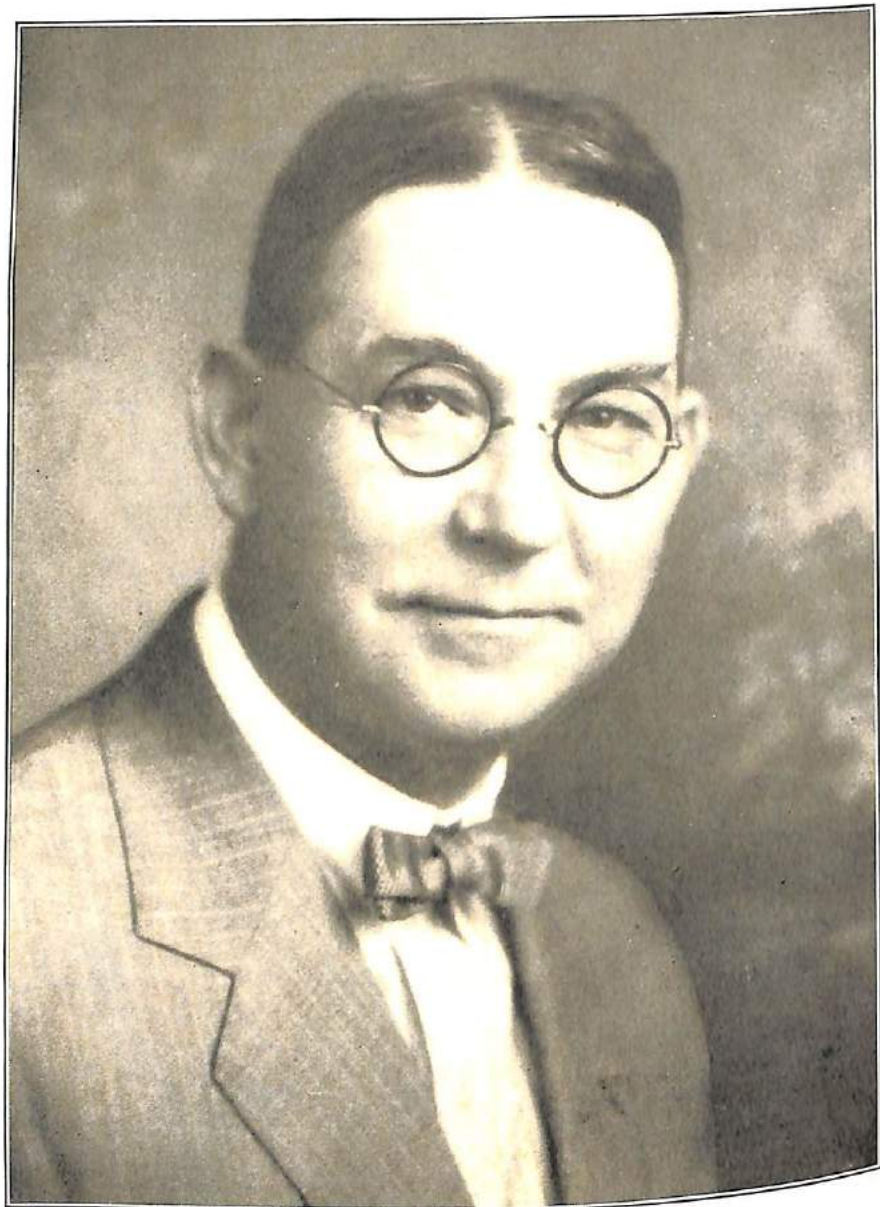


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- M. : E. : JOHN PASCO -----Grand High Priest, Monticello.
R. : E. : STAFFORD CALDWELL ---Dep. Gr. High Priest, Jacksonville.
R. : E. : ALEX. B. STEUART ----Grand King, Tampa.
R. : E. : WILLIAM B. GREER ----Grand Scribe, Quincy.
M. : E. : MARCUS ENDEL -----Grand Treasurer, Jacksonville.
M. : E. : WILBER P. WEBSTER --Grand Secretary, Jacksonville.
R. : E. : W. B. Y. WILKIE ---Grand Chaplain, Emeritus, Dunedin.
R. : E. : DORSEY H. RUTTER ---Grand Chaplain, Daytona Beach.
E. : R. P. BUCKMASTER -----Grand Capt. of the Host, Orlando.
E. : ARCHIE AITCHISON -----Gr. Prin. Sojourner, St. Petersburg.
E. : GEORGE A. DAME -----Grand Royal Arch Capt., Inverness.
E. : CHARLES M. GRUBER -----Gr. M. Third Veil, W. Palm Beach.
E. : CLEVELAND R. HORNE -----Gr. M. Second Veil, DeFuniak Spgs.
E. : J. LLOYD HEAD -----Gr. M. First Veil, Jacksonville.
E. : JOHN W. CAPPER -----Grand Guard, Jacksonville.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the City of Jacksonville, on the third Tuesday in May, 1930.

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EIGHTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVOCATION
1929

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida assembled in its Eighty-third Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple in the City of Tampa, at 10:00 A. M. Tuesday, May 21, A. D. 1929, A. I. 2459.

A constitutional number of Grand Officers and Representatives of the Constituent Chapters being present, the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form by the M.:E.:Grand High Priest, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Roll being called, there were found to be present the following:

GRAND OFFICERS

R. J. McMaster -----M.:E.:Grand High Priest.
D. B. Palmer, as -----R.:E.:Dep. Gr. High Priest.
John Pasco -----R.:E.:Grand King.
Alex B. Steuart -----R.:E.:Grand Scribe.
Marcus Endel -----R.:E.:Grand Treasurer.
Wilber P. Webster -----R.:E.:Grand Secretary.

E. P. Hubbell, as -----R. E. Grand Chaplain.
 W. B. Greer -----E. Gr. Capt. of the Host.
 D. H. Rutter, as -----E. Gr. Prin. Sojourner,
R. P. Buckmaster -----E. Gr. Royal Arch Capt.
 J. Lloyd Head, as -----E. Gr. Master Third Veil.
Archie Aitchison -----E. Gr. Master Second Veil.
 George A. Dame -----E. Gr. Master First Veil.
R. H. Lovett, as -----E. Grand Guard.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

Marcus Endel,

Wilber P. Webster,	E. E. Haskell,
Joseph R. Keller,	T. Picton Warlow,
D. B. Palmer,	W. V. Carter,
H. O. Snow,	R. J. Kishpaugh,
Ely P. Hubbell,	E. L. Wirt,
E. L. Shear,	Cary B. Fish.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

Wm. B. Greer,

John Pasco,	W. M. Bullard,
C. R. Horn,	R. J. McMaster,
R. P. Buckmaster,	Archie Aitchison,
George A. Dame,	A. B. Steuart.

REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

Florida No. 1—W. S. Murrow, H. P., F. S. Hartsfield,
 proxy for K. and S.
 Gainesville No. 2—W. C. Mathews, S. and proxy for
 H. P.

Tampa No. 3—Ernest V. Reed, H. P., Gyp Hudspeth, K.
 St. Johns No. 4—W. B. Gleason, proxy for H. P.,
 Chas. L. Heath, proxy for K., H. A. Windhorst, S.
 Halifax No. 5—H. D. Gilmore, proxy for H. P., Hol-
 lis O. Parker, K.
 Mt. Horeb No. 6—Geo. A. Sullivan, H. P.
 Eureka No. 7—Bert L. Blair, proxy for H. P.
 Dade City No. 8—L. L. Tucker, H. P., W. W. Slone,
 K., J. R. Peek, S.
 Putnam No. 9—E. E. Haskell, proxy for officers.
 Kissimmee No. 10—A. E. Cowger, H. P., Herbert Doug-
 las, K.
 Jericho No. 11—John B. Phelps, proxy for officers.
 Jacksonville No. 12—N. H. Schoonover, H. P.
 Ocala No. 13—C. A. Bangert, H. P., B. C. Webb, proxy
 for K.
 Inverness No. 14—Geo. A. Dame, H. P., W. H. War-
 nock, proxy for K. and S.
 Monroe No. 15—James O. Huff, proxy for H. P.
 Plant City No. 16—Roy H. Kramer, H. P.
 Manatee River No. 18—Frank J. McKeenan, H. P.
 Keystone No. 20—J. A. Warren, S. and proxy for H. P.
 Thomas Brown No. 22—R. H. Brown, proxy for H. P.,
 Nat J. Patterson, K., H. G. Taylor, proxy for S.
 Chipley No. 23—R. H. Rollins, proxy for H. P.
 Lake Worth No. 24—Guy E. Whitting, H. P. and proxy
 for S., Adolph C. Jordan, K.
 Live Oak No. 25—S. E. Fleet, H. P.
 Jefferson No. 26—J. Turlowski, proxy for H. P.
 Indian River No. 27—Arthur S. Rhoads, H. P.
 Joppa No. 28—Frank B. Goodwin, proxy for H. P.
 Lakeland No. 29—H. S. Cole, H. P., E. W. Black, K.

Gadsden No. 30—Will C. Winans, proxy for officers.
 St. Petersburg No. 31—Geo. B. Lingle, H. P.
 Eustis No. 33—R. H. Hoyt, K. and proxy for H. P.
 Leesburg No. 34—H. L. Schaeffer, proxy for officers.
 Sarasota No. 35—Frederick A. Reigal, H. P.
 Arcadia No. 36—R. F. Saxon, Jr., proxy for H. P.
 Providence No. 38—Chesley Roberts, S., and proxy
 for H. P.
 Bay County No. 39—E. H. Wilkerson, proxy for H. P.
 Crestview No. 40—J. L. Clary, H. P.
 Winter Haven No. 41—C. H. Henson, H. P.
 Highlands No. 42—C. R. Head, H. P.
 Union No. 43—Walter R. Butter, H. P., Norman D.
 Martin, proxy for K., Edwin E. Macy, S.
 Clearwater No. 45—Leslie N. Russell, H. P.
 Okeechobee No. 46—C. R. Bibb, H. P., A. W. Davis,
 proxy for K., J. E. Lovvorn, proxy for S.
 Dade No. 47—W. H. Sheffield, H. P.
 Poinciana No. 50—Sumner R. Hall, H. P.
 Munroe D. Cushing No. 54—Henry A. Van Borssum,
 H. P., Horace L. Talbert, K., Howard S. Weber, S.
 Hill City No. 55—Willard E. Oxley, H. P.

PAST HIGH PRIESTS

F. S. Hartsfield, Florida No. 1.
 H. S. Chiles, Tampa No. 3.
 Geo. H. Leavitt, Tampa No. 3.
 W. F. Cook, Lakeland No. 29.
 E. M. Savage, Eustis No. 33.
 Chas. H. Stewart, Union No. 43.
 W. H. Richmond, A. W. Wolihin No. 104, Macon, Ga.
 Frank Landis, Hicksville No. 188, Hicksville, Ohio.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Alabama -----R. J. Kishpaugh.
 Arizona -----R. B. Lovett.
 British Columbia -----E. L. Wirt.
 California -----Robert H. Brown.
 Canada -----Chester DeRocher.
 Colorado -----B. C. Webb.
 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.
 Michigan -----F. Wm. Schultz.
 Missouri -----Cary B. Fish.
 New Brunswick -----E. L. Wiederkehr.
 New York -----Marcus Endel.
 North Dakota -----R. J. McMaster.
 Nova Scotia -----T. Picton Warlow.
 Ohio -----Ely P. Hubbell.
 Oklahoma -----Wm. B. Greer.
 Oregon -----F. H. Thompson.
 Scotland -----Alex. B. Steuart.
 Saskatchewan -----H. L. Schaeffer.
 Texas -----R. P. Buckmaster.
 Western Australia -----John Pasco.

West Virginia -----Geo. J. Tolson.
 Wisconsin -----Geo. A. Dame.
 Wyoming -----John Pasco.

A letter was received from Companion Stafford Caldwell, Deputy Grand High Priest, stating that matters pertaining to the Legislature now in session at Tallahassee required his attention and it was impossible for him to be present at this Annual Convocation.

Messages were received from the following Companions stating that owing to illness or unavoidable circumstances they were unable to be present at this Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter:

Past Grand High Priests John L. Hall, William R. O'Neal, Louis C. Massey, Robert McClellan and Companion B. W. Helvenston.

The Grand Secretary was directed to wire the regrets of this Grand Chapter at their unavoidable absence.

A telegram was received from Companion M. W. Bishop extending greetings and best wishes from the Grand Chapter of Canada.

The following distinguished visitors were introduced to the Grand Chapter and received by the M. E. Grand High Priest: James H. Thompson, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, introduced by Past Grand High Priest Warlow; J. Lloyd Head, R. E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Florida, introduced by Past Grand High Priest Haskell; Ralph J. Kishpaugh, M. I. Grand Master of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of Florida, introduced by Past Grand High Priest Carter.

Representatives of other Grand Chapters presented

verbally or by letters, greetings and best wishes from the several Grand Jurisdictions.

The Committee on Returns and Credentials made a verbal report that the list of Grand Officers and Representatives as shown by the roll call was correct, and asked for further time in which to make final report.

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

RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS

Henry A. Van Borssum,
 Bert L. Blair, H. D. Gilmore.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Robt. H. Brown,
 Frank O'Berry, B. C. Webb.

PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES

Frank H. Thompson,
 Geo. H. Leavitt, Arthur P. Rhodes.

DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS

Ernest L. Reed,
 J. Lloyd Head, Jos. R. Keller.

VISITORS

Cary B. Fish,
 Chester DeRocher, Erle L. Wirt.

Upon motion of Past Grand High Priest 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 seats in the Grand Chapter as visitors.

The M. . E. . Grand High Priest presented his address as follows:

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS

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

Companions:

In addressing the Eighty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Florida, I deem it a great privilege as well as a pleasure, especially as the proceedings are being held in my home city of Tampa. I sincerely hope you will enjoy your visit with us as much as we shall enjoy having you, and I know the Chapters in this section will receive new inspiration, from having had you with us.

During the past year, Capitular Masonry has not been very active, owing to local financial conditions, coupled with a change, as well as a very general complaint of shortage, in the new Rituals.

Owing to loss by deaths and suspensions, for non-payment of dues, our membership decreased by about four hundred.

Walton Chapter No. 37, DeFuniak Springs, voluntarily surrendered their Charter.

Complying with the requirements of this office, it becomes my duty to report to the Grand Chapter of Florida, and to all Capitular Masons, that at the last session

of the Grand Lodge of Florida, Companion Charles H. Ketchum, Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, after the preferring of charges and due trial was formally expelled from Masonry, and thereupon stands expelled from this Order.

THE HURRICANE

On September 16, 1928, the southern section of our beloved state was visited by a hurricane, which resulted in great loss of life, as well as property. After consultation with Finance Committee, I authorized the Grand Secretary to draw Warrants for \$1,000.00 in favor of H. G. Young, Chairman, Committee at West Palm Beach, for immediate relief. The Grand Master, Leroy Brandon, appointed Past Grand High Priest Cary B. Fish, General Chairman of Relief, he handling all funds received from Masonic sources. There were many Royal Arch Mason contributions, including \$500.00 from M. . E. . Charles Clark Davis, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, all of which will be covered in report of M. . E. . Cary B. Fish.

ALABAMA FLOOD RELIEF

Under date of March 27, 1929, M. . E. . Woolsey Finnel, Grand High Priest of Alabama, issued an appeal for help for Companions residing in flooded districts of Alabama. I authorized the Grand Secretary to draw warrant for \$250.00.

SPECIAL DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

Appointment was made of fourteen special Deputy Grand High Priests, assigning them Chapters, that could

be conveniently reached, and published the list in the 1928 proceedings. I also wrote each Chapter, advising the name of the Deputy, and to each Deputy advising Chapters in his District.

The majority of Deputies have reported their activities, some of them making several visits to the same Chapters, where their services were needed. To these Companions I wish to extend my appreciation and thanks, and especially to E. Companion C. R. Horn, who not only visited Chapters in his own District, but made numerous visits, assisting other Special Deputies.

E. Companion W. B. Greer made several visits to Chipley, but was unable to hold a meeting of Chipley Chapter No. 23. The Companions think it best to surrender their Charter, I therefore recommend that the Charter of this Chapter be taken up.

NECROLOGY

It is with humble thanks, to the Supreme Grand High Priest, I report no deaths in our official family, or within the ranks of our Past Grand High Priests, however, several of our sister jurisdictions mourn the loss of distinguished Companions, reports of which are in the hands of the Committee on Memorials.

APPOINTMENT OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Appointment of the following Companions, as our representatives, near the Grand Chapters mentioned:

Companion Frank M. Pinnax, Oxford, N. C., Grand Chapter North Carolina.

Companion Harry H. Kester, Chicago, Ill., Grand Chapter Illinois.

Companion A. H. J. Brackebush, Grand Chapter New Zealand.

R. E. Companion George E. Cruickshank, Hillcrest, Alberta, Grand Chapter of Alberta, Canada.

Companion William C. Jamieson, Troy, N. Y., Grand Chapter New York.

Also, I recommended for appointment as representatives near the Grand Chapter of Florida, the following:

Grand Chapter.	Name.	Location.
Arizona	R. B. Lovett	Tampa
California	Robt. H. Brown	Bartow
Connecticut	M. Whipple Bishop	Jacksonville
District of Columbia	John E. Mattocks	Eustis
Rhode Island	Herbert S. Chiles	Tampa
Vermont	H. G. Crafton	Brooksville
Scotland	Alex B. Steuart	Tampa

FINANCE

I have signed warrants numbered One to Forty-seven inclusive, amounting to \$11,002.09.

MASONIC HOME ACTIVITIES

On February 12, 1929, I authorized the Masonic Home Educational Committee to solicit printing for the Masonic Home Print Shop, from the several Chapters of the State.

EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE WORK

I requested Monroe D. Cushing Chapter No. 54, to exemplify the Mark and the Past Master's Degree, and Tampa Chapter No. 3, the Most Excellent Master's Degree and the Royal Arch Degree, at this Grand Convocation, and comments are anticipated, from this Grand Chapter.

RITUALS

On June 13, 1928, I instructed the Grand Secretary to deliver to each Chapter, five Rituals, each Past Grand High Priest one Ritual, each Special Deputy Grand High Priest one Ritual, and the Committee on Work, five Rituals.

Inasmuch as there has been considerable complaint regarding shortage of Rituals, I recommend that four additional Rituals and a book of Essentials be sent to each Chapter, without cost, and that the High Priest receipt for same, and in turn take receipt from his successor, forwarding to the Grand Secretary.

Having received requests for Rituals from Past High Priests, I authorized the Grand Secretary to forward a copy to each of the following Excellent Companions, without charge, and now recommend that they be charged one dollar each, and to any future deliveries a like amount, which covers cost of Ritual and postage.

PAST HIGH PRIESTS

Ralph L. Gillett -----Tampa Chapter No. 3.
Nathan H. Fender ---Tampa Chapter No. 3.
Walter J. Bennett ----Tampa Chapter No. 3.

Herbert S. Chiles ----Tampa Chapter No. 3.
Earle A. DuBois -----Tampa Chapter No. 3.
J. E. Shepley -----Tampa Chapter No. 3.
George H. Leavitt ----Tampa Chapter No. 3.
John B. Phelps -----Jericho Chapter No. 11.
C. J. Rumph -----Monroe Chapter No. 15.
L. B. Hodgins -----Monroe Chapter No. 15.
G. E. McKay -----Monroe Chapter No. 15.
John Gore -----Monroe Chapter No. 15.
John P. Hyman -----Thos. Brown Chapter No. 22.
Robert H. Brown ----Thos. Brown Chapter No. 22.
Frank H. Thompson--Lakeland Chapter No. 29.
Geo. J. Tolson -----Lakeland Chapter No. 29.
H. M. Smith -----Winter Haven Chapter No. 41.
Robert Sands -----Winter Haven Chapter No. 41.
S. E. Page -----Winter Haven Chapter No. 41.
A. M. Smith -----Winter Haven Chapter No. 41.
L. Earl Curry -----Jericho No. 11.
J. S. Dwight -----Jericho No. 11.
Robt. M. Adams ----Jericho No. 11.
V. R. Judson -----Thos. Brown Chapter No. 22.
L. C. Olive -----Thos. Brown Chapter No. 22.
Harry S. Taylor ----Thos. Brown Chapter No. 22.

On January 5, 1929, I authorized the Grand Secretary to forward a Ritual to L. J. Shellburg, of West Palm Beach, who had the misfortune of losing his home, during the hurricane, and with it his Ritual.

RULINGS

Thos. Brown Chapter No. 22, and Dade City Chapter No. 8 requested dispensations to elect Secretary.

I referred them to Article 4, Section 12, of Constitutions of the Grand Chapter.

Eureka Chapter No. 7, Orlando, advised of joint installation with the Council and Symbolic Lodge, information was requested as to the necessity of opening the Chapter. The ruling was that the Chapter be opened in private place.

Delray Chapter No. 53, failed to have a quorum to elect officers at regular time, information desired as to holding election at regular convocation in February. Answer made that this was proper, and referred them to Article 4, Section 8, Constitutions of Grand Chapter.

Ocala Chapter No. 13, asked status of suspended Blue Lodge member. Answer, such member stands suspended in Chapter, until reinstated in the Blue Lodge.

Arcadia Chapter No. 36, wished to know whether a Mason could petition a Chapter immediately after receiving the Master's Degree. The answer is yes.

January 18, 1929, Lakeland Chapter No. 29, requested dispensation to hold election on January 23, 1929, to elect a Treasurer, their Treasurer having moved from Lakeland. Advised that dispensation not necessary, and referred them to Article 4, Section 12.

BY-LAWS

By-laws of Winter Haven Chapter No. 41, approved on December 21, 1928.

Monroe D. Cushing Chapter No. 54, amendment to By-laws, Section 1, Article 1, to elect all officers with the exception of the Sentinel. This amendment was returned, without approval, and referred them to Article 4,

Section 8, of the Constitutions and Regulations Grand Chapter.

January 19, 1929, approved change of By-laws of Plant City Chapter No. 16, reducing fees from \$50.00 to \$35.00.

DISPENSATIONS

Dispensation granted Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, to hold special Convocation, October 18, 1928, to receive and ballot on petitions provided notice was given all members of the Chapter, that petitions would be received and acted upon at that time.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL

Invitation was received by me to attend the Nineteenth Annual Convocation of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, on February 21 and 22, 1929, which much to my regret, I had to decline.

GRAND MASTER'S CONFERENCE

Invitation was received from M. W. Leroy Brandon, Grand Master of Masons in Florida, to be present at a meeting of the leaders of the various Masonic bodies, at Daytona Beach, on March 18, 1929, which meeting I had the pleasure of attending.

GRAND CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA

Under date of July 25, 1928, I received a communication from M. E. Companion Walton K. Swetland, Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania, with reference to

the conferring of the Past Master's Degree in that Grand Jurisdiction, the letter being printed in full on pages 135-136 of our Fraternal Correspondent's report, and clarifies the situation in that Grand Jurisdiction, and I suggest that each Companion of this Grand Chapter read it.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER TRIENNIAL

Under date of September 1, 1928, I received the Advance Bulletin of the Triennials of 1930, of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons and the General Grand Council Royal and Select Masters, which is to be held in the city of Tacoma, Washington, Monday and Tuesday, August 25-26, 1930, for the General Grand Council and Wednesday and Thursday, August 27-28, 1930, for the General Grand Chapter. This Advance Bulletin is attached to this report and speaks for itself.

May I urge upon the Grand Chapter, at this time, to consider our anticipated activities in this Triennial, and if necessary provide funds sufficient to represent our activities, so that it will not be left over for the next Grand Convocation, which will be held in the Triennial year, to decide what activities, if any, we shall take.

I do not hesitate to urge upon you, at this time, that we at once proceed to place a name before the General Grand Chapter for recognition in that line-up. In justice to our Candidate, who was nominated by this Grand Chapter, at the last Triennial, at the last moment, and not early enough to really do any concentrated effort for him, I propose that the name of M. E. Companion Henry O. Snow, Past Grand High Priest, be again submitted, at this time, for consideration.

CONCLUSION

And now, Companions, as I am about to surrender the gavel to my successor, I thank you from the bottom of my heart, for the high honor you have conferred on me, however, I would count it as nothing had I not gained your friendship, which I prize more than honors—I wish to thank each and every one, but more especially the Grand Secretary, and the Past Grand High Priests, who have counselled and advised me.

R. J. McMASTER,
Grand High Priest

Tampa, Fla., May 21, 1929.

Upon motion the address was received and referred to a special committee of three for consideration and distribution of subjects.

The Deputy Grand High Priest appointed Companions E. P. Hubbell, C. R. Horne and W. V. Carter as such committee.

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

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

I have the honor to submit the following report of the financial transactions of your Grand Treasurer for the year ending May 21, 1929:

Dr.

