which time the Degree of High Priesthood has been conferred by that Grand Council on all applicants.

After looking into the matter, the committee considered it inadvisable to have this [High Priesthood] a separate body and recommended that Grand Chapter take over the degree as was intended at the organization and become a part of the constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

Grand Chapter decided, wisely it seems to ye scribe, that the expense of printing annually the names of all Chapter members is out of proportion to any benefit or usefulness which would result, and after this year the names will appear only every five years.

Following the setting apart and consecrating of two qualified Companions to the Order of High Priesthood,

a committee was appointed to act with a like committee from the Grand Chapter to consummate the taking over by the Grand Chapter of the Order of High Priesthood, to go into effect another year.

Next Annual in St. John, Aug. 24, 1927.

Farris S. Sawaya, Grand High Priest; J. Twining Hartt, Grand Secretary; both of St. John.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1926

Chapters, 26. Members, 5,895. Admitted, 167.
Net Gain, 9.

THOMAS F. CLIFFORD, Grand High Priest.

Distinguished visitors from New Jersey, Connecticut, Delaware, Rhode Island, New York, and Massachusetts occupied the Grand East and two other Grand Chapters sent regrets, when the One Hundredth and Seventh Annual was formally opened in Concord, May 18, 1926.

Wonder what the effect would be on we Floridians if we should suddenly discover such a galaxy of Masonic dignitaries in the Grand East at one of our Annuals? Hope we may have such an opportunity.

Florida was not represented, and the stations of three Permanent Members were forever vacated: M. E. . Companions John H. Steele, Grand High Priest in 1897; James A. Lang, in 1902 and 1903; Frank R. Marston, in 1912.

Although Grand Chapter had adopted the General Grand Chapter ritual, yet for some reason it was not supplied with the requisite five copies for each Chapter, and

it was largely the efforts of one Companion, the Grand High Priest said, that assisted "in saving Capitular Masonry from complete oblivion, toward which it seemed to be heading." Being opposed to printed rituals he ordered every ritual returned to him for destruction, and which Grand Chapter at this time approved. It is his belief that with the ritual question permanently settled, "Capitular Degrees will again command the interest and support that formerly existed."

All the other official acts of the Grand High Priest, comparatively few, were of a local nature and were approved, including doubling the salary of the Foreign Correspondent, a well deserved appreciation of good work.

Another year Grand Chapter will be asked to pass upon an amendment providing that a rejected petitioner must wait a year before he can petition any other Chapter. The action looking to advancing the opening of Grand Chapter from eleven to ten o'clock was rejected.

Only five Companions petitioned for the Order of High Priesthood. Seemingly there are a whole lot of worthy fellows who are missing something really worth while.

Our friend and E. C. Companion Charles B. Spofford reviews for the seventh time the great Capitular world of Masonry which he thus summarizes:

The war period of inflation in membership has passed; normal conditions are again prevailing; uniformity in work is gaining; the ritual is being more clearly followed, and in the States with Grand Lecturers there is a general revival toward better work.

Referring to the Order of DeMolay and The Rainbow Girls, he adds: "Just what some inventive ritualist may conceive to add, is an opportunity for some dreamer with an eye to financial returns."

He highly approves the action of Florida in erecting a monument to all Past High Priests, "a custom we are not aware is followed by any Grand Chapter. It is a beautiful token of love and appreciation." He rightly styles the address of Grand High Priest Erle Wirt "a business-like document." Nothing of special importance seems to have been overlooked by Companion Spofford, and there is no note of disapproval. For this as well, as his kindly recognition of the work of ye scribe, thank you.

Next Annual in Concord, May 17, 1927.

Henry L. Sanderson, Nashua, Grand High Priest;
Harry M. Cheney, Concord, Grand Secretary; Chas. B. Spofford, Claremont, Correspondent.

NEW JERSEY—1926

Chapters, 57. Members, 19,931. Exalted, 1,041.
Net Gain, 603.

FRANK C. SAYRS, Grand High Priest.

Many worthy Craftsmen who had received high Masonic honors were present when the Seventieth Annual Convocation was opened in Ample Form in Trenton, May 12th, and which included M. E. Comp. Wm. H. Lowe, Florida's Grand Representative.

There were so many matters of importance to be considered by the Royal Craft that Grand High Priest Sayrs did not deem it necessary to include the more or less common platitudes in his address, but at once made it strictly business. He said it was a pleasure as well

as a privilege to officially visit many Chapters and other Masonic gatherings in all parts of the State as well as in neighboring Grand Jurisdictions, and his addresses at such times were undoubtedly inspirations to greater activities and accomplishments.

He was pleased to report that the fraternal concord with all other Grand Chapters remained unbroken. On his recommendation fraternal relations were established with the Supreme Grand Chapters of Victoria, Western Australia, New South Wales and Queensland (first formed.)

Greater uniformity of ritualistic work resulted from the approved distribution of "Blue Prints" of the floor movements of the several degrees under the direction of the District Deputies.

So impressively did the newly constituted Woodbury Chapter confer the Royal Arch degree upon twenty-six candidates in the presence of the Grand High Priest, that it was granted a charter.

Anticipating a failure to hold a regular convocation nearly two months ahead of time, a Chapter was granted a dispensation to change the date of a monthly convocation, for election purposes.

The decisions of the Grand High Priest were mostly of a local nature. It was declared illegal to install a High Priest by proxy, for he held office until his successor was installed, and the obligations of office can only be assumed in open Chapter. An amended regulation provides that "to obtain and retain membership in a Subordinate Body of this Grand Chapter, one must be an affiliated Master Mason."

Hereafter not only the Grand High Priest but "such other officers as he may choose to invite" shall have their expenses paid to the General Grand Chapter:

Although not recommended, yet a loose-leaf record or minute book in Chapters will be permitted, "provided the pages are printed in consecutive number." The Chapter seal must be affixed to all documents and membership cards to make them legal.

Almost as many High Priests as there are Subordinate Chapters were admitted into the Order of High Priesthood. Many distinguished visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions were present.

This summary of conditions as R. E. Comp. A. Boylan FitzGerald, Fraternal Correspondent as well as Grand Chaplain, found them as he traveled "throughout the world with the Capitular Rite," is somewhat ancient history, yet they also apply at this time:

To review the proceedings of sixty Grand Convocations is indeed calculated to broaden one's mind and to deepen his hold upon the things which alone abide. Gladly do we note that everywhere throughout the Royal Craft our Companions are actuated by noble purposes and high ideals. The various Grand Jurisdictions have been directed by men who have been unselfish and untiring in their service. They have been in touch with humanity and its needs. They have endeavored to keep first things first and we believe that the Craft everywhere is on a higher plane than it has ever been. It is a real education to see how various Grand Chapters wrestle with their difficulties, surmount their obstacles and solve their problems.

Florida is fully and courteously reviewed and with approval. He believes that a Grand Lecturer would prove to be of great benefit to the work of the Grand Chapter.

Next Annual in Trenton, May 11, 1927.

Marion H. Hall, Newark, Grand High Priest; Abram A. Reger, Somerville, Grand Secretary; A. Boylan FitzGerald, Phillipsburg, Correspondent.

NEW MEXICO—1926

Chapters, 16. Members, 2,074. Exalted, 193.
Net Gain, 101.

FRANKLIN P. KILBURN, Grand High Priest.

That Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction is on a solid basis is evidenced by the substantial growth in membership, while other Grand Chapters of much larger membership shows a net loss. This is also reflected in the optimistic spirit pervading the Twenty-eighth Annual, held in Roswell, Feb. 18, 1926, at which time only one Chapter failed to be represented, and its isolated location, particularly relative to where Grand Chapter met, ought to be an acceptable alibi. All Grand Officers and several Past Grands participated. This Grand Chapter gets along very well without Grand Representatives.

The first matter presented after the formal opening was the report of the Committee on Revision of Laws, consideration of which was made a special order of business following the address of the Grand High Priest and other reports, when the Revision report was adopted, but it lies over till next Annual before becoming operative. A feature that will specially commend it to The Guild is that it provides for a standing Committee on Correspondence, to report annually concerning Capitular Masonry in the world. The two years that will necessarily intervene is a long time to look forward, but it will no doubt be worth the waiting.

Grand High Priest Kilburn, in the preamble of his address, depicts this captivating word picture of the spirit of Masonry:

We are all Brothers of a glorious Order. Like the sun riding in the flaming chariot through the heavens without a rival, so Freemasonry, clad in robes of virgin white, stands without a peer in the world of fraternalism.

As the gentle moon hangs her silver crescent upon the sky with the matchless glory of her mellow twilight, folding the lengthening shadows of departing day around her, softly singing time's eternal lullaby while she rocks the weary world to rest, so the beckoning light of Freemasonry, with tender hands, puts the broad mantle of charity, friendship and brotherly love above the sons of noble sires, as they go to and from labor, refreshment and rest.

Pressure of business and attendance upon the Triennial Encampment prevented him making as many Chapter visitations as he had anticipated, but he took consolation in the knowledge that the field would be covered by the District Deputy Grand High Priests.

One of his decisions was that in case of a lost dimit, an authenticated receipt covering the same could be accepted. Another was that a dimitted Master Mason loses his Chapter standing after twelve months, when he becomes a non-affiliated Chapter member and must thereafter petition for re-instatement.

All of his official acts including dispensations were approved, one of which was to receive a petition, ballot on same and confer degrees at a regular convocation, on a Brother who was to leave next day for South America, to be absent three years.

New Mexico is the home state of the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association and to which it appropriated ten cents per capita; also \$400.00 to the Sojourners' Club at Ft. Bayard, and \$10.00 to the Wayfarers' Club in Arizona.

Not being satisfied with the ritualistic proficiency in some of the Chapters and a desire to generally improve the work, the Grand Lecturer will make official visita-

tions, instead of depending entirely on the Ritual Committee.

Next Annual in Las Cruces, Feb. 24, 1927.

George D. Robinson, Deming, Grand High Priest;
Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, Grand Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES—1925

Chapters, 68. Members, 3,608.

H. MONTGOMERIE HAMILTON, Grand Z.

Differing from the American Craft, Australian Grand Bodies give out but little statistical information in their published proceedings; but quite fully do they report their financial status, which usually shows a substantial gain each year. Neither are these Brethren niggardly in caring for their less fortunate Brethren, the specific allowances made seeming to partake more of the fraternal insurance plan.

In addition to the regular Quarterly Convocations of the year, the Supreme Grand Chapter of New South Wales held two Special Convocations, all of which took place in Masonic Hall, Sydney, the official See. The first was evidently to officially receive the Grand Second Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Queensland; the other for installing and investing the incoming Grand First Principal and the installing of the Grand Second and Third Principals. These are made very important functions in every subordinate as well as in the Grand Chapter.

In the address of the Grand First Principal at the first Quarterly Convocation, he dwells on the long standing trouble with the Grand Chapter of Scotland by reason of the latter continuing to charter Chapters in New South Wales, even though the Grand Lodge of Scotland has not chartered a new Lodge in that State for nearly forty years, and a Chapter is supposed to be attached to a private Lodge. In this connection he gives at length the agreement entered into between the General Grand Chapter of the United States and the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland in connection with the settlement of the Philippine controversy.

He also gives out this information, the outcome of which will be watched with much interest by the Royal Craft generally, and which is evidently incubating, as there appears to be no other reference to it in the year's work:

What may prove to be a most important event has occurred since my election, viz., an invitation from the Leinster Marine Chapter, holding under the Supreme Grand Chapter of Ireland, to take a referendum of our members on the question of the desirability of the creation of a united Grand Body of Royal Arch Masons for New South Wales. A similar invitation was extended to the District Grand Chapter, under the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland. * * * I am sure that you will agree that whether you think such a conference would result in an agreement or not, we should not stand in the way of any attempt consistent with the dignity of this Grand Committee to bring about the union of all Royal Arch Masons in New South Wales under one Grand Body.

As showing the close relation between Lodge and Chapter, further discussion of a proposed amendment was deferred, which was to allow other than Installed Masters of Craft Lodges to be eligible for the offices of Second and Third Principals (equivalent to our King and Scribe.)

Much interesting information is found in the quarterly reports of the Grand Inspector of Workings, which refer to incidents, customs and ceremonies differing from ours, a few of which follow, but with no thought of criticism:

"The Mystical Lecture" was given by Companion Joyce; the signs by Companion Costley. [These must be requirements, for they are given in nearly every reported Installation, and which is performed by a Grand Officer].

This Chapter prefers one candidate at each meeting, notwithstanding there are several candidates waiting. [Only four to six regular Chapter meetings are held during the year].

Forty-eight qualified Principals were present at one Chapter Installation.

The Historical and Symbolical Lectures were divided into three parts and floor members as well as Officers were given an opportunity of doing work.

Unique not only in the annals of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales, but of this Degree throughout the Commonwealth of Australia, was the exaltation of a number of Master Masons attached to the Battleship "West Virginia," a part of the American fleet then visiting our shores on its Grand Tour of the Pacific. The work was done by Zetland Chapter No. 1, which is the oldest Chapter on our register. * * * The newly exalted Companions requested to be allowed to remain as subscribing members of the Chapter.

The war period concession of allowing Aprons other than those appropriate to the Degree being worn, has not been forgotten by some, who still think it correct to wear Aprons appropriate to other Degrees.

Many other incidents just as informative could be added.

For the first time there is given a report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in which each Grand Chapter is separately reviewed. The committee consists of five members and there is nothing to indicate whether it is the work of one or of the five. It is so entertaining

and informative that one is impelled to complete its reading regardless of the wee sma' hours. If the Committee could make it possible to attend the next Triennial at Denver, he or they will receive a cordial welcome from The Guild.

Florida is reviewed in a friendly spirit and without special comment. It is regrettable that so many of the Craft will not have the opportunity of reading what our overseas Companions think of us. In reproducing this one comment we wonder if the writer has not a mistaken conception of American Masonry in connection with "politics:"

A third feature in connection with the perusal of these fine resumes of Fraternal Correspondence, is the impression that American Freemasonry takes an active interest in the promotion of politics and controversial education. We of Australia scrupulously try to avoid these pitfalls. Peace and harmony result.

Neville W. Montagu, Grand First Principal; D. R. Hutchinson, Masonic Hall, Sydney, Grand Scribe E.