1928		
May 15,	To balance as per last report	\$16,570.26
May 22,	To received from Grand Secretary	206.00
May 23,	To received from Grand Secretary	175.00

May 26, To received from Grand Secretary-----	125.00
Aug. 2, To received from Grand Secretary -----	50.00
1929	
Jan. 5, To received from Grand Secretary -----	166.00
Jan. 17, To received from Grand Secretary -----	284.00
Jan. 29, To received from Grand Secretary -----	537.00
Feb. 2, To received from Grand Secretary -----	243.00
Feb. 5, To received from Grand Secretary -----	142.00
Feb. 14, To received from Grand Secretary -----	210.00
Feb. 16, To received from Grand Secretary -----	245.00
Feb. 19, To received from Grand Secretary -----	276.00
Feb. 26, To received from Grand Secretary -----	2,124.00
Feb. 29, To received from Grand Secretary -----	597.00
Mch. 11, To received from Grand Secretary -----	53.00
Mch. 13, To received from Grand Secretary -----	118.00
Mch. 16, To received from Grand Secretary -----	156.00
Mch. 18, To received from Grand Secretary -----	301.00
Mch. 28, To received from Grand Secretary -----	242.00
Mch. 30, To received from Grand Secretary -----	399.00
Apr. 2, To received from Grand Secretary -----	218.00
Apr. 6, To received from Grand Secretary -----	75.00
Apr. 10, To received from Grand Secretary -----	77.00
Apr. 13, To received from Grand Secretary -----	55.00
Apr. 20, To received from Grand Secretary -----	589.00
Apr. 25, To received from Grand Secretary -----	71.00
May 1, To received from Grand Secretary -----	965.00
May 2, To received from Grand Secretary -----	302.00
May 3, To received from Grand Secretary -----	130.00
May 11, To received from Grand Secretary -----	305.00
May 15, To received from Grand Secretary -----	157.00
	<u>\$26,163.26</u>

INTEREST RECEIVED

1928	
Nov. 10, Duval Lodge Bonds -----	\$ 45.00
Jan. 5, G. L. Cert. of Ind. -----	120.00
Jan. 31, Delray Lodge Bonds -----	200.00
May 1, Duval Lodge Bonds -----	45.00
Barnett National Bank -----	101.74
	<u>511.74</u>
	<u>\$26,675.00</u>

	Cr.
By Paid Vouchers Nos. 1-47 -----	11,002.09
	<u>\$15,672.91</u>
Balance on hand -----	\$15,672.91
Distributed as follows:	
Barnett National Bank -----	\$ 8,672.91
Grand Lodge Cert. of Indebtedness -----	3,000.00
Delray Lodge Bonds -----	2,500.00
Duval Lodge Bonds -----	1,500.00
	<u>\$15,672.91</u>

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 to report matters pertaining to your Secretary's office for the past year as follows:

The Grand Chapter having adopted the General Grand Chapter Ritual I ordered 370 copies by direction of the M. E. Grand High Priest, all of which were paid for in full. Five copies have been furnished each of our Chapters and other copies sent out as directed by the M. E. Grand High Priest. The Grand Chapter should however prescribe the method of handling these Rituals, who are entitled to them and under what conditions they shall be furnished.

The M. E. Grand High Priest last year reported as Clandestine Chapters in Florida, "Hiram" No. 5 at Coconut Grove and "Jasper" No. 10 at Jasper. I have been unable to locate any Chapter whatever at Coconut Grove.

In 1894 this Grand Chapter chartered Jasper Chapter No. 10 at Jasper. This Chapter surrendered its charter in 1911, but the charter was restored in 1916 and as number 10 had been given to Kissimmee Chapter the number of Jasper Chapter was changed to 36. This Chapter consolidated with Live Oak Chapter in 1920 under the name of Live Oak Chapter No. 25. There has been no Jasper Chapter number 10 since 1911.

Walton Chapter No. 37 at DeFuniak Springs has surrendered its charter which has been returned to this office. The paraphernalia and books are being held by our Companions at DeFuniak Springs as they hope to be able to revive the Chapter before very long.

We have been informed that the General Grand Chapter will meet in the City of Tacoma, Washington, August 27-28, 1930. The headquarters will be at Hotel Winthrop.

We have not had a Digest printed since 1919 and I would suggest that the Digest be revised to date and a new edition authorized printed.

RETURNS

Delray Chapter No. 53 has made no returns for 1928. All other Chapters have made correct returns and all have paid dues in full with the following exceptions from which balances are due as follows:

Keystone No. 20	\$ 55.00
Chipley No. 23	5.00
Lake Worth No. 24	207.00
Live Oak No. 25	372.00
Joppa No. 28	142.00
Jackson No. 32	216.00
Okeechobee No. 46 (1927)	5.00

The past year has not been a prosperous one. Counting Delray Chapter No. 53 as having the same number as reported last year, our present membership is 8,711, a net loss of 399.

Fraternally submitted,

W. P. WEBSTER,
Grand Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

W. P. Webster, Grand Secretary,

In Account with the Grand Chapter of Florida:

Dr.

Collected by Committee on Returns and Credentials, 1928	\$175.00
A. A. S. Rite Bodies, account Ware Monument	125.00
Grand Commandery, K. T. account Ware Monument	50.00
Perry Chapter No. 44, for 1928	1.00

Annual Dues:

Florida	No. 1	\$243.00
Gainesville	No. 2	192.00
Tampa	No. 3	577.00
St. Johns	No. 4	152.00
Halifax	No. 5	302.00
Mt. Horeb	No. 6	191.00
Eureka	No. 7	340.00
Dade City	No. 8	52.00
Putnam	No. 9	171.00
Kissimmee	No. 10	127.00
Jericho	No. 11	493.00
Jacksonville	No. 12	702.00
Ocala	No. 13	194.00
Inverness	No. 14	54.00
Monroe	No. 15	223.00
Plant City	No. 16	95.00
St. Augustine	No. 17	183.00
Manatee River	No. 18	205.00
Lake Butler	No. 19	52.00
Keystone	No. 20	100.00
Thos. Brown	No. 22	283.00
Chipley	No. 23	52.00
Lake Worth	No. 24	499.00
Jefferson	No. 26	100.00
Indian River	No. 27	233.00
Lakeland	No. 29	269.00
Gadsden	No. 30	194.00

St. Petersburg	No. 31	-----	472.00	
Eustis	No. 33	-----	130.00	
Leesburg	No. 34	-----	142.00	
Sarasota	No. 35	-----	161.00	
Arcadia	No. 36	-----	88.00	
Walton	No. 37	-----	41.00	
Providence	No. 38	-----	78.00	
Bay County	No. 39	-----	140.00	
Crestview	No. 40	-----	85.00	
Winter Haven	No. 41	-----	210.00	
Highlands	No. 42	-----	150.00	
Union	No. 43	-----	75.00	
Perry	No. 44	-----	68.00	
Clearwater	No. 45	-----	130.00	
Okeechobee	No. 46	-----	54.00	
Dade	No. 47	-----	115.00	
Duval	No. 48	-----	77.00	
Nassau	No. 49	-----	92.00	
Poinciana	No. 50	-----	104.00	
New Smyrna	No. 51	-----	124.00	
Orange	No. 52	-----	55.00	
M. D. Cushing	No. 54	-----	97.00	
Hill City	No. 55	-----	70.00	\$ 9,036.00

\$ 9,387.00

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May 23, 1928, By Paid M. Endel, Gr. Treas. --	\$ 175.00
June 26, 1928, By Paid M. Endel, Gr. Treas. --	125.00
Aug. 1, 1928, By Paid M. Endel, Gr. Treas. --	50.00
Jan. 5, 1929, By Paid M. Endel, Gr. Treas. --	166.00
Jan. 17, 1929, By Paid M. Endel, Gr. Treas. --	284.00
Jan. 29, 1929, By Paid M. Endel, Gr. Treas. --	537.00
Feb. 2, 1929, By Paid M. Endel, Gr. Treas. --	243.00
Feb. 5, 1929, By Paid M. Endel, Gr. Treas. --	142.00
Feb. 14, 1929, By Paid M. Endel, Gr. Treas. --	210.00
Feb. 16, 1929, By Paid M. Endel, Gr. Treas. --	245.00
Feb. 19, 1929, By Paid M. Endel, Gr. Treas. --	276.00
Feb. 25, 1929, By Paid M. Endel, Gr. Treas. --	2,124.00
Feb. 28, 1929, By Paid M. Endel, Gr. Treas. --	597.00
Mch. 11, 1929, By Paid M. Endel, Gr. Treas. --	53.00

Mch. 13, 1929, By Paid M. Endel, Gr. Treas. --	118.00
Mch. 16, 1929, By Paid M. Endel, Gr. Treas. --	156.00
Mch. 18, 1929, By Paid M. Endel, Gr. Treas. --	301.00
Mch., 28, 1929, By Paid M. Endel, Gr. Treas. --	242.00
Mch., 30, 1929, By Paid M. Endel, Gr. Treas. --	399.00
Apr. 2, 1929, By Paid M. Endel, Gr. Treas. --	218.00
Apr. 6, 1929, By Paid M. Endel, Gr. Treas. --	75.00
Apr. 10, 1929, By Paid M. Endel, Gr. Treas. --	77.00
Apr. 13, 1929, By Paid M. Endel, Gr. Treas. --	55.00
Apr. 20, 1929, By Paid M. Endel, Gr. Treas. --	589.00
Apr. 25, 1929, By Paid M. Endel, Gr. Treas. --	71.00
May 1, 1929, By Paid M. Endel, Gr. Treas. --	965.00
May 2, 1929, By Paid M. Endel, Gr. Treas. --	302.00
May 3, 1929, By Paid M. Endel, Gr. Treas. --	130.00
May 11, 1929, By Paid M. Endel, Gr. Treas. --	305.00
May 16, 1929, By Paid M. Endel, Gr. Treas. --	157.00—\$ 9,387.00

Books and Vouchers are herewith submitted for examination and approval.

W. P. WEBSTER,
Grand Secretary.

The Educational Loan Committee made the following report which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts:

EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your Committee on Educational Loan Fund submits the following report:

For the year ending May 1, 1929.

RECEIPTS

Forward from last year -----	\$ 496.75
July 6, 1928, Grand Secretary -----	1,000.00
Repayments -----	200.00
Interest -----	12.74—\$1,709.49
Nine loans made amounting to -----	\$1,625.00

OFFICE EXPENSE

Printing	\$3.50	
Two sets indexes	3.15—\$	6.65—\$1,631.65
Balance in First National Bank & Trust Co.	\$	77.84
	W. R. O'NEAL,	Chairman.

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

DISTRIBUTION

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

We, 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 Memorials, be referred to the Committee on Memorials.

That such matters as refer to expenditure of Grand Chapter funds, be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts, likewise the matter of arrangements for Triennial.

That 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 so much as refers to Special Deputy Grand High Priests, be referred to a special committee, with the suggestion from this committee that the work of Special Deputies, is, or should be of vast importance and some plan should be worked out as will make their duties more effective for the general good of Capitular Masonry.

That such as pertains to Rituals, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence to prepare regulation pertaining to same.

That by-laws referring to Winter Haven Chapter, No. 41, and Plant City Chapter, No. 16, be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-laws.

That the communication from the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, appointments of Grand Representatives, all rulings, Monroe

D. Cushing Chapter By-laws, dispensation granted Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

That such as refers to exemplification of work, be referred to the Committee on Work.

Fraternally submitted,

E. P. HUBBELL,
C. R. HORNE,
W. V. CARTER,
Committee.

Companion Hubbell presented his report on Correspondence and stated that a supply of same was available for all who might desire them.

Upon motion the report was received and ordered printed with the proceedings of this Grand Chapter.

M.·E.·James H. Thompson, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, who is also the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Florida near the Grand Chapter of Michigan, addressed the Grand Chapter, extending greetings and best wishes from the Grand Chapter of Michigan. In his address he stated that his grandfather, who was a member of a Baptist Church in the State of New York, was ordered to renounce his Masonry or be expelled from the church. He refused to do so and was unanimously expelled from the church.

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 shall be the exemplification of the work in the Mark Master's Degree.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

Tuesday, May 21, 2:00 P. M.

A Lodge of Mark Masters was opened and the work in this degree was exemplified by M. D. Cushing Chapter, No. 54, under the direction of Companion James Stuart.

The Lodge of Mark Masters was closed and a Lodge of Past Masters was opened and the work in this degree was also exemplified by M. D. Cushing Chapter No. 54, under the direction of Companion H. S. Weber and a team of Past Masters of Symbolic Lodges.

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

The work in this degree was exemplified by Tampa Chapter No. 3, under the direction of Companion Walter J. Bennett.

The Companions repaired to the dining room of the Scottish Rite Cathedral and enjoyed a bountiful dinner furnished by the Chapters and Councils of Tampa, after which the work in the Royal Arch degree was exemplified by Tampa Chapter No. 3, under the direction of Companion Ernest V. Reed.

IN GRAND CHAPTER

Wednesday, May 22, 10.00 A. M.

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

The minutes of the previous session were read and adopted.

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

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

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

We have examined the books of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and the Educational Loan Fund Committee and find them correct, with a balance on hand of \$15,672.91, distributed as follows:

Cash in Barnett National Bank	\$ 8,672.91
Duval Lodge Bonds	1,500.00
Delray Lodge Bonds	2,500.00
Grand Lodge Certificate of Indebtedness	3,000.00
Total	\$15,672.91

From which we recommend the following appropriations:

Expense Foreign Correspondence Committee	\$ 400.00
Grand Treasurer's Salary	200.00
Grand Secretary's Salary	1,500.00
Extra Clerical help	530.00
Grand Chapter Educational Fund	1,000.00
Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Delray Lodge Bonds.....	1,500.00
Triennial Fund	2,000.00
To Host Chapter	200.00
For Pay Roll, Attached	2,027.70
Total Appropriations	\$9,357.70

We recommend that the printing of separate copies of the Fraternal Correspondence reports for distribution at Grand Conventions be discontinued and that the Chairman of the Committee be requested to condense his reviews into the smallest possible space and thereby reduce the expense of printing, mailing, etc.

We recommend that no funds of this Grand Chapter be loaned or invested during the current fiscal year.

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, for the expense of the Grand Chapter Officers making official visitations, and for the purchase of General Grand Chapter Rituals and that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay the same.

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

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY O. SNOW,
R. J. KISHPAUGH,
R. L. GILLETT,
Committee.

PAY ROLL

Name	Mileage	Per Diem	Total
R. J. McMaster, G. H. P. -----	-----	\$18.00	\$18.00
John Pasco, G. K. -----	\$26.10	12.00	38.10
Alex B. Steuart, G. S. -----	-----	12.00	12.00
Marcus Endel, Gr. Treas -----	21.20	18.00	39.20
W. P. Webster, Gr. Secy. -----	21.20	24.00	45.20
W. B. Greer, G. C. H. -----	40.00	12.00	52.00
Dorsey H. Rutter, as G. P. S. -----	-----	12.00	12.00
R. P. Buckmaster, Gr. R. A. C. -----	9.10	12.00	21.10

Name	Mileage	Per Diem	Total
J. L. Head, as G. M. 3rd Veil -----	21.20	12.00	33.20
Archie Aitchison, G. M. 2nd Veil -----	2.00	12.00	14.00
Geo. A. Dame, as Gr. M. 1st Veil -----	7.20	12.00	19.20
R. B. Lovett, as Gr. Guard -----	-----	12.00	12.00
E. E. Haskell, P. G. H. P. -----	18.30	18.00	36.30
H. O. Snow, P. G. H. P. -----	-----	18.00	18.00
R. J. Kishpaugh, P. G. H. P. -----	18.80	18.00	36.80
E. L. Wirt, P. G. H. P. -----	4.50	12.00	16.50
W. V. Carter, P. G. H. P. -----	16.90	18.00	34.90
J. R. Keller, P. G. H. P. -----	5.20	12.00	17.20
Ely P. Hubbell, P. G. H. P. -----	4.10	18.00	22.10
E. L. Shear, P. G. H. P. -----	16.90	18.00	34.90
Cary B. Fish, P. G. H. P. -----	5.20	18.00	23.20
D. B. Palmer, P. G. H. P. -----	26.10	18.00	44.10
T. P. Warlow, P. G. H. P. -----	9.10	6.00	15.10
W. S. Murrow, Chapter No. 1 -----	37.60	12.00	49.60
W. C. Mathews, Chapter No. 2 -----	14.20	12.00	26.20
Ernest V. Reed, Chapter No. 3 -----	-----	12.00	12.00
W. B. Gleason, Chapter No. 4 -----	13.10	12.00	25.10
H. D. Gilmore, Chapter No. 5 -----	16.90	12.00	28.90
Geo. A. Sullivan, Chapter No. 6 -----	58.00	12.00	70.00
Bert L. Blair, Chapter No. 7 -----	9.10	12.00	21.10
L. L. Tucker, Chapter No. 8 -----	3.80	12.00	15.80
A. E. Cowger, Chapter No. 10 -----	7.40	12.00	19.40
J. B. Phelps, Chapter No. 11 -----	25.80	12.00	37.80
N. H. Schoonover, Chapter No. 12 -----	21.20	12.00	33.20
C. A. Bangert, Chapter No. 13 -----	11.30	12.00	23.30
W. H. Warnock, Chapter No. 14 -----	7.00	12.00	19.00
J. O. Huff, Chapter No. 15 -----	11.40	12.00	23.40
R. H. Kramer, Chapter No. 16 -----	2.00	12.00	14.00
F. J. McKeenan, Chapter No. 18 -----	4.10	12.00	16.10
J. A. Warren, Chapter No. 20 -----	23.10	12.00	35.10
R. H. Brown, Chapter No. 22 -----	4.50	12.00	16.50
R. H. Rollins, Chapter No. 23 -----	46.20	12.00	58.20
G. E. Whitting, Chapter No. 24 -----	18.80	12.00	30.80
S. E. Fleet, Chapter No. 25 -----	21.50	12.00	33.50
J. Tarlowski, Chapter No. 26 -----	26.10	12.00	38.10
A. H. Rhoads, Chapter No. 27 -----	18.40	12.00	30.40
Frank B. Goodwin, Chapter No. 28 -----	24.60	12.00	36.60

Name	Mileage	Per Diem	Total
H. S. Cole, Chapter No. 29 -----	3.10	12.00	15.10
W. C. Winans, Chapter No. 30 -----	40.00	12.00	52.00
Geo. B. Lingle, Chapter No. 31 -----	5.40	12.00	17.40
R. H. Hoyt, Chapter No. 33 -----	14.70	12.00	26.70
H. L. Schaeffer, Chapter No. 34 -----	9.50	12.00	21.50
F. A. Reigel, Chapter No. 35 -----	5.20	12.00	17.20
R. F. Saxon, Jr., Chapter No. 36 -----	9.30	12.00	21.30
C. Roberts, Chapter No. 38 -----	27.00	12.00	39.00
E. H. Wilkerson, Chapter No. 39 -----	50.50	12.00	62.50
J. L. Clary, Chapter No. 40 -----	52.90	12.00	64.90
C. H. Henson, Chapter No. 41 -----	6.10	12.00	18.10
C. R. Head, Chapter No. 42 -----	6.70	12.00	18.70
W. R. Butter, Chapter No. 43 -----	22.40	12.00	34.40
L. N. Russell, Chapter No. 45 -----	3.20	12.00	15.20
C. R. Bibb, Chapter No. 46 -----	12.70	12.00	24.70
W. H. Sheffield, Chapter No. 47 -----	29.20	12.00	41.20
S. R. Hall, Chapter No. 50 -----	15.50	12.00	27.50
H. A. Van Borssum, Chapter No. 54 -----	-----	12.00	12.00
Willard E. Oxly, Chapter No. 55 -----	4.80	6.00	10.80
Frank O'Berry -----	-----	12.00	12.00
B. C. Webb -----	11.30	12.00	23.30
F. H. Thompson -----	-----	12.00	12.00
G. H. Leavitt -----	-----	12.00	12.00
C. De Rocher -----	4.10	12.00	16.10
M. V. Cole -----	-----	12.00	12.00
R. L. Gillett -----	-----	18.00	18.00
W. M. Bullard, D. D. G. H. P. -----	14.20	12.00	26.20
C. R. Horne, D. D. G. H. P. -----	14.70	12.00	26.70
	\$1,061.70	\$966.00	\$2,027.70

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 furnished us by the Grand Secretary, is correct.

We find that all Chapters except Delray No. 53, have made correct returns and all except the following have paid their dues: Keystone No. 20, Chipley No. 23, Lake Worth No. 24, Live Oak No. 25, Joppa No. 28, Jackson No. 32, Okeechobee No. 46 and Delray No. 53.

We have collected the following amounts and turned them over to the Grand Secretary: Live Oak Chapter No. 25, \$372.00; Joppa No. 28, \$142.00; Okeechobee No. 46, \$5.00; Total, \$519.00 covering the amount due from these Chapters.

Lake Worth Chapter No. 24 owes \$207.00 and on account of bank failure, we recommend an extension of time. Keystone Chapter No. 20 owes \$55.00 which they agree to pay in thirty days; Chipley Chapter No. 23 owes \$5.00 which they will send the Grand Secretary in about a week; Jackson Chapter No. 32 owes \$216.00 without any representation. We recommend that these be referred to the Grand Secretary, and their representatives placed on the pay roll.

Delray Chapter No. 53 having made no returns and not represented, we refer this to the incoming Grand High Priest.

Forty-two of the fifty-two Chapters were represented at this Grand Convocation. The following Chapters were not represented: Putnam No. 9, St. Augustine No. 17, Lake Butler No. 19, Jackson No. 32, Perry No. 44, Duval No. 48, Nassau No. 49, New Smyrna No. 51, Orange No. 52 and Hill City No. 55.

Fraternally submitted,

H. A. VAN BORSSUM,
H. D. GILMORE,
BERT L. BLAIR,

Committee.

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

PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Nothing having been referred to your committee on Propositions and Grievances for consideration, we therefore have no report to render.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK H. THOMPSON,
G. H. LEAVITT,
ARTHUR S. RHOADS,
Committee.

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

MEMORIALS

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your Committee on Memorials respectfully submits the following report:

From year to year our Companions anticipate with joy each recurring Convocation. In these assemblies friendships are formed that shall never be blotted out. The hunger of every human heart is for friendship; it is the deepest, strongest and most irresistible impulse of the soul. The kindly helpful associations of companions make life meaningful and glorious. What is this wonder-working power called Fraternity? It is a vibrant, living principle; a tie no words can adequately utter; a bond no eye can see and a chord no hand can sever.

True companionship is the soul of human society, the strength of man and the glory of woman. Fraternity is amalgamating and uniting—it is the secret of *this* great Fraternity. It is fostered under the solemn oaths of obligation, nurtured by the ceremonial rites of initiation, strengthened by magic passwords and sealed by the brotherly handclasp.

Companionship is that mysterious, invisible, invincible bond uniting men closer than the ties of blood; it is the potent factor of all

achievement. Each progressive step is the result of the irresistible oncoming of united thought, united hearts, united souls and united effort for a common cause.

True companionship is a holy, sacred kinship, binding each to each and all to God.

And yet, this sacred relationship must be broken for a time. Forcefully is this awful truth impressed upon us as we meet in each recurring Grand Convocation. During the year, death has invaded the General Grand Chapter, has robbed other sister Grand Jurisdictions with whom we deeply sympathize and our own Subordinate Chapters have seen many of their Companions pass within the Veils and enter the Supreme Grand Chapter on high. The following is the list of those who have departed from us:

General Grand Chapter—Bernard Gratz Witt, Past General Grand High Priest, was born at Madisonville, Ky., August 12, 1847, and died in Henderson, Ky., January 5, 1929. Companion Witt was a 33rd. Degree Mason and was known and loved throughout this nation both as a leader among Masons and as a business man. He was a member of the Committee that revised and wrote the Ritual of the General Grand Chapter which was adopted at Minneapolis in 1891. He was elected as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky 1885 and was General Grand High Priest during 1912-1915.

Alabama—Albert E. Pace, Past Grand High Priest, was born in Gordon County, Alabama, August 12, 1866, and died at Dothan, Alabama, July 2, 1928.

Arizona—George James Roskrige, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary, born in Roskrige, England, April 10, 1845, and died in Tucson, Arizona, July 27, 1928.

California—George W. Perkins, Grand Sentinel, born in Galena, Illinois, January 2, 1859, died at San Francisco, California, March 5, 1929.

Colorado—William Armstead Campbell, Past Grand High Priest, born at Eaton, Ohio, December 1, 1856, died in Colorado Springs, February 15, 1929.

Connecticut—Edward W. Avery, Past Grand High Priest, born in South Windham, Conn., July 28, 1858, died at South Windham, Conn., February 9, 1929.

District of Columbia—Matthew Trimble, Past Grand High Priest, born March 16, 1842, died May 6, 1928.

Georgia—Edgar Allen McHan, Grand Lecturer, born in Murray County, Georgia, March 11, 1866, died in Macon, Georgia, July 12, 1928. J. Luther Gable, Past Grand High Priest, born at Brooks, Georgia, August 1, 1860, died in Brooks, Georgia, January 12, 1928.

Illinois—Alfred A. Whipple, Past Grand High Priest, born at Mansfield, N. Y., October 31, 1845, died at Benton Harbor, Michigan, November 13, 1928. James A. Young, Grand Royal Arch Captain, born at Nashville, Indiana, July 30, 1872, died in Denver, Colorado, August 27, 1928. William Bryant Carlock, Past Grand High Priest, was born in Woodford County, Illinois, March 15, 1842, died in Bloomington, Ill., March 6, 1929.

Indiana—Charles Balch, Past Grand High Priest, born in Lexington, Kentucky, January 16, 1863, died in Terre Haute, Indiana, March 1, 1928. Henry William Mordhurst, Past Grand High Priest, born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, December 19, 1851, died at Culver, Indiana, October 19, 1928.

Kentucky—John M. Bishop, Grand Scribe, born September 14, 1864, died in Owensboro, Kentucky, March 6, 1928.

Kansas—Joseph Duncan Fell, Past Grand High Priest, born near Prescott, Ontario, January 6, 1861, died in Concordia, Kansas, June 25, 1928. John Powers, P. G. H. P., born in England, April 8, 1855, died in Marion, Kansas, March 31, 1929.

Maine—Howard D. Smith, Past Grand High Priest, born at Oxford, Maine, August 11, 1844, died in Norway, Maine, March 20, 1929.

Maryland—Oliver C. Warehime, Past Grand High Priest, born in Manchester, Maryland, October 14, 1859, died at Frederick, Md., August 14, 1928.

Mississippi—James T. Harrison, Past Grand High Priest, born May 21, 1848, died May 18, 1928.

Missouri—Olif Addison Lucas, Past Grand High Priest, born near Monmouth, Ill., August 18, 1861, died in Kansas City, Mo., September 27, 1928. Joseph E. Davidson, Grand King, born near Albany, Missouri, January 10, 1878, died in Albany, Mo., April 10, 1929.

Montana—Joseph J. Hindson, Past Grand High Priest, born in Liverpool, England, April 19, 1850, died February 17, 1928. Squire C. Kenyon, Past Grand High Priest, born at Watertown, Wisconsin, July 24, 1845, died in Oakland, California, February 13, 1929.

Nebraska—Samuel P. Davidson, Past Grand High Priest, born in Mason County, Illinois, October 8, 1848, died at Denver, Colorado, December 8, 1928. James W. Maynard, Past Grand High Priest, born in New London, Iowa, September 15, 1847, died at Omaha, Nebraska, June 28, 1928.

Nevada—Edward Barber, Past Grand High Priest, born in Ripon, Wisconsin, October 13, 1859, died in Reno, Nevada, October 23, 1928. Chris Wolf, Grand Guard, born in Germany, 1850, died in Reno, Nevada, April 14, 1928. William L. Semenza, Grand Guard, born in Italy, 1864, died in Reno, Nevada, September 6, 1928.

Nevada—Pearis B. Ellis, Past Grand High Priest, born in Sacramento, California, 1854, died in Carson City, Nevada, September 29, 1928.

North Carolina—E. Romley Hampton, Past Grand High Priest, born in Sylvania, N. C., died at Asheville, N. C., September 9, 1928.

New Jersey—William H. Grosscup, Past Grand High Priest, born in Bridgeton, New Jersey, April 4, 1885, died in Millville, New Jersey, February 20, 1929.

New York—William Prouse, Past Grand High Priest, born in Delhi, Ontario, January 8, 1862, died in Buffalo, New York, January 24, 1929.

Oklahoma—James A. Scott, Past Grand High Priest, born in Missouri, July 15, 1847, died in Muskogee, Oklahoma, April 5, 1928.

Oregon—Wallace Baldwin, Past Grand High Priest, born May 20, 1845, died December 27, 1928.

Pennsylvania—Michael W. Jacobs, Past Grand High Priest, born in Gettysburg, Pa., January 27, 1850, died near Shiremanstown, Pa., January 11, 1929.

South Dakota—West Babcock, Past Grand High Priest, born May 9, 1858, died April 24, 1929.

Washington—Henry L. Kennan, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary, born in Norwalk, Ohio, April 11, 1852, died in Spokane, Washington, September 17, 1928. Samuel H. Rush, Past Grand High Priest, born in Ohio, December, 1851, died in Santa Monica, California, February 22, 1929. John M. Bean, Past Grand High Priest, born in Eugene, Oregon, December 5, 1850, died in Vetsura, California, March 23, 1929.

Wisconsin—Cyrus S. Stockwell, Grand Lecturer, born in Kenosha, Michigan, February 11, 1845, died at Neillsville, Wisconsin,

son, June 19, 1928. William E. Ratsch, Grand Guard, born in Chicago, September 8, 1858, died in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 27, 1928.

These have been exalted to higher, nobler and holier ranks than this uncertain world can offer. They have become companions to Celestial beings; have Jehovah as their Most Exalted Grand High Priest and dwell together, not in tabernacles made by man's hands, but in a city whose Builder and Maker is God.

Fraternally submitted,

D. H. RUTER,
MELVIN V. COLE,
ELY P. HUBBELL,
Committee.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

We, your Committee on Unfinished Business report that after careful investigation, we find there is no unfinished business to bring before this Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. BROWN,
B. C. WEBB,
FRANK O'BERRY,
Committee.

Past Grand High Priest Fish presented the following resolution:

Resolved: That the incoming Grand High Priest shall appoint a committee of three who by authority of this Grand Chapter shall present to the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, and the Deputies of the Scottish Rite of

North and South Jurisdictions of Florida, (All of the State of Florida) the request of this Grand Chapter that each of said Masonic Bodies shall appoint a like committee to meet with the committee herein to be appointed to discuss, consider and recommend means and methods by which the many unsatisfactory conditions prevailing in this Grand Jurisdiction may be remedied."

This resolution was presented by direction of an assemblage of Masons called at the request of the Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Florida, Brother Leroy Brandon, which assembled on Monday, March 18, 1929, in the Masonic Temple at Daytona Beach, Florida, to which assemblage he presented certain problems and unfortunate conditions confronting the Masonic Fraternity in this Jurisdiction, many of which matters were discussed and considered by it.

And we represent that it was the unanimous concensus of opinion of the Masons there present (consisting of members of each of the different bodies above mentioned), that the problems discussed were of momentous interest and concern to the entire future welfare of Freemasonry in Florida; and that all of said bodies were vitally interested in the remedies necessary to be accomplished.

Fraternally submitted,

CARY B. FISH.

Upon motion the resolution was adopted and a committee of three authorized appointed.

Companion Baluss addressed the Grand Chapter on the good of the Order.

The motion was made by Past Grand High Priest Snow and adopted; That the Grand Secretary obtain cards referred to by Companion Baluss and send one to each High Priest in this Grand Jurisdiction for his information and consideration, with a view to increasing interest in Capitular Masonry and in other York Rite Bodies.

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:

We, the committee on Dispensations and By-laws find but two dispensations that need to be considered.

The first is the case of Winter Haven Chapter No. 41 and the second Plant City Chapter No. 16. The M. E. Grand High Priest having previously granted the requests and issued dispensations;

We, the committee recommend the approval of the dispensations as issued.

Fraternally submitted,

ERNEST V. REED,
J. LLOYD HEAD,
J. R. KELLER,
Committee.

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

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida:

Companions:

Your Jurisprudence Committee, as to the several matters referred to them, report as follows:

The Grand High Priest has reported in his address six rulings, all of which we recommend be approved.

We think the Grand High Priest was correct in returning the by-laws of Monroe D. Cushing Chapter No. 54, without his approval, as we are of the opinion that Article IV, Section 8, of the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Chapter prohibits the amendment proposed by the Chapter.

The Grand High Priest in reference to "Past Masters" of Pennsylvania has made the recommendation in which he suggests that each Companion of this Grand Jurisdiction read the letter printed in full on pages 135 and 136 of our Fraternal Correspondence report, to which we add that each Companion should carefully

read what this Grand Chapter says in reference thereto as printed in our proceedings of 1927 on page 54.

In reference to the matter of Rituals to be furnished to the subordinate Chapters, we are of the opinion that members of the Chapters as well, should have the privilege of obtaining a copy of said Ritual and therefore recommend the adoption of the following regulation in reference to Rituals, viz:

"Regulation No. — The Grand Secretary is instructed to obtain and deliver to each Chapter five Rituals and one copy of the General Grand Chapter "Book of Essentials" without cost, provided that Chapters shall have the right to purchase from the Grand Secretary at the price of one dollar each, five more of such Rituals; and that the Grand Secretary shall obtain and furnish copies of the Ritual, for the price of one dollar each to such Companions as shall obtain the recommendation therefor from the High Priest of the Chapter to which they belong.

We are of the opinion that the Grand High Priest in granting the dispensation to Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, to receive and ballot upon petitions at a special Convocation, acted in accord with our law, and recommend that the same be approved.

With reference to the recommendation of the Grand High Priest as to the presentation of the name of M. E. Companion Henry O. Snow, Past Grand High Priest, for representation on the list of officers to be elected by the General Grand Chapter at the Triennial Convocation to be held at Tacoma, Washington, in August of 1930, your committee is heartily in accord with the desire that the Grand Chapter of Florida should receive such a recognition. We trust that such action looking towards the presentation of Companion Snow as a candidate for this honor be actively and zealously furthered. And we represent, without reservation, that Companion Snow will worthily fill any position to which he may be elected.

Fraternally submitted,

MARCUS ENDEL,
E. E. HASKELL,
JOS. R. KELLER,
T. P. WARLOW,
D. B. PALMER,

W. V. CARTER,
H. O. SNOW
R. J. KISHPAUGH,
ELY P. HUBBELL,
E. L. SHEAR,
CARY B. FISH,
Committee.

Upon motion of Past Grand High Priest Kishpaugh it was ordered that a committee of three be appointed to promote the interests of this Grand Chapter in advocating the candidacy of M. E. Companion H. O. Snow for Master of the First Veil in the General Grand Chapter at its Triennial Convocation in Tacoma, Washington in August, 1930.

The Committee on Visitors made a verbal report, which was received.

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

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS
(Supplemental Report)

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts beg leave to make this additional recommendation:

That the Grand Treasurer be instructed to cash the Duval Lodge Bonds as we understand that they are anxious to call them in, and that the amount received be placed in the General Fund.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY O. SNOW,
R. J. KISHPAUGH,
R. L. GILLET,

Committee.

The Committee on Rituals reported verbally that no questions had been submitted to them for consideration.

The suggestion was made that the Charter of Chipley Chapter, No. 23, be arrested and same was referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-laws.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Companions F. H. Thompson, R. H. Brown and H. G. Taylor as Tellers and the Grand Chapter proceeded with the annual election of officers with the following result:

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

John Pasco ----- M. E. Grand High Priest.
Stafford Caldwell ---- R. E. Deputy Gr. High Priest.
Alex B. Steuart ----- R. E. Grand King.
W. B. Greer ----- R. E. Grand Scribe.
Marcus Endel ----- R. E. Grand Treasurer.
Wilber P. Webster --- R. E. Grand Secretary.
W. B. Y. Wilkie ----- R. E. Gr. Chaplain Emeritus.
Dorsey H. Rutter ---- R. E. Grand Chaplain.

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

DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS
(Supplemental)

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your committee reports the following with reference to Chipley Chapter:

This matter coming before the committee at a very late hour and the committee being unable to make a thorough investigation, wishes to report however, that they took this matter up with the delegate in this Grand Chapter representing the Chapter and that the Companion feels that this is an inopportune time to give up their Charter, and that in his opinion the majority of the members do not care to surrender the charter and he requests that the Chapter be given further opportunity to arrange Chapter matters.

In consideration of the above, it is the recommendation of this committee that this matter be investigated more fully by the incoming Grand High Priest and disposed of according to his best judgment.

Fraternally submitted,

ERNEST V. REED,
J. LLOYD HEAD,
J. R. KELLER,
Committee.

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

THANKS

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your committee on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Florida wishes to extend to all local Chapters, their sincere appreciation for all courtesies extended to them at this, their Eighty-third Session held in Tampa, and especially for the wonderful Fraternal Fellowship shown by them, and the excellent manner in which they exemplified the degree work, also for the splendid dinners and entertainment provided for their enjoyment.

And we also wish to extend to the Scottish Rite Bodies of this Valley our heartiest thanks for the use of their Cathedral, and also the many other courtesies extended by them.

Your committee feels that this report but poorly expresses the deep feeling in our hearts. We feel that in all these things they have set a mark which will make it hard for them to duplicate.

Fraternally submitted,

HAMILTON BALUSS,
Chairman.

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

GRAND OFFICERS APPOINTED

R. P. Buckmaster -----E. Gr. Capt. of the Host.
Archie Aitchison -----E. Gr. Prin. Sojourner.
George A. Dame -----E. Gr. Royal Arch Captain.
C. M. Gruber -----E. Gr. Master Third Veil.
Cleveland R. Horne ----E. Gr. Master Second Veil.
J. Lloyd Head -----E. Gr. Master First Veil.
John W. Capper -----E. Grand Guard.

Past Grand High Priest Palmer assisted by retiring Grand High Priest McMaster, as Grand Marshal, installed the following Grand Officers:

INSTALLATION

John Pasco -----M. E. Grand High Priest.
Alex B. Steuart -----R. E. Grand King.
William B. Greer -----R. E. Grand Scribe.
Dorsey H. Rutter -----R. E. Grand Chaplain.
R. P. Buckmaster -----E. Gr. Capt. of the Host.
Archie Aitchison -----E. Gr. Prin Sojourner.
George A. Dame -----E. Gr. Royal Arch Captain.
Cleveland R. Horne ----E. Gr. Master Second Veil.
J. Lloyd Head -----E. Gr. Master First Veil.

The Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary having been re-elected, the Grand Master of the Third Veil and Grand Guard re-appointed, their installation was not necessary at this time.

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

PRINTING

W. P. Webster,
J. Lloyd Head, Marcus Endel.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE
All Past Grand High Priests

EDUCATIONAL LOAN

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

MEMORIALS

Dorsey H. Rutter,
E. P. Hubbell, N. H. Schoonover.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ely P. Hubbell, E. L. Shear.

INVESTMENT

L. C. Massey, E. L. Wirt.

RITUAL

D. B. Palmer,
Chester DeRocher, W. B. Greer.

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

R. L. Gillett, Three years.
Henry O. Snow, Two years.
R. J. Kishpaugh, One year.

WELFARE

Alexander B. Steuart,
W. B. Greer, W. R. O'Neal.

TRIENNIAL
(Special)

E. P. Hubbell,
R. J. McMaster, Cary B. Fish.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

T. P. Robinson, Orlando, Box 397

Eureka No. 7, Monroe No. 15,
Kissimmee No. 10, Eustis No. 33,
Orange No. 52.

George A. Dame, Inverness

Dade City No. 8, Inverness No. 14,
Ocala No. 13, Leesburg No. 34,
Hill City No. 55.

Dorsey H. Rutter, Daytona Beach

St. Johns No. 4, Indian River No. 27,
Halifax No. 5, New Smyrna No. 51.

Hamilton Baluss, 3630 Main St., Jacksonville

Putnam No. 9, St. Augustine No. 17,
Jacksonville No. 12, Duval No. 48,
Nassau No. 49.

Frank B. Goodwin, Fort Pierce

Joppa No. 28, Union No. 43,
Okeechobee No. 46.

Archie Aitchison, St. Petersburg

Manatee River No. 18, Arcadia No. 36,
St. Petersburg No. 31, Clearwater No. 45,
Sarasota No. 35, Poinciana No. 50.

Richard B. Lovett, Box 1882, Tampa

Tampa No. 3, Winter Haven No. 41,
Plant City No. 16, Highlands No. 42,
Thomas Brown No. 22, M. D. Cushing No. 54,
Lakeland No. 29.

W. S. Perry, Gainesville

Gainesville No. 2, Live Oak No. 25,
Lake Butler No. 19, Providence No. 38.

F. S. Hartsfield, Tallahassee

Florida No. 1, Jefferson No. 26,
Perry No. 44.

W. C. Winans, Quincy

Chipley No. 23, Jackson No. 32,
Gadsden No. 30, Bay County No. 39.

J. C. Clark, Pensacola, Box 1513

Mount Horeb No. 6, Crestview No. 40.

John B. Phelps, Box 283, Miami

Jericho No. 11, Lake Worth No. 24,
Keystone No. 20, Dade No. 47,
Delray No. 53.

A Past Grand High Priest's Jewel and Apron were presented to retiring Grand High Priest McMaster, Companion Rutter making the presentation.

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.

JOHN PASCO,
Grand High Priest.

Attest:

W. S. Perry

Grand Secretary.



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

Who have passed away during the year 1928
 These pages are fraternally dedicated

Name	Chapter	No.	Date of Death
Romero M. Sealey	Florida	1	Feb. 21, 1928
John R. Eddins	Gainesville	2	Jan. 29, 1928
O. F. Burger	Gainesville	2	Jan. 25, 1928
W. W. Hampton	Gainesville	2	Nov. 20, 1928
E. C. McMahan	Gainesville	2	Nov. 23, 1928
Douglass F. Conoley	Tampa	3	Jan. 17, 1928
George E. Holder	Tampa	3	Feb. 1926
Campbell E. Arnold	Tampa	3	May 11, 1928
Chas. H. Moorehouse	Tampa	3	Aug. 28, 1928
Leon W. Marshall	Tampa	3	Sept. 22, 1928
Herbert E. Jacobs	Tampa	3	Nov. 19, 1928
T. Lee Osteen	St. Johns	4	Jan. 18, 1928
F. A. Morgan	St. Johns	4	Nov. 1928
William W. Fry	Halifax	5	Feb. 1, 1928
George P. Johnson	Halifax	5	Oct. 8, 1928
Geo. C. Chamberlain	Halifax	5	Dec. 7, 1928
Wm. E. Ballough	Halifax	5	Dec. 12, 1928
Roswell D. Lamont	Mt. Horeb	6	Apr. 2, 1927
James N. Sullivan	Mt. Horeb	6	Aug. 23, 1928
Chas. A. Stewart	Mt. Horeb	6	Dec. 21, 1928
Robt. W. Still	Mt. Horeb	6	Dec. 16, 1926
L. P. Kimbrough	Eureka	7	
Sam L. Kyle	Eureka	7	May 28, 1928
Wade McRaney	Eureka	7	July 29, 1928
Erskin McCullough	Eureka	7	Nov. 14, 1928
R. E. McMahan	Dade City	8	1928
Thos. F. Ziegler	Dade City	8	1928
C. Andrew Lattin	Putnam	9	July 28, 1928
Freddie Stanley	Putnam	9	Dec. 1, 1928
Joseph F. McCain	Jericho	11	July 4, 1928
J. R. M. Beatty	Jacksonville	12	May 24, 1928
Benjamin T. Butts	Jacksonville	12	May 21, 1928
Jas. S. Venable	Jacksonville	12	July 13, 1928
Ira H. Starratt	Jacksonville	12	Aug. 13, 1928
Walter M. Phillips	Jacksonville	12	Sept. 7, 1928

Name	Chapter	No.	Date of Death
T. A. White	Jacksonville	12	Sept. 20, 1928
Geo. Elmer Wilbur	Jacksonville	12	Aug. 28, 1928
Geo. A. Kirk, Jr.	Jacksonville	12	Oct. 27, 1928
Fred W. Hoyt	Jacksonville	12	Oct. 28, 1928
Remer Y. Lane	Jacksonville	12	Dec. 4, 1928
Wm. A. Westcott	Jacksonville	12	Dec. 26, 1928
W. B. Newbern	Ocala	13	Mch. 19, 1928
C. Y. Miller	Ocala	13	July 9, 1928
N. W. Harrison	Ocala	13	Sept. 13, 1928
P. E. Collier	Ocala	13	Dec. 22, 1928
Sheridan Jewett	Monroe	15	Apr. 26, 1928
Jasper Evers	Plant City	16	1928
James L. Young	Plant City	16	1928
Robert F. Duncan	St. Augustine	17	Mch. 9, 1927
C. M. Harrison	Manatee River	18	June 26, 1928
Thos. H. Johnston	Manatee River	18	July 27, 1928
B. Dugger	Lake Butler	19	1928
Wade H. Raines	Keystone	20	Nov. 28, 1928
Chas. G. Sutton	Thomas Brown	22	Feb. 15, 1927
Edwin A. Law	Thomas Brown	22	Mch. 11, 1928
Wm. R. Minor	Thomas Brown	22	Sept. 7, 1928
Jno. W. Bland	Thomas Brown	22	Mch. 11, 1928
Jos. T. Miller, Jr.	Lake Worth	24	Jan. 21, 1928
John L. Kishpaugh	Lake Worth	24	June 13, 1928
Charles H. Brown	Live Oak	25	Jan. 8, 1928
Milton E. Broome	Live Oak	25	Mch. 8, 1928
George B. Bass	Live Oak	25	Apr. 26, 1928
George G. Mays	Live Oak	25	May 10, 1928
Henry A. Howell	Live Oak	25	June 14, 1928
Thos. J. Fletcher	Live Oak	25	July 12, 1928
Robert E. Kemp, Jr.	Live Oak	25	Dec. 20, 1928
John L. Moon	Live Oak	25	1928
Sim Lambert	Jefferson	26	Apr. 3, 1928
J. B. Horne	Jefferson	26	July 26, 1928
J. C. Johnson	Indian River	27	June 19, 1928
A. B. Tull	Indian River	27	Jan. 3, 1928
Geo. J. Reynolds	Joppa	28	Sept. 23, 1928
C. G. Arendell	Lakeland	29	June 27, 1928
J. B. Forehand	Lakeland	29	Oct. 28, 1928
J. L. Padrick	Lakeland	29	Apr. 6, 1928
Hugh G. Snook	Lakeland	29	June 10, 1928
C. E. Teegarden	Lakeland	29	Feb. 21, 1928
Allen B. Smith	Gadsden	30	Apr. 24, 1928
John W. Shaw	Gadsden	30	June 18, 1928
Wm. L. MacGowan	Gadsden	30	Sept. 3, 1928
Wm. B. Malone	Gadsden	30	Oct. 25, 1928
F. M. Wells	Gadsden	30	Oct. 2, 1928
M. J. Weyranch	St. Petersburg	31	Feb. 11, 1928

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Norris D. Blake	St. Petersburg	31	Sept. 5, 1928
W. H. Neel	Jackson	32	Aug. 5, 1928
H. A. Hampton	Jackson	32	Sept. 6, 1928
B. L. Porter	Jackson	32	Dec. 28, 1928
W. P. McKee	Eustis	33	Apr. 21, 1928
E. E. Coulson	Leesburg	34	Dec. 30, 1928
Fred H. Blossom	Sarasota	35	May 28, 1928
Chas. A. French	Sarasota	35	Aug. 28, 1928
Jonathan S. Coker	Arcadia	36	1928
Hugh Thornber	Walton	37	Nov. 28, 1928
H. Walter Markham	Providence	38	Feb. 9, 1928
T. C. Payne	Bay County	39	Apr. 19, 1928
S. W. Woodham	Bay County	39	Sept. 4, 1928
Wm. W. Turnbull	Winter Haven	41	Apr. 10, 1928
B. P. Blanton	Perry	44	June 21, 1928
R. E. McMullen	Perry	44	Jan. 15, 1928
Gardner McMullen	Clearwater	45	Jan. 10, 1928
Fred Austin Paul	Clearwater	45	Mch. 10, 1927
F. E. Ferrell	Dade	47	Jan. 14, 1928
W. B. Strickland	Dade	47	July 17, 1928
A. T. Calhoun	Dade	47	Dec. 10, 1928
Geo. V. Henrie	Duval	48	May 19, 1928
Stephen A. Ogilvie	Nassau	49	Oct. 24, 1928
Crickett Prewitt	Nassau	49	Nov. 6, 1928
W. W. Farnell	New Smyrna	51	Feb. 22, 1928
T. F. Douglas	New Smyrna	51	May 7, 1928
C. L. Dohn	New Smyrna	51	June 10, 1928
J. C. Chapman	New Smyrna	51	Dec. 11, 1928
G. W. Brown	New Smyrna	51	Dec. 31, 1928
Albert P. Butz	M. D. Cushing	54	Mch. 13, 1928
Hiram H. Leasure	M. D. Cushing	54	July 14, 1928
Robert B. Price	M. D. Cushing	54	Aug. 3, 1928
J. W. Kimbrough	Hill City	55	Jan. 26, 1928
H. A. Chadsey	Hill City	55	Mch. 5, 1928
J. B. Melton	Hill City	55	Dec. 4, 1928



OFFICERS
OF THE
General Grand Chapter
1927 — 1930

Charles Clark Davis ----- General Grand High Priest
213 S. Poplar St., Centralia, Illinois

John William Neilson ----- Deputy General Grand High Priest
Concordia, Kansas

William T. S. O'Hara ----- General Grand King
742 Nicholas Bldg., Toledo, Ohio

Mattison Boyd Jones ----- General Grand Scribe
1227 Citizens Natl. Bank Bldg., Los Angeles, California

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

Charles Arthur Conover ----- General Grand Secretary
95 W. Chicago St., Coldwater, Michigan

John Huske Anderson ----- General Grand Captain of Host
Fayetteville, North Carolina

George Allison Holland ----- General Grand Principal Sojourner
Lexington, Kentucky

William Edward Goff ----- General Grand Royal Arch Captain
12 W. Main St., Battle Creek, Michigan

Ray Vaughn Denslow ----- General Grand Master Third Veil
Trenton, Missouri

Wilbur Allen Scott ----- General Grand Master Second Veil
87 Weybosset St., Providence, R. I.

Early H. Johnson ----- General Grand Master First Veil
Court House, Columbus, Georgia

Harry Warner Harvey ----- General Grand Custodian of Work
7211 University Ave., Chicago, Illinois

THE NEXT TRIENNIAL

Will be held in the City of Tacoma, Washington, August 27-28,
1930.

GRAND SECRETARIES.