NEW ZEALAND—1926

Chapters, 58. Members, 3,389. Exalted, 307.

Net Gain, 43.

G. RUSSELL, Grand Z.

About all that the world at large needs to know relative to the Capitular affairs in this far-away Grand Chapter, is to be found in the Report of the Supreme Committee to the Thirty-fourth Annual, held in Invercargill,

February 24, 1926, and but little of that interests us this side the big pond. In such a prosperous condition financially is this Grand Chapter that a donation was suggested for the Widows and Orphans and Aged Masons Fund of the Grand Lodge, but a compromise seems to have been effected to place the per capita at one shilling.

During the year efforts were again made to restore closer fraternal relations with the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland. New articles of agreement were submitted by the Grand Chapter of New Zealand, but which did not prove acceptable to Scotland, which then submitted its requirements. These provisions were such that they were likewise not acceptable, and the efforts to settle the long-standing difference through correspondence again resulted in a dead-lock.

A free discussion followed, being participated in by Companions who held membership in Scottish as well as New Zealand Chapters, and finally resulted in the unanimous adoption of a resolution, which stated that the draft agreement submitted were the minimum terms of recognition that the Grand Chapter of New Zealand could accept in its own territory, from the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, the closing paragraph of which reads:

In a friendly and fraternal spirit it tenders the aforementioned terms to the Grand Chapter of Scotland for adoption, and failing such adoption, the Grand Chapter of New Zealand will be impelled with reluctance to notify its constituent Chapters and those concerned that mutual recognition does not exist between the respective Grand Chapters, and require them to act accordingly.

At the conclusion of the installation and investiture of the Grand First Principal, M. E. Comp. T. M. Rankin, he addressed the Companions, in which he portrayed

his conception of the Royal Arch which he calls the climax of Masonry, which he says, "is pre-eminently a God-honoring and a humanity-loving institution."

It is gratifying to know that Florida's Grand Representative, R. E. G. G. Bullock-Douglas, P. G. Supt., was one of those who tendered fraternal greetings in behalf of their respective jurisdictions to the Grand First Principal.

There is no Correspondence Report nor Order of High Priesthood.

Thomas M. Rankin, Grand First Principal Z.; Chas. W. Nielsen, Masonic Temple, Wellington, Grand Scribe E.

From other and later sources it is learned that Scotland did not accept the last agreement submitted by New Zealand; and that New Zealand has suspended fraternal relation with the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland. This is regrettable to say the least, for it may have the effect of further complicating Capitular conditions in the other Australian States as well.

NORTH CAROLINA—1926

Chapters, 57. Members, 8,279. Exalted, 451.
Net Gain, 107.

JAMES W. PAYNE, Grand High Priest.

Although all the Grand Officers and many Past Grands were present when the Seventy-eighth Annual was convened in Wilmington, May 11, 1926, yet fully one-third of the Chapters and Florida's Grand Representative did not respond to roll call. Wonder why?

Capitular Masonry lost a beloved leader when the final summons came to M. E. John E. Cameron, Grand High Priest in 1912.

Many matters of local importance appear in the address of Grand High Priest Payne, who tried to "put on an educational drive and not a drive for new members." He found it necessary to take up three charters during the year and he persuaded other Chapters to return to work, one of which had a class of twenty-seven for the Royal Arch.

All the minor acts of the Grand High Priest were approved, except a dispensation to permit a Chapter to ballot on petitions ahead of time prescribed in the by-laws.

Believing that Grand Representatives should either represent or let some other ones who will, he revised the list and recommended a large number of new appointments, and he further recommended that when one missed two Annual consecutive Convocations, unless excused, the commission should be annulled and a successor appointed. But Grand Chapter decided to let well enough alone.

Believing that the report of the Masonic Educational Loan Fund, of which the Grand High Priest was the chairman, contained much important general information, he caused copies to be sent to the four principal officers of every Grand Chapter in the United States, Canada, British Columbia, England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, and the replies received indicated he said, that "some of the Grand Chapters had already adopted our program and many others said they would recommend it to their respective Grand Chapters."

This Educational Fund is managed by a joint committee from the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Commandery and the Scottish Rite, in which \$10,000 was apportioned to the several educational institutions in the

State in sums ranging from \$500 to \$1,000, and was by them loaned to the boy or girl direct, upon recommendation from this committee, but in order to meet those who were in training in hospitals \$500 will be apportioned to the Alumni Association to be used by them on the same basis.

It has been well said that the best prophet of the future is the past, and acting on that principal the Grand High Priest deemed it wise to refuse to issue dispensations where the territory was too small to give promise of a thriving Chapter.

Approximately half of the Chapters received official visitations from either the Grand High Priest or some other Grand Officer. Also there were held sixteen Joint Convocations or York Rite reunions, as they were called, at which during the day all the degrees were conferred. Local conditions may make such events desirable, but ye scribe often wonders whether such gatherings as these make real Craftsmen or mere members? This plan has not yet been put into practice in Florida.

As the result of inquiries which the Grand High Priest caused to be made, he learned that of the forty-nine American Grand Chapters, nine do not have the office of Deputy Grand High Priest; four do not mention in their Proceedings Grand Masters of Veils; fifteen elect the Grand Masters of Veils, including North Carolina and the remaining thirty have these as appointive officers. Believing that it would be to the advantage of the Grand Chapter for the Grand High Priest to appoint the four Master of Veils, rather than elect as has been the practice, he suggested a constitutional amendment to the end, and which was adopted together with the below added recommendation, but which appears to nullify whatever advantage might have followed by the break-

ing of the straight line of regular promotion, which, if ye scribe correctly understand, seems to have been in the mind of the Grand High Priest:

We recommend however, that the incoming Grand High Priests, in making their appointments, shall carry out, in the matter of promotions, the will of the Grand Chapter as already expressed by ballot.

For some reason only a small proportion of qualified Companions availed themselves of the restricted privilege of being set apart to the Order of High Priesthood. Wonder why?

Partaking very much of the nature of a textbook is the Capitular Review prepared by E. Comp. J. Edward Allen, a separate volume of three hundred pages being set apart for that purpose, and we unhesitatingly recommend it to any one seeking a year book on Capitular Masonry. Anything like an intelligible review is not feasible in this connection.

Four pages are given over to Florida, which include several quotations from the address of our Grand High Priest Erle Wirt, in one of which Companion Allen infers that \$30 is too small an advance payment for life membership. It looks that way to ye scribe, if life membership be necessary. He designates Florida's action relative to waivers of jurisdiction "desirable legislation," he being "severely opposed" to the granting of waivers of jurisdiction" to petitioners of short time residence. Neither does he appear to be particularly enthusiastic over so-called "York Rite Reunions."

Next Annual in High Point, May 10, 1927.

John S. McEachern, Wilmington, Grand High Priest;
John B. Griggs, Elizabeth City, Grand Secretary; J.
Edward Allen, Warrenton, Correspondent.

NORTH DAKOTA—1926

Chapters, 28. Members, 4,124. Exalted, 172.
Net Loss, 44.

WILLIAM T. JOHNSTON, Grand High Priest.

Grand Officers from Manitoba and Minnesota as well as the Presiding Officers of each of the other York Rite Bodies, assisted in the formal opening of the Thirty-seventh Annual, held in Fargo, January 26, 1926, and the writer wishes he might also have been among the lesser lights, for it would have been a glorious way of observing his natal day. Florida was represented by E. Comp. Otto F. Hennings, Grand Captain of the Host. Of course the distinguished visitors left behind them words of wisdom and inspiration that will not soon be forgotten.

When the roll was called there was one vacant chair, which for a score of years had been reserved for M. E. Comp. Evart C. Stevens, Grand High Priest in 1904-5.

The address of Grand High Priest Johnston was largely a resume of the activities of the year. However, he took occasion to truly say:

The true Mason must first have been prepared in his heart and he who is not made a Mason therein, will never be made one in the Lodge. 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 prepared properly if he had not previously been prepared in his heart. Better far add ten who have been made Masons than an hundred who have merely joined the Order.

The Craft, or the Council Officers at least, must be students of Capitular law, for the Grand High Priest

was not called upon to make any decisions during the year. And his other official acts were nominal. Most of his dispensations were in connection with the use of substitutes in the Royal Arch. Florida working in harmony with the General Grand does not impose this added and seemingly unnecessary duty upon its Grand High Priests. He, however, gives this explanation:

It may seem at a glance that we have given too many dispensations to use substitute candidates, but we do not think it for the best interests of Capitular Masonry to hold up two or even one candidate indefinitely.

Grand Chapter thought the same way and hereafter the High Priests will be permitted to use their discretion in this matter without reference to the Grand High Priest.

He reported making as many visitations as conditions permitted, two of which were to the Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and he thinks "our neighbors to the north are grasping the significance of Royal Arch Masonry."

His only recommendation was that it would be in keeping with the dignity of the office of Grand High Priest to have a suitable apron to wear when making official visitations, and Grand Chapter took the hint.

Grand Secretary Stockwell, in his report, in referring to the small net loss in membership, expressed a thought that is just as applicable in Florida or Oregon as in South Dakota:

There is no use complaining or decrying the lack of attendance or interest; the only thing to do is to get busy and create interest. It can be done. We have tried it in Fargo, where the demands from the outside are greater than anywhere else in the jurisdiction, and we know whereof we speak.

The Student Loan Fund, a joint affair, of Grand Lodge, Grand Commandery and Grand Chapter, has loaned about \$13,000 to 122 worthy applicants and still had left a balance of nearly \$2,000.

The reports of the District Deputies are not so complete as those of their northern neighbors, who seem to find time to visit nearly or quite every Chapter in their respective districts. In this respect at least our Canadian Companions seem to take Capitular Masonry more seriously than we on this side the invisible line.

This paragraph in the report of the Necrology Committee partially indicates the great loss the Craft in general has recently sustained, and involuntarily brings home the thought—are we who are left adequately filling those vacant stations:

Ernest LeNeve Foster, Colorado; Silas B. Wright, Florida; Thomas R. Marshall, Indiana; Andrew P. Swanstrom, Minnesota; Robert F. Stevenson, Missouri; Dr. Peter McGill, New Jersey; Arthur Warren, New York; Charles L. Brockway, South Dakota; Sol. Cutchins, Virginia, and Edward D. Vanderleith, Nevada.

Grand Chapters using General Grand Rituals will no doubt heartily favor the resolution fathered by South Dakota requesting the General Grand to permit each Chapter the use of not to exceed ten rituals.

It looks as though Grand Chapter was finding junketing about the state burdensome and for economic reasons it will again meet in Fargo.

The one great event of the year to the elect few is the annual gathering of the Past Grand Officers Association, with Comp. E. Geo. Guthrie as the boss. A new ritual is in preparation, but there is nothing said about changes for every initiate.

Fifteen Companions were introduced and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

There is only one M. E. Comp. E. Geo. Guthrie, and he it is who prepares the Fraternal Correspondence Report. He feels quite chesty on being appointed one of the Committee on Fraternal Relations in the General Grand Chapter to serve in the interim, and with perhaps equal propriety can the writer of this review feel the same way. M. E. Comp. E. R. Turnbull, of Illinois, is the Committee Chairman.

Companion Guthrie finds much of interest in Florida to attract his notice, and his comments are courteous, but he wishes the Grand Secretary would not use so many initials. But, bless you, George, when the Grand High Priest signs his name T. T. Todd what is the Grand Secretary going to do about it?

Next Annual in Fargo, Jan. 25 and 26, 1927.

William W. Shaw, Enderlin, Grand High Priest; Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo, Grand Secretary; E. Geo. Guthrie, Fargo, Correspondent.

NOVA SCOTIA—1926

Chapters, 20. Members, 2,651. Exalted, 127.
Net Loss, 39.

Prus S. J. OTTO, Grand High Priest.

Among the regrets received at the Fifty-seventh Annual "Convention," held in Halifax, June 8 and 9, 1926, was one from R. E. Dr. Augustus Robinson, who served that Grand Chapter forty-seven years previous as Grand Scribe, the oldest living Grand Officer; and one

from R. E. Comp. W. V. Murray, the oldest living Grand King. Three Subordinate Chapters were not represented, neither was Florida.

During the year the final summons came to M. E. Comp. Frederick W. Shaffner, Grand High Priest in 1916. Another notable member who passed away was E. Comp. George W. Johnson:

He was one of those who signed the Declaration of Union with the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia in 1875, thus making him probably the oldest Past High Priest in that Grand Jurisdiction at the time of his death. He held that honor for fifty years in the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and some years more under the Grand Chapter of Scotland.

Although the Grand High Priest stated in his address that "nothing out of the ordinary routine had come to his attention," yet his was quite an important year. While recording a small net loss in membership yet he found healthful indications for a "brighter future."

It was greatly to be regretted, it was stated, that Grand Chapter did not deem it advisable to hold this present Annual with Shannon Chapter in Newfoundland, but it was decided to hold the next Annual there at a time to be decided upon later. During the calendar year Shannon Chapter will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of receiving its charter, and a Grand Chapter delegation will add prestige to it. In this connection special mention was made that M. E. Comp. William A. Ellis, of St. John, a member of Shannon Chapter and a former Past Grand High Priest, had been honored with the appointment of Past Grand Junior Deacon by the Grand Lodge of England, there being some Lodges in that Island working under the English Constitution.

In reply to a query he ruled that according to the Constitution a Royal Arch Mason may take his dimit from a Lodge without affecting his standing in the Chapter. This having been made a matter of investigation, replies being received from every Grand Chapter, a Constitutional Amendment was passed that after one year a dimitted Master Mason is automatically suspended in the Chapter. Another ruling, differing from Florida law was:

That although the Grand Chapter is silent, yet I rule that per capita taxes accruing during the interval of suspension become due and are to be included in the regular returns to Grand Chapter.

Not favoring any public display, and believing it would be an innovation, he refused to grant a dispensation for a public installation. Public installations are in the nature of advertising and the writer fails to make them harmonize with Masonic teachings.

It appearing to the Grand High Priest that there was a lack of uniformity in ritualistic work, having no Grand Lecturer to teach it, and deeming it "best not to inquire too closely into what had been used," he recommended the appointment of a Board of Ritual, which was approved.

It is apparent that the Order of High Priesthood is a prerequisite to presiding as High Priest, for in addition to the regular Convocation in connection with Grand Chapter, several Special Convocations are held.

Grand Secretary Brenton F. Porter says he gets both personal benefit and pleasure in preparing the Reports on Correspondence, as does also the writer of this. And it is to be hoped that those who read them will be impressed the same way. Companion Porter quotes freely and wisely and comments understandingly.

He disagrees with nothing under Florida, but this comment in connection with the physical perfection feature of the address of Grand High Priest Wirt is interesting:

This decision might bring about conflict, as an instance being that of the writer's father whose Masonic residence was Ardrossan, Scotland, while he voted in Nova Scotia.

This comment in reference to the Queensland controversy very concisely states the situation at the present writing:

The question apparently, that separates them now [the amalgamation of the two Grand Chapters], is that No. 1, Grand Chapter insists that one of the conditions of union be that a Companion must be an Installed Master [in the Lodge] before he can be eligible to the principal positions in the Chapter. The other does not consider it necessary.

Next Annual at St. John's, Newfoundland, date to be given later.

Reginald V. Harris, K. C., Halifax, Grand High Priest; Brenton F. Porter, Truro, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

OHIO—1926

Chapters, 239. Members, 80,170. Exalted, 2,600.
Net Gain, 1,345.

WARREN J. BAKER, Grand High Priest.

In attendance a remarkable record was made at the One Hundred and Tenth Annual, held in Toledo, Oct. 6 and 7, 1926; the missing ones being: E. Comp. Homer

F. Smith, Grand Master of the Third Veil, who had passed through the Veils for the last time; M. E. Comp. Charles L. Harrod, whose alibi was perfect, for he was spending the winter in the home city of ye scribe; the representative of six Subordinate Chapters, and nothing to indicate that E. Comp. Ernest B. Brown was present to represent Florida.

All the other Grand Bodies were represented and apparently as many distinguished Masonic dignitaries from adjacent territory as could get there. Their introductions and responses are a valuable addition to Masonic literature. The regrettable part is that ye scribe could not also have been present, for Ohio was his original Masonic home.

Business predominated in the address of Grand High Priest Baker, at the outset of which he requested the Chapter Representatives on their return home "to make a full and detailed report to your respective Chapters of the Proceedings of this Annual Grand Convocation." Splendid suggestion; hope they did, for there was in it much worth while. He further said:

The reading in open Chapters will eliminate many useless questions and unnecessary correspondence. The Annual Proceedings are intended to be read and not placed on a book shelf as an ornament and there to accumulate dust.

Careful and thorough Chapter inspections are required, which no doubt have much to do with the steady growth in membership of this Grand Chapter. This pertinent comment is suggestive:

At inspections in many cases, the count of Companions present is taken at the dinner table, which number is largely in excess of those remaining. The attendance at Stated Convocations falls greatly below the above averages.

The Grand High Priest recommended changing the date of the closing of the Capitular year; more attention to the collecting of Chapter dues by the Secretaries; a graduated compensation for Chapter Secretaries, based on membership; the payment of fees as the degrees are conferred (the latter optional in Florida). But Grand Chapter through its Jurisprudence Committee advanced satisfactory reasons to let well enough alone.

In order to avoid double payment of mileage to Companions attending both Grand Chapter and Grand Council, the Grand High Priest recommended that Grand Council pay the mileage going and the Grand Chapter returning.

On the recommendation of the Grand High Priest, Grand Representatives were exchanged with the Grand Chapter, R. A. M., of Queensland (first formed). No further action seems to have been taken by Grand Chapter.

Among the courtesy requests was one for Jericho Chapter of Miami to confer the Royal Arch degree for Webb Chapter of Cleveland.

The approved decisions of the Grand High Priest include:

A High Priest has no authority to vacate the election of a candidate who fails to appear for the Mark Master degree.

A Brother who has been dimitted from his Lodge since 1922, was a non-affiliate in his Chapter, ceased to be eligible to any of its benefits, or to visit it, and remains so until he becomes in good standing in some Lodge.

A Canadian Companion who had not received the Past Master's degree applied for membership by dimit. The Ohio Chapter should first confer the Past Master's degree without charge, for "no Ohio Chapter is permitted to charge a fee for the Past Master's degree."

The Grand High Priest was so highly impressed with the benefits of a District Officers' Association which he attended, composed of the High Priests, Kings, Scribes and Past High Priests of that District, that he recommended the formation of such an Association in each Ohio District.

The Inspection Reports impressed the Grand High Priest that unless there is more interest manifested and a revival in Capitular Masonry, "no additional Chapters are needed for several years to come," except possibly in cities and rapidly growing communities.

Perhaps in no other Grand Jurisdiction, where not obligatory, is more importance given to the Order of High Priesthood. Many prominent visitors were present at the Annual Convocation, when 130 Companions were set apart and consecrated. Noteworthy was the address of the M. E. President, Companion Nelson Williams, well known to Florida Craftsmen. By reason of impaired vision he asked to be relieved from further service and he was succeeded by M. E. Comp. Grafton M. Acklin, who has been an officer in the same Grand Council for thirty years. As a testimonial of the love and affection in which President Williams was held he was given a silver bowl bearing the inscription "Nelson Williams, Order of High Priesthood, Silver Anniversary as President, 1926." During this quarter of a century President Williams has personally anointed 2,269 Companions, to which may be added 136 at one Convocation when he was too ill to officiate but did sign the diplomas, making a total of 2,405 during his quarter of a century of service.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Dr. W. A. Belt, M. E. Past Grand High Priest, who under Florida says, that nowhere else has he noticed such a dis-

tinction as "Emeritus" member, which exempts him from Chapter and Grand Chapter dues. With this additional comment: "The distinction between 'Emeritus member' and 'Life member' is somewhat troublesome." "Emeritus" takes the place of "Life," which latter neither Grand Lodge nor Grand Chapter carries on its rolls, the "Emeritus" member being exempted by special action of the Chapter or Lodge, and is on account of "old age," "bodily infirmity" or "indigency."

Next Annual in Cleveland, Oct. 5 and 6, 1927.

Irving Stafford, Cleveland, Grand High Priest; Edwin Hagenbusch, Urbana, Grand Secretary; Orion P. Sperra, Ravenna, Correspondent.

OKLAHOMA—1926

Chapters, 75. Members, 14,108. Exalted, 1,046.
Net Loss, 151.

CHARLES E. CREAGER, Grand High Priest.

So evenly do matters Capitular seem to move along in this Grand Jurisdiction that no one feature overtops another; surely the Companions can well sing, "Oh, Happy Condition." The Thirty-seventh Annual was held in Tulsa, April 21 and 22, 1926, with a full complement of its rightful officials and many distinguished visitors as well as the heads of all the other Masonic Bodies, yet E. Comp. Stanley C. Tyler was not there to speak for Florida? Why for?

Many reasons are advanced by Grand High Priests for accepting the office, but this very commendable com-

bination advanced by Grand High Priest Creager is new and it is a pleasure to pass it along:

I take this Grand Chapter into my confidence to say that my acceptance was influenced by two real friends: one has been called to her Heavenly Home; she was devoted to the principles of Freemasonry and enthusiastic in the interest of the Order; a voice from the grave seemed to insist that I accept. The other was our dearly beloved Grand Secretary who has been my Masonic mentor and personal friend since first we met—nearly a quarter of a century ago.

With such incentives it normally follows that Royal Craft ideals were emphasized at opportune times, and it was quite natural that he should say: "I have done the best I could and offer no apology."

Notwithstanding there was a small net loss in membership, it was his opinion that the Royal Craft was stronger and better than it was a year previous, as well as being a more useful institution. It will no doubt, also induce more careful selection of material, for he emphatically subscribes to this doctrine, "A well directed black ball never injures Masonry."

He advanced the somewhat novel idea, if the writer correctly understands, that suspension for non-payment of dues, when it becomes necessary to "collect by the processes of ordinary business," is more of a liability than an asset to the Craft and that the losing of such membership is more of a gain than a loss. To counteract this he recommended life membership at what seems to be a comparatively nominal sum, the details of which are not quite clear. Grand Chapter took it under advisement and a special committee will clarify and report a year hence.

A close relation exists between Chapter and Council and he earnestly hopes that the two Bodies "may arrive

at a relation even more closer," and that the officers will function in complete accord.

No decisions were required, all queries were for information, and the publication of the Code makes the law easily accessible.

The Grand Lecturer in his travels found the degree of proficiency in ritualistic work somewhat low and he recommended more Schools of Instruction so that every Chapter should receive instruction during the coming year. He further recommended that the floor work conform as closely as possible to that of the Ancient Craft Lodges.

Grand Chapter did not take kindly to a proposed plan that the Jurisprudence Committee should consist of all the Past Grand High Priests with the Junior Past Grand as chairman, holding that it should let well enough alone.

Somewhat of an innovation was the formation of the Secretaries Association of the Grand Chapter and the Grand Council. It is composed of the elective and acting secretaries of the subordinate Chapters and Councils, and its object is:

To promote greater efficiency among the Secretaries of the subordinate Chapters and Councils in Oklahoma, a better understanding between the offices of the Secretaries and the office of the Grand Secretary, and to further the interest of Capitular and Cryptic Masonry in this State.

The writer of this has long been of the opinion that a somewhat similar organization ought to be in force in every Grand Jurisdiction.

A resolution to repeal a former action of Grand Chapter to the effect that a Chapter introducing ceremonies not in the ritual in conferring degrees might have its

charter arrested and the High Priest removed from office, was with other matters pertaining to ritual and work referred to a special committee to report a year hence. That committee will not find its pathway always strewn with flowers, we opine.

For some reason only about half as many High Priests as there are Chapters in a Grand Jurisdiction, except where obligatory, take the Order of High Priesthood. The writer often wonders why this average is so uniform? This time in Oklahoma thirty-eight "received the order in regular form."

Once again The Guild is pleased to extend a cordial welcome to another entrant to its more or less mystical circle, Past Grand High Priest Eugene Hamilton, who makes his maiden bow this time in presenting a readable and instructive report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he collates the facts as he finds them, and refrains from quoting but few of the sentiments expressed. He makes a splendid start.

For Companion Hamilton's information, the thought tried to be conveyed in last year's report though perhaps clumsily, that the expression "self contained," as applied to distinguished visitors, was that they were all from the same State and presumably all members of that Grand Chapter. For that reason as explained in another review in this report, they are not introduced in Florida.

Next Annual in Holdenville, April 20 and 21, 1927.

Emerson Burns, Poteau, Grand High Priest; James A. Scott, Muskogee, Grand Secretary; Eugene Hamilton, Chickasha, Correspondent.

OREGON—1926

Chapters, 48. Members, 7,209. Exalted, 353.
Net Gain, 161.

JOHN K. KOLLOCK, Grand High Priest.

From out where the sun goes down, comes this glowing report, that the gain in membership the past year in the Grand Chapter of Oregon was "four times as great as that of last year." This is also in evidence at the Sixty-sixth Annual, held in Astoria, April 12, 1926, by the attendance of all the Grand Officers, a large proportion of Past Grands and Chapter Representatives as well as Florida's spokesman, as well as by the presence of the presiding officers of the other Grand Bodies, and also M. E. Comp. Horace W. Tyler, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Washington.

One member of the Permanent Family, M. E. Comp. Albert H. Steiner, Grand High Priest in 1908-9, received his summons to enter the Eternal Sanctuary.

Our ancient Brethren were paid their wages in the coin of the realm. So did Grand High Priest receive his wages by visiting each of the Chapters, not one being overlooked; and he was pleased to report in his address that "Officers and Companions are showing an increased enthusiasm in the work of the Order."

A Chapter was constituted as Bandon. He felt compelled to refuse a dispensation to form a new Chapter at Redmond, for, he stated:

It is only fair to you to say that I am personally not convinced that there is any real demand for a Chapter here, nor any probability that a Chapter so established would be at least numerically successful.

This was written after careful investigation, good reasons being given. When all Grand High Priests are as careful in their investigations, there will be fewer dormant Chapters and Capitular Masonry will be the net gainer.

He believed closer fraternal relations were developed by reason of the joint meetings held during the year, one of which was inter-jurisdictional when, accompanied by a number of other Companions, he visited Vancouver Chapter No. 9 and witnessed the conferring of the Mark Degree under the revised ritual of the General Grand which has been adopted by the Grand Chapter of Washington. Oregon, however, is using its newly revised ritual, the result of three years of study and labor, which in form and method of treatment, he modestly says, "will be the best ever put on by any Grand Chapter." It is such a long way from Florida to Oregon that it is doubtful if many of our Companions will be able to verify this statement.

One of the results of his visitations was the recommending of a constitutional amendment which would give a Standing Committee authority to determine whether Chapter jurisdictions should be exclusive or concurrent when the straight-line rule is inconsistent with the convenient lines of travel, and which decision shall be final. This was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for re-drafting, which in its new form will put this authority in the hands of the Trustees of the Grand Chapter, a subsidiary body not commonly found in other American Grand Chapters.

Another recommendation approved by Grand Chapter was the appointment of a committee to act with a similar committee from the Grand Chapters of Washington, Idaho, California and Nevada to determine upon recipro-

cal arrangements by which membership across State lines may be authorized.

Grand Chapter approved the recommendation that the Order of High Priesthood be obligatory upon a High Priest before he shall be permitted to exercise any duties of his office; also that no elected and installed High Priest who fails to receive the Order shall be entitled to rank as a Past High Priest. This raises the query in the mind of the writer how he could acquire such a rank if he was not "permitted to exercise any duties of his office."

Resulting from another recommendation, Grand Chapter adopted as its official emblem, "the Triple Tau within a triangle inscribed in a circle."

Another constitutional amendment to come up a year later, will be that all petitions for degrees, in addition to the customary requirements, shall be accompanied by a certificate of membership issued by his Lodge.

Taking its name, Hodson Council, Order of High Priesthood, from a former devoted Royal Craftsman, now deceased, mention of which has been made in a previous review, it differs in this respect from nearly or quite all other Grand Assemblies. At this Annual, twenty-six E. C. Companions were consecrated and set apart. After the obligatory requirement goes into effect the yearly number will no doubt materially increase. It is certainly a worth-while privilege.

Once again E. C. Comp. Walter O. Haines in his Correspondence Report presents the important Capitular happenings in the several Grand Chapters as he finds them, and it makes valuable educational reading.