STATE	NAME	ADDRESS
General Grand Chapter	Charles A. Conover	Coldwater, Mich.
Alabama	Geo. A. Beauchamp	Montgomery.
Alberta	Clifford R. Wentzel	Calgary, 809 9 1/2 St. NW
Arizona	H. A. Drachman	Tucson, Box 238.
Arkansas	John C. Bone	Batesville.
British Columbia	J. W. Prescott	Vancouver, 603 Hastings St. W.
California	Thomas A. Davies	San Francisco.
Canada		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	A. G. Miller	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	Elmer F. Strain	Topeka.
Kentucky	G. Allison Holland	Lexington.
Louisiana	John A. Davilla	New Orleans.
Maine	Charles B. Davis	Portland.
Manitoba	George Syme	Winnipeg, Masonic Temple.
Maryland	Gustav A. Eitel	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Raymond T. Sewall	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, Masonic Temple.
Nevada	Frank D. King	Reno.
New Brunswick	J. Twining Hartt	St. Johns.
New Hampshire	Harry M. Cheney	Concord.
New Jersey	Chas. D. McCracken	Lambertville.
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque.
New South Wales	Frederick R. Sinden	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	Frank M. Krapp	Springfield.
Oklahoma	Ira B. Kirkland	Muskogee 1st Natl. Bank Bldg.
Oregon	D. Rufus Cheney	Portland, Masonic Temple.
Pennsylvania	Joseph E. Quimby	Philadelphia.
Quebec	W. W. Williamson	Montreal, Box 3172.
Queensland	Thos. C. Moxley	Coorparoo, Brisbane, Old Cleveland Road.
Rhode Island	William R. Greene	Providence.
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Harold Waldby, Claremont -----	W. Australia -----	John Pasco, Monticello.
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From Its Organization to Date

	GRAND HIGH PRIESTS	DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS	GRAND KINGS	GRAND SCRIBES	GRAND TREASURERS	GRAND SECRETARIES	GRAND CHAPLAINS
1847	Thos. Douglas*	John P. DuVal*	Harry R. Taylor*	Geo. W. Macrae*	Edwin D. Nash*	John B. Taylor*	Edwin L. T. Blake*
1848	John P. DuVal*	Isaac H. Bronson*	Geo. W. Macrae*	D. S. Graham*	Thomas Brown*	John B. Taylor*	Edwin L. T. Blake*
1849	Isaac H. Bronson*	Harry R. Taylor*	D. S. Graham*	R. A. Shine*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	Charles E. Dyke*
1850	Harry R. Taylor*	D. S. Graham*	R. A. Shine*	Gad Humphreys*	David C. Wilson*	John B. Taylor*	Edwin L. T. Blake*
1851	Thomas Brown*	Gad Humphreys*	Alfred A. Fisher*	Benj. Sawyer*	David C. Wilson*	John B. Taylor*	Geo. M. McDonald*
1852	R. A. Shine*	Samuel B. Stephens*	Samuel Boardman*	D. G. McLean*	David C. Wilson*	John B. Taylor*	Charles E. Dyke*
1853	Sam'l Boardman*	J. M. W. Davidson*	C. A. M. Mitchell*	James S. Rust*	David C. Wilson*	John B. Taylor*	E. G. Asay
1854	J. Wayles Baker*	Thomas Y. Henry*	James Ellenwood*	John L. McKinnon*	David C. Wilson*	John B. Taylor*	Homer Hendee
1855	J. Wayles Baker*	Edward R. Ives*	Joseph S. May*	James Ellenwood*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	Homer Hendee
1856	Thomas Hayward*	Edward R. Ives*	John L. McKinnon*	David S. Walker*	R. A. Shine*	John B. Taylor*	Charles E. Dyke*
1857	Gad Humphreys*	James Ellenwood*	John L. McKinnon*	Charles E. Dyke*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	J. R. Plummer
1858	Thomas Hayward*	James Ellenwood*	D. P. Holland*	Calvin Davis*	John S. Bond*	John B. Taylor*	John Penny*
1859	D. P. Holland*	Geo. F. Baltzell*	Geo. F. Baltzell*	Josiah Payne*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	John Penny*
1860	Thomas Y. Henry*	James Ellenwood*	Franklin Branch*	Charles Slager*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	Edwin L. T. Blake*
1861	Geo. F. Baltzell*	James Ellenwood*	Charles Slager*	D. C. Dawkins*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	John Penny*
1862	Geo. F. Baltzell*	James Ellenwood*	Green H. Hunter*	Wm. H. Arendell*	Thomas Hayward*	Hugh A. Corley*	Thomas A. Carruth*
1863	Geo. F. Baltzell*	James Ellenwood*	Thos. K. Leonard*	Wm. H. Arendell*	Thomas Hayward*	Hugh A. Corley*	Columbus Smith*
1864	Geo. F. Baltzell*	James Ellenwood*	B. S. Fuller*	Ellas Earle*	T. Preston Tatum*	Hugh A. Corley*	Columbus Smith*
1865	David Jones*	D. C. Dawkins*	Ellas Earle*	A. J. Lea*	T. Preston Tatum*	Hugh A. Corley*	Columbus Smith*
1866	David Jones*	Wm. Morrill*	Charles Slager*	Chas. K. Sparhawk*	T. Preston Tatum*	Hugh A. Corley*	Samuel C. Craft
1867	David Jones*	Wm. Morrill*	Charles Slager*	M.M.T. Hutchinson*	T. Preston Tatum*	Hugh A. Corley*	Wm. A. McLean*
1868	James Ellenwood*	M.M.T. Hutchinson*	H. H. Berry*	Michael Bowes*	T. Preston Tatum*	Edw. Bradford, Jr.*	Thomas A. Carruth*
1869	D. C. Dawkins*	Chas. Slager*	Charles Mundes*	Samuel Pasco*	T. Preston Tatum*	Edw. Bradford, Jr.*	Thomas A. Carruth*
1870	D. C. Dawkins*	James Ellenwood*	Wm. Morrill*	Theodore Ball*	T. Preston Tatum*	W. M. McIntosh*	Edwin L. T. Blake*
1871	D. C. Dawkins*	Hugh A. Corley*	John C. Ley*	James L. Taylor*	T. Preston Tatum*	W. M. McIntosh*	Thomas A. Carruth*
1872	Wm. Morrill*	Samuel Pasco*	John S. Driggs*	Ben G. Alderman*	D. L. Oakley*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1873	Michael Bowes*	John S. Driggs*	Benj. G. Alderman*	D. C. Wilson*	Wm. A. Young*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1874	Michael Bowes*	Edmund P. Jordon*	Wm. T. Weeks*	W. W. Tucker*	D. L. Oakley*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1875	Henry W. Long*	Charles J. Allred*	W. W. Tucker*	John T. Miller*	D. L. Oakley*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1876	John S. Driggs*						
1877	John S. Driggs*	George R. Jones*	W. W. Tucker*	John T. Miller*	L. McConihe*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1878	Enos Wasgate*	Robert J. Perry*	G. E. Wentworth*	Geo. S. Hallmark*	L. McConihe*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1879	Robert J. Perry*	G. E. Wentworth*	Geo. S. Hallmark*	Hugh A. Corley*	L. McConihe*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1880	Robert J. Perry*	Geo. S. Hallmark*	Wm. E. Anderson*	Wm. A. McLean*	L. McConihe*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1881	W. A. McLean*	Wm. E. Anderson*	Warren F. Scott*	John G. Ellis*	L. McConihe*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1882	Wm. A. McLean*	Wm. E. Anderson*	Warren F. Scott*	G. S. Hallmark*	L. McConihe*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1883	Geo. S. Hallmark*	Wm. E. Anderson*	Warren F. Scott*	J.W.V.R.Plummer*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1884	Wm. E. Anderson*	Warren F. Scott*	J.W.V.R.Plummer*	Angus Paterson*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1885	Wm. E. Anderson*	J.W.V.R.Plummer*	Angus Paterson*	Marcus Endel*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1886	Angus Paterson*	Marcus Endel*	F. S. Goodrich*	John G. Ellis*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John S. Wharton
1887	Angus Paterson*	Marcus Endel*	F. S. Goodrich*	R. A. Montsalvtge*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1888	Marcus Endel*	Fred S. Goodrich*	Wm. M. McIntosh*	Chas. H. Munger*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1889	Marcus Endel*	Fred S. Goodrich*	James W. Boyd*	Chas. H. Munger*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1890	J. W. Boyd*	T. S. Wilmarth*	F. P. Mersereau*	Silas B. Wright*	John H. Stephens*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1891	T. S. Wilmarth*	F. P. Mersereau*	I. E. Webster*	John H. Stephens*	Henry S. Ely*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1892	Irving E. Webster*	Silas B. Wright*	W. M. McIntosh*	John H. Stephens*	Henry S. Ely*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1893	Silas B. Wright*	Wm. M. McIntosh*	J. H. Stevens*	Henry S. Ely*	Warren Tyler*	W. A. McLean*	Irving E. Webster*
1894	Wm. M. McIntosh*	John H. Stephens*	Wm. H. Jewell*	Warren Tyler*	Wilber P. Webster*	W. A. McLean*	Irving E. Webster*
1895	John H. Stephens*	Wm. H. Jewell*	Warren Tyler*	Wilber P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster*	W. A. McLean*	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1896	Wm. H. Jewell*	Warren Tyler*	W. P. Webster*	Olin S. Wright*	Irving E. Webster*	W. A. McLean*	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1897	Warren Tyler*	W. P. Webster*	James Carnell*	E. E. Haskell*	Irving E. Webster*	W. A. McLean*	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1898	Wilber P. Webster*	James Carnell*	E. E. Haskell*	A. M. Cushman*	Marcus Endel*	W. A. McLean*	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1899	James Carnell*	E. E. Haskell*	A. M. Cushman*	J. R. Wetherell*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1900	E. E. Haskell*	A. M. Cushman*	J. R. Wetherell*	T. G. Hutchinson*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1901	A. M. Cushman*	J. R. Wetherell*	T. G. Hutchinson*	Louis C. Massey*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1902	J. R. Wetherell*	T. G. Hutchinson*	Louis C. Massey*	Olin S. Wright*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster*
1903	T. G. Hutchinson*	Louis C. Massey*	Olin S. Wright*	Joseph R. Keller*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster*
1904	Louis C. Massey*	Olin S. Wright*	Joseph R. Keller*	Wm. S. Ware*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	John H. Weddell*
1905	Olin S. Wright*	Joseph R. Keller*	Wm. S. Ware*	F. W. Armstrong*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	John H. Weddell*
1906	Joseph R. Keller*	Wm. S. Ware*	F. W. Armstrong*	T. Picton Warlow*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	John H. Weddell*
1907	William S. Ware*	F. W. Armstrong*	T. Picton Warlow*	John H. Weddell*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster*
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1911	F. B. Stoneman*	Robert McClellan*	H. N. Sweeting*	John M. Caldwell*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster*
1912	Robert McClellan*	H. N. Sweeting*	John M. Caldwell*	Will C. Address*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster*
1913	H. N. Sweeting*	John M. Caldwell*	Will C. Address*	Wm. R. O'Neal*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster*
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1915 Will C. Andress*	Wm. R. O'Neal	D. B. Palmer	C. H. Ketchum	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	Irving E. Webster*
1916 Wm. R. O'Neal	D. B. Palmer	C. H. Ketchum	L. F. Blalock	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	Irving E. Webster*
1917 D. B. Palmer	C. H. Ketchum	L. F. Blalock	W. V. Carter	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	Irving E. Webster*
1918 C. H. Ketchum	L. F. Blalock	W. V. Carter	H. O. Snow	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	V. B. Y. Wilkie.
1919 W. V. Carter	H. O. Snow	John L. Hall	R. J. Kishpaugh	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie.
1920 H. O. Snow	John L. Hall	R. J. Kishpaugh	E. P. Hubbell	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie.
1921 John L. Hall	R. J. Kishpaugh	E. P. Hubbell	Erle L. Wirt	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie.
1922 R. J. Kishpaugh	Ely P. Hubbell	Erle L. Wirt	T. T. Todd	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie.
1923 Ely P. Hubbell	Erle L. Wirt	T. T. Todd	E. L. Shear	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie.
1924 Erle L. Wirt	T. T. Todd	E. L. Shear	Cary B. Fish	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie.
1925 T. T. Todd	E. L. Shear	Cary B. Fish	R. J. McMaster	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie.
1926 E. L. Shear	Cary B. Fish	R. J. McMaster	Stafford Caldwell	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie.
1927 Cary B. Fish	R. J. McMaster	Stafford Caldwell	John Pasco	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie.
1928 R. J. McMaster	Stafford Caldwell	John Pasco	Alex. B. Stuart	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie.

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CHAPTER	LOCATION	TIME OF MEETING
Florida	Tallahassee	Second Monday.
Gainesville	Gainesville	First and Third Friday.
Tampa	Tampa	First and Third Thursday.
St. Johns	Deland	Third Friday.
Halfax	Daytona	Second Thursday.
Mount Hope	Pensacola	Second Monday.
Eunika	Orlando	First and Third Monday.
Dade City	Dade City	Second and Fourth Monday.
Putnam	Palatka	First Thursday.
Kissimmee	Kissimmee	Second and Fourth Monday.
Jericho	Miami	Second and Fourth Friday.
Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Second and Fourth Thursday.
Ocala	Ocala	Fourth Friday.
Inverness	Inverness	First and Fourth Monday.
Monroe	Sanford	Second and Fourth Tuesday.
Plant City	Plant City	First and Third Tuesday.
St. Augustine	St. Augustine	Second and Fourth Tuesday.
Manatee River	Bradenton	Second Tuesday.
Lake Butler	Lake Butler	First Thursday.
Keystone	Flt. Lauderdale	First and Third Tuesday.
Thomas Brown	Barrow	Second and Fourth Friday.
Chipley	Chipley	Third Monday.
Lake Worth	West Palm Beach	First and Third Monday.
Live Oak	Live Oak	Second Thursday.
Jefferson	Monticello	First Monday.
Indian River	Titusville	Third Wednesday.
Joppa	Port Pierce	First Friday.
Lakeland	Lakeland	Second and Fourth Wednesday.
Gadsden	Quincy	Third Monday.
St. Petersburg	St. Petersburg	First and Third Thursday.
Jackson	Marianna	Second and Fourth Thursday.
Dustis	Eustis	Third Tuesday.
Leesburg	Leesburg	Second and Fourth Tuesday.
Sarasota	Sarasota	Second and Fourth Tuesday.
Arcadia	Arcadia	First Friday.
Providence	Lake City	Second and Fourth Friday.
Bay County	Panama City	Second and Fourth Wednesday.
Crestview	Crestview	Second and Fourth Tuesday.
Winter Haven	Winter Haven	Second and Fourth Monday.
Highlands	Avon Park	Second Monday.
Union	Melbourne	Third and Fifth Wednesday.
Perry	Perry	Second and Fourth Thursday.
Clearwater	Clearwater	First and Third Friday.
Okeechobee	Okeechobee	First and Third Monday.
Dade	Homestead	First and Third Wednesday.
Duval	South Jacksonville	First and Third Friday.
Nassau	Fernandina	Second and Fourth Monday.
Folchiana	Fort Myers	Second Friday.
New Smyrna	New Smyrna	Second and Fourth Monday.
Orange	Winter Garden	Second and Fourth Monday.
Delray	Delray	First and Third Monday.
M. D. Cushing	Tampa	First and Third Tuesday.
Hill City	Brooksville	Second and Fourth Monday.

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Inverness	14	Geo. A. Dame	Jesse Montague	Ellis C. May	Allen Macfarlane	W. H. Warnock	Inverness
Monroe	15	John K. Smith	Walter A. Routh	George W. Huff	Jno. D. Gove	Chas. J. Rumph	Sanford, Box 532
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St. Augustine	17	L. O. Davis	C. A. Toney	C. M. McCormick	C. A. Lamont	C. G. Oldfather	St. Augustine, Drawer T.
Manatee River	18	Frank J. McKeenan	James F. Valdes	Robt. C. Trimble Jr.	John T. Campbell	P. J. Hampton	Bradenton
Lake Butler	19	W. H. Andrews	S. T. Dowling	J. B. Dowling	D. T. McGill	A. D. Zacharias	Lake Butler
Keystone	20	Wm. B. Baker	W. E. Daniels	J. A. Warren	J. N. Cain	J. G. Ewing	Ft. Lauderdale, Box 864
Thomas Brown	22	Richard Houghton	Nat. J. Patterson	Ben H. Webster	Erle L. Wirt	Jno. P. Hyman	Bartow
Chipley	23	E. L. Gainer	J. O. Blackburn	W. F. Davis	C. B. Dunn	N. A. Ball	Chipley
Lake Worth	24	Guy E. Whitting	Adolph C. Jordahn	Leroy J. Shellbury	Geo. W. Brown	R. J. Kishpaugh	West Palm Beach, Drawer B-39
Live Oak	25	Samuel E. Fleet	W. N. Creekmore	D. W. Henry	R. P. Hopkins	B. W. Helvenston, Jr.	Live Oak
Jefferson	26	E. E. Bishop	E. B. Bailey	J. D. Martin	F. J. Sattler	D. B. Palmer	Monticello
Indian River	27	Arthur S. Rhoads	Robert Donaldson	Oscar H. Baggett	Geo. W. Scoble, Sr.	A. W. Donaldson	Titusville
Joppa	28	Charles F. Rock	William Wollen	R. V. Ankeny	Dewey J. Wilcox	Frank B. Goodwin	Fort Pierce
Lakeland	29	H. S. Cole	E. W. Black	C. K. Hanner	K. T. Haynes	N. I. Gottlieb	Lakeland, Box 1136
Gadsden	30	Leo D. McMillan	Chas. H. Gray	F. S. Chamberlin	W. B. Greer	A. L. Hinson	Gadsden
St. Petersburg	31	Geo. B. Lingle	D. E. Muirhead	Sewell J. Martin	Wilson M. Brinker	Chas. H. Bon	St. Petersburg, Masonic Temple
Jackson	32	Chas. Wandeck	J. F. Sims	G. A. Lambe	F. M. Golson	W. L. Eddy	Marianna
Eustis	33	R. C. Peoples	R. H. Hoyt	A. L. Smith	A. C. Carraway	J. R. Ashmore	Eustis
Leesburg	34	R. P. Butler	C. E. Schaeffer	J. L. Wilson	G. G. Ware	C. B. Gamble	Leesburg
Sarasota	35	Frederick A. Reigal	J. Sam Hall	F. H. Walpole	J. E. Battle	E. L. Weidekehr	Sarasota
Arcadia	36	Amos Way	C. A. Parker	R. L. Gay	C. A. Roe	R. F. Saxon, Jr.	Arcadia
Providence	38	R. C. Mansfield	C. H. Cox	Chesley Roberts	H. P. Cason	Addis Mathis	Lake City
Bay County	39	W. A. Mosher	J. M. Sapp	J. L. Kersey	Dan Gillis	Carl G. Varlin	Panama City
Crestview	40	Jas. L. Clary	Peter J. Steele	J. W. Kierce	E. A. Fleming	Lloyd C. Powell	Crestview
Winter Haven	41	C. H. Henson	S. C. Smithers	W. V. Schock	S. E. Page	L. B. Spaun	Winter Haven, Box 845
Highlands	42	C. R. Head	P. J. Ripberger	C. R. Ginn, Jr.	F. M. Smith	W. R. England	Avon Park
Union	43	Walter R. Butter	Claude M. Beaujean	Edwin E. Macy	Stanley S. Lichty	Chas. H. Stewart	Melbourne
Perry	44	J. C. Mason	D. H. Lowe	F. S. Scott	E. S. Gaston	V. G. Dalbo	Perry
Clearwater	45	Leslie N. Russell	Ted R. Hill	Niles A. Anderson	Robt. M. McMaster	Charlie Shaw	Clearwater, Box 741
Okeechobee	46	C. R. Bibb	E. F. Barns	J. H. Walker, Sr.	O. J. Price	A. W. Davis	Okeechobee
Dade	47	W. H. Sheffield	T. J. Chapman	W. H. Adams	H. J. Davis	Sherwood Hodson	Homestead
Duval	48	A. P. Hoagland	C. R. Leavitt	R. H. Johnson	Jas. DeBartolomeis	H. C. Paiglow	So. Jacksonville
Nassau	49	Ora M. Haverstick	S. H. Swearingen	R. B. Lockwood	W. S. Whitney	F. C. Winton	Fernandina
Poinciana	50	Sumner R. Hall	J. R. Guthrie	T. Porter Bartleson	John M. Borling	Lew C. Stewart	Ft. Myers
New Smyrna	51	H. G. Putnam	J. E. Morris	J. S. Duss, Jr.	A. H. LeRoy	W. G. Blair	New Smyrna
Orange	52	C. Lau	W. B. Burch	H. G. Briley	R. J. Dodd	G. T. Smith	Winter Garden
Delray	53	L. W. Currier	H. F. Bosche	J. B. Evans	R. G. Hicks	S. J. Tuschman	Delray
M. D. Cushing	54	H. A. Van Borssum	Horace L. Talbert	Howard S. Weber	John F. Vaughn	Saml. C. McConnell	Tampa, Box 222
Hill City	55	Willard E. Oxley	Joel W. Smith	W. M. Russell, Jr.	W. M. McKethan	A. Keathley	Brooksville

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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	204	21	2	2	209	1	0	0	0	0	0	211
Gainesville	2	194	6	0	2	202	4	6	15	0	0	1	177
Tampa	3	539	21	1	4	565	6	5	25	0	0	1	529
St. Johns	4	135	12	0	3	150	2	1	5	0	0	0	142
Hallfax	5	297	6	0	1	304	4	1	60	0	0	0	239
Mt. Horeb	6	191	1	0	1	193	4	0	4	0	0	0	185
Eureka	7	319	14	0	6	339	4	2	24	1	0	0	308
Dade City	8	49	3	0	0	52	2	0	0	0	0	0	50
Putnam	9	158	10	0	0	168	2	3	0	0	1	0	152
Kissimmee	10	118	7	1	0	123	0	1	8	0	0	0	114
Jericho	11	418	48	6	4	476	1	4	62	1	1	0	407
Jacksonville	12	679	18	3	6	706	11	0	60	1	0	2	635
Ocala	13	176	13	1	0	190	4	2	11	1	0	0	172
Inverness	14	56	1	0	0	57	0	0	8	0	0	0	49
Monroe	15	219	5	6	2	232	1	2	8	0	1	0	220
Plant City	16	393	3	1	1	394	2	0	3	0	0	0	390
St. Augustine	17	180	6	0	0	186	1	0	26	0	0	0	159
Manatee River	18	216	0	0	0	216	2	0	30	0	0	0	184
Lake Butler	19	54	9	0	0	63	1	0	7	0	0	0	56
Keystone	20	140	10	0	0	151	1	0	0	0	0	0	150
Thomas Brown	22	248	21	3	5	277	4	0	24	0	0	0	245
Chipley	23	65	0	0	0	65	0	0	52	0	0	0	65
Lake Worth	24	369	20	0	2	391	2	0	52	0	0	0	337
Live Oak	25	353	23	3	1	382	8	6	29	0	0	0	339
Jefferson	26	104	2	0	0	106	2	1	16	0	0	0	87
Indian River	27	239	0	2	2	243	2	1	30	1	0	0	209
Joppa	28	146	1	0	0	148	1	1	1	0	0	0	145
Lakeland	29	240	17	0	3	260	5	1	1	0	0	0	178
Gadsden	30	174	14	0	1	189	5	4	14	0	0	0	165
St. Petersburg	31	448	11	2	3	466	2	2	3	0	0	0	454
Jackson	32	194	14	0	0	208	3	0	3	0	0	0	202
Leesburg	33	102	16	0	2	120	1	0	0	0	0	0	119
Sarasota	34	134	5	0	0	139	1	1	2	1	0	0	134
Arreda	35	146	8	0	4	158	2	0	0	0	0	0	156
Walton	36	68	5	0	2	75	1	0	15	0	0	0	59
Providence	37	41	0	1	0	42	1	4	1	0	0	0	0
Bay County	38	72	4	2	1	79	1	1	0	0	0	0	77
Crestview	39	147	0	0	0	147	2	0	0	0	0	0	145
Winter Haven	40	82	5	3	0	90	0	1	1	4	0	0	85
Highlands	41	175	17	0	2	194	1	2	14	0	0	0	177
Union	42	129	11	0	0	140	0	3	9	0	0	0	128
Perry	43	76	0	0	0	76	0	0	6	0	0	0	70
Clearwater	44	69	1	0	0	70	2	0	0	0	0	0	68
Okeechobee	45	113	6	1	1	121	2	1	20	0	0	0	98
Dade	46	52	2	0	0	54	0	0	18	0	0	0	36
Duval	47	108	5	0	0	113	3	2	3	0	0	0	105
Nassau	48	76	2	1	0	79	1	1	3	0	0	0	75
Polk	49	71	14	0	0	85	2	1	4	0	0	0	78
New Smyrna	50	100	2	2	2	104	0	1	21	0	0	0	82
Orange	51	117	0	0	0	117	5	1	0	0	0	0	116
*Delray	52	55	0	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	55
M. D. Cushing	53	36	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
Hill City	54	70	14	0	2	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	83
	55	51	7	0	0	58	3	0	0	0	0	0	55

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SUMMARY

Exalted	463
Reinstated	41
Affiliated	70
Died	118
Dimitted	102
Suspended, for non-payment of dues	745
Suspended for un-Masonic conduct	5
Expelled	3
Rejected	4
Present Membership	8711
Net Loss	399

Regulations

ADOPTED SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF THE DIGEST

APRONS IN ROYAL ARCH DEGREE

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

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.

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)

On Finance and Accounts, which committee shall consist of three members, of whom, when first appointed, one shall be appointed to serve for one year, one for two years, and one for three years; thereafter, one member of said committee shall be appointed each year to serve for three years; and it shall be the duty of this committee to meet one day previous to the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter for the purpose of examining and auditing the books and accounts of the Grand Chapter.

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)

Regulation No. 22, repealed and the following adopted:

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

A special committee to be known as the "Grand Chapter Investment Committee" shall be appointed by the Grand High Priest for the purpose of investing the surplus funds of this Grand Chapter in negotiable securities at the best available interest possible. (1924)

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

DISTRICTS

Regulation No. 30, 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.

PETITIONS FOR DEGREES

Reg. 53. A petition for the degrees must be presented at a regular Convocation of the Chapter, and if received shall be referred to a committee of three members of the Chapter for investigation, and may be acted upon at the same meeting at the discretion of the Chapter.

Provided; That when there is more than one Chapter in the same city, each Chapter shall have concurrent jurisdiction as to all petitions for the degrees; and whenever a petition for the degrees shall be received it shall be the duty of the Secretary to immediately notify the other Chapter or Chapters of such receipt and the petition must lie over for not less than two weeks before being acted upon.

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)

Reg. No.— The Grand Secretary is instructed to obtain and deliver to each Chapter five rituals and one copy of the General Grand Chapter "Book of Essentials" without cost, provided that Chapters shall have the right to purchase from the Grand Secretary at the price of one dollar each five more of such Riuals; and that the Grand Secretary shall obtain and furnish copies of the Ritual, for the price of one dollar each to such Companions as shall obtain the recommendation therefor from the High Priest of the Chapter to which they belong. (1929)

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)

Amendments to Constitution

ADOPTED

Article IV, Section 14, was amended in 1924 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."

Article II, Section 15, was amended in 1928 to read as follows:

Art. II, Sec. 15. 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

1929

The Annual Convention of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood of the State of Florida, was held in the city of Tampa, on Wednesday, May 22, A. D. 1929, at 8:30 o'clock A. M., the following officers being present:

M. E. Cary B. Fish, President.
E. W. R. Fitts, as 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. Archie Aitchison, Steward.
E. W. B. Greer, 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:

Ernest V. Reed, H. P., Tampa Chapter No. 3.
George A. Sullivan, H. P., Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 6.
Alger E. Cowger, H. P., Kissimmee Chapter No. 10.

Nelson H. Schoonover, H. P., Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.
Raymond H. Kramer, H. P., Plant City Chapter No. 16.
Frank J. McKeenan, H. P., Manatee River Chapter No. 18.
Guy E. Whitting, H. P., Lake Worth Chapter No. 24.
Samuel E. Fleet, H. P., Live Oak Chapter No. 25.
Jacob Tarlowski, P. H. P., Jefferson Chapter No. 26.
H. S. Cole, H. P., Lakeland Chapter No. 29.
Clarence H. Henson, H. P., Winter Haven Chapter No. 41.
Charles R. Head, H. P., Highlands Chapter No. 42.
Walter R. Butter, H. P., Union Chapter No. 43.
Carter R. Bibb, H. P., Okeechobee Chapter No. 46.
William H. Sheffield, H. P., Dade Chapter No. 47.
Sumner R. Hall, H. P., Poinciana Chapter No. 50.
Henry A. Van Borssum, H. P., M. D. Cushing Chapter No. 54.

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

All of the Companions elected being present, 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	\$88.86
To Fees	57.00—\$145.86
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By Paid Supplies	\$.92
By Paid Supplies97—\$ 1.89
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Balance on hand	\$143.97

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 another supply of Bibles.

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

OFFICERS ELECTED

M. E. Ely P. Hubbell, President.
E. John Pasco, Vice President.
E. Dorsey H. Rutter, Chaplain.
E. Wilber P. Webster, Secretary and Treasurer.
E. R. J. McMaster, Master of Ceremonies.
E. Archie Aitchison, Conductor.
E. Wm. B. Greer, Herald.

E. George A. Dame, Steward.

E. Dabney B. Palmer, Guard.

The Grand Council was closed in ample form.

ELY P. HUBBELL,
President.

Attest:

W. P. WEBSTER,
Secretary and Treasurer.

A Special Convention of the Holy Order of Anointed High Priests was held in the Masonic Lodge Rooms of Sarasota Lodge on Wednesday night, May 15, 1929.

The Convention was called to order by the President.

Companions Thomas L. Livermore and Frederick A. Riegel of Sarasota Chapter No. 35 were duly anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order of A. H. P.

CARY B. FISH,
President.

Members Consecrated

MAY 15, 1929

Thomas L. Livermore_P. H. P., Sarasota Chapter No. 35
Frederick A. Riegel __H. P., Sarasota Chapter No. 35.

MAY 22, 1929

Ernest V. Reed -----H. P., Tampa Chapter No. 3.
George A. Sullivan ---H. P., Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 6.
Alger E. Cowger ----H. P., Kissimmee Chapter No. 10.
Nelson H. Schoonover_H. P., Jacksonville Chapter No. 12
Raymond H. Kramer__H. P., Plant City Chapter No. 16.
Frank J. McKeeman __H. P., Manatee River Chapter
No. 18.
Guy E. Whitting ----H. P., Lake Worth Chapter No.
24.
Samuel E. Fleet -----H. P., Live Oak Chapter No. 25.
Jacob Tarlowski -----P. H. P., Jefferson Chapter No.
26.
H. S. Cole -----H. P., Lakeland Chapter No. 29.
Clarence H. Henson __H. P., Winter Haven Chapter No.
41.
Charles R. Head -----H. P., Highlands Chapter No. 42.
Walter R. Butter -----H. P., Union Chapter No. 43.
Carter R. Bibb -----H. P., Okeechobee Chapter No. 46
William H. Sheffield__H. P., Dade Chapter No. 47.
Sumner R. Hall -----H. P., Poinciana Chapter No. 50.
H. A. Van Borssum__H. P., M. D. Cushing Chapter
No. 54.

Report of Committee

ON

Fraternal Correspondence

BY

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

Report of Committee ON Fraternal Correspondence

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

Once again your Committee on Correspondence is privileged to submit its annual report, being a review of the 1928 Proceedings of the other Grand Chapters which have been received.

Heretofore these reviews have included all Proceedings, irrespective of year, up to the time of closing the last form and which tends to confuse the work of each year. For this reason no reviews appear this time of District of Columbia, Kansas, New York and Tennessee, they being included in the 1927 report.

It is unnecessary as well as inconvenient to include an index, as every review is in alphabetical order, unless it be necessary for an eleventh-hour arrival to follow Wyoming.

General comment, if any be necessary, will be at the conclusion of this report. The committee hopes that it will be read from "kiver to kiver," for it is intended to enlighten, inspire and entertain Florida Craftsmen in particular, as well as other readers in general, otherwise it fails to accomplish the purpose for which it is intended.

ALABAMA—1928

Chapters, 84. Members, 13,881. Exalted, 540.
Net Loss, 748.

LEONIDAS W. KOLB, Grand High Priest

Florida was particularly well represented at the One Hundred and Second Annual Communication, held in Montgomery, Dec. 3 and 4, 1928, by our own E.'.Comp. Leroy Brandon, Grand Master, and E.'.Comp. A. S. York, Past Grand Master, concerning which the proceedings state:

The Grand Chapter was favored with eloquent addresses by Excellent Companion Leroy Brandon, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida, and by Excellent Companion A. S. York, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida. The remarks of these Companions were received with great enthusiasm and loud applause by the Companions.

Other distinguished personages were M.'.E.'.Comp. O. Frank Hart, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, and also of course Florida's every-day-in-the-year Representative, Past Grand High Priest Robert T. Ward.

Tribute was paid to the memory of M.'.E.'.Comp. Albert E. Pace, Grand High Priest in 1913.

Owing to the vexatious condition of his health, Grand High Priest Kolb gave all that strength and conditions would permit in "carrying on" his conceptions of the high principles and time honored traditions of the Craft, concerning who the Committee said:

The life of a man like this is not ended at his death; it lives after him; his life and his character have influenced Masonry; it has been an honor to Masonry; and we believe we express the sentiment of this Chapter that to him they owe much for his valuable and efficient service.

The Grand High Priest regretted that no new Chapters had been formed during the year, but the two previously formed were duly constituted by Grand Secretary Beauchamp. He and a gratifying number of other Masonic dignitaries attended the George Washington National Memorial Association, which he considers to be "one of the greatest Masonic works ever undertaken in this or any other country." Fortunately the required routine duties were not heavy.

One decision was that a High Priest-elect who removed from the Jurisdiction before being installed, dispensation to hold another election could not be issued, and that his duties would devolve upon the other two Council Officers. Florida would probably have granted a dispensation for another election and to fill vacancies.

His other decision was that a candidate was not entitled to have his fees returned if he failed or refused to appear and receive the degrees. The Jurisprudence Committee did not approve, because it believed this to be a matter which should largely be governed by the circumstances, and Grand Chapter approved.

Appreciating the advantages of having properly supervised Masonic Clubs at educational centers, Grand Chapter authorized the appointment of a standing Committee on Masonic Clubs. Grand Chapter will also continue to foster the DeMolay movement wherever it can.

Twenty-six qualified Companions were anointed and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood and the same officers were re-elected.

Instead of the expected review of the proceedings of other Grand Chapters appears this statement:

We regret to say that owing to the illness of the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Companion Francis Marion Stillwell, he was unable to prepare a report.

GRAND SECRETARY.

However, a quite modest appropriation was made by the Finance Committee to the Correspondence Committee, and it is hoped that Companion Stillwell will be restored to health, and another year his review will be welcomed by The Guild.

Next Annual in Montgomery, December 2-3, 1929.

Woolsey Finnell, Tuscaloosa, Grand High Priest;
George A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, Grand Secretary;
Francis M. Stillwell, Selma, Correspondent.

ALBERTA—1928

Chapters, 28. Members, 2,824. Admitted, 139.
Net Gain, 13

WILLIAM M. McNAB, Grand First Principal.

Two Chapters did not respond to roll call, but Florida did, when the Fourteenth Annual Convocation was opened in Ample Form, at the City of Edmonton, March 21, 1928, for a two-day session, with all Grand Officers

and many Past Grands present, as well as other dignitaries.

Following the welcoming ceremonies and the reception of Grand Representatives, the annual address of Grand First Principal was delivered, which was commended for "the ideals so nobly expressed and which are worthy of the serious attention of every Companion in the Jurisdiction."

Loyalty and love of Masonry was the central theme running through his remarks, in which he urged promptness and enthusiasm in the conduct of business and in the conferring of degrees. He truly said in part:

Levity is at all times out of place. Any unnecessary embarrassment of the candidate, and turning of the Capitular degrees into a joke, is irreverence toward the Great Light upon the Altar and robs the candidate of the great and inspiring lesson of the degree. If no truth is inculcated, no lesson learned, of what possible value then is the degree to the candidate?

He strongly protested against the using of Capitular Masonry as a "stepping stone to something else," which he further added, "is always detrimental to the best interest of the Craft." That this is no recent innovation, he quotes from the by-laws of the original Rhode Island Grand Chapter:

*That no Brother should be eligible to be balloted for to receive the honors of the Chapter * * * until he has been a Master Mason two years * * * and who had, during this time of being a Brother, shown by a regular attendance at Lodge and other occasions, that he is a real friend to the honor and prosperity of the Craft.*

All of the dispensations granted were to elect and install officers out of time, made necessary by reason of

unavoidable condition. But in granting a dispensation for the mere convenience of either Chapter or candidate, he said, "we violate a sacred trust imposed in us, and it becomes a detriment rather than a benefit to our Constitutional law, and to Royal Arch Masonry." For this reason he refused nearly as many dispensations as he granted.

It having been brought to the attention of the Grand Z. that more than one candidate was being advanced at the same time in the first part of the M. M. M. degree, he ruled "that only one candidate be admitted at a time up to the *first day of the week.*"

Another ruling was that affiliating a Companion without a dimit was equivalent to "Dual membership, which in Alberta is strictly prohibited." And another, which was constitutional, but which probably would not pass under Florida regulations, reads: "A proposition for membership may be withdrawn by consent of the Chapter before the committee has reported on it."

He refused to approve a Chapter by-law amendment which would entitle to Life Membership on payment of all arrearages, a year's dues of \$3.00 and the necessary Grand Chapter fee of \$10.00, because "the extra \$3.00 was not sufficient for a Life Membership."

While routine and similarity characterize the reports of the Grand Superintendents, an essential part of Canadian proceedings generally, yet the discerning reader finds much that is worthy of special consideration. This from the report of one of them is particularly noteworthy:

To me there is a little something lacking in Royal Arch Masonry in nearly all the Chapters. That there is wonderful harmony and a spirit of good-will is evident—but there is just that lack of enthusiasm in most of the Chapters that make the difference between having a real live Chapter and just an ordinary one.

The Grand Scribe E. urged the necessity of Chapters obeying the ruling and using the "Judean Staff in the Royal Arch degree," which causes ye scribe to wonder what that may be.

Grand Chapter stressed that on the occasion of official visitations the work of the Chapter should be done by the regular Chapter officers, and not by Past officers, and that no Companion should be elected to a Council station until he had been examined and found familiar with the duties of his station. Wonder what would result from a rigid enforcement of such a provision in some of our American Chapters?

Recognizing the desirability of uniformity of Work, the ritual of the Grand Chapter of Canada (Ontario) was "adopted in its entirety as the official and only authorized Work in this Grand Jurisdiction."

For some years the report on correspondence has been prepared by M. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, Past Grand Z., but recently he severed his thirty years' connection with Freemasonry in Alberta and now resides in Victoria, B. C. The review for 1928 was written by a committee of three Past Grand First Principals; Companions S. H. Middleton, chairman, E. G. Ironside and F. S. Selwood, Florida having been assigned to the latter; and right well has he performed that work.

Comp. Selwood seems to look with favor upon the address of Grand High Priest Shear, noting particularly the interest he took in the work of the Chapters and quoting from Companion Shear relative to M. D. Cushing Chapter U. D. of Tampa almost faultlessly exemplifying the work before Grand Chapter, with this comment:

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.

For his personal commendation and sympathy, Thank you.

Next Annual in the City of Calgary, March 21 and 22, 1929.

Frederick S. Selwood, Calgary, Grand Z.; Clifford R. Wentzel, Calgary, Grand Scribe E.; S. H. Middleton, Cardston, Chairman Committee.

ARIZONA—1928

Chapters, 13. Members, 1,285. Exalted, 56.
Net Gain, 9

DAVID BENSIMOL, Grand High Priest

Having just completed reading the proceedings of both the Grand Lodge of Arizona and the Grand Chapter of Arizona, ye scribe cannot help noticing the difference, not only in the number of pages, over 250 in the former and less than 100 in the latter, with no correspondence report in either; but also likewise the apparent difference in interest taken in the two Orders, and to quite

an extent the same personages function in both. Wonder why? Ye scribe has an idea, but not expressed.

However, with one exception, every Chapter was represented at the Thirty-eighth Annual held in Tucson, Feb. 14, 1928, although four stations were filled by appointment and no one to speak for Florida. Regrets were expressed over the passing on of M. E. Comp. Rickmer N. Fredericks, Grand High Priest in 1895, and Grand Treasurer 1915 to 1926.

In the brief address of Grand High Priest Benshimol, he reiterated the "oft repeated recommendation" that more time be afforded Grand Chapter for its deliberations. No action appears to have been taken. He reported two official visitations, and sickness prevented making others.

Falling in line with other Grand Chapters, he issued an edict forbidding visitation or election to membership of Companions from Pennsylvania who had not received the Past Master's degree. No decisions appear to have been required and his other duties were not onerous.

A request was made that each Chapter be furnished with nine copies of the ritual instead of five. This was referred to the Committee on Revision of Constitution, which was continued and to report a year hence, and which will also report on a change of date of the Annual Convocation.

There appears to be no order of High Priesthood; nor is there a report on correspondence.

Next Annual in Prescott, Feb. 12, 1929.

Lloyd C. Henning, Holbrook, Grand High Priest;
George J. Roskrue, Tucson, Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS—1928

(No membership statistics appear in the Proceedings.)

W. W. MOORE, Acting Grand High Priest

With the Capitular year shortened to less than four actual lunar months, by reason of the changing of the date of the Annual Convocation from fall to spring, the illness of the Grand High Priest, holiday season, rigors of an Arkansas winter, and other matters too numerous to mention, there is but very little to record as the happenings at the Seventy-ninth Annual Convocation, held in Little Rock, March 6, 1928, with a large concourse of regular officers, Past Grands and many others present, excepting Florida's Grand Representative, E. Comp. Geo. H. Parsons. Grand High Priest Kemper was unable to be present on account of illness, and a telegram of sympathy was sent him.

It appearing that there was no written record of the beginning of the organization of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Arkansas, nor proceedings showing the first convention of subordinate Chapters and with that movement in view, Grand Secretary Bone, believing that such as was available should be preserved, reproduced the "Proceedings of the convention to constitute and establish a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the State of Arkansas, which convened at Little Rock, April 28, 1851," and the constituting of the same in that city on the same date, April 28, 1851. Four Chapters had agreed to the forming of the Grand Chapter, but when the time came only three Chapters surrendered their charters, and

the fourth was given further time to complete the requirements.

As would naturally be expected, Grand High Priest Kemper had but little work to present and that was mostly of a local nature. His one explanation on a point of law was according to the General Grand Chapter law that it was permissible to take two substitutes in the Royal Arch degree, but such practice should be discouraged and only one substitute used, and he should take the degree work the same as the actual candidates, only that it is not necessary that he be hoodwinked, and which reads well.

The Grand High Priest was appalled to learn how many rituals were lost, never having been transmitted to their successors, and more especially that even some of the Grand Officers were "tarred with the same stick." Is it to be expected that the mere Craftsmen will be less negligent than those in authority?

In view of the small amount of business transacted at this time, an effort was made to treat this convocation as a special or called meeting, and return to the former Annual time in November, but the jurisconsults disapproved and Grand Chapter concurred.

At the request of the members, for plausible reasons, the charter of one Chapter was arrested, and the suggestion to merge it with another Chapter appears to have been overlooked by Grand Chapter.

Grand Chapter adopted a resolution which will require all District Deputy Grand High Priests to file their reports thirty days prior to Grand Chapter, and in triplicate form.

Suitable jewels will be presented to all Past Grand High Priests who have not heretofore received one.

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

Owing to the limited time only fourteen Grand Chapters proceedings were reviewed by Past Grand High Priest Mark P. Olney, and Florida was not among the favored few. In the Chapters reviewed, Comp. Olney found the gains and losses about balanced, owing to the large number suspended for n. p. d., for which he blames local secretaries to a great extent.

The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons is one of the really big business institutions of the world, and each individual Chapter is an integral constituent part. In order that this great fraternal organization shall continue to function properly, it has been well said, it is essentially necessary that every Companion to whom a piece of work has been assigned shall present that which will pass inspection. There is no part requiring more rigid attention than that assigned to the secretary of each particular Chapter, and whoever wilfully violates in this respect forgets his obligation.

Next Annual at Helena, March 5, 1929.

W. W. Moore, Helena, Grand High Priest; John C. Bone, Batesville, Grand Secretary; Mark P. Olney, Mena, Correspondent.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—1928

Chapters, 25. Members, 2,756. Exalted, 166
Net Gain, 108

HENRY GEIGENRICH, Grand Z

Particularly appropriate to commemorate the observance of the Sixtieth Anniversary of the institution of Royal Arch Masonry in the Province of British Columbia, that the Earl of Cassillis, the head of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland and his first visit to the Province, should be the honored guest at an Emergent Convocation, held in the City of Victoria, October 5, 1927; Columbia Chapter No. 1 quite properly being host on this occasion, as it was chartered by the Grand Chapter of Scotland in 1867.

Apparently there were few absentees when the gavel sounded for the formal opening of the Tenth Annual Convocation in the City of Vancouver, June 20, 1928.

An outstanding feature in the address of the Grand Z. was his great desire to render conscientious service and in which he seems to have been successful. He was gratified to report that pleasant relations continue to exist with all Jurisdictions, and that the internal relations are equally satisfactory.

In order to keep the expenditures of Grand Chapter within the estimate, there is a "voluntary contribution of fifty cents per member," and it will be necessary, he advised, that this continue until the regular fee is adequate to meet expenses and provide a reserve for the treasury. This must be something like an honor system,

but ye scribe wonders what happens when a Companion fails to contribute, pleading "hard up" as an excuse?

Evidently "Bargain Days" are not popular in Craft circles with our northern neighbor, for the Grand Z. discouraged the "taking in a class of fifteen or more at a reduced fee."

The constituting of the one U. D. Chapter at Anyox made it necessary for the Grand Z. to travel from his home approximately 1,200 miles, over half of which was by boat, and with a stop of only an hour and a half for the ceremonies. Surely a long distance to travel for a short ceremony.

Little attention seems to be given to the "invisible line" separating us from our northern neighbors, who seem to be vying with each other in their efforts to make the next Triennial at Tacoma an occasion long-to-be-remembered. The Grand Z. in his address urges "co-operation with our neighbors south of us," for he believes that coming in contact with Companions from all parts of the country "should result in both profit and pleasure to the Companions of our jurisdiction."

He was pleased to state that he had "very few decisions to make;" also that there had been a steady and consistent growth in membership and a decrease in suspensions for non-payment of dues.

The Grand Superintendents were commended for the conciseness as well as the comprehensiveness of their reports, and which was recognized by each one having "Past Rank" conferred upon him.

The report of the Grand Registrar (Historian) is a valuable contribution of the Capitular year. He shows the consistent progress of this Grand Chapter from its

inception by quoting briefly from the address of each Grand Z., and which he adds is "undeniably attributable to the devoted earnestness of the worthy Companions at the helm." And in this connection he truly adds: "That the Grand Principals come and go, but the Grand Scribe E. [Grand Secretary] goes on forever."

Commendable is the practice of many of the Grand Representatives and some others of sending written regrets for necessary absence. It could still be more common and yet not exhaust the list. The Grand Z. in welcoming the Grand Representatives, including E. Comp. Walter Bews for Florida, urged "that they realize the importance of the commission they hold and by correspondence make their office an active reality."

Instructive as well as comprehensive is the report on correspondence by R. E. Comp. John W. Prescott, Grand Scribe E., in which nothing of importance is overlooked.

He says that "history was made" when M. E. Comp. Harry H. Watson, the founder of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia, was cordially received by the General Grand Chapter at the Denver Triennial "in a truly fraternal spirit, evincing the desire to cement a lasting friendship in the mutual development of a righteous cause."

He calls the address of Grand High Priest Cary B. Fish a "strictly business document." Comp. Prescott finds, after close observation, that losses from suspensions are almost permanent, although the "percentage of reinstatements in Lodges being somewhat higher than in Chapters;" and whatever may be the cause, "a sincere effort should be made to lessen it." It is not always

difficult to diagnose an ailment, but the prescribing of a *real cure* is somewhat different. Substantial honors awaits the one who can bring this about. Florida hopes to greet British Columbia at Tacoma in 1930.

Next Annual in the City of Victoria, June 19, 1929.

Donald Adams, Revelstoke, Grand Z.; John W. Prescott, Vancouver, Grand Scribe E. and Correspondent.

CALIFORNIA—1928

Chapters, 129. Members, 25,987. Exalted, 1,278
Net Gain, 488

JAMES B. McLEES, Grand High Priest

Occasionally this Grand Chapter goes a visiting, and the hosts for the Seventy-fourth Annual Convocation were the workmen in the San Diego Quarries, the time being April 17 and 18, 1928, with the full corps of officers. M. E. Comp. O. Frank Hart, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council and the personal representative of the General Grand High Priest, was the especial guest of honor. Other notables were seven survivors of the earthquake and fire of 1906, headed by senior Past Grand High Priest Thomas Flint, other Past Grands, the heads of other York Rite Bodies, and Florida's Representative.

Comparatively but few pages are taken by Grand High Priest McLees in reviewing his part of the labors of the year, and nearly a third of these are an Addenda

reciting By-laws amendments, dispensations and other minor but necessary requirements; while about as many more record official visitations. No decisions were required. In fact this occasion as well as the year seems to have been a veritable "love feast."

Much really worth while information and inspiration to the California Royal Craftsmen is contained in the opening portion of the Grand High Priest's address. He truly says that Masonic duties are not confined to keeping certain obligations, but also includes "the carrying out of the brotherhood idea in its fullest meaning, and that Capitular Masonry cannot be used by any man or group of men to further anyone's preferment."

He emphasized what all Grand Chapter members ought to know, that all have equal rights to free and full discussions, within Masonic limitations, and that if they are not exercised, it is because they have not asserted them, and not because they have been denied.

Another matter stressed, and which perhaps is more "honored in the breach than in the observance," is the duty of every representative at an early convocation of his own Chapter following the Annual Convocation, to make a comprehensive statement of its proceedings.

He reiterated what is often said, and which all Past Grand High Priests fully realize, the wonderful assistance of his Grand Secretary, and which "can only be appreciated by him who is privileged to serve as Grand High Priest."

It was a pleasure to state that there had been no deaths among the present Grand Officers or Past Grand High Priests during the year. He believed that Capitular Ma-

sonry was on a firmer foundation in California "than ever before."

He was opposed to any legislation that would add to the financial burdens of the Chapters. However, he felt that one meeting a year of the Grand Lecturer and a deputy was not enough to keep the ritualistic work up to a high standard, and which could probably only be done by the Grand Lecturer and the deputy visiting every Chapter at least once during the year. The Grand Chapter thought the plan a good one, but as it would involve considerable added expense and to give it mature consideration, action was postponed one year.

By reason of the limited time that can be given to the Finance Committee to investigate appropriations approved by Grand Chapter and referred to this committee, the incoming Grand High Priests will appoint a committee to prepare and submit a system of accounting which will include a concise method of keeping the financial records of the various Chapters.

Included in the official visitations of the Grand High Priest, on two separate occasions, the Royal Arch Degree was conferred in the open, after being fully satisfied that the improvised temple was fully tyled. Ye scribe has often wished that he might be present on such an occasion, and in some jurisdictions in which he has lived he opines such an affair would not be permitted. What the Grand High Priest designates as "exceptional courtesy" on one occasion to himself and the Grand Lecturer, "was the additional feature of an earthquake at high twelve, put on for the special benefit of the Grand Lecturer to make him feel at home."

The recommendation a year ago of the Grand Lecturer to eliminate the second, third and fourth prayers

in the Principal Sojourners' work and the making of but one trip to the W., was approved by Grand Chapter. It was also recommended that while the candidates are at the ruins it would be well to provide some special entertaining feature to occupy the attention of the attendant members.

Two appropriations, one of \$600 and another of \$750, were continued for educational purposes.

One quite uncommon resolution was adopted and which displays the splendid fraternal spirit which seems to prevail on the West Coast:

This Grand Chapter asks the Companions of the State of Washington to command the Companions of California to the end that the Triennial of 1930 at Tacoma may excel in every respect.

We hereby pledge our unlimited interest in and support of this Triennial.

Ye scribe hopes to be one of those "also present."

In disapproving a resolution pertaining to forming new Chapters because the Grand High Priest already possessed the necessary powers for investigation, the Jurisprudence Committee very aptly added:

In case of doubt, such dispensations should be refused. It is far better to strengthen Chapters that already exist, than to dissipate any of our energies on new Chapters for whose existence there is no imperative demand.

The Grand Organist was instructed to continue the preparation of appropriate music for the Chapter degrees.

It is now necessary for the High Priests, Kings and Scribes to each procure from the Deputy Grand Lecturer

of his District a certificate of qualification before he can be installed.