In his review of Florida he quotes the stand taken by Grand High Priest Erle Wirt in the General Grand Chapter controversy and with this approving comment:

We have been in full agreement with our Florida Companions in the stand they have taken and congratulate them on the result.

It is not uncommon for the name of the writer of this review to be spelled on the printed page in other reports differently from what the records show. It is also in the Oregon review.

Next Annual in the City of Bend, April 11, 1927.

George E. Swafford, Oregon City, Grand High Priest; D. Rufus Cheney, Portland, Grand Secretary; Walter O. Haines, Portland, Correspondent.

PENNSYLVANIA—1926

Chapters, 152. Members, 59,778. Marked, 2,160.
Net Gain, 661.

GEORGE P. DARROW, Grand High Priest.

This is the only Grand Chapter ye scribe recalls where the deaths greatly outnumbered the suspensions. The growth is based on the number Marked rather than on the Exaltations, and which causes one to wonder if the yearly dues begin at time of receiving the Mark Degree, and also why a Mark Lodge, and its relation to the Capitular degrees?

At the March Quarterly the "In Memoriam" of M. E. Comp. A. G. Criswell Smith, who was Grand High Priest in 1911 and 1912 was presented. He was also Most Puissant Grand Master, R. and S. M., in 1902. An outstanding tribute:

Companion Smith had a three-fold devotion: the Public School, the Church and Free Masonry, and to each of these institutions he gave himself unreservedly. His was no half-hearted service.

At the June Quarterly tribute was paid to M. E. Comp. Henry O. Kline, who was Grand High Priest 1903 and 1904; he was also the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Florida. Briefly summarized:

His Masonic record from Blue Lodge to the Supreme Council, 33 degree, is one of brilliant succession, notable for services conscientiously performed and for constancy and ability seldom surpassed.

A Special Grand Convocation was held in April to constitute Crafton Chapter No. 312, with a membership exceeding two hundred.

One Chapter requested permission, which was granted, to receive and act upon a fourth petition for degrees and membership from a Brother whose third petition had been rejected.

Recognition was granted the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New South Wales; but the request from the Grand Chapter of New Zealand was for the present deferred, as was also that from the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Queensland. The committee report concerning the latter states:

The position stands at present: Two Supreme Grand Chapters of Queensland. There are still Scotch Chapters not gathered into the fold. No Irish Chapter is in existence in Queensland.

Committees are working to bring about a union of the two "Supreme Grand Chapters," but as yet without success.

Grand High Priest Darrow, in his address, stated that he attended every District meeting, and there are twenty-three Districts. He truly says:

There is no progress without service. There can be no Masonry without service. * * * All around team work is the magic wand

that alone can make our Chapters what they should and can be. They have taught us two important lessons: the lesson of self-help, and the lesson of giving help to and receiving help from others.

Pennsylvania appears to have adopted this custom which is gaining favor, and quite logically, too, for the Scribe to confer the Mark degree and the King the Most Excellent degree. Being disappointed that this plan was not carried out at one District meeting, he made this pertinent comment: "It is difficult to conceive of a valid excuse for a Scribe elected in December being unable to confer the Mark Degree in the following September."

Constitutional amendments adopted at the December Quarterly are unquestionably among the most important and far-reaching acts of legislation passed upon by any Grand Chapters in many years. The net result of these amendments is:

That henceforth any affiliated Master Mason, resident in Pennsylvania, and in good standing in his Lodge, whether it is located in this or any other recognized Jurisdiction, is eligible to petition for degrees and membership in any Royal Arch Chapter in Pennsylvania.

It is now possible for a Brother made a Mason in a sister Jurisdiction, who afterward acquires Pennsylvania residence, to find a home in a Pennsylvania Royal Arch Chapter, without severing his relations with the mother Lodge. It is possible for the Pennsylvania made Mason to attain the summit and perfection of Ancient Craft Masonry (the Royal Arch Degree) without let or hindrance.

Marked improvements grew out of the instructions given the Chapter Secretaries who met with the Grand Secretary at the March Quarterly. Might not this plan be profitably considered by other Grand Bodies?

Grand High Priest Darrow emphasizes that "a true Masonic life is a life of service." He further well says:

Our Fraternity rests on a belief in God, and all Free Masonry grows out of that belief. Divine teachings and divine principles enter into the very warp and woof of its construction. It is not a religion in the sense that it is interested in creeds, but it is a religion in the sense that it believes in religious ideas and religious ideals. It is not a religion in the sense that it sets out to accomplish the salvation of the soul. It is a religion in the sense that it sets out to accomplish the betterment of human kind.

The Committee on Correspondence is composed of five members, of which Past Grand High Priest John M. Core is the chairman. He prefaces the report by referring to the action of the Grand Chapter relative to the "Passing to the Chair" as a prerequisite for petitioning for Capitular degrees in Pennsylvania, as summarized by Grand High Priest Darrow in the first part of this review.

Florida is again reviewed by E. Comp. H. Franklin Brossman, under which he questions the advisability of granting dispensations to ballot on candidates at special convocations. Although he appreciates the fellowship growing out of courtesy work, he questions "whether a candidate should not receive all his degrees in the body of which he desires to become a member." His expressions of good will are appreciated.

All Grand Convocations are held in Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

Walton K. Swetland, Coudersport, Grand High Priest; Joseph F. Quinby, Philadelphia, Grand Secretary

QUEBEC—1926

Chapters, 21. Members, 3,417. Received, 179.
Net Gain, 66.

W. M. COUPER, Grand First Principal.

Somewhat uneventful were the proceedings of the Forty-ninth Annual, held in Montreal, March 26, 1926, in two sessions, commencing at 3:00 p. m. From the amount of matter presented, some of which must have been merely offered and with "leave to print." It seems to have been well attended by most of those who "belonged to be there," except Florida's Representative. Hope he is not chronically indisposed. Quebec can rest assured that it will be represented at the Florida Annual by Grand Chaplain Rev. W. B. Y. Wilkie.

For years, with an occasional exception, Quebec has followed the custom of having its Grand First Principal serve two years. This has some commendatory features. Accordingly M. E. Companion Couper for the second time presents an accounting of his official acts, prefacing the address with this comprehensive statement:

Masonry is a science. It seeks to instruct, educate and develop the mind; it provides rules of life; it opens the door to the proper application of the Golden Rule; it raises men's thoughts to an Eternal Home and it provides only the highest ideals as the guide of man's conduct. Craft Masonry lays the foundation, and Royal Arch Masonry raises the superstructure.

While the net gain is small, Companion Couper is pleased to note that Quebec's membership in the Royal Arch, proportionate to Craft Masons, is fully up to the average found in other Grand Jurisdictions, and he has

no fear of interest in the Royal Craft diminishing. Particularly gratifying to The Guild at least will be his statement that the "blessing of renewed health has been bestowed upon M. E. Comp. E. T. D. Chambers," although he sent regrets for non-attendance.

He was also greatly gratified to learn that fraternal relations had been established with the English Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, which was severed by edict in October, 1883, over a claimed invasion of jurisdiction. The terms of the agreement is the recognizing of the members of Mark Master Lodge No. 131, attached to St. Paul's Lodge in Montreal, and no further warrants will be issued or revived for Lodges of Mark Master Masons in the Province of Quebec. Just how this benefits the Mark Master's of No. 131, is not quite clear to the writer.

The visitations of the Grand Z. were confined largely to the Chapters outside of the City of Montreal. A splendid idea, for it is the outside Chapters that most need the inspiration of the Grand Presiding Officer. His inter-jurisdictional visitations took him to Maine, Massachusetts and Ontario.

Among the necessary dispensations were several to install as First Principal (High Priest) Companions "who had not been Worshipful Masters of a Symbolic Lodge." He again emphasized the requirement that requests for dispensations should go through the Grand Superintendent of the District for his approval.

Observing that the revenue for the year had dropped off a little, owing to increased expenditures, he recommended raising the Grand Chapter dues to \$1.00, but Grand Chapter compromised on \$.80.

Plans are being laid to celebrate one year later the semi-centennial anniversary of the forming of this Grand

Chapter, the exact date being October 12, 1876. By a peculiar coincidence this review is written almost to a day on the date of Quebec's Fiftieth Anniversary. It is hoped and believed it was a memorable event and the best wishes and congratulations of Florida Royal Craftsmen are hereby tendered.

In the report of the Grand Lecturer reference is made, that at one of the District Meetings the "Ancient Mark" degree was exemplified, which causes one to wonder how this work might differ from that ordinarily conferred in this degree? District meetings are strongly favored because they create the necessary emulation for good work. Also the work of the Grand Superintendents is favorably commended and in consideration of which they are given a Past Rank with the title of R.'.E.'..

As yet there is no order of High Priesthood.

Once again it is a pleasure to note that M.'.E.'. Comp. E. D. T. Chambers maintains the high standard of excellence in his report of Foreign Correspondence, being the thirty-ninth successive year he has filled this station. He also has no "doubt as to the continued progress and prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry."

He deals kindly with Florida, quoting with approval from its proceedings, which is pleasing to this Grand Chapter.

The Half-Century Annual will be held in Montreal, March 23, 1927.

A. B. J. Moore, Montreal, Grand Z.; W. W. Williamson, Montreal, Grand Scribe E.; E. D. T. Chambers, Quebec, Correspondent.

QUEENSLAND—1924, 1925 AND 1926

Two years ago the Grand Chapter of Florida decided not to extend fraternal recognition to either of the Grand Chapters that had been formed in Queensland until a more harmonious and united condition prevailed there in the Royal Craft. Although efforts are being made to bring about an amalgamation of the two Grand Chapters, yet at this writing the indications are not very encouraging. The main contention, as the writer understands it, is that the first Grand Chapter that was formed, although numerically less in membership, insists that all First Principals (High Priests) be Installed Masters in a Craft Lodge. To this the newer Grand Chapter agreed whenever feasible, that is when a Chapter is attached to a Lodge, but by the separation of the Royal Arch from Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters were for convenience or other reasons, not always attached to any particular Lodge, and at times it was deemed better that a Chapter select as its First Principal a Companion who had never been installed a Master. And the newer formed Grand Chapter still claim that it is within its Masonic rights to continue this practice.

One year ago the 1924 and 1925 Proceedings of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Queensland (the older Grand Chapter) was reviewed. Similar courtesy this year is given to the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland, the specific name of the newer body. There appears to be nothing to definitely indicate the membership of this Grand Chapter, other than the First Grand Principal stated it exceeded 2,000; but mention is made of the constitution and consecration of Carpentaria Chapter No. 49, which is probably also the number of subordinate Chapters. Queensland is a

country of magnificent distances, for the above named Chapter is at Normanton, and it is stated, "the nearest Chapters are those situated in the Cairns district, some hundreds of miles away."

Preparations are nearly completed for the forming of a Chapter at Port Moresby in the Island of New Guinea, at which place there is an established Lodge of Master Masons. There is much of interest to the students of Masonry in these proceedings, going into minute details, for instance, of the kind, shape and trimmings of the aprons to be worn by the various officials and other members.

The Cryptic impressive degrees, closely connected with Chapter work though somewhat new, are recommended to the Chapters and, by which the First Grand Principal hopes to see them generally worked, because:

They tend to keep alive a vivid interest in the work, more especially those Companions who have passed the First Principal's chair who, if not active, are apt to lose interest. This may be overcome by appointing them to positions of prominence in the Cryptic degrees.

This principle is generally true, for it is those who have something to do who maintain interest, while those who continually sit on the side lines, mere lookers on, gradually drift away.

Royal Arch Masonry was established in Queensland by the founding of Prince of Wales Chapter No. 1 in 1864, and North Australian Chapter No. 2 in 1868. The former, which has preserved all its records, will soon publish its history. Both of these Chapters are a part of the Grand Chapter being reviewed.

M. E. Comp. R. N. F. Quinn, besides being Grand First Principal, is of course Grand Master of Queens-

land, he also holds important offices in other English and Scottish Bodies; and St. Claire Bernard, Brisbane, is Grand Scribe E.

SASKATCHEWAN—1926

Chapters, 26. Members, 2,557. Admissions, 112.
Net Loss, 80.

CHAS P. MOORE, Grand Z.

This being one of the "baby Grands," matters move along so harmoniously that us fellows living in the far Southland find little to write about. The Third Annual was held in Weyburn, Feb. 17, 1926, all kinds of its qualified members, including Florida's Representative, being present. Grand High Priest Shaw of North Dakota added to the dignity of the occasion. And notice was given that at the next Annual action would be taken to make M. E. Shaw "an honorary member of this Grand Chapter with the rank of Past Grand Principal J."

Suspension for non-payment of dues is the major reason assigned by the Grand Z. in his address for the net loss in membership, a result of the necessary weeding out of the Masonic Garden.

It is quite evident that many Brethren have surrendered good coin of the realm for something they did not or could not assimilate. Is it wholly their fault? How about the vastly greater number who remain, all of whom are or should be mutually interested? Are we doing what we ought to do, and what is expected of us? This is a personal matter in which each must answer for himself.

The Grand Z. refused to approve by-laws where many pen alterations had been made to the type-written copy, they being returned for re-typing.

He ruled that a Chapter could confer the Royal Arch Degree on one candidate, provided two Sojourners were used. Grand Chapter did not concur, but that it be given the fullest consideration it was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee to make a recommendation at the next Annual.

All his other official acts were approved; although it was assumed that there must be good and sufficient reasons to permit a second ballot on a candidate who had been rejected.

An effort to bring about waivers of jurisdiction between North Dakota and Saskatchewan Chapters without being referred to their respective Grand Jurisdictions failed.

No Order of High Priesthood reported.

There is a brief Report on Correspondence, by R. E. Francis B. Reilly, Grand Scribe E., good as far as it goes; which causes the writer to often wonder if such curtailed reviews accomplish the purposes for which they are intended. It is well that all of us do not look at matters from the same angle and elevation. Florida is impartially considered.

This parenthetical sentence from another review throws some light on the seeming importance attached to a Past Installed First Principal or Master, the necessity for which has been so puzzling to the writer: "Apparently no provision for indulgent Committee of Past P. to certify to perfection." In Florida as well as in all other American Grand Jurisdictions that the writer is familiar with, no authority by reason of the office attaches to a past presiding officer, be he a Past Grand or

a mere Past, any more than to the youngest member, unless he be assigned to some committee, and even then not necessarily by reason of his Past honors. And when he drops out of office he is as powerless as was Samson after Delilah had shorn him of his locks.

On the back cover page is a concise summary of the advantages of Saskatchewan, closing with this statement: "Climate, the best in the world." May be so, may be so; but as one of the popular jingles goes, "It's all in the way you lay the sticks." The writer of this was permitted to *reside* half a century where shoveling snow and paying coal bills was a recreation; now he *lives* where it is summer all summer in the summer time and where there is no winter. The latter better suits us as well as many others.

Next Annual in Regina, date not stated.

E. Pinkerton, Yorkton, Grand First Principal; F. B. Reilly, Regina, Grand Scribe E. and Correspondent.

SCOTLAND

M. E. Comp. The Earl of Cassillis presided at the Quarterly Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, March 5, 1925, when he was re-elected as Grand Z., as were the other Office Bearers, the only contests being in Second and Third Grand Standard Bearers. The installation occurred at the Annual two weeks later. In connection was the naming of those M. E. Companions upon whom Honorary Rank were conferred, they being distinguished members of the Order abroad.

In the response to one of the toasts at the banquet which followed, it was stated that there were something

like 615 Chapters on the rolls of the Supreme Grand Chapter; another response stated that eighteen new Chapters were chartered during the year, and there were 4,273 exaltations, a substantial increase over the preceding year.

The Earl of Cassillis, who had recently returned from an extended trip to Australia, presented a brief resume of Capitular conditions in those countries. Space will not permit a reproduction of his entire response to the toast "The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland." These two paragraphs may give a partial understanding of the position taken by the Grand Chapter of Scotland in its Foreign and Colonial field:

Then there is the position in some of the Dominions where we exist side by side with local Grand Chapters, some of which have been more or less recently formed, and with these, questions of much intricacy occasionally arise. The presence of a desire for self-government is always within the scope of possibility, and sometimes this becomes audible, but, as seems only quite natural, Scottish Masons who have seen the light of Masonry in Scotland, or who treasure the traditions of a great system and race, usually tenaciously hold to the desire to maintain their old connection. English and Irish Chapters on the same ground may be actuated by like sentiments, and hold to their original allegiance, and we consequently have English, Scottish and Irish Chapters working side by side and also a local Grand Body. England invariably maintains the right of chartering Chapters in connection with English Lodges wherever these may be, and only recently has, while following our example of recognizing the Grand Chapter of Queensland established in 1922, emphasized the position that its right to establish Chapters remains unimpaired.

There is a thing, I think, which we do not always quite realize when we are asked to recognize Grand Chapters in our Dominions, and consequently, possibly do not give sufficient reflection to what may be entailed, and it is that the Supreme Grand Chapter recognizes its responsibility to provide facilities for advancement to the members of the Scottish Craft, but it cannot concede to make its

Chapters to be purely adjuncts to the Scottish Lodges, or to restrict the operations of such Chapters in any artificial way.

Among the many matters of business at the Quarterly held June 4th, was a request from the Supreme Grand Chapter of Queensland (1918) asking for recognition, "but in the circumstances the request could not be acceded to." A request for recognition also came from the Grand Chapter of New Zealand, with this result:

The Committee recommended that the terms previously communicated to the Grand Chapter of New Zealand be adhered to, and the request that entrants to Scottish Chapters, be restricted to Brethren from Scottish Lodges be not entertained. The Committee is of the opinion that any untoward circumstances affecting Royal Arch Masonry which may result from the severance threatened, is attributable to the action of the Grand Chapter of New Zealand.

SOUTH CAROLINA—1926

Chapters, 170. Members, 6,459. Exalted, 218.
Net Loss, 176.

CHARLES K. CHREITZBERG, Grand High Priest.

Perhaps to avoid the appearance of a Grand High Priest naming a future incumbent, South Carolina Capitular laws provide that all the stations from Grand Principal Sojourner to Grand Master of the First Veil "shall be filled at each Convocation in the order given, by the High Priests of the oldest Chapters who may be present." When the One Hundred and Fourteenth Annual convened in Greenville, April 28, 1926, one Grand Officer, several Permanent Members and representatives

of seven Chapters did not respond to roll call, but Florida was represented by its Grand King, R. E. Robert T. Goodale, as was also North Carolina by its Grand High Priest and two Past Grands.

Very rarely does the honor come to any one person, as it did to M. E. Comp. Chreitzberg, to be the presiding officer of *three* Grand Masonic Bodies at the same time, he being also Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, as well as Grand Master of the Grand Council. So acceptably did he perform his three-fold duties that he with his associate officers were chose to preside over the Royal Craft another year.

Harmonious conditions prevailed throughout the Grand Jurisdiction, Grand High Priest Chreitzberg reported in his brief address, so that fortunately his official duties were not burdensome, although there must have been some drones to have induced this pertinent comment:

It is only where the officers have not prepared themselves that the Chapters are sluggish and fast becoming dormant. If we will fill ourselves with enthusiasm and spend the time necessary to equip ourselves, and then give the Companions something on Chapter nights, there would be no complaint of lack of interest.

The Grand High Priest is to be commended for the firm stand he took in the matter of granting dispensations, none of which are given in detail, but, he said, "I have carefully avoided granting any dispensations for the railroading of candidates."

No questions of law having been submitted, no decisions were required, which he considers a healthy sign, and he looks forward to the time when the necessity for decisions will finally disappear—theoretically a condition

that would be ideal, but there are grave doubts that it will ever become common.

A part of his "wages" was the pleasure that came from the reading of letters from Representatives near other Grand Jurisdiction, a duty often overlooked, but which he believes "can be made to wield an immense power in bringing all the Grand Jurisdictions into close touch with each other."

Action prevailed that ritualistic changes be made so that the formation of groups in the closing differ from the opening, but which for obvious reasons are not stated.

Being optional rather than obligatory only eleven qualified Companions availed themselves of the peculiar privileges offered them in the Order of High Priesthood.

A South Carolina Grand Chapter Proceedings without a review by M. E. Comp. James L. Michie would be like "Hamlet" without the "Ghost," and his Sixteenth Annual is fully up to the high standard he set a long time ago.

Florida is carefully and courteously reviewed by him and he gives several quotations, noting that "Florida was among the few, very few," which did not obey the mandates set forth in the Texas controversy. He also says that our Grand Secretary does not state Florida's membership. That seems strange, for the 1926 Proceedings open before the writer gives a statistical summary at the top of page fifty-seven and the membership as 8,448, with a net gain of 481.

Next Annual in the City of Rock Hill, April 27, 1927.

Charles A. Kreitzberg, Rock Hill, Grand High Priest;
O. Frank Hart, Columbia, Grand Secretary; James L. Michie, Darlington, Correspondent.

SOUTH DAKOTA—1926

Chapters, 43. Members, 6,370. Exalted, 243.
Net Loss, 10.

JOHN O. KAMMERMANN, Grand King and Acting
Grand High Priest.

In the midst of life's duties M. E. Comp. Charles L. Brockway's earthly light was suddenly extinguished and he received that imperative summons to appear before the Supreme Grand Chapter and make his final accounting. His mantle fell upon R. E. Comp. John O. Kammerman, Grand King, who carried on the work as outlined on the trestle board of the former master workman and which passed inspection.

With the above exception all the Official family, many Permanent Members and a goodly number of representatives of Subordinate Chapters were present when the Thirty-seventh Annual was formally opened in Yankton, June 10, 1926, and yet no one to speak for Florida.

Very cordial was the greeting of the Acting Grand High Priest to all present, in which he compared the difficulties of travel experienced by the pioneers who attended the forming of this Grand Chapter, with those of the present day. So smoothly do Capitular matters seem to move along that his official acts do not appear to have been overly burdensome.

He refused to grant a waiver of dispensation in the case of a Brother:

Who had let over a year elapse since taking his M. M. degree and therefor a vote of the Chapter where he petitioned originally, was necessary in order to place him in good standing.

This was followed by a request for a dispensation to allow this same Brother to receive the balance of his Capitular degrees, which for the same reason was also denied.

It was brought to the attention of the Acting Grand High Priest that a notice of a petition for concurrent jurisdiction issued by Grand High Priest Brockway, was still pending, and after careful investigation Companion Kammermann found that such action would be detrimental to the younger and small Chapters, and he ruled in part:

The by-laws of the Grand Chapter of Dakota provide that in case of inaccessibility or inconvenience in traveling, concurrent jurisdiction may be granted by the Grand High Priest, but in this modern age, when the scientist and engineer have placed at our disposal good roads and reliable automobiles, the Acting Grand High Priest does not find sufficient cause to disturb the boundary set by Grand Chapter.

Believing that much good can be accomplished by personal visitations of Grand Chapter Officers, although ill at the time the duties devolved upon him, the Acting Grand High Priest made as many visits as the time permitted. At one of these visitations an unusual feature was that a father and four sons took all the degrees. Although the conferring of all the degrees is quite commonly followed, yet the writer of this is impressed that whenever feasible it is better that the work be distributed over two or three convocations.

In order to give more time for the transaction of the necessary business and to hold a School of Instruction, he recommended that two days be given to the Annual Convocations, and Grand Chapter approved. He also urged extending charity to inactive Chapters, although not specifying the limit:

Let us not be too exacting with them and too hard on them. They are composed, in most cases, of good Royal Arch Masons—just as good as you and I, but for some reason are not able to muster the necessary enthusiasm to keep up the regular meetings.

For the thirty-sixth time Grand Secretary George A. Pettigrew presented his Annual report, an enviable record, in which he ascribes the number of suspensions for non-payment of dues as well as other delinquencies "to the 'Jazz' condition of the Chapter that exists in all things else."

After citing the conditions, growing out of which the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Queensland (the senior Grand Chapter) was formed, and also that it was consecrated by its neighbor, the Grand Chapter of New South Wales, the Jurisprudence Committee recommended and Grand Chapter concurred in adopting a resolution which extended recognition to that Grand Chapter; and in which it was also stated:

None of them [the Grand Chapters of Australia] will have intercourse with the so-called Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland [the junior Grand Chapter], which is admittedly an outgrowth of the Scottish Provincial Grand Chapter.

A dozen Excellent Companions were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood and M. . E. . Comp. George V. Ayres was elected President to succeed the late M. . E. . Comp. C. L. Brockway.

Owing to the untimely death of M. . E. . Companion Brockway to whom had been allotted the double duty of Grand High Priest and Committee on Review, and at a late hour, although not the eleventh, Comp. Robert S. Hart was brought into the vineyard and set to work. Right well did he produce a full day's work, and which

has entitled him to wages as well as a cordial welcome into The Guild and a seat at the Round Table. His chief aim, which is that of the writer of this as well, is the information of the Companions and "the hope that it may serve as a guide to the possible betterment of our own Grand Chapter."

Under Florida he somewhat pointedly notes that at the last Grand Chapter only one Chapter was represented by all three officers and two others had only two of their officers present, which he assumes to be "a fair measure of the activity of the Capitular Rite generally in the State." Yet he finds that all but "six Chapters had exaltations during the year and one exalted 91." Without checking up, wonder if South Dakota has a better record?

Next Annual at Aberdeen, June 16 and 17, 1927.

John O. Kammerman, Rapid City, Grand High Priest; George A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, Grand Secretary; Robert S. Hart, Groton, Reviewer.

TENNESSEE—1926

Chapters, 90. Members, 11,237. Exalted, 554.
Net Gain, 198.

J. WINFIELD DARBY, Grand High Priest.

When Grand High Priest Darby formally opened the Ninety-seventh Annual in Nashville, January 25, 1926, only one Grand Officer, five Chapter and Florida's Representatives failed to respond to roll call; also there were present a baker's dozen Past Grands and many lesser

lights, besides distinguished visitors from North Carolina. The chair in the patriarch's corner reserved for M. E. Comp. Chas. M. Hunt since 1914 is now forever vacant, and his earthly light is extinguished.

Full credit is given to the Masonic Craft, by Grand High Priest Darby in his address, "in cementing the ties of friendship among the peoples of the world and in bringing about a permanent peace," which is a consummation devoutly to be hoped.

The 1925 Annual Grand Chapter acted favorably upon the recommendation of the Grand High Priest "that the office of Grand Lecturer be abolished." A committee was appointed to "report upon some plan of teaching the ritual to the officers and members of Subordinate Chapters." There being some uncertainty of the status of that committee, the present Grand High Priest was asked to rule on this point:

Was the adoption of the report of the Jurisprudence Committee legal, and has the special committee appointed by Grand High Priest a legal status?

Because this seemed to affect the revenues of Grand Chapter Grand High Priest Darby believed that it should have been reported by the Ways and Means Committee instead of the Jurisprudence Committee, and he ruled that the appointed special committee was without legal status. To this decision the present Jurisprudence Committee objected, holding:

That a matter of such a nature is clearly one for consideration of this committee regardless of the action of any other committee.

The report of the special committee, which had been presented, was referred back for future study and report.

The original report contained several sections quite at variance with the practice seemingly followed in many Grand Jurisdictions and the revision will be looked for with interest. In the meantime Subordinate Chapters will be instructed by Grand Chapter Officers.

Grand Chapter agreed with the Grand High Priest that it was unfortunate that he "did not make a greater effort to make personal contact with Subordinate Chapters;" and also made this pertinent comment:

We feel that visitations by our Grand High Priest are not only helpful to the Chapters, but have great educational value to the Grand High Priest himself.

Grand Chapter ordered that hereafter absence from two consecutive Annual Convocations shall constitute a vacancy on the roll of Grand Representatives.

It was suggested that the incoming Grand High Priest specially urge all Chapters to hold educational meetings during the year. The Centennial Celebration of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee will occur at the 1927 Convocation.

Recognizing the importance of the Order of High Priesthood, robes for the conferring of this degree have been provided, the proper use of them being left with a committee, and next year's class will see them in use for the first time. The writer and many others will of necessity have to witness this somewhat innovation through other Companions' eyes. Hope the favored ones will not forget us.

As the dessert which follows the essentials at the banquet table is often the more enjoyable, so is the Report on Correspondence by Past Grand High Priest Charles H. Smart, for it caused the reader not to notice the clock until the breakfast gong sounded. There being some sixty

changes, they are as varied as those in the kaleidoscope. Companion Smart has decided opinions which he does not hesitate to express, and he "gets by." While we who have a limited acquaintance with Webster's Unabridged govern ourselves accordingly.