Much importance is attached to the Order of High Priesthood, and eighty-four Companions were set apart to this Holy Order. This Order is materially adding each year to its bank account, which causes ye scribe to wonder what special objective it may have in view?

The Grand Chapter seems to have made no mistake in appointing W. Bro. Arthur A. Willoughby to prepare its report on correspondence. He has the qualification of being able to say much in comparatively few words, as his second report fully bears out. Referring to the commonly discussed problem of holding as members the large numbers who have gained admission behind our tyled doors, he well says:

It has been noted that when the Grand Officers have been chosen more for their zeal, fidelity and attachment to Capitular Masonry, than for political considerations, that the institution has been found to increase in favor in the sight of its members.

Florida is concisely reviewed. Commenting on our plan of referring the address of our Grand High Priest to a committee on distribution, he says in California "we do the matter directly by motion." The information is also appreciated "that there are no Masters of Veils in California."

Next Annual in San Francisco, April 16 and 17, 1929.

David J. Reese, Ventura, Grand High Priest; Thomas A. Davies, San Francisco, Grand Secretary; Arthur A. Willoughby (?), Nevada City, Correspondent.

CANADA—1928

Chapters, 155. Members, 26,077. Registrations, 1,028.
Net Gain, 262

KENNETH J. DUNSTAN, Grand Z

Many distinguished guests graced the Seventy-seventh Annual Convocation, which included some of the governing officials of all the other Grand Bodies in the Dominion as well as from Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania and also M. E. Comp. O. Frank Hart, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of the United States. Florida was of course represented by R. E. Comp. James H. Cowan.

Very cordial was the welcome extended on behalf of the local Chapters of the city of London, where the Annual was held February 22nd and 23rd, in which the speaker most truly said: "The Royal Arch Degree is the summit of Ancient Craft Masonry and is just as truly a part of the system as are the Symbolic degrees." And this fact should be realized by every Mason as being the logical way of rounding out the work begun in the Entered Apprentice Degree according to the York Rite.

Strength of character coupled with ability and willingness to serve appears to characterize the able address of the Grand Z., who informed his hearers:

That the Grand Chapter of Canada was formed in 1857 with one hundred and two members, and, at the beginning it had jurisdiction over Chapters in the whole of Canada except Prince Edward Island; also that several Chapters worked under its warrants in far-off Australia. Today the jurisdiction is confined to Ontario with one Chapter in the Yukon.

He had every reason to believe that the Royal Craft was steadily carrying on its mission in endeavoring to erect a superstructure of individual character perfect in its parts, because:

The Order is founded upon the eternal verities of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, and upon this broad and universal foundation we are building stone by stone. Let us ask ourselves how perfectly. Let us realize our responsibilities and ask how they are being discharged. The answer is in the life we live. It is not enough for man that he lives. The question is, what does he live for and from what source does he derive his inspirations?

He authorized a grant of one hundred pounds sterling to the National Memorial to Queen Alexandra to be erected in London, England. With one exception he visited every District in his Jurisdiction, and everywhere there was "abundant evidence of life, vitality and enthusiasm." He found similar conditions prevailing as well in the other Grand Jurisdictions he visited. He authorized the forming of two new Chapters whose members were "men of experience and character."

In response to an inquiry, he ruled, "that it was not in the best interest of Masonry that the name of a Chapter should be associated with any outside club or organization."

Over a hundred dispensations were issued, and the one refused was to allow Royal Arch regalia to be worn at an "At Home" to be held in a public place other than a Masonic Temple. Ye scribe has no recollection of seeing Royal Arch clothing worn on any occasion other than at a regular convocation, and behind tyled doors.

Referring to the new revised ritual and cipher code, it gives, among other directions, he states, an "outline

of the comprehensive symbolism of Honours at the banquet table and instructions as to the proper method of 'sharing the word.'" Wonder what this means?

He stands four-square "that no Chapter in its organized capacity should sponsor any society or movement, whatever may be its aim or object."

He was particularly pleased that there were fewer suspensions for non-payment of dues than in the two preceding years. It is to be hoped that this is a leaven which will spread until the entire body be leavened.

The Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry gives expression to the hope that the increase in numbers contain the qualities that go to make active, interested, and sincere Royal Arch Masons; yet he warned the Craft not to forget that it brings with it an overwhelming responsibility that can neither be denied nor evaded; and he added:

It may be pertinent to remark that we have little to fear from the enemy without. Royal Arch Masonry can only be torn down from within—hence the need for care in the selection of our material. Freemasonry today owes its influence in the community to the high standard of its membership, and we must never forget that the outside world judges us not by our best but by our worst—and that one unworthy member will exercise a malign influence that a hundred good and true men cannot counteract.

Among those who have earned their rest and passed beyond the veils, particular reference was made to R. E. Comp. George J. Bennett, for many years Grand Scribe E. (Grand Secretary) and chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence; and also to V. E. Comp. John A. Cowan, who for more than two score of years was editor of "The Freemason."

By reasons of the negotiations under way relative to a union of the two Grand Bodies in Queensland, the request for exchange of representatives was held up another year.

The committee to whom was referred the address of the Grand Z. gave full approval to all his official acts, particularly commending him for reproving those Chapter officers who were prone to combine comedy with official notices of meetings.

Of course there is no order of High Priesthood, which deprives the qualified Companions of that Grand Jurisdiction from participating in a degree which for sublimity has no superior.

It is pleasing to note that M. .E. .Comp. W. M. Ponton maintains his high ideals in his review of other Capitular Jurisdictions. He seems to possess the optimistic eye which finds so much to commend that there is little room left to condemn, and if such there be, it is so sugar-coated that it is not easily discernible.

Under Florida he commends E. .Comp. Chester De-Rocher, Canada's Grand Representative, for being present, "as usual," and wished that its other Ambassadors "were as regular." He quotes liberally from its proceedings and with seeming approval. Any Canadian Companion failing to read the reviews by Comp. Ponton, is the real loser thereby.

Next Annual in Kingston, February 27 and 28, 1929.

Edwin Smith, London, Grand Z.; Henry T. Smith, Toronto, Grand Scribe, E.; W. N. Ponton, Belleville, Correspondent and Grand Historian.

COLORADO—1928

Chapters, 51. Members, 8,124. Exalted, 247
Net Loss, 23

DELMAR B. WRIGHT, Grand High Priest

From this distance one wonders why at least two of the four absent Chapters was not represented at the Fifty-fourth Annual Convocation, held at Denver, Sept. 20, 1928; and also why there was no one to convey to the Florida Royal Craftsmen the "fraternal felicitations and the sincere hope for continued prosperity and peace profound," expressed by Grand High Priest Wright?

There was one name added to the roll of deceased Past High Priests, M. .E. .Comp. William T. Bridwell, who occupied the Grand East in 1888. The calling annually of this roll is an appropriate remembrance of the departed.

There appears to be little of particular interest to outsiders in the brief report of the official acts of Grand High Priest Wright. He truly said that—

The lessons to be derived from Capitular Masonry are valuable only to those who remember them, to those who attend the Chapter meetings and keep them fresh in their minds, and to those who use them in their daily lives.

Every Companion who attended the Fortieth Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter in Denver, in 1927, will add their unqualified approval to this reference to it by Grand High Priest Wright:

Splendid entertainment was furnished to all, and the visiting Companions and their ladies were profuse in their praise of the manner in which this Triennial was taken care of. The committees in charge of the arrangements certainly deserve the thanks of every one present for their unstinted labors and for the unlimited time they devoted to making this Triennial a success.

It is to his credit that all but four Chapters in the Grand Jurisdiction were officially visited, either by himself or one especially appointed; and he was congratulated on "the effectiveness of the plan of official visitations." No decisions are reported, and all his acts were approved by Grand Chapter.

There is an applicable sentence sermon in the report of Grand Lecturer C. L. Young, in referring to the willingness of the "wheel horses," found in most Chapters who, he said, "would enjoy being unhitched and allowed to run in the pasture." He illustrated this by adding:

I strongly remember a good old Companion of this type, who had been doing the High Priest work for many years, until he commenced to realize that he was not helping his Chapter, but was hurting it. So, when he was approached on a certain occasion, by the High Priest, with the request that he confer the lecture in the Royal Arch degree, he thus replied: "If you will learn that lecture and then ask me to deliver it, I will consider it a compliment; but if you ask me to do it, because you can't, I'll consider it an insult."

In order to simplify matters, Grand Chapter approved the report of the committee appointed for that purpose, which will convey the Colorado Soldier Masons' War Relief Fund to Grand Lodge, and which will be administered by the Colorado Masons' Benevolent Association.

"Nothing doing" was reported by both the Committee on Jurisprudence and also on Appeals and Grievances.

Truly does the Grand High Priest state: "No troubles, strife or discord; harmony and good will prevail among the Craft."

Although not obligatory, nineteen Companions were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood, in due and solemn form.

Past Grand High Priest H. M. Woodward, for the committee, presents his fifth report on correspondence, and takes this method of expressing the "very great and lasting pleasure" it was for the Royal Craft of Colorado to be host to the General Grand Chapter, on that occasion of the Denver Triennial.

Florida is somewhat concisely considered, and he wonders just what part of the ceremony the Grand Matron of the Eastern Star took in laying the corner stone of the addition to the Masonic Home at St. Petersburg. The Grand Matron assisted in spreading the mortar which united the structure into one solid mass, and right well was it done, as ye scribe can "without fear of contradiction" positively affirm.

He fully approved the adopting of the ritual of the General Grand Chapter, and he hopes "to see the time when all Grand Chapters will adopt the same work;" so do many others.

Next Annual in Denver, Sept. 19, 1929.

Corbin E. Robinson, Fort Morgan, Grand High Priest; William W. Cooper, Denver, Grand Secretary; H. M. Woodward, Denver, Correspondent.

CONNECTICUT—1928

Chapters, 46. Members, 16,762. Exalted, 516
Net Gain, 94

EDWARD A. KLATTE, Grand High Priest

For the purpose of conferring the M. E. M. Degree, a special convocation of Grand Chapter was held May 7, 1928, the work being done by a local Chapter for the Grand Body.

With distinguished visitors from most all nearby States, the One Hundred and Thirtieth Annual was formally opened the following morning for a two-day session, May 8th and 9th, the only noticeable absentee being Florida's Grand Representative; however, every Chapter was represented and every officer in his appointed station.

No fanfare preceded the address of Grand High Priest Klatte as he concisely reviewed his business-like administration. He noted the presentation to the State Library of a complete set of Chapter Pennies, one from each Chapter in the State, and on each penny will be engraved the mark of the oldest High Priest of that Chapter. A novel idea and quite appropriate.

Finding that Grand Chapter expenses were increasing, he recommended raising the per capita tax from forty cents to fifty cents. But even then that did not seem to justify the appointment of a Grand Lecturer, and as a compromise he recommended that Chapter inspection be by a Committee on Ritual, to be made a permanent Standing Committee. Action looking to this end was effected by a constitutional amendment, to come up

for final action a year hence. However, a Ritual Committee was appointed to temporarily act during the year. Chapter inspections seem to be very rigid and the marks are on the R-A-B plan, similar to the public school system. Probably the Connecticut Royal Craftsmen understand these letters and figures, but they mean little to an outsider.

He made official visitations to all the Chapters he had assigned to himself as well as to several other Grand Chapters. Of course they included "eats" and a general rubbing of elbows.

His decisions and dispensations were limited to two each and of local importance only.

He voiced the New England pride and community spirit of pleasure in the election of Past Grand High Priest Wilbur A. Scott, of Rhode Island, as General Grand Master of the Second Vail, but, he continued, "I firmly believe that unless we send more delegates to the General Grand Chapter, under their present mode of balloting, that eventually the East will not be represented."

In the report of the official visitations of the Grand King, at one Chapter, he says:

I saw here what I had never seen before. In the opening of the Chapter the G. and S. N. was given in addition to the R. A. W. My comment upon this was that the ritual did not call for it.

Differing somewhat from Florida procedure, petitions for a charter, and complaints over invasion of jurisdiction, are reported by the Grand Secretary instead of the Grand High Priest.

Grand Chapter appears to have anticipated the Pennsylvania Past Master situation or else had a vision, for at the previous Annual action was started permitting the Past Master's Degree to be conferred without charge upon Companions hailing from Grand Jurisdictions where that degree is not required. It is now a law.

The Masonic Charity Foundation appears to take the place of the Masonic Home as managed in some of the other Grand Bodies, as ye scribe understands it. It is now planning to erect a building or buildings for the use of mothers with children. Referring to the methods of handling this special work, which the Committee said has proven "very satisfactory," it further states:

It being their custom to hold families together so far as possible under the care of the mother and contribute from time to time such additional assistance as may be necessary for the comfort and education of the children.

The problems are many and varied and each family must be treated according to circumstances and conditions.

The report further stated that the approximate cost of maintenance of minors outside the Home the past five years has been from \$4.50 to \$10.00 per week per capita, depending upon conditions.

Hereafter Chapters may amend their By-laws in respect to time of holding stated convocations and the amount of dues and fees without submitting the same to the Committee on By-laws for approval.

The Committee on Ritual say that the revision of the Royal Arch Degree is meeting with approval and is creating renewed interest in the work. Nothing is said about the General Grand Chapter ritual, but it is assumed that the hazardous journeyings are a thing of the past.

Routine work seems to mark the annual Assembly of the Order of High Priesthood, when twenty-one "M. E. Companions" were set apart to that Holy Order.

Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary George A. Kies again presents a most readable and informative review of other Grand Chapter Proceedings, and which leads him to believe that "Capitular Masonry is far from waning permanently." Also that the large numbers dropped show that the Chapters "are engaged in the commendable course of weeding out dead timber," and that we shall soon recover "from our post-war fever and gradually come back to normalcy." He well says that "making new members is not the main reason for Capitular existence."

He approves Florida's plan of not reinstalling re-elected officers, and calls the address of Grand High Priest Shear "a straightforward report of his activities of a busy year." He quotes and comments with apparent favor from ye scribe's review. Thank you.

Next Annual in Hartford, May 14 and 15, 1929.

Colin S. Buell, New London, Grand High Priest;
George A. Kies, Hartford, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

DELAWARE—1928

Chapters, 5. Members, 2,023. Exalted, 53
Net Gain, 11

J. WALLACE WOODFORD, Grand High Priest

About the only personage of importance missing was Florida's Grand Representative when the roll was called for the Sixtieth Annual Convocation, held at Wilmington, Jan. 18, 1928; and there were also present officials from the Grand Chapters of Connecticut, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania, besides heads of the other York Rite Bodies of Delaware.

None of the phases of Capitular Masonry which came to the attention of Grand High Priest Woodford seems to have been overlooked, and his address indicates zealous attention and supervision. In his visitations to each Chapter he was accompanied by others of the official staff, which occasions he designates as "the high spots of the Grand High Priest's term of office;" and further, he added: "They relieve the monotony of degree work, and promote the social side of our fraternity, which, after all, is one of its chiefest charms." His courtesy visitations included other nearby Grand Jurisdictions, concerning which he truly says:

Visits to these neighboring Bodies are sources of inspiration. Such contacts create true conceptions in our minds of the scope and range of Capitular Masonry, and keep us in touch with the trend of Masonic thought and life in our particular section of the country.

The responses for relief in connection with the Mississippi flood disaster by Grand Lodge were so generous

that he did not deem it necessary for Grand Chapter to take specific action.

He emphasized the importance of the Order of High Priesthood to every anointed High Priest, because the ceremonies "create a mental atmosphere that serves as a background for that official as long as he discharges the functions of that office."

He believed that the ceremonies of the Royal Arch Degree could be shortened without lessening its effect, and which he believed would induce more members to attend when it is being worked. Grand Chapter approved and it was referred to the Committee on Work to report a year hence.

He considered that the position of Grand Representative is not an empty honor, as it means something to represent another Grand Jurisdiction, and that he cannot well do so unless he keeps in touch with the Delaware Grand Chapter activities by attending its annual convocations. He made a recommendation which the Jurisprudence Committee did not approve but which Grand Chapter did, which was:

Whenever a Grand Representative misses two consecutive meetings of the Grand Chapter, without reasonable cause, his station will be declared vacant, and the vacancy thereby created shall be filled by the Grand High Priest.

Ye scribe had supposed that the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter desiring a Representative made a recommendation and the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter to be represented made the appointment, and he wonders how this will work out when put into practice?

The Grand High Priest stated that "the action paths in Capitular Masonry were so well defined by precedent and statute" that he had not been called upon to render any decisions during the year.

At the previous Annual Convocation a recommendation was offered looking to the adoption of a charge covering the presentation to the candidate of a Royal Arch Apron, to be delivered after the G. O. R. A. W. had been communicated, and this report was adopted:

Your Committee on Work to whom the subject was referred has given very careful consideration to the recommendation, and while recognizing the beauty of the charge, cannot find any place in the Royal Arch Degree, as conferred according to the Ritual in use in this Jurisdiction, where this lecture can be appropriately given. It could not be used without revising our present charge, which in our opinion would not be advisable or desirable.

Your Committee on Work therefore does not recommend the adoption of the proposed charge.

During the year M. E. Comp. Joseph P. Lukens, Grand High Priest in 1902 and 1903, entered into rest.

Each of the five presiding High Priests were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood, a record shown in very few Grand Chapters.

Past Grand King Thos. J. Day for the twelfth time concisely reviews the proceedings of other Grand Chapters. Referring to the net losses in some Grand Chapters, largely owing to n. p. d., he adds: "The sooner this deadwood is lopped off the sooner there will be a more healthy growth." He has the happy faculty of being terse in reference as well as in quotation.

He finds but little in Florida to attract attention. Having returned to our real home in Bradenton ye scribe

will be woefully disappointed if the genial "Tom" fails to include us in his annual visitation to the land of winter fruits and flowers. Later information is to the effect that Comp. Day is again in the "land of flowers and sunshine" and that ye scribe is not forgotten; but his call happened to be at a time when ye scribe was out of town.

Next Annual in Wilmington, Jan. 16, 1929.

Frank L. Long, Grand High Priest; John W. Macklem, Grand Secretary; Thos. J. Day, Correspondent; all of Wilmington.

ENGLAND—Mark Master Masons

Autocracy and democracy "stand in juxtaposition to each other" quite prominently in English Masonic procedure. Great latitude is allowed in discussions in all English Masonic Grand Bodies, when it comes to disposing of the business of that Grand Body, whichever one it may be, and in this particular instance it happens to be the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown. At the March, 1928, Quarterly of this Grand Mark Master Lodge, the M. W. The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Stradbroke on the Throne, said:

It has been proposed and seconded that His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn be re-elected as our Grand Master. I need not hardly ask whether there is any other Brother nominated. I will ask you to signify your assent in the usual way, which I am sure you will do.

The motion was put and carried with acclamation, whereupon the Grand Director of Ceremonies proclaimed:

Be it known, that the Most High, the Most Mighty and Most Illustrious *Prince Arthur William Patrick Albert*, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, Earl of Sussex, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight of the Most Ancient and most Noble Order of the Thistle, Knight of the most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick, Great Master and First and Principal Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Grand Knight Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, one of his Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Field Marshal of the Army, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Fraternity of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England, First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Masons of England, Sovereign of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and Hospital for the United Kingdoms, Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master in England and Wales, and the Dependencies thereof, and in Ireland, Knight Grand Cross, etc., etc., etc., etc., is installed Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, whom may the Great Overseer of the Universe long preserve.

The Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master are similarly proclaimed, elected and installed, though there are not quite so many titles attached. Numerous promotions and many Past Ranks are conferred at the several Communications.

The other business was the report of the General Board which showed that 753 Mark Certificates and 173 Royal Ark Mariner Certificates had been issued; that warrants had been granted to two Mark Master Lodges

and to two Royal Ark Mariner Lodges, one of which was at Singapore, India, and that the charter of a Royal Ark Mariners Lodge in Queensland had been taken up. And that the benevolent branch of the Grand Lodge had used the equivalent of over \$6,000.00 for the relief of worthy distressed members, their widows and daughters.

The report of the General Board gives the number of Mark Certificates and Royal Ark Mariner Certificates issued, warrants for Lodges granted, warrants surrendered and cases relieved from the Annuity Fund. At the Annual Festival held on St. John the Baptist Day, June 23rd, the Grand Secretary made it known that he "will be happy to receive the names of ladies and Brethren willing to act as Stewards."

Almost world-wide is English Freemasonry. The June Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge recorded the removing from the rolls Southern Cross Lodge No. 711, at Toowoomba, Queensland, and Excelsior No. 725, at Accra, Gold Coast, West Africa. The latest new Lodge is Jeppetown No. 863, at Jeppetown, Transvaal, South Africa.

ENGLAND—Royal Arch Masons

Finances and the recording of the names of Grand Officers and Past Grands require several pages at each Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England.

Among the petitions for new Chapters to be attached to specified Lodges, one was to be called the Chapter of

Israel and was to be attached to a Lodge of the same name at Durban, Natal, and another was to meet at Accra, in the Gold Coast Colony. Another was from the members of a Chapter at Bangalore, Madras, India for a Charter of Confirmation the original having become illegible, with the following officers: Companions Bangalore Gajaraj Rajagopal Mudaliar, Z. (First Principal); Ciryam Nanjundiah Surya Prakas, H. (Second Principal); Bangalore Annaswamy Madhavaraya Mudaliar, J. (Third Principal).

The Pro First Grand Principal, M. E. Comp. Rt. Hon. Lord Ampthill, made a business trip to Argentine, and while in Buenos Aires was requested by the Grand Master to install the new Grand Superintendent of the District Grand Chapter of the Argentine Republic, which he said "was the occasion for a very remarkable gathering, which in itself afforded striking proof of the loyalty and zeal of the Companions of the Argentine." In another place he refers to the Grand Orient. This paragraph from his report is of more than passing interest:

There is, however, one more thing that I can tell you, as evidence of the amicable relations existing between our Brethren in the Argentine and the Brethren of the Grand Orient. Not long after my departure from Buenos Aires, there was a great Masonic gathering, at which one of our Lodges presented a copy of a volume of the Sacred Law to one of the Lodges under the Grand Orient, in which the use of the Sacred Volume had been discontinued. This was a great and good example which had its effect on other Lodges under the Grand Orient, and, on the particular occasion to which I am referring, the new District Grand Master gave proof of his great ability and sincerity by delivering an eloquent speech in Spanish, in which he gave a splendid exposition of the attitude of English Freemasons towards the First Great Landmark of Freemasonry.

A new Regulation provides that a Chapter can by resolution empower its Principals to appoint the remaining officers, excepting Treasurer and Janitor, instead of same being elected by ballot. This can be either a standing resolution, or be effective year by year. But the Supreme Grand Chapter ruled that such authority cannot be given by a By-law.

From an address delivered at the August Quarterly Convocation, entitled "Three Royal Arch Legends," it is learned that recently there has been placed in the British Museum a wonderful collection from Ur of the Chaldees, presenting the civilization of 3,500 B. C., affording information of the customs and habits of that time and which seems to form some basis for these Royal Arch legends or fables.

GEORGIA—1928

Chapters, 163. Members, 17,081. Exalted, 586
Net Loss, 430

W. FRANK WELLS, Grand High Priest

Among the distinguished visitors at the formal opening of the One Hundred and Sixth Annual, at Macon, April 25, 1928, was M. E. Comp. Early H. Johnson, General Grand Master of the First Veil and the personal representative of the General Grand High Priest.

In replying to the gracious reception accorded him, he referred to Capitular conditions in Georgia and elsewhere which had come to his personal notice, and he

wondered if in the passing out of the so-called "driftwood"—the numerous suspensions for non-payment of dues—if this driftwood had not carried with it "perfectly good Companions." In noting the Grand Jurisdictions which show substantial gains, he said in part:

Florida, our own Sister Grand Jurisdiction, is showing a net gain of over 500. Now Florida, perhaps, has been the hardest hit of any of the Southern States in the last year or two, and they are showing an increase in numbers, so it isn't true that the South is the place hardest hit. I feel that we should take a renewed interest and put the thing over as it should be.

In the roll call responses were made by others to the following members of the Permanent Family: M. E. Comp. Robert L. Colding, Grand High Priest in 1902, and the dean of that body; M. E. Comp. Thomas H. Jefferies, Carling, Grand Secretary in 1915.

Seemingly imbued with a vision of the wonderful possibilities of Capitular Masonry, Grand High Priest Wells made it a part of his address as he reviewed his practical business administration. He believed an injustice is being worked on Royal Arch Masonry by carrying those small Chapters which are so often delinquent and where reductions in settlement become necessary. He advocated the taking up of the charters of such Chapters and affiliating the members with the larger near-by Chapters.

This comment appears in connection with one of his official visitations:

After I had conferred the Royal Arch Degree and given them my conception of the purpose and design of the most sublime degree of the Royal Arch, they unanimously voted to pour oil on all the paraphernalia used for their rough work and set fire to it.

This admonition from the Grand High Priest might be applicable most anywhere:

There are some of you who go to your Chapter and confer the degrees and close your Chapter without making any application of the lessons contained in the degrees to your candidates, and as long as you do this you will not get anywhere. Get the spirit of this; that is where we are falling down. This is why we are not progressing as we ought to. The trouble is in the lack of Masonic Spirit and what it stands for. If we do not get the spirit of Masonry and do something, we had just as well close up and go at some thing else. Most of us are guilty. There are many of you under the sound of my voice who are not taking the proper interest and exemplifying the work on the classes of candidates coming into the Chapter.

There is much food for thought in the report of the Grand Lecturer, who finds a "fearful lack of interest in Lodge affairs" upon the part of the great mass of members. Continuing, he pertinently adds:

There was a time not so many years ago when the world at large regarded Masons as men who could be trusted, and should be respected just a little above the average citizens. Today there is a lack of confidence upon the part of the world at large, as well as among Masons themselves, in the integrity of too many members of the fraternity. And I am becoming more and more of the opinion that the day is rapidly coming when the various Masonic Rites are going to be forced to adopt strenuous methods to be enabled to hold their own.