Companion Smart finds much under Florida to commend, for which we thank him, but he is needlessly alarmed over permitting the Jacksonville or some other Chapter to confer the Capitular degrees before Grand Chapter. They are not hurried, and we opine there is a dignity and precision comparable with Tennessee procedure. Come down and see for yourself, Companion Smart. We will do our best to show you "how a Chapter away off in the styx can run the thing before the Grand Chapter."

Next Annual in Nashville, January 24 and 25, 1927.

Alfred C. Morgan, Clarksville, Grand High Priest; Stith M. Cain, Nashville, Grand Secretary; Charles H. Smart, Nashville, Correspondent.

TEXAS—1926

Chapters, 311. Members, 43,868. Exalted, 1,668.
Net Gain, 576.

JOHN M. WEEKLEY, Grand High Priest.

Big business requires other things in proportion, so it requires nearly eight hundred pages to record the Proceedings of the Seventy-second Annual, which convened in Waco, Nov. 29, 1926 and nearly a half of which is given over to its Roster of Membership.

Most all of the Official Family, many Past Grands, besides numerous other lesser officials were in attendance, as was also Florida's Grand Representative; while the Past High Priests out-numbered the representatives of Chartered Chapters. However it appeared to be a very harmonious session and all necessary business received attention.

Two outstanding features in the real address of Grand High Priest Weekley, and in which great pride is justly taken, are the Home for Aged Masons and the Educational Campaign; of the latter he says:

I don't believe this Grand Chapter has ever undertaken any work that is and will be more far-reaching and productive of greater results in the lives of our Companions than is our Educational Campaign as carried on by Very Excellent Companion Sam J. Helm, Past Grand High Priest, and Right Excellent T. M. Bartley, Grand Secretary, on teaching true Masonry to Masons, in opening up to the minds of the Companions some of the beauties of the sublime Principles which are embodied in the several Masonic degrees, and more especially the Chapter degrees. These Companions are showing us some of the spiritual truths taught, or intended to be taught, by our interesting ceremonies, which the average mind, or the casual student, will never develop. This work will be continued until the Royal Arch Masons of Texas will know what they stand for and what our various degrees are supposed to teach.

The Grand High Priest was asked to pass on the status of those members of a Chapter whose Lodge charter had been arrested and which later was restored, with only about a quarter of the membership signing the petition for restoration. The larger number of remaining Chapter members applied for a dispensation to organize a new Chapter, and which was refused because the distance to the next nearest Chapter was less than the re-

quired distance of ten miles. The ruling of the Grand High Priest was that as the Chapter members were working together in harmony, although a "voluntary non-affiliation in a Lodge for a period of six months shall deprive a Royal Arch Mason of membership in the Chapter," their standing in the Chapter should not be disturbed until Grand Lodge had finally acted in the matter.

Among the many visitations by the Grand High Priest was one to the city of Austin, to attend the cornerstone laying of a new Masonic Temple, which, he states, is "the only building of such proportions erected and financed by a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, unassisted by any other Masonic body, of which I have any knowledge." And later he attended a special called convocation of the Grand Chapter for the purpose of dedicating the completed structure.

Failure of Chapter officers to grant dimitts when requested was a source of annoyance to the Grand High Priest, but more serious was it when Chapters failed to return each month the half of all fees for all degrees, using it instead for other purposes.

He refused dispensations to elect a Scribe to fill a vacancy because according to law "the Grand High Priest has no authority to grant a dispensation for that purpose unless the offices of High Priest, King and Scribe all become vacant."

Whenever a Chapter fails to meet for three successive months, it forfeits a right to meet and a dispensation to resume labor is necessary. Quite a number were granted for that purpose.

Because according to law "any Royal Arch Mason is eligible to any office in the Chapter of which he is a member," he held that a Companion who had lost his right arm at the shoulder "could go through the chairs,"

but the advisability of electing such a Companion who was unable to give the signs, "is a different matter, and one for the Chapter to decide."

Somehow ye scribe does not understand the revenue producing plan of this Grand Chapter, and it is not necessary he should, for the "Honor Roll" shows a large number of "Chapters exempt from Grand Chapter dues," while another list nearly as long shows "the amounts due to exempt" those Chapters, running all the way from \$13.75 to \$971.25.

This is the home State of the so-called "Texas Plan" of petitioning for the Council at the same time as for the Chapter degrees. The dispensation for one U. D. Chapter was continued because of failure to pay over \$5.00 of each initiation fee to the Council, and also because the Book of Marks showed only sixteen recorded out of a membership of thirty-three.

One approved amended Chapter by-law provided that the Guard "shall summon the Companions when ordered by the High Priest or Chapter, and shall be punctual in attendance," for which he "shall be exempt from dues and receive \$2.00 for each convocation he attends." This harks back to a Lodge custom nearly two centuries ago, for the quotation below is taken from "Ancient Freemasonry and The Old Dundee Lodge, No. 18," by Arthur Heiron, who was Worshipful Master of that Lodge in 1901 and again in 1917. This Lodge was constituted in the City of London, March 27, 1723, probably by the Duke of Wharton, then Grand Master, and has almost a continuous record of minutes since that time. Under the heading "The Tylers of the Lodge:"

About 1748 the Secretaries wrote very few details in the Minute Books and, there is no mention of the election of a Tyler prior to 1755. * * * The Tyler in olden days was a far more im-

portant person than in 1920 [the year in which the book mentioned above was written]; it being his duty not only personally to deliver the "Letters" or Summonses to the Members at their addresses, but also to include in the "Letters" any special notice requiring their attention; so he performed secretarial duties as well as those of Tyling. It also fell to his lot to "Draw the Lodge on the Floor," this implied some fair amount of skill and education; he also had to keep the Tyler's Attendance book and be careful not to admit "Spurious Masons," a somewhat difficult task in 1750 when "Antient Masons" were not admissible to a "Modern" Lodge.

The Order of High Priesthood met the second morning of the session at 6:00 o'clock, at which time over fifty Companions were consecrated and set apart, with about a like number of members in attendance. A good early morning showing.

Seldom do we come across a more readable Report on Correspondence than the one submitted by Past Grand High Priest Sam J. Helm, and it is equally instructive.

Florida is carefully and intelligently reviewed and we wish our readers could have access to it. Here is where the reviewers have an advantage. His angle of vision is sometimes different, and perhaps nearer right. A comment elsewhere intimates that he and Grand Secretary Bartley will be at the Denver Triennial. Hope it proves to be a fact.

Next Annual in Waco, Dec. 5 and 6, 1927.

D. N. Cushing, San Antonio, Grand High Priest;
T. M. Bartley, Waco, Grand Secretary; Sam J. Helm,
Corsicana, Correspondent.

UTAH—1926

Chapters, 8. Members, 1,241. Exalted, 69.
Net Gain, 37.

JOHN C. BROWN, Grand High Priest.

More than one Grand Chapter, working under seemingly more favorable conditions, do not make as good a showing as does that of Utah, and it has reasons to take courage and press on. Utah Freemasonry has suffered two greivous losses during the year. Early in the year the final call came to R. . E. . Comp. Alvin C. Emerson, Acting Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter as well as Past Grand Master and Past Grand Commander. Some three months later a similar call came to M. . E. . Comp. Walter Daniels, who has been ill many months, and who had been Grand Secretary twelve out of the fifteen years since the Grand Chapter was formed.

Every Chapter received a visit from the Grand High Priest, but who was disappointed because "the platform officers" did not accompany him, outside of their home towns. He well says:

If Companions are unable or unwilling to fulfill the obligations and requirements incident to holding office in the Grand Chapter, they should not accept them.

Having received only two requests for dispensations to install officers, he thinks it "just possible" that other Chapters have installed officers without a special dispensation. Neither Lodge nor Chapter in Florida can install its officers until Dec. 27th or thereafter, and no dispensation is required for a later date.

No action appears to have been taken on this suggestion of the Grand High Priest, the meaning of which is not clear to ye scribe:

If it can be arranged, the provision should be made whereby an applicant could apply for the Chapter, Council and Commandery all at one time.

In answer to the inquiry: "Can a Companion who has not been elected to the office of High Priest, King or Scribe lawfully confer any of the Chapter degrees?" The Grand High Priest gave it as his opinion that if qualified and called upon by the presiding officer "he could legally do any part of the work assigned to him." This is the way Florida looks at it, but the Jurisprudence Committee reported and Grand Chapter approved:

We recommend that it be the sense of this body that no degrees should be conferred in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons except by a duly installed High Priest, King or Scribe, or a Past High Priest, King or Scribe.

This is substantially the position held by overseas Bodies, but ye scribe supposed the Florida practice in this matter was commonly followed in the American Grand Jurisdictions.

Grand Chapter adopted the report of the Committee on Correspondence which rescinded the recognition of the year previous extended to one of the Grand Chapters in Queensland. The Queensland controversy is presented at length by E. Companion Wm. H. Wilkins as a part of his introduction to his review of other Grand Chapter Proceedings, in which he agrees with ye scribe that there ought to be a more harmonious condition in Queensland Royal Arch Masonry before recognition is extended.

It is also the opinion of ye scribe that had there been less recognition extended either of the so-called Grand Chapters of Queensland a more harmonious condition might have sooner been brought about. This may not be orthodox, or even it may be heresy, but ye scribe cannot help having an opinion and the expression of it is not binding on others. There are to us many seemingly good reasons for this opinion, the stating of which is neither necessary nor feasible at this time and probably would not change those already formed. If the error is ours we are willing to be righted.

Hereafter the Grand High Priest will be expected to furnish copies of his address to the necessary committees fifteen days before Grand Chapter meets. Good idea. Florida limits it to five days.

Five Companions received the Order of High Priesthood.

Elsewhere mention is made that no two writers "cover" the reviews of Proceedings alike, and E. Companion Wilkins presents a report that is as interesting and instructive as it is different. Wish many others might read this review.

Florida is concisely treated. He finds a difficulty in getting statistical information, as does also ye scribe. But it is easy after one learns the combination in most of the Proceedings. We are looking forward with pleasure to meeting Companion Wilkins as well as many others at the Denver Triennial.

Next Annual in Price, May 9, 1927.

Leroy A. McGee, Price, Grand High Priest; G. B. Roberts, Ogden, Grand Secretary; Wm. H. Wilkins, Salt Lake City, Correspondent.

VERMONT—1926

Chapters, 31. Members, 5,987. Exalted, 134.
Net Gain, 5.

ROGER S. PIKE, Grand High Priest.

Less than half a hundred pages are required to report the Proceedings of the One Hundred and Ninth Annual, which convened in the City of Burlington, June 8, 1926, with nearly a third of the Subordinate Chapters not represented, but Florida was, and also the Grand Chapters of Connecticut, New Jersey and New York.

After the filing of committees, Grand High Priest presented a short address, which indicated little Capitular activities, also that his official duties were not burdensome. Membership was recommended in the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association, which was approved, and appropriations were made to the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association and the Wayfarer's Club of Arizona.

A proposed constitutional amendment, not quite clear to the writer, pertains to trial for non-payment of dues, and to be so worded, with the name of the accused omitted, that it can be mailed in an unsealed envelope. As the postage on sealed envelope is only half a cent more than a circular letter, one is led to wonder at the object of such action, when the adding of the name would make it more definite and specific?

Comprehensive reports are submitted by each of the eight District Deputy Grand High Priests, whose duties in addition to Chapter visitation, include attendance at the annual meeting of the District Deputies which also

is supposed to be attended by the High Priest, King and Scribe of each Subordinate Chapter. The Grand High Priest noted their absences as well as at the District Meetings, which he said ought to be attended by at least three Grand Chapter Officers besides the Grand High Priest and Grand Lecturer.

Sixteen Companions were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

Past Grand High Priest Archie Harriman again presented an instructive and readable review of all the Grand Chapter Proceedings which reached him, but it does not include Florida.

Next Annual in Burlington, June 14, 1927.

Edwin B. Clift, Fair Haven, Grand High Priest;
Henry H. Ross, Burlington, Grand Secretary; Archie S. Harriman, Middlebury, Correspondent.

 VICTORIA—1926

THOMAS M. KIRKWOOD, Grand Z.

Chapters, 56. Members, 3,775. Exalted, 528.
Net Gain, 500.

Capitular honors appear to be the wages paid the faithful workmen who attend the Quarterly Convocations of this Supreme Grand Chapter, each of which are held at Melbourne, in January, April, July and October of each year. The April Convocation is the Annual, at which the Private Chapters are represented. The first three Quarterlies of the Capitular year are attended only by Grand Officers, Past Grands and Grand Chapter Rep-

representatives, Florida being represented at three of the Quarterlies by R. E. Comp. Baron Marks, Past Third Grand Principal (P. G. J.). There is nothing to indicate that any part of the expenses of those attending are paid by Grand Chapter.

The main business at each Quarterly is the reading of a communication from the First Grand Principal, equivalent to the address of our Grand High Priest, by the Grand Scribe E., although M. E. Comp. Kirkwood was present at each Quarterly. These communications are limited largely to recording the activities of the Grand Officers in carrying out Consecration and Installation Ceremonies in metropolitan and country Chapters, as not even the officers of a Chapter can be installed into office by other than the First Grand Principal or one deputized by him. This is an imposing event for the Installing officer is accompanied by several other Capitular dignitaries. One of the Chapters consecrated was named "Thespian," and as its name indicates, was primarily for the advancement of Master Masons whose evening occupations prevented them from attending evening Masonic meetings, and is the first "daylight" Chapter in Victoria.

If there be problems pertaining to Chapter acts or questions regarding constructions of laws, they do not appear in the Report of the Committee on General Purposes, which determines what the Craft at large ought to know, and that is not overly much.

In the report of the Grand Scribe E., listing the communications received from Sister Grand Chapters, is an inquiry from Nova Scotia "whether it is the custom in Victoria to make Chapter Membership dependent upon affiliation in a Craft Lodge." This information, whatever it may have been, was not made public.

At the January Quarterly M. E. Comp. Thomas M. Kirkwood was placed in nomination for re-election as First Grand Principal, and his election was declared at the April Quarterly, when he was installed and invested, as were other Grand Officers.

There is no Order of High Priesthood nor a Report on Correspondence.

Thomas M. Kirkwood, Grand Z.; John E. Kennedy, 366 Bourke St., Melbourne, Grand Scribe E.

VIRGINIA—1926

Chapters, 73. Members, 17,895. Exalted, 880.
Net Gain, 381.

EDWARD A. JOACHIM, Grand High Priest.

Distinguished visitors from the District of Columbia were present when the Grand High Priest and his full official family, assisted by Past Grands and numerous lesser lights, formally opened the One Hundred and Nineteenth Annual Convocation in Richmond, Oct. 26, 1926. Quite a percentage of the subordinate Chapter representatives and Florida's Grand Representative were in the missing class.

Most if not all Craftsmen will agree with this statement of Grand High Priest Joachim in his address:

Masonry is marching onward and keeping step with the years as they pass and its principles, founded upon righteousness, justice, truth, toleration and brotherhood, are just as potent today as they have been in the past.

Minor matters of local importance compose most of the recorded activities of the Grand High Priest. These decisions would not apply in Florida:

No applicant for membership in this Grand Jurisdiction, even though elected, shall be declared a member until after he shall have received the degree of Select and Royal Master.

Any member of a Chapter may be placed in nomination, but only one who has regularly served one year in the office of King or Scribe can be installed High Priest of his Chapter.

Constitutional amendments now require that any dimitted Royal Arch Mason applying for membership must first have received "all the degrees conferred by Chapters in Virginia." But before any of the missing ones can be conferred a ballot must be spread "on the applicant's moral fitness for them," and then another lunar month must elapse before final action. In connection this from the report of the Grand Lecturer is illuminating, particular attention being directed to the order in which the several degrees are named:

We have seventy-three Chapters [all active—100 per cent proficient] distributed throughout a State 500 miles wide; conferring six degrees, viz: Mark, Past, Select and Royal, Most Excellent and Royal Arch—all the work uniform, without cypher or text-book—our Royal Arch Masonry is "mouth to ear."

Spent the day at Cape Henry. * * * No American can visit this historic spot [the landing of Capt. John Smith] without feelings of almost reverential awe.

Emphasis is given to the actual practice of those principals tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, through the Masonic Relief Foundation. There is in course of erection a tubercular sanitorium. An Old Folk's Home is assured. The Masonic Home of Virginia is doing splendid work. There is also the Wm. J.

Hubbard Memorial Educational Fund, the operations of which are not quite clear.

Only a comparatively few Proceedings of Grand Chapters are reviewed by R. E. Comp. Jos. W. Eggleston, probably by reason of illness, which prevented him from attending this Grand Convocation. Florida was among the missing, much to the regret of ye scribe. His comments are a liberal education in themselves. Virginia rightly esteems him as their "grand old man in Masonry." It is hoped that Florida will be included another year.

Next Annual in Richmond, Oct. 25, 1927.

J. Leon Codd, Portsmouth, Grand High Priest; J. Gus Hankins, Richmond, Grand Secretary; Dr. Jos. W. Eggleston, Richmond, Correspondent.

WASHINGTON—1926

Chapters, 53. Members, 9,379. Exalted, 693.
Net Gain, 477.

CHARLES H. STEFFEN, Grand High Priest.

It is a long way from the State of Delaware to the State of Washington, and yet that is the mythical journey ye scribe took, for the same day he completed reviewing Delaware he gave the Fifty-second Annual, held at Yakima, May 3 and 4, 1926, a "once over," and found so much in it of interest that he is puzzled what to omit. Very gratifying is the sum total, for it indicates much Capitular interest in the great Northwest, as every subordinate Chapter was represented and every official in

his proper station, with a large number of Permanent Members and Florida's Grand Representative as well.

The Grand High Priest's address passed inspection at every station and he was quite properly "congratulated upon the dignified and efficient manner" in which he had conducted the affairs throughout the year.

Satisfactory work was presented by three of the Chapters instituted during the year and Charters were granted them, they being "qualified to confer all the degrees of Royal Arch Mason," and with this additional privilege not generally conceded: "That these Chapters be permitted to work under dispensation until constituted." The fourth dispensation was continued.

Quite a number of special dispensations were granted to confer the Royal Arch degree on a plurality of teams as well as to use substitutes. This causes ye scribe to wonder why this seeming necessity might not be overcome by constitutional amendment without harm to Capitular Masonry? Such dispensations are not required in Florida.

Among the Grand Representatives recommended was E. Comp. Wm. H. Ellert, Grand Sentinel, to represent Florida.

The only decision was in substance that a Chapter could hold a special convocation in some other city in the jurisdiction to confer the Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master degrees without a dispensation, but he had "no authority to grant a dispensation to hold a stated Convocation in any other place than the city named in the charter."

The Grand High Priest visited a large number of Subordinate Chapters, and if any were missed a check-up would be necessary. Two commendable inter-jurisdictional visitations were made. At one held in Vancouver

the Grand High Priest and many other Officials from Oregon were in attendance. A return visit was held in Portland, at which by invitation, a degree team composed of officers from the three Seattle Chapters exemplified the Royal Arch Degree according to the General Grand Chapter ritual. In this connection ye scribe ventures to suggest that sometime when a Florida Grand Presiding Officer in one of our York Rite Bodies pays an official visitation to some Northern Tier Subordinate Body, that a somewhat similar invitation be extended to a corresponding Georgia or Alabama Grand Body.

Subordinate Chapters anywhere might profitably take this "tip" from Grand High Priest Steffen, under the heading "District Inspectors," and not be found "sleeping" when someone in authority make a visit:

To be alive, Chapters must have efficient officers, and to be efficient, officers must commit the ritualistic work to memory, not hesitate to be a Royal Arch propagandist among Master Masons, and to create such social and fraternal atmosphere in his Chapter that the members will attend. "Good work and good work only is such as we have orders to receive."

Grand Chapter adopted a suggestion of the Grand High Priest and ordered that each Subordinate Chapter provide a posting committee whose duty it will be to see that each candidate for advancement possesses sufficient knowledge of the preceding degree to make himself known as such. Splendid idea. Florida has no such Capitular requirement.

A new Washington regulation provides that all Companions whose Lodge membership is in other towns or cities, in paying dues, must present a Lodge receipt showing not more than two years in arrears or be automatically dropped in Chapter.

A committee appointed at a previous Annual, to which had been referred a resolution pertaining to Life Membership, reported at length, and offered a substitute, which was adopted, but with so many necessary restrictions that one wonders why any Companion would prefer that to paying yearly dues? Florida has an "Emeritus" provision which covers necessitous and honorary cases.

More than the usual proportion of Excellent High Priests to the number of Chapters, thirty-nine, were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary Henry L. Kennan again presents the annual review of other Grand Chapters. It seems to be included as a part of his Grand Secretarial duties, as no special appropriation is made, but his Capitular salary was increased, which presumably is to cover this extra labor. None of his reviews are lengthy and Florida was among the shorter ones, and without comment.

Next Annual in Spokane, May 2 and 3, 1927.

William T. Drips, Montesano, Grand High Priest; Henry L. Kennan, Spokane, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

WEST VIRGINIA—1925

Chapters, 45. Members, 12,068. Exalted, 439.
Net Gain, 155.

JAMES A. BRYAN, Grand High Priest.

For some reason Florida was not represented when the roll was called at the Fifty-fifth Annual Convocation, held in Parkersburg, Nov. 9 and 10, 1925, over a year and a half before this appears in print, The Grand Of-

ficers registered 100 per cent present, the Past Grands nearly as good, with the Chapter representatives a good second.

Among the many praiseworthy things said concerning the late M. E. Companion Jeremiah E. Miller, Grand High Priest in 1883: "He was a man of strong convictions and unerring judgment."

"Completeness and commendable brevity" aptly characterizes not only the address of Grand High Priest Bryan, but all other reports as well. Early in his official year he addressed a letter to each of the Subordinate Chapters and from only ten of which was a reply received. He puts it mildly when he said, "there ought to be more attention given to communications of this character."

West Virginia and Virginia are the only two Grand Chapters which have never divorced the Council degrees, and it has been the subject of discussions by many of its Grand High Priests. Although nothing has been done so far, yet the leaven appears to be working, for he says:

I wonder if the two Grand Jurisdictions holding for keeping these degrees in the Chapter are right and the other forty-six wrong? I hope the day will come when there will be no distinction of this kind existing. The principal objection I have heard concerning the matter, is that it will make a number of new offices to be filled, and that we can get along without them. My observation is, in the twenty-five years of regular attendance upon this Grand Chapter, I have not witnessed any of the offices going begging.

Apparently the committee on the Doings of Grand Officers failed to notice this suggestion, for no reference is made to it. Neither does there seem to have been any attention given to another suggestion, that when a Grand Representative is absent three consecutive years the

place should be declared vacant. Possibly these may come up under unfinished business a year hence.

Although Grand Chapter approved a Chapter by-law providing for life membership, because a previous Grand Chapter had approved a similar by-law, yet the committee to which it was referred stated it "does not agree with Grand Chapter in the wisdom of this by-law." Ye scribe holds a similar opinion.

One Chapter which the year previous had increased its fees from \$25 to \$40, requested that it be changed back to \$25, because it was "found to be too high and resulted in a loss of available candidates for the degrees in this Chapter." While this step backward may be of numerical advantage, we wonder if it will be of real Capitular advantage? As ye scribe understands it, quality, not quantity, is the prevailing objective today.

Nineteen petitioners for the Order of High Priesthood were consecrated and set apart.

About a hundred and fifty pages are given over to a roster of subordinate Chapter membership, and less than one hundred pages to a splendid review of the Proceedings of fifty-nine Grand Chapters, by Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary George M. Ford. While the former may be required, yet we are led to wonder which section will be read more and which will be of the greater educational value?

In his careful and considerate review of Florida Companion Ford is glad to note that West Virginia was represented by Comp. George J. Tolson, but, he says:

We fear that George is another of those Companions who feel that when they answer to their name, and are received by the Grand Chapter, they have done their full duty. Not so, Companion Tolson. You should advise the Grand Chapter whom you represent.

Hope George will see and read this, and it is presumed he will, for he is what is commonly called "a good scout."

This commendation by Companion Ford is so particularly pleasing for more reasons than one, that it is hoped ye scribe may not be unduly censured for reproducing it:

Thus far we have read over forty reviews this year and we can truthfully say none have been enjoyed more than those written by Companion Hubbell.

And like the Literary Digest, as a magazine for the busy man, the reviews in the Florida Proceedings may be read by the busy Royal Arch Mason.

Next Annual in Martinsburg, Nov. 8 and 9, 1926.

Ernest H. Bitner, Martinsburg, Grand High Priest;
George M. Ford, Wheeling, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

WEST VIRGINIA—1927

Chapters, 45. Members, 12,119. Exalted, 404.
Net Gain, 57.

ERNEST H. BITNER, Grand High Priest

All the Grand Officers, many Past Grands, representatives from nearly every subordinate Chapter as well as from Florida were present at the Fifty-Sixth Annual Convocation in Martinsburg, Nov. 8 and 9, 1927.

Capitular Masonry experienced a great loss in the passing to the Great Beyond of M.'E.'Comp. David K. Reed, Grand High Priest in 1902-03, and Grand Secre-

tary for fourteen years; and also M. E. Comp. John M. McConihay, Grand High Priest in 1900.

Conservatism characterized the able administration of Grand High Priest Bitner, who was pleased to report that no serious difficulties had arisen during the year.

"The practice of medicine and the necessity of making a living," he stated, somewhat affected his official visitations, many of which were confined to Chapters in the part of the state in which he lived, at one of which "the six degrees were conferred."

Among the courtesy requests was one for Keystone Chapter at Fort Lauderdale to confer the P. M., M. E. M. and R. A. degrees.

Three out of the four decisions reported by the Grand High Priest grew out of the West Virginia practice of still conferring the Council degrees in connection with the Chapter degrees.

Not altogether assuring are Capitular conditions in some portions of the State, according to the report of the Grand Lecturer, and the remedy suggested is the combining of the true spirit of Masonry with ritualistic perfection and with adequate legislation to enforce proficiency. It appears to ye scribe that when can be added to that, "a mind to work," the problem will be nearer solved.

The Grand High Priest recommended in the interests of economy omitting the roster of subordinate Chapters, but Grand Chapter disagreed, believing that the omission "would very largely detract from the value to subordinate Chapters."

The Grand Chapter approved the recommendation that no member of a subordinate Chapter can hold more than one office at the same time. One wonders why

Grand Chapter should have approved a Chapter by-law when it doubted the ability of that Chapter to meet all of its obligations "out of its dues at the low rate of two dollars per year."

Twenty-three worthy applicants were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood, \$200.00 was appropriated to Grand Chapter in consideration of their kindness in including with the proceedings the records of the Convention of High Priesthood.

Grand Secretary G. M. Ford for the fifth time presents a very readable and instructive fraternal correspondence report, in which of the fifty-nine Grand Chapters reviewed, thirteen showed a loss of 1,225 and the other forty-six gained 18,777. It is doubtful if the same number of Grand Chapters the present year would make as good a showing.

Under Florida he approves the erecting of monuments to the memory of Past Grand High Priests, because it is "a beautiful and fitting tribute." He quotes freely from the address of Grand High Priest Todd, which he considers brief, but complete.

Next Annual in Mannington, Nov. 14 and 15, 1927.

Carson B. Trenor, Charleston, Grand High Priest; George M. Ford, Wheeling, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

WISCONSIN—1927

Chapters, 112. Members, 25,367. Exalted, 1,456.
Net Gain, 940.

THOMAS R. MUNDY, Grand High Priest.

But few Subordinate Chapters were not represented when the Seventy-seventh Annual Convocation was formally opened in Milwaukee, February 15, 1927. Sixteen Past Grand High Priests including M. E. Comp. William F. Owen, Florida's Representative, were also present.

During the year two members of the Permanent Family passed the Veils for the last time: M. E. Comp. Walter A. West, Grand High Priest in 1910, and M. E. Comp. Bernard F. Keeler, Grand High Priest in 1925.