The report from the Educational Loan Fund indicate it to be a great constructive piece of work, the influence of which will be measured by the lives of those who are now benefiting by its provisions.

Twenty-six Companions were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood, and E. Comp. P. T. Mc-

Cutchen was elected President to succeed the late M. E. Comp. Robert L. Colding, who had passed away during the year.

For the fourth time E. Comp. Pleasant T. McCutchen presented a review of Grand Chapter Proceedings which is as educational as it is interesting and the Georgia Companions who fail to read it are passing up something really worth while. He noted that all decisions "comport fully with Georgia law," and presumably other activities noted by him pass the same satisfactory inspection.

Under North Carolina, Companion McCutchen makes this distinction between the Past Master's Degree in Grand Chapter and in Grand Lodge:

To us it has always seemed useless to confer the P. M. Degree on any Brother who was already a Past Master. But the degree is a part of the Capitular system, and should remain so, even though Grand Lodges may wish to confer it as an installation ceremony for Past Masters. The Past Master of a Lodge gains nothing by having the degree conferred upon him, yet all Masters should have it, just as all High Priests should be consecrated in the Order of High Priesthood. As conferred in Chapter, the degree of Past Master merely makes the Brother the virtual Past Master for the purpose of advancement, while after he is installed as Master of a Lodge he becomes an actual Master, and of higher rank than the Chapter degree can make him.

Under North Carolina, replying to a comment relative to paying over part of the Cryptic fees at the time a Brother receives the Chapter Degrees, and which as ye scribe understands it is substantially the so-called "Texas Plan," whereby when petitioning for the Capitular Degrees a Brother also petitions for the Cryptic

Degrees, although of course not conferred by nor do they have any connection with the Chapter, Companion McCutchen says:

This has been the privilege of Georgia Chapters and Councils since 1915. How could the law be made mandatory? Neither Grand Body can govern the other. Chapters cannot be required to pay over such fees, neither can the Council be forced to accept them. By agreement of the two Grand Bodies it is permissible for Chapters and Councils to enter into such arrangements. Nor could any amount be specified, for fees vary in both Chapters and Councils, the minimum Capitular fee being \$20.00, and the minimum Cryptic fee \$5.00.

Next Annual in Macon, April 17 and 18, 1929.

Rev. John Swain, Oliver, Grand High Priest; E. A. McHan, Macon, Grand Secretary; P. T. McCutchen, Franklin, Correspondent.

IDAHO—1928

Chapters, 18. Members, 2,679. Exalted, 78
Net Loss, 40

GEORGE O. BUHN, Grand High Priest

Two Chapters failed to respond to roll call, but Florida's Representative did, when the Twentieth Annual Convocation was opened in ample form for a two-day session at Boise, May 22, 1928. "Say it with flowers" were highly appreciated expressions of good will and fraternal greetings from the Scottish Rite Bodies and

the local Chapter of the O. E. S. It is just such acts as these which leave lasting memories that cannot be reckoned in dollars and cents.

Brevity expresses the address of Grand High Priest Buhn, for in not many over a thousand words Grand High Buhn recited his activities of the year, in which he stated:

It has been a year of perfect harmony without one discordant note to mar its passage; no decisions to make, none asked for, and but few dispensations, actually five in number, and those only to install out of time.

He stated, and which is quite true, that there was always a temptation "to indulge in flowery rhetoric culled from the intellectual athletics of past authorities on Capitular Masonry;" but, he continued:

I feel that the English language in its simplest form, to which I am by nature limited, should be my method of conveying to you what has been done in the interest of Royal Arch Masonry throughout the year just passed, and I use it, leaving verbal pyrotechnics to those who come by them naturally to use them in the course of providing a livelihood. As for myself, I work for a living.

He was asked to give an opinion on a hypothetical case, in which no names were used, and he replied "that it was not proper to consider a moot case."

Nearly every Chapter in the State received a visit from the Grand High Priest, and he stated that he found them in a "healthy condition," with candidates in waiting for the degrees. He also commended the Chapters for dropping members who were many years in arrears for their dues; adding: "It takes more than an emblem on a coat lapel to make a Chapter Mason."

He brought his remarkably concise address, which covered only two pages in the proceedings, to a close with these thought-provoking words:

May I say that my reward will be in the friendship and companionship of hundreds of my Companions who are laboring in the service of our fellowmen striving for the ideal which will be obtained only when men will be brothers in deed and in truth, when we join our joys and our sorrows, our successes and our failures, our tears and our laughter, generous of each other's faults, remembering always we are only human. When these conditions prevail we will have built a temple which naught can destroy or take away.

The Committee on Visitors reported that due search and inquiry had been made in and around the temple and nothing labeled "distinguished visitors" could be found.

Committee reports and minor matters of no particular interest to outlanders, including election and installation, were given due consideration in the closing sessions.

This Grand Chapter does not appear to have found it desirable to have an order of High Priesthood.

Conciseness continues to feature in the correspondence report of Companion George E. Knepper, who finds something worthy of record in all the proceedings which came to him, and none appears to have been omitted.

Florida received due consideration, and in quoting from the address of Grand High Priest Shear, who referred to the educational fund as "one of the greatest that can be done by a fraternal organization," Companion Knepper comments thusly:

So be it, but you are not aiding the sick, the afflicted, the down-trodden, the oppressed or those having burdens greater than they

can bear. You are helping the strong, those abundantly able to help themselves. "The Crippled Children," that's charity; the other is business, banking, as it were. You are collecting interest. Now we feel better.

Glad you do, Companion. It's well, perhaps, that we do not all think alike. If they did, there would not be room in Florida for all who think as does ye scribe.

However, as he gets along in the proceedings the skies begin to brighten, the light give a different slant, and he is "delighted" with the report of the Jurisprudence Committee relative to Pennsylvania, for he adds:

We have no patience with the absurd idea of many Grand Chapters, that the constituent Chapters may confer the Past Master's degree on applicants *for the purpose of visitation*. We feel proud that at last we have found a Grand Chapter with which we can agree on this much-mooted question.

Replying to the comment of ye scribe the year previous that Companion Knepper had no official aspirations, consequently knew nothing about the Order of High Priesthood, and apparently cared less, he makes these admissions:

We will not deny that we have no use for the Order of High Priesthood—a secret order within a secret order. First: We have no desire to hold office in any order. Second: We have lived in nine different States and have finally *settled down*. The Chapter to which we belong, and the nearest to our home, is twenty-five miles away. There is nothing "wrong" in the above.

Ye scribe also has things in common with Companions Knepper and Schurman, for he, too, "shoveled snow" and incidentally worked as "devil" for a New

York State country weekly, more than half a century ago, and later for quite a number of years owned a country weekly in northeastern Ohio, and still later one in northern Colorado. He could always find work enough on a weekly, and when a daily became a necessity in Ohio he was quite willing to "pass the buck" to another who was actually looking for more work, and probably more light. Our next objective is Tacoma in 1930, Companion.

Next Annual in Lewiston, May 14 and 15, 1929.

Homer G. Brown, Wallace, Grand High Priest; Edward H. Way, Boise, Grand Secretary; George E. Knepper, Boise, Correspondent.

ILLINOIS—1928

Chapters, 242. Members, 90,961. Exalted, 2,835
Net Loss, 612

CHARLES S. ANDRUS, Grand High Priest

Everywhere peace and harmony, No rulings, no decisions, no complaints, no discipline required, no appeals or grievances, nothing referred to Committee on Jurisprudence—"for the first time within the recollection of the Chairman of this Committee"); Capitular Life must be one long sweet dream in this Grand Chapter claiming largest membership in the world, And yet—the report of the Committee on Chartered Chapters shows over two thousand members suspended, exceeding

the deaths and nearly equaling the exaltations, with a net loss of 612.

The above is not presented in a spirit of captious criticism, but rather to direct special attention to the thoughtful and pertinent conclusion reached by M. E. Comp. Everett R. Turnbull, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations (also holding a similar appointment in the General Grand Chapter), in the introductory to his 1928 report:

We are now proving a statement made many years ago:

"A Masonic Lodge should resemble a bee-hive, in which all the members work together with ardor for the common good. Masonry is not made for cold souls and narrow minds, that do not comprehend its lofty mission and sublime postulate."

When life becomes too easy the people get careless. An eloquent bishop or a noted lecturer is advertised to speak at a certain time, but for most of us the all-important question is—shall we spend the evening at the Golden Buzzard Road House or the Dervish Dance Hall? A proper understanding of the principles of Masonry requires study and thought, but the average person demands excitement. The "Comics" are the most interesting part of the paper. While the indifferent and uninterested are leaving in great numbers, "the remnant" is standing fast. The Educational and Charitable movements are growing and interested members are considering new ways for increasing the usefulness of the Fraternity. There is no reason to be discouraged or to consider the abandonment of any forward movement. All we have lost is money, and money of itself never accomplished anything of importance. The thinkers, the planners, the doers are still with us. Therefore, let us carry on.

There was one vacant station and two other vacant chairs when the Seventy-ninth Annual Convocation convened in the City of Chicago, October 25, 1928; the imperative summons being obeyed by M. E. Comp. Wil-

liam B. Carlock, Grand High Priest in 1912; E. Comp. James A. Young, Grand Royal Arch Captain, and E. Comp. Chris W. Loverenz, for many years Grand Steward.

Adjacent Grand Jurisdictions sent honored officials, and of course the General Grand Chapter was represented by its General Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Charles C. Davis; and yet Florida's representative, living in the same city, could not make it convenient to be greeted with his peers.

Grand High Priest Andrus, in his address, gave expression to a sentiment that probably everyone in authority has truly felt, even though perhaps not expressed:

I have tried to do everything I could to promote the success of the Grand Chapter. Unfortunately the time is not long enough to do all the things one would like and it has grieved me to refuse invitations that the pressure of business made impossible to accept.

He took special interest in the schools of instruction and not only visited as many as he could, but also did everything he could "by oral word and correspondence to encourage Chapters to send representatives to them." During his year one Chapter was constituted and another moved to a different location, made necessary by a tornado which practically wiped out the town, destroying almost every building, including the hall in which the Chapter met.

He stated that he had not initiated any reforms because he believed its present system needed no reforming; that each Chapter should be given much liberty to work out its individual problems and "that the least government is usually the best government." His positive

duties seems to have been limited to the necessary minor requirements.

Everyone of the twenty-seven District Inspectors made a brief but generally optimistic report.

"Values" was the general theme of the oration by Grand Chaplain John T. Thomas, which ultimately was, he said, that which "we put into our own lives; we must see it, cultivate it, discern it."

An interesting feature of the Annual Convention of the Order of High Priesthood, at which time 106 Companions were anointed and set apart, were the remarks of Companion Owen Scott, who was anointed in 1881, concerning earlier practices and customs of the Order.

M. . E. . Comp. Everett R. Turnbull in his always really worth while report of the Fraternal Relations of the year finds company this time in the fact that his Grand Chapter is not the "only pebble on the beach" reporting a net loss in membership, and which he denominates as a "fad," and which fortunately are usually short lived. However, he found the net gain in the forty-four states to be 7,666.

Florida is carefully considered. Referring to the statement of Grand High Priest Cary B. Fish that now he was a Past Presiding Officer in all the Grand Bodies of York Rite Masonry in the State, Companion Turnbull adds: "This is an unusual record for the present time. The last Illinois man to equal that record was Grand High Priest in 1895."

This implied inquiry by Companion Turnbull recalls the exclamation of a young hopeful to his father, a long-time friend of ye scribe: "Why, father, is there anything you do not know?":

It is the duty of Florida Companions, Hubbell in particular, to dispense light and knowledge to the uninformed wherever they may be found. So please take pity on my ignorance and explain the word "Masoniscope." I never saw one.

For further information suggest you inquire of the Masonic Service Association.

Next Annual in Chicago, October 24-25, 1929.

Ward E. Core, Robinson, Grand High Priest; James E. Jeffers, Springfield, Grand Secretary; Everett R. Turnbull, Carlinville, Correspondent.

INDIANA—1928

Chapters, 118. Members, 32,992. Exalted, 885
Net Loss, 483

MARK L. DICKOVER, Grand High Priest

About ten per cent of the subordinate Chapters of the State failed to respond to roll call when the Eighty-third Annual Convocation assembled in Gary, October 17, 1928. However, all Grand Officers were present as well as Florida's Representative, besides several high lights, including the General Grand High Priest and the General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter.

All branches of Freemasonry suffered a great loss in the passing of M. . E. . Henry W. Mordhurst, who collapsed on the railroad station en route to the Grand Chapter and Grand Council and died the day following the close of the last annual session. Besides being Grand

High Priest in 1895 and Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1887, he was elected General Grand Recorder of the General Grand Council in 1886 and served continuously until his death, a period of a little over forty-two years. Another to receive the final message during the year was M. E. Comp. Charles Balch, Grand High Priest in 1905.

Willing service and close attention to details seem to be stressed in the account of stewardship reported by Grand High Priest Dickover. So smoothly did Capitular matters move along during the year that few happenings of interest to outsiders are recorded. He granted a dispensation to elect a High Priest who had failed to qualify, but after it had served its purpose he deemed it unnecessary, for Indiana laws provide that in such vacancies the King and Scribe automatically assume in order the vacant position until the next Annual. Florida laws differ somewhat in this respect. Only one decision was reported and that was of a local nature.

Protracted apathy in one Chapter brought the ultimatum from the Grand High Priest that it had the choice of becoming proficient in the work, consolidating with a nearby Chapter or surrendering its charter. Evidently preferring the path of least resistance, the charter was surrendered. The same proposition was put up to another Chapter similarly afflicted, possibly more so, according to the comments of the Grand High Priest, and which being averse to consolidation was given six months' probation to be ready to submit to a visitation by the Grand Inspector or to the penalty. And still another Chapter had the choice of either bringing its work up to the standard or to consolidate with another Chapter, and

which graciously "took them in." Another way of exemplifying "to them that have shall be given."

Grand High Priest Dickover was convinced that at no time in its history had the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania ever had authority over the Past Masters Degree, and that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in authorizing the formation of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania in 1795 had reserved to itself the sole right and power to confer such degree; and inasmuch as the Grand Chapter of Indiana does not recognize the degree of Past Master as conferred by the Grand Lodge of Indiana, Grand High Priest Dickover ruled that it was not possible to recognize the degree as conferred by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and that any Chapter Mason, whether from Pennsylvania or from any other Grand Jurisdiction with similar limitations, must be "healed" by having the Past Master Degree conferred upon him by an Indiana Chapter before he can visit or affiliate with any Royal Arch Chapter in that Grand Jurisdiction. Grand Chapter approved.

According to the Proceedings the newly installed Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Frederick R. Clark, made an "address from the Throne." This expression sounds more like coming from one of our overseas Chapters than from one on the American side.

According to the "Condensed History Grand Chapter of Indiana," by Grand Secretary Robert A. Woods, the first Royal Arch Chapter in that State was formed in 1819. While meeting somewhat intermittently the first quarter of a century, yet withal this Chapter seems to have an unbroken record up to the present time. It is only in such manner as this will a full history of the

Royal Craft in this country be prepared, and the sooner each Grand Chapter begins the more complete will be the finished product. Another informative feature following is a list of "Indiana Chapters, active and dead, in numerical order," indicating that altogether 162 Chapters have been formed in the State, with 118 now active.

Many of the distinguished guests at Grand Chapter were present at the Council of Anointed High Priests, at which time sixty Companions were elected to be set apart to this Holy Order. Grand Recorder Woods contributed a "Brief History of the Order of High Priesthood in Indiana." According to his informant, this Order dates from 1799, the General Grand Chapter being its sponsor till 1853. With a possible exception, the Order of High Priesthood does not appear in Indiana until 1842, again in 1848, and intermittently until 1853, when the "Council of High Priests of the State of Indiana" was formed, and a few months later the General Grand Chapter is stated to have relinquished its authority over the Order.

Preceded by the smiling and familiar face of Past Grand High Priest Robert A. Woods, Grand Secretary and Correspondent, he presented his eighteenth Annual Review, and which is just as good if not better than ever before.

Somehow Florida's administration of Capitular activities, as recorded in the Proceedings, still fail to measure up to Companion Woods' conception of Capitular law and practice, our best efforts to the contrary notwithstanding, and it is feared they may not until he comes to Florida and gets first-hand information. There seems to be no other alternative. Come down, Companion, and

give us the "once over," and mayhap we will not be so terrible as we appear at a distance.

Next Annual in Logansport, October 24-25, 1929.

Frederick C. Clark, Indianapolis, Grand High Priest;
Robert A. Woods, Princeton, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

IOWA—1928

Chapters, 124. Members, 22,519. Exalted, 691
Net Loss, 671

PERCY E. BROWN, Grand High Priest

Brief public exercises preceded the formal opening of the Seventy-fifth Annual Convocation in Ottumwa, October 19, 1928, with many distinguished visitors in attendance, including General Grand High Priest Charles C. Davis and Past General Grand High Priest Frederick W. Craig, as well as Florida's representative, Past Grand High Priest A. D. Meeker.

Service was the central theme of the practical address of Grand High Priest Percy C. Brown, in which he emphasized the necessity of educating, enlightening and interesting Royal Arch Masons, so that they will realize the importance of doing well whatever work may be assigned to them and also the advisability of adopting some definite methods of arousing and maintaining interest in Chapter work. To carry out this commendable plan he recommended the creating of a Permanent Service Committee. Grand Chapter approved and appropriated \$300.00 to put this plan into operation.

Complying with an unwritten law, all Grand Representatives appear to be commissioned for three years only. Their terms having expired by limitation, he stated, "those Representatives who had failed to attend three successive Convocations were replaced."

One of his decisions was to the effect that a Companion had a perfect right to object to the advancement of a candidate in the Mark Master degree, but that after that, "charges must be preferred to stop further advancement." Another was that when an elected petitioner refused to take the work the fees were forfeited, but that the Chapter might vote to return the fees.

Although the law, he stated, prevented the Grand High Priest from issuing a dispensation for a Chapter to confer the degrees in another place than named in the charter, yet he believed that such a provision would do much to arouse interest in the work. Grand Chapter, however, looked at it differently and decided that "no change should be made in the law." All his other acts and recommendations met with hearty approval. Unless it may be relative to an expressed wish "that sometime a plan may be devised so that the Grand High Priest can make the Grand Chapter his sole business for at least a portion of the time during his year of office," concerning which no action appears to have been taken.

Deep concern was manifested by Grand High Priest Brown in the yearly growing decrease in membership in Capitular Masonry the past four years. While many reasons were advanced and remedies offered to alleviate such an unhealthy condition, this expression from the report of the Jurisprudence Committees may be pertinent to the occasion and might throw some light on the subject: "There may be too much competition in Masonry and not enough York Rite interest in real Masonic work."

During the year the charters of two Chapters were taken up, and the surrendering of that of another will be one of the legacies which the incoming High Priest will inherit.

Substantial approval was given to the Secretaries' Guild, organized two years previous, and its proceedings will be published. Interested Florida local secretaries might find it to their advantage to look into this movement.

Following the conferring of the Order of High Priesthood on thirty-one qualified Companions, one of the newly initiated made a wonderfully inspiring and apparently impromptu address, taking for his subject this appropriate title, "The Priest of the Most High God," in which he refers to Abraham as "the big man in the story and not Melchizedek," and stressing this statement, he continued:

The great experiences in the life of Abraham came after his experiences with Melchizedek. The communing with God through a lighted lamp and a burning furnace, which no man had kindled; the visitation of the three men who foretold his greatness and their advice which became of such value to him; the testing of his faith in the sacrifice of Isaac; these and others came because of the spiritual contact he had made, and by that contact he became the "Father of the Faith" and the leader of the multitude of people who are seeking the "City that hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." Melchizedek, then, becomes the director of Abraham's worship.

The report on correspondence is again the work of Past Grand High Priest Edward H. Willard, who found the prevailing objectives in the various proceedings reviewed to be: Contributions to Masonic Homes, creat-

ing educational loan funds, and helping and sponsoring DeMolay organizations for boys, which he considers are all right as far as they go but he doubts that they are sufficient. He rather lays the stress upon the conferring of the ritual with the special end in view "of impressing upon the initiate's mind the thoughts and beauties of the degrees as expressed through emblematic representation of symbolism." Florida is concisely and fraternally reviewed.

Next Annual in Cedar Rapids, Oct. 17 and 18, 1929.

Chester E. Eckles, Atlantic, Grand High Priest; O. F. Graves, Harlan, Grand Secretary; E. M. Willard, Atlantic, Correspondent.

KENTUCKY—1928

Chapters, 132 (?). Members, 17,483. Advanced, 419
Net Loss, 596

GUY T. JOHNSON, Grand High Priest

During the year the imperative summons was sent to R. W. Comp. John W. Bishop, Grand Scribe, and also to E. Comp. R. B. Grider, Grand Chaplain.

With the above exceptions all other active Grand Officers, many Permanent Members, one or more subordinate Chapter members and Florida's Grand Representative responded to roll call when the One Hundred and Eleventh Annual Convocation was opened in ample form at Louisville, October 16, 1928, with no distinguished visitors outside the State in attendance.

Nothing specially out of the ordinary is reported in the business address of Grand High Priest Johnson, who found it expedient to reproduce much of the correspondence received by him pertaining to internal matters, the disposition of which was explicit, meeting the full approval of Grand Chapter, but bringing out little of interest to outsiders.

Referring to the lack of uniformity of keeping Chapters' records, which he says "is easier to keep right than wrong," he found "132 Chapters in Kentucky and 132 styles of bookkeeping." Wonder what similar inquiries in other Grand Chapters would reveal?

Although the Regulations require Chapter Secretaries to turn over promptly all monies to the Treasurer, yet in one instance where there was a shortage, the secretary told the Inspector that the Treasurer was "too busy" to take the Chapter funds. This seems to justify the Grand High Priest in remarking that "when an elected Treasurer of a Subordinate Chapter is 'too busy' to accept Chapter funds, it is time to elect another Treasurer."

Grand High Priest Johnson visited as many Chapters as conditions permitted and he regretted he could not visit all of them. Finding a lack of uniformity in "Mark Pennies," he recommended that all bear the name, number and postoffice address of the Chapter.

Among the few dispensations reported one was to hold a Convocation at a place other than its regular meeting place "for the purpose of putting on the Capitular degrees at a joint meeting." This brings up the debatable question of the advisability of making it easier for the elect to receive the so-called "higher degrees."

In his inquiries relative to the income of Subordinate Chapters, he found "one Chapter charged nothing," and quite a number of others where the yearly dues were only \$1.00 and \$1.50, which he believed was not fair to either the Chapter or to its members, and recommended placing the minimum at \$2.00. This seemed to find favor, but action was necessarily delayed a year.

He strongly disapproved the idea even of selling Life Memberships. However, fifty years of continuous Masonic service entitles one to Life Membership. He reaffirmed a former ruling that exaltation is the discovery of that which was lost.

The Grand High Priest recommended and Grand Chapter approved that Chapter Secretaries be sent to Grand Chapter by their respective Chapters, because it will better qualify them to perform the important duties of their office. This is somewhat of an innovation and as there is always room for improvement, it is hoped this will bring such results that other Grand Bodies may find it desirable to follow.

Referring to the loss in membership, the Grand Secretary in his report says an explanation is not necessary for everyone "realizes that the responsibility rests with those who were not willing to do their duty as Masons by the widows and orphans of our deceased Brethren."

Believing that official appointment should bring corresponding service, the Grand Secretary referred all letters from Grand Representatives to the similar official near the Grand Chapter of Kentucky. Good idea, why not pass it along?

So harmonious has been the work in the Quarries

that the Committee on Appeals has been idle all the year because there were no designs on its trestle board.

Fifty boys and girls who would not otherwise have had the opportunity, were given school advantages at an average cost of \$292.83 per ward. This will help them to establish themselves as permanent and reliable citizens of the Blue Grass State.

Very proud and justly so are the Masons of Kentucky over their Home for widows and children, the residents the past year being 597, and since the Home was established in 1871 the needs of 2,905 have been received. In addition to this is the Old Masons' Home whose guests number fifty-four Brethren and five wives. The average cost of maintenance per ward in each instance, however, does not appear to be given.

There is no account of an Order of High Priesthood, but which as ye scribe recalls is an organization separate from Grand Chapter.

The doings of other Grand Chapters is reported by Past Grand Master William W. Clarke, and is a well scissored reproduction of the important features of the several Grand Chapters, in which comment is judicious but sparing. He found in Florida comparatively little of general interest.

Next Annual in Louisville, Oct. 15 and 16, 1929.
W. O. Rigney, Lancaster, Grand High Priest; G. Allison Holland, Lexington, Grand Secretary; W. W. Clarke, Owensboro, Correspondent.

LOUISIANA—1928

Chapters, 60. Members, 9,235. Exalted, 354
Net Loss, 78

CHARLES F. RATCLIFF, Grand High Priest

There being present largely in excess of the constitutional number, the Eighty-first Annual Convocation was held in New Orleans, Feb. 7 and 8, 1928, those present including Florida's new Grand Representative, R. E. Comp. D. P. Laguens, Jr., and also M. E. Comp. H. D. Bowers, Past Grand High Priest of Arkansas.

Among those who had responded to the imperative summons for the last time were: Comp. Sam T Lovitt, Grand Sentinel, and M. E. Comp. James B. Adamas, Grand High Priest in 1911.

Grand High Priest Ratcliffe, in rendering an account of his stewardship, said that while his duties had been varied, yet he had found them pleasurable rather than onerous; but he regretted to report that the condition of Capitular Masonry throughout the Jurisdiction "was generally at a very low ebb," and which he believed was largely due to the disastrous Mississippi flood conditions, the influence of which, he stated, "seems to have permeated the entire State."

His rulings and other approved acts bring out minor differences in a few particulars from Florida laws. He ruled that restoration to membership in the Lodge automatically restored him to membership in Chapter; also Louisiana seems to claim one year jurisdiction.