Comprehensive and business like was the address of Grand High Priest Mundy, in which he truly said:

There is a condition that is far more important than numerical strength or financial gain. Has your life, since we last met, been such as to stand the test of the Overseer's square? Have you learned the all important lesson of how to preside over the Chapter represented by yourself? Has your keystone been cast aside as unfit for use or have you so wrought it, that it will fit in the unfinished arch of your life and complete the spiritual temple that should be erected and dedicated to the living God? Have you fully learned the lesson of the captivity of the flesh and realized that after three score and ten years have been accomplished, the Grand Architect of the Universe will summon you to travel over those rough and rugged roads to the new Jerusalem, there to live according to your life on earth? If you have been willing to undertake any part of the work, if you have labored without hope of fee or reward, if your work is pronounced good, true and square, may the True Word be given you that you may gain admission to that Temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

His reported activities indicate that his official duties were not overly onerous, and include only one special dispensation to confer all of the Capitular degrees in one day, and which would not have been necessary under Florida laws.

One of his decisions pertained to Jurisdictional rights and would accord with Florida laws. The other, as ye scribe understands it, would not be looked on with favor in Florida if confined to the Lodge or Chapter room proper, but would be looked at differently if held in banquet hall or reception rooms:

I know of no law or edict of the Grand Chapter which forbids the use of the Chapter room for socials—card playing and dancing—such as you mention for Masons and their families.

Grand Chapter did not look with favor upon a Constitutional Amendment to make all Past High Priests permanent members of the Grand Chapter. This plan works very satisfactorily in all Florida Bodies.

Encouraging is the report of the Grand Lecturer, who says that ninety-five per cent of the Wisconsin Chapters are doing good work. He found this notice conspicuously displayed in the recreation room in one Temple, and it worked well, he said:

No member of _____ Lodge shall have the privileges of these rooms while the Lodge is in session. No member of _____ Chapter may remain in these rooms while the Royal Arch Chapter is in session, and Knights Templar may not use these rooms during a conclave of _____ Commandery.

Grand Chapter approved a Constitutional Amendment limiting the number of candidates to six at one time in each of the first three Capitular degrees, provided:

That the pledge be offered to each individual candidate in the Mark Master's degree, after receiving the obligation, and not in the presence of any candidate to whom the pledge has not been previously offered.

The report from the State Deputy of the DeMolay shows that a majority of the honor students in the high schools throughout the state are DeMolays. And while efforts are made to impress upon them that the Order "is not a Masonic kindergarten," yet he further states, that nearly five hundred are now members of the Masonic Order; and \$1,000 was appropriated to DeMolay work.

Committees representing both the York and Scottish Rite Bodies are working out a plan for the formation of an Educational Commission to have charge of the work of supplementary instruction.

Only thirty-two qualified Companions were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood. President Samuel Wright will represent the Wisconsin Council at the Denver Triennial. Wonder if this means the formation of a General Grand High Priesthood organization?

Very properly did the Grand High Priest Mundy in his address, say that the Report on Correspondence by Past Grand High Priest Samuel Wright was up "to its usual high standard."

Florida is briefly reviewed. Companion Wright quotes from the address of Grand High Priest Todd relative to conferring degrees in another town, but without comment.

Next Annual in Madison, February 16 and 17, 1927.

Clarence Hill, Madison, Grand High Priest; William W. Perry, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary; Samuel Wright, Milwaukee, Correspondent.

WYOMING—1926

Chapters, 18. Members, 2,226. Exalted, 154.
Net Gain, 83.

EDWARD D. EDWARDS, Grand High Priest.

Three Grand Officers and the representatives of two subordinate Chapters did not respond to roll call, neither did Florida's Representative, when the Eighteenth Annual Convocation was opened in Ample Form at Cheyenne, July 15, 1926. The close relations existing between the Capitular and the Templar Rites was evidenced by the presence of the Grand Commander, R. E. Sir Sylvester K. Loy.

The administrative duties of Grand High Priest Edwards were not arduous and it gave him more time for official visitations, no Chapter being omitted. This required many miles of traveling for the Chapters are widely separated, at each of which he made an address of such force and historical value that Grand Chapter ordered that it be printed for general distribution among the Masonic fraternity throughout the State.

He ruled that a petition could not be accepted from a Master Mason who had no little finger on his right hand, also that a Master Mason was not eligible who had no thumb on his right hand.

He issued a dispensation for a new Chapter at Midwest, and the work it presented for inspection being satisfactory it was granted a charter.

Cheyenne was made the official home of Grand Chapter, but it may elect to hold its Convocations in other places by invitation; and that there may be no lack by reason of expenses attendant, Grand Chapter will assist.

A business session of the Order of High Priesthood was held in December, at which the old officers were re-elected, and its Treasurer reported that it had \$625 in interest bearing Certificates.

For the first time in three years a meeting for work was held in connection with this Grand Chapter, when eight Companions were consecrated and set apart. President Jesse Converse prefaced his address at this time by stating that conditions did not warrant putting on the work at the Douglas Annual in 1924, and that he and other workers were in Alaska at the time of the Casper Annual in 1925. But, he said:

The officers are all here today and upon the forward, march. This command has been given since the days of Melchizedek when he met Abraham just after the great battle. Melchizedek was the man without beginning or ending of days, one of the chief priests of his country. Since that day many have dreaded this command, "Forward, March."

For the third time R. E. Comp. Richard H. Repath presents the Annual Review of the Capitular world, being primarily for the information of the Wyoming members of the Royal Craft, and right well are they served. In noting the large number of suspensions for non-payment of dues, he truly says: "If handled in a tactful manner by the Chapter Secretaries the number could probably be reduced by at least two-thirds." The "high places" in the Florida Proceedings are noted in a truly fraternal spirit, and his complimentary approval is appreciated. He will please note that the letter "d" is this time left out of his name.

Next Annual in Evanston, July 12, 1927.

Terrell C. Scott, Sheridan, Grand High Priest;
Richard H. Repath, Cheyenne, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

MARYLAND—1926

Chapters, 27. Members, 9,382. Exalted, 360.
Net Gain, 116

CHARLES W. ZIMMERMAN, Grand High Priest

No one seemed to be missing when the gavel summoned the faithful to the formal opening of the One Hundred and Twenty-Ninth Annual Convocation, in Baltimore, Dec. 11, 1926, Florida being represented by Past Grand High Priest L. Dorsey Gassaway.

The Angel of Death levied no toll on the Permanent Family, but several of the Subordinate Chapters did not fare as well.

Notwithstanding that Grand High Priest Zimmerman shared his pleasures as well as duties with the Grand Commandery, yet the account of his Capitular stewardship shows that apparently nothing was overlooked or slighted. But he did entrust the official visitations largely to the Grand Inspectors, and their reports indicate that they were faithful in the discharge of their labors. He noted that the membership rolls of the several Chapters had been purged and that healthy conditions prevailed.

He reported that very satisfactory co-operative conditions continue with Pennsylvania in the matter of waivers.

It is pleasing to note that the Grand High Priest believed that "days fixed by the By-Laws should not be changed or interfered with unless for good cause," even though such reasons as these may be advanced: "Because of the probable absence of members who may have vacations," so that Companions "may attend Grand

Lodge." But he did grant one dispensation "to elect a High Priest from the floor." This is permissible in Florida without dispensation, provided none of the Council officers will serve.

On being informed that a tax had been levied on the Masonic Fraternity throughout the State to relieve the Florida hurricane sufferers, he felt that further steps "at this time" were not warranted.

He recommended that the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge be requested to furnish the Secretary of the Grand Chapter semi-annually a list of the Brethren who during that period have been suspended or expelled or may have dimitted. The committee looked with favor upon the recommendation but Grand Chapter took no formal action. The 1926 Proceedings gives the names of Companions suspended but no names of expulsions appear.

We are quite sure that the Craft generally will fully agree with him in denouncing roughness and undignified floor work, although the meaning of this is not clear to ye scribe and possibly to some other Florida craftsmen: "How much more dignified the explanation of the 3, 5 and 7 steps than the rough and rugged road and the descending of the arch." He also suggested discontinuing the publishing in the Annual Proceedings of the names of Companions who have been suspended or expelled, to "prevent possible undesirable litigation."

Ritual changes were suggested but no action appears to have been taken.

More than the average proportion of High Priests were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood. M. E. President Gustav A. Eitel, who had served this Body, lo, these many years, asked to be relieved by reason

of other duties and E. Comp. William B. King was elected M. E. President.

Without prelude or postlude Rev. Henry Branch, D. D., again submits an Annual Review of the Proceedings of other Grand Chapters, and which is synonomous for good work, true work, square work. It is largely a statement of facts, and with but little comment.

Under Florida he quotes from the address of Grand High Priest Todd and from the report of the Jurisprudence Committee and with apparent approval.

All Grand Bodies meet in the Masonic Temple, Baltimore; the next Grand Chapter Annual, Dec. 13, 1927.

Warren S. Seipp, Grand High Priest; Gustav A. Eitel, Grand Secretary; Rev. Henry Branch, Correspondent; all of Baltimore.

NEW SOUTH WALES—1926

NEVILLE W. MONTAGUE, Grand First Principal

Although four Quarterly Convocations are reported in the 1926 Proceedings of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Queensland besides an extra one for Installation and Investiture of Grand Chapter Office Bearers, yet there is no reference to the numerical strength; but it is presumable that it is satisfactory, for the annual balance sheet shows something like \$15,000 in the treasury. Just what benefit is to be derived from the constantly accumulating fund is not apparent, for the amount seemingly appropriated for pensions is not large.

The address of the First Grand Principal at each of the Quarterlies is given largely over to accounts

of his official visitations for the purpose of installation and investiture of the Chapter officers with the customary social features in connection. He does not appear to be called upon to make decisions or rulings; whatever of that nature the outsiders ought to know is found in the reports of the Grand Committee, and that is very little. Perhaps there are no differences of opinions, but if so this committee keeps it to itself.

Much stress is given to installation, for in the report of the visitation of a Grand Officer he particularly refers to a retiring First Principal who "surrendered his privilege of installing his successor in fulfillment of an old promise to one who had missed that pleasure."

The Quarterly report of the Grand Inspector of Workings show that many of the Districts are visited quarterly by the Grand District Inspectors and which keeps Capitular Masonry on a high plane in this as in other of the Australian States.

The Grand First Principal in one of his reports refers to a communication received by the Grand Scribe E. from the chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the General Grand Chapter of the United States seeking information relative to the position of the Grand Chapter of Queensland as inaugurated by the Grand Chapter of New South Wales, an epitome of which appears in another place, and from which the accompanying quotation is made. As this matter may come up at the next General Grand Chapter, it seems quite proper that our readers should be informed relative to the formation of Queensland's older Grand Chapter:

At the time of the foundation of the S. G. C. of Queensland (1918), that State was not occupied by a Grand Chapter claiming sole sovereign rights in that territory, and therefore the S. G. C.

of New South Wales had an equal right with Gr. Chs. of England, Scotland, and Ireland to establish Chapters in Queensland.

Four Chapters were warranted by the S. G. C. of N. S. W. in 1917, and these, in conjunction with the Irish Constitution Chapter met conjointly and decided to inaugurate a Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Queensland. All Chapters of Queensland were notified of the meeting called to discuss the question, but only the five named put in an appearance.

The S. G. C. of N. S. W., at its regular Convocation on October 28th, 1918, after fully reviewing all the facts leading up to the formation of the new sister Grand Chapter, decided that it was constitutionally formed, and resolved to recognize it as the governing body of Royal Arch Masonry in Queensland.

In consequence of this decision, the G. F. P. (of Queensland) acceded to the request of the newly formed Grand Body, and inaugurated the S. G. C. of R. A. M. of Queensland, and installed its Grand Principals on October 31st, 1918.

Through the comprehensive reports of the Grand District Inspectors an outsider gets an understanding of the Capitular conditions throughout the Grand Jurisdiction, and should be as it no doubt is, an inspiration to better things to those most directly interested.

The interest as well as curiosity of ye scribe was attracted to a reference in one of the addresses to a "huge birthday cake emblematic of the Royal Arch degree." Wonder just what it looked like as well as how it tasted?

In this same address extended reference is made to the action leading up to and the action taken which resulted in the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand severing fraternal relations with the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, until such time as the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland shall abandon its claim of right to issue charters to subordinate Chapters in the territory of New Zealand and shall recognize the jurisdiction of the Supreme Grand

Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand in the territory of New Zealand."

While E. Comp. John D. Grether is always present to represent New South Wales at our Annual Convocations, Florida's Grand Representative is not recorded as being present at any of New South Wales' five Convocations.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence is composed of five well qualified Companions who apparently serve "without the hope of fee or reward," unless it be that of service well performed. Florida along with twelve other Grand Chapters is allotted to M. E. Comp. J. A. Faulks, who, in speaking of Grand High Priest T. T. Todd's reference to arresting dormant Chapters, comments: "Just so. Does it need a tornado to move such inertia?"

Comp. Faulks quotes freely from ye scribe's review of New Zealand and with flattering comments. Thank you. We promise to try to be more careful hereafter in the spelling of the name of the Grand Scribe E. There are many very informative comments in the reviews of Comp. Faulks, but conditions preclude reproducing, much as we desire.

Neville W. Montague, Grand First Principal; D. R. Hutchison, 32 Elizabeth St., Sydney, Grand Scribe E.

In the foregoing reviews some Grand Chapters show a net loss in membership, while in comparatively few is a gratifying gain indicated. The loss from suspensions for non-payment of dues, with few exceptions, greatly exceeds the deaths. Reasons apparently satisfactory to those making them are given. While that may be largely so, yet, somehow ye scribe has an impression which he cannot overcome, that a closer and more perfect rendition of the ritualistic work, together with that dignity and decorum which the sublimity of the work demands, as well as the individual living of the life outside the Chapter rooms which the teachings inside inculcate, would place the Capitular degrees where they rightfully belong, and the oft-repeated suggestion of being mere "stepping stones" would soon disappear.

Much of this report was written under trying conditions. Early in the Capitular year, like a cloud in a clear sky, came the information that the one who had been our constant companion for nearly two score of years was in a very serious condition and who, after months of intense suffering, passed into her Higher Home a few days before this report was completed.

This review covers all the proceedings that have been received up to the time of printing the last form, except Kansas and New York for 1927, received too late for review.

Respectfully submitted,

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For the Committee.

Box 1882, Tampa, Florida,
May 1, 1927.

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The next Annual Convocation will be held in the City of
Jacksonville, May 17, 1928, at 10 o'clock A. M.