He ruled where an applicant was elected in one Chapter and moved into the jurisdiction of another Chapter inside of a year and before receiving the degrees, the second Chapter had jurisdiction after one year. But the Jurisprudence Committee were of the opinion that this ruling was erroneous, because a statutory regulation provides that where the candidate does not avail himself of the opportunity within twelve months after election he forfeits all rights to the degrees. He can then only re-apply to the same Chapter and stand investigation and re-ballot. This regulation further provides:

This does not mean that the Chapter loses jurisdiction over the elected candidate—for the Chapter retains jurisdiction until waived (as provided in another regulation), and the elected or rejected candidate would have to take the same course.

If ye scribe understands correctly this would seem to give perpetual jurisdiction.

Minor differences seem to have developed in carrying out the action relative to bonding Chapter Treasurers and Secretaries; the bonding companies claiming the right to approve or disapprove the depository banks, and some of the Chapters were not satisfied with the pro rata cost of the premium.

Louisiana Relief Lodge of New Orleans found the responsibilities of the year considerably heavier, and despite all precautions it felt that at times it had been imposed upon, yet it had the consoling thought "that no good case had been permitted to suffer."

Under Grand Chapter regulations it seems that the recommendations and appointments of Grand Representatives by the Grand High Priest must be approved by the Committee on Correspondence.

Grand Secretary Davilla, as do many others, found it a "delightful privilege as well as a wonderful experience to travel in perspective," as he noted for the eighth time the doings in the Capitular Quarries of the World. His findings were that "all had the same goal in view," and:

That results have either been on the debit side of the ledger, or the bodies have been so fortunate as to hold their own. Where gains have been made they are nominal. Various reasons are assigned, most of them debatable. No doubt, in summary, general business depression is largely responsible and in addition, may it not be just possible that in this modern day, the many attractions offered by the radio, picture show and automobile are having some deterrent effect?

Florida is given fraternal and considerate attention. Next Annual in New Orleans, Feb. 5 and 6, 1929. Wynne G. Rogers, Grand High Priest; John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary and Correspondent; both of New Orleans.

MAINE—1928

Chapters, 68. Members, 17,838. Exalted, 486
Net Loss, 136

CONVERSE E. LEACH, Grand High Priest

That death is no respecter of persons is evidenced in the Proceedings of the One Hundred and Third Annual, held at Portland, May 1 and 2, 1928. Of the 309 deaths during the year, the list included two Past Grand High

Priests: M. W. Comp. Albert W. Penley, in 1892-93, and M. E. Comp. Wilson D. Barron, in 1922, also R. E. Comp. Enoch O. Greenleaf, Grand King in 1914.

Among the distinguished visitors present were General Grand High Priest Charles C. Davis, and Charles T. Martin, Past Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Australia, with Past Grand Scribe Owen Ripley speaking for Florida.

Although not making a gain in membership as in previous years, yet Grand High Priest Leach did not believe there was any cause for alarm. But he was concerned because "attendance on convocations seems to be steadily falling off." But like many others he fails to find the cause or to prescribe a remedy. He found that the champions of "horse-play and the ridiculous are in the diminishing majority." He found most of the Chapters prospering both financially and otherwise and with a good line of officers, excepting those which were "weak in the office of secretary," a too common complaint.

He issued an Edict that all Pennsylvania Companions lacking the Past Master's Degree must have the same either conferred or communicated before visiting or affiliating.

For the first time in the history of the Grand Chapter of Maine it became necessary to take up the charter of a Chapter. Notwithstanding the Chapter was in debt, he ruled that all the property belongs to Grand Chapter, but that did not prevent the members bringing the matter before Grand Chapter, but no further action appears to have been taken.

A notable visitation was to the One Hundredth Anniversary of Mount Moriah Chapter, where four of the

five living Companions who had been members fifty years or more were present, besides three others who had nearly reached the half century mark.

There were no decisions, all queries being answered by the Royal Arch Text Book, a copy of which the Grand High Priest said, "should be in the hands of every Chapter secretary."

He refused to grant one dispensation to advance date of a Convocation because he did not feel justified "in anticipating a lack of quorum;" also to make a pilgrimage to another Masonic hall, even though a predecessor had similarly granted one, for he "questioned the authority of a Grand High Priest to grant such a request."

He recommended that more attention be given to the registration of Chapter marks. He firmly opposed the re-election of a Grand High Priest, but Grand Chapter said "this matter should be left entirely to the members of the Grand Chapter who have the power to elect whom they choose," and which proceeded to exercise that power by re-electing Grand High Priest Leach. His first year's administration indicated that no mistake had been made.

Grand Lecturer Samuel B. Furbish reported that he was not as pessimistic as the year previous, for, he said, "the Capitular sun shines brighter and its rays give a pleasing sensation."

Grand Secretary Davis has it figured out that it will cost \$395 to send each person to the Tacoma Triennial, and that if Grand Chapter decided to send its full voting strength, "it would be necessary to increase our per-capita tax considerable." This it did by raising the per-capita tax from twenty-five cents to fifty cents.

Thirty-two Companions received the Order of High Priesthood.

Past Grand High Priest Thomas Bodge reviewed the proceedings of sixty-one Grand Chapters, and in every one he finds much to interest and instruct the readers.

Replying to a query from Companion Bodge, a High Priest of a Florida Chapter can resign if he permanently leaves the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter, but the King does not automatically succeed to the office, but he can be regularly elected by a dispensation. Also that Florida exempts from Grand Chapter dues Emeritus members, that is aged or infirm, and also ministers of the gospel.

Perhaps ye scribe does not quite understand the query of Companion Bodge concerning the conferring of degrees during Grand Chapter. Florida law provides:

The Committee on Work shall exemplify the work in open Chapter in the several degrees at each Annual Convocation, or cause the same to be done, unless Grand Chapter shall order otherwise.

It is, however, courtesy work on candidates coming from another Chapter than the one doing the work, be they from inside or outside the State.

Next Annual in Portland, May 7 and 8, 1929.

Converse E. Leach, Portland, Grand High Priest;
Charles B. Davis, Portland, Grand Secretary; Thomas H. Bodge, Augusta, Correspondent.

MANITOBA—1928

Chapters, 16. Members, 1,751. Admitted, 130
Net Gain, 79

ROBERT HAWKINS, Grand Z

After the Credential Committee had reported a constitutional number present, the Grand Council entered and the Fifth Annual Convocation was declared opened in Ample Form, at Winnipeg, Feb. 1, 1928, with M. .E. .Comp. J. Orville Clarke, Grand Z. of Saskatchewan, as the guest of honor.

"His work has been good," without qualifications, is the decision of the committee to whom was referred the address of Grand First Principal Hawkins, which is further attested by the approval of all his official acts. The five years of this Grand Chapter shows a steady advancement, and which seems to justify the wisdom of its formation. So smoothly do matters Capitular appear to move along that the review of his acts is largely a mere formality.

The records of his official visitations indicate that the "knife and fork degree" receives proper attention as well as the rendition of the esoteric work, for reference is made to an "Irish banquet," and a "Wild Duck Dinner," besides the more prosaic collations.

Much attention is given to the District Convocations, and he recommended preparing a form of opening, closing and procedure, which Grand Chapter approved.

An outstanding event at one District Convocation, which is designated as the "landmark of the year," was a visit from the Grand First Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, The Rt. Hon. The Earl of

Cassillis, and which was also to be taken as his fraternal visit to the Grand Chapter of Manitoba.

The Grand Z. is a strong advocate of District Convocations, and also stressed the importance of frequent Chapter visitations. Much detailed information is found in the reports of the Grand Superintendents, comparable to our Deputy Grand High Priests.

All reports appear to first pass through the Executive Committee which either approves or passes on to Grand Chapter. So harmonious are the relations with the Grand Chapter of Canada that a particular clause out of it was transferred to a similar place in the laws of Manitoba. Another action was that a Companion who had received the Royal Arch Degree in a jurisdiction not having the preliminary degrees can be admitted as a visitor in a Mark Master or a Most Excellent Master's Lodge, after having had communicated the necessary essentials. So comprehensive is the scope of the Executive Committee that little is left for the Jurisprudence Committee.

After carefully considering and comparing the rituals of the General Grand Chapter and that of the Grand Chapter of Canada (Ontario), it decided to adopt the latter, the reasons given being: Convenience, Economy, Uniformity and Improvement, and which was adopted.

Naturally there is no Order of High Priesthood.

It is a pleasure to turn to the report on Correspondence by V. .E. .Comp. John Parton, it being presumed that is the correct title, for he states that is the proper appellation for all appointive Grand Officers. However, by whatever title it is good work and passes inspection. He is not alone in believing that "newspaper publicity of Lodge affairs is poor taste." He finds it "difficult

to reconcile" himself to an "open air ceremonial," as reported by California, evidently overlooking that our ancient Brethren were said to have met "on high hill and in low dale." He is a strong advocate of dual membership, for under Connecticut he says:

We do think that it's rather hard on a Companion who would like to keep up with his Chapter work and finds he can only do it by "visiting," when he probably would rather pay his way.

Good enough. But in this part of the country there is always the "box of friendly assistance," and there is nothing to prevent him from contributing to that an amount equivalent to yearly dues, which would give him practically every courtesy except holding office, and surely he would not intimate that the Masonic order exists for the purpose of conferring present or past honors, the meaning of which possibly his next door neighbor may have little or no conception.

He heartily commended the first official act of our Grand High Priest Shear, in announcing the creation of an educational fund to assist worthy students, and noted that "this very noble form of Masonic activity seems to be spreading among our Companions of the United States, and cannot be too highly commended." He claims to have been "duly thrilled" over our invitation to the Saskatchewan Companions to visit Florida. That being so, Comp. Parton, come and see what the "real thing" will do.

Place and date of next Annual not stated.

F. E. Simmons, Grand Z.; Geo. Syme, Grand Scribe E.; both probably of Winnipeg; Correspondent, not stated.

MARYLAND—1927

Chapters, 27. Members, 9,980. Exalted, 371
Net Gain, 147

WARREN S. SEIPP, Grand High Priest

Distinguished Companions from New Jersey and New York attended the formal convening of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Annual in Baltimore, Dec. 13, 1927.

During the year four Past Grand High Priests were gathered to the Great I Am: Most Excellent Companions Eugene Hammond, Grand High Priest in 1913; Emmett L. Pettit, in 1916; J. H. Verd Hahn, in 1917, and William Mohr, in 1922.

Differing from most other reports of a similar nature, the address of Grand High Priest Seipp partakes of the nature of an oration, in which the details of routine business are relegated to the customary committee reports, and so smoothly did the Capitular machinery run that there was nothing for the committees to report.

This extract gives a general idea of the trend of the address:

It seems that Masonry will never learn that the bulwark of our Institution must rest upon the stalwart characters and sterling worth of men who see more in life than the almighty dollar, or yearn to wield the baton of power over their fellows; for these, with a breath, may blow away, but the acquaintances made, the friendships formed, and the love of our Companions, are everlasting and eternal, and will endure until time shall be no more.

A somewhat novel innovation was the sending of greetings through its Grand Representatives, to the sev-

eral Grand Chapters throughout the world with whom it was in fraternal relations, and in every instance, he stated, a courteous reply was received. He cited one instance from Australia where the representative wrote that he drove 250 miles to deliver the message, which made the Grand High Priest feel that the office of representative can be made worth while if the representatives themselves so will it.

It was his pleasure to visit every Chapter in the State, and he was impressed that the success or failure of a Masonic body is dependent largely upon the personality of the presiding officer. Also the lethargy among the membership, inactivity among the officers, sluggishness in the Chapter, and the disintegration of finances may all be traced to a desire for power rather than love of execution. And this is his as well as the logical conclusion:

The wheel turns once a year, and because someone having been appointed in line, he is ground out as the presiding officer; in some cases well fitted for the task in hand, in others, careless and negligent, and this is bound to reflect in the peace and harmony in the body over which he presides.

Noting that legislation is supposed to be a correction for real or fancied ills, he truly adds: "The value of a law and its effect upon humanity will depend entirely upon its quality and the rigidity with which it is enforced."

Owing to temporary disability, Companion Rev. Henry Branch tried to resign as chairman of the Correspondence Committee, but Grand Chapter turned a deaf ear, and permitted several Past Grand High Priests to divide up the work among themselves. Florida fell

to Past Grand High Priest Oliver C. Wareheim, who summarized his conception of the important activities of the year. Taken altogether the reviews are very creditable and Companion Branch is to be complimented upon having so large a coterie of high grade understudies.

Next Annual in Baltimore, Dec. 11, 1928.

James M. Rawlings, Grand High Priest; Gustav A. Eitel, Grand Secretary; Rev. Henry Brach, Correspondent; all of Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS—1928

Chapters, 97. Members, 41,537. Exalted, 998
Net Loss, 294

WINTHROP J. CUSHING, Grand High Priest

Adhering strongly to English customs, this is one of the few American Grand Royal Arch Chapters which still have Quarterly Convocations, and which seems to be largely to hear reports. This, perhaps, is necessary, for these Quarterlies are night sessions only, excepting the Annual, the daytime of which is given over to the exemplification of the degrees, under the direction of the Grand Lecturer, with no indication that the Companions filling the Stations have received previous notice. The actual time taken is noted in each degree, being: Mark Master Degree, one hour and twenty minutes; Past Master, twenty-nine minutes; Most Excellent, fifty-six minutes; Royal Arch, one hour and fifty-three minutes; and which also includes the complete lecture for each degree.

Several times during the year was the inner veil of the Sanctuary opened to receive those who enter for the last time. No more in the councils will be heard: M. E. Comp. Frederick T. Comee, Grand High Priest in 1885-6-7, and the Dean of the Past Grand High Priests, Grand Treasurer in 1913-4-5, and Grand Secretary since 1917 as well as Capitular Reviewer; M. E. Comp. Samuel F. Hubbard, Grand High Priest 1902-3-4; besides several Past Deputy Grand High Priests and other Permanent Members.

Owing to the death of Grand Secretary Comee a Special Grand Communication was held to fill the vacancy, and so unanimous was the sentiment that the Grand Treasurer was authorized to cast one ballot for Past Deputy Grand High Priest Raymond T. Sewall for Grand Secretary, and which was later fully approved by permanently re-electing him. Judging from the specimens of skill exhibited it would appear that a wise choice has been made.

Several objections were offered by the Committee to a constitutional amendment which would have materially increased the membership of Grand Chapter by adding all living Past High Priests; and, continued the Committee, "we have yet to hear of any real reason in favor of the amendment." Grand Chapter being like-minded no action was taken. Florida, however, looked at it differently, all Past High Priests being permanent members of Grand Chapter.

Many distinguished Craftsmen from nearby Grand Quarries were present, including M. E. Comp. O. Frank Hart with the proxy of the General Grand High Priest, and also in his own right General Grand Master of the General Grand Council.

Considerable prominence is given in the address of Grand High Priest Winthrop to fraternal visitations, which singly and in joint convocations covered half or more of the subordinate Chapters of the State. He was accompanied by other prominent members of the Grand Chapter. He noted that the attendance at visitations still show a tendency to decrease. And while he regretted the condition, which he said may be expected, but which he urged, "we must try in every normal way to meet."

Among his official acts was the appointment of E. Comp. George B. Colesworth to represent the Grand Chapter of Florida and who was present at the Annual.

Well versed in Capitular Masonry must be the Companions of the Bay State, for no decisions are recorded nor were there any indications of a lack of peace and harmony. So may it ever be.

Having served only one year as Grand High Priest, three years being the custom, M. E. Comp. Winthrop J. Cushing was re-elected and following the requirements all the appointive officers were first announced, after which the remaining officers were then elected and all were installed.

After presenting memorials to deceased Past Officers of the convention of Anointed High Priests, thirty-seven Companions were elected and set apart to the Order. This was followed by an account of the development of the High Priesthood in that State, but which does not appear in the proceedings.

Following closely the general tenor of his predecessor, Grand Secretary Sewall presented his first Capitular Review, being a concise summary of what he considered to be the major happenings in each Grand Chapter which had come to his notice. He quotes conservatively and

his comments are compatible. He found nothing out of the ordinary in Florida.

All Communications are held in Masonic Temple, Boston.

Winthrop J. Cushing, Hingham, Grand High Priest; Raymond T. Sewall, Masonic Temple, Boston, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

MICHIGAN—1928

Chapters, 167. Members, 47,132. Exalted, 1,544
Net Loss, 288

STANLEY A. FARNUM, Grand High Priest

So that the many distinguished guests might witness the full ceremonial opening of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, in which the Grand Officers take special pride, the visitors were first formally received. The Eightieth Annual was held in Battle Creek, May 16 and 17, 1928, with all Grand Officers present, as well as many Past Grands and lesser lights.

After welcoming the visitors and members who were assembled, he said, in the interests of "one of the grandest human organizations on the face of the earth," he assured them that harmony and good will prevailed throughout the jurisdiction.

Early in the Capitular year he called a meeting of the line officers and Past Grand High Priests and assigned to each one his work for the year. He gave a Chapter permission to issue a monthly bulletin to be called the "Masonic Broadcaster." No decisions were required,

queries being answered by reference to the Red Book of Capitular Law. And the other necessary routine matters were so happily disposed of that nothing remained for the Committees to do except the formal "We approve," or nothing to report. His visitations included all the Chapters in the Northern Peninsula and a few others. He was accompanied by the Grand Lecturer who added to the interest by talks and pictures of his recent trip abroad.

He was pleased to say that Camp Rademaker was completed and was open to all Master Masons' sons and the members of the DeMolay.

The only dispensations refused were to Detroit Chapters who wished to visit a Windsor Chapter and confer the Past Masters Degree, they not having obtained the necessary permission from Canada. Later the Canadian Companions were healed and qualified to visit Michigan Chapters.

Particularly interesting was this Annual Convocation to R. E. Comp. Charles A. Conover, for it completed a quarter of a century of continuous service as Grand Secretary, and for ten years previous he was the assistant of his father in the same capacity, thus rounding out thirty-five years of Capitular services for the Grand Chapter of Michigan. And this is the particularly remarkable part:

Neither father nor myself had passed the chair of this Grand Chapter, yet we have both enjoyed the closest companionship with the Past Grand High Priests that have come and gone, as well as the hearty co-operation of the Royal Craft throughout the State.

Notwithstanding the safeguard for keeping the rituals solely in the hands of the Chapter officers they oc-

occasionally get away. The Grand Secretary received one that had been picked up in a Detroit interurban car, and another "was found ornamenting the reading stand of the living room of a Chapter officer." Ye scribe suspects that conditions similar to the latter would not be isolated instances.

The Grand Lecturer visited as many of the Grand Chapters as he could and he found that each year the work is improving and of a higher standard.

The Committee on Benevolences was instructed to ascertain if there be any persons connected with the Masonic fraternity, however remote, in any of the Southwestern States, who are unable to care for themselves or are liable to become public charges by reason of tuberculosis, and if so to render such assistance or relief as may be necessary.

An effort was made by some zealous Companions to abolish the office of Grand Lecturer and divide the work of instruction among the Grand Officers, and to use the funds thus saved towards paying a per diem to the Chapter Kings and Scribes so they might attend the Annual Convocations. But Grand Chapter did not approve, believing that the work of the Grand Lecturer was of more importance to the Craft than the presence of the Kings and Scribes at Grand Chapter.

Among the absentees from the annual dinner of the Past Grand High Priests' Association was M. E. Comp. James H. Thompson, whose home is now in Tampa.

Eighty-five, the largest class in its history, were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

The work of the skilled newspaperman is manifest

throughout the Capitular review by Past Grand High Priest Harry L. Izor.

He approved the exemplification of degrees before the Florida Grand Chapter assemblage because it smacks of sincerity and he believed that nine-tenths of the representatives present are more interested in the proper interpretation of the ritual "than all the rest of the session rolled into one." He thinks too few Grand Jurisdictions follow the practice "which seems to be an annual fixture in Florida." He noted that Michigan's representative "was not in the amen corner." Neither was Florida's, who happens to be a Past Grand High Priest of the Wolverine State but now living in our Southland State, which of course is a perfect alibi.

The Michigan Proceedings closes with a continuation of "A History of the Origin and Development of the Royal Arch Degree and Dependent Grades," by Grand Secretary Charles A. Connover, and which later will appear in book form.

Next Annual in Lansing, May 15 and 16, 1929.

Elgin Mifflin, Lansing, Grand High Priest; Charles A. Connover, Coldwater, Grand Secretary; Harry L. Izor, Durand, Correspondent.

MINNESOTA—1928

Chapters, 88. Members, 17,078. Exalted, 577
Net Gain, 34

CHARLES V. MCCOY, Grand High Priest

Among the missing ones at the Sixty-seventh Annual Convocation held in St. Paul, October 9, 1928, was

Florida's Grand Representative, E. Comp. H. E. Blair, although his residence is given but a few miles distant. However, through the courtesy of our Companion friend, Grand Secretary Fishel, ye scribe was not overlooked. Thank you. Distinguished dignitaries were present from Wisconsin and Manitoba.

Replying to a query concerning a difference between the Grand Chapter Uniform Code of By-laws and a General Grand Chapter regulation pertaining to when Chapter dues begin, he ruled that it would be "neither advisable nor expedient to amend said section in a manner which will bring the amendment into conflict with such Uniform Code;" and to which he added this illuminating side-light:

An interesting question has been raised by the query advanced in this instance. The United States is rather unique in that there are so many legislative bodies, grinding out laws for the nation, the individual state, the counties, municipalities, townships, villages and governing boards of various kinds. It is inevitable that there should be many instances where these laws conflict, and the subject of conflict of laws has been treated at length in legal encyclopedias and texts.

The Supreme Court of the State of Minnesota has held that the decisions of the United States Supreme Court in construing the Articles of the Federal Constitution are not binding upon the States in construing similar articles of State Constitutions, and we believe that our decision is in harmony with the general weight of authority upon this point.

Much difference of opinion seems to exist among different Grand Chapters concerning Chapter inspection, and the most satisfactory way to bring this about. A few years ago Minnesota adopted the Grand Lecture system, and with such satisfactory results that Grand High Priest McCoy believes the program now being fol-

lowed "will make live, virile and active Chapters throughout the State." However, he makes this pertinent suggestion: "My conception of the office is that it is not so much that of a critic as it is that of aide."

Among the conclusions reached by Grand High Priest McCoy, as noted in his "State of the Rite," is that for several years the percentage of annual loss has been quite constant at about three and one-half per cent of its membership. He does not believe that annual dues are responsible for withdrawals, nor is the degree fee prohibitive to membership, neither does ye scribe. He illustrates this by referring to a younger Chapter whose dues are \$8.00, situated in a town of less than a thousand inhabitants and with only three Lodges tributary, which has lost none either by suspensions or withdrawals. The reason for this he says "is obvious," because, he adds: "This Chapter is giving something in return for its dues over and beyond the degree work." He cites older Chapters in thickly populated centers, with small petition fees and minimum dues, which do but little work and lose heavily by suspensions and withdrawals. He continues:

These Chapters stand for nothing in the Masonic community except an essential step on the road to the Shrine. So far as their social life is concerned, they stand for nothing in the non-masonic community. They expend nothing for charity. They have nothing to give. Their petition fee and their dues are alike wasted. I believe the fault lies with the officers, and primarily with the High Priest and Secretary of the Chapters of this caliber.

[He follows with pertinent suggestions relative to such duties, and which all no doubt know, but which unfortunately some apparently fail to put into practice.]

Apparently there are premature "leaks" somewhere concerning Grand Chapter affairs, for the Finance Committee recommended that all its future meetings "be held in closed session so as to make it impossible for erroneous statements to be circulated throughout Grand Chapter before any decisions are rendered by that Committee."

All reports are brief and merely formal and nothing is recorded to disturb that peace and harmony which is supposed to prevail in all well regulated Masonic gatherings. Surely congratulations are in order.

Somewhat out of the ordinary and withal of much interest, following the setting apart of a class of twenty-two to the Order of High Priesthood, was the address of M. E. Comp. Frank E. Simmons, Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, who was also a welcome visitor at all sessions of the Grand Chapter.

Interests are so closely allied each side of that invisible boundary line, that it would not be surprising to learn of Orders of High Priesthood being formed by our northern neighbors.

Evidences of familiarity with all phases of the Fourth Estate are apparent throughout the excellent as well as interesting report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence by E. Comp. Chas. S. Schurman, in which he finds but little changes from previous year conditions. He finds much under Florida to interest him and his words of commendation are fully appreciated.

It is suggested that the northern members of the Guild, at the time these lines are being written, might receive additional inspiration were they sojourning in our favored Southland where it is summer all summer in the summertime and where there is no winter.

Next Annual in St. Paul, October 8, 1929.

William E. Pool, Pipestone, Grand High Priest;
John Fishel, St. Paul, Grand Secretary; Chas. G. Schurman, St. Paul, Correspondent.

MISSISSIPPI—1928

Chapters, 63. Members, 7,412. Exalted, 405
Net Loss, 206

WILLIAM H. WHITAKER, Grand High Priest

Being on wheels, the Eightieth Annual Convocation was held in Meridian, May 29 and 30, 1928, with a full complement of Grand Officers, Florida being about the only important personage missing.

It was a disappointment to Grand High Priest Whitaker that he was not permitted to welcome the Companions in his own home city. And it was another disappointment not to be able to visit all the Chapters in the State as he had planned; but "for various reasons I was forced to forego."

An outstanding feature of the year was the holding of ten reunions for the exemplification of work, at which time 235 received the degrees, and presumably a dispensation was required for each; and he said, very few Chapters did not ask for and receive dispensations, but he did not consider it necessary to enumerate them.

Largely routine is the address of the Grand High Priest, and substantially his official acts were approved.

Grand Chapter gave the Grand Lecturer authority to carry out the cooperative plans formulated the year previous regarding reunions, with the result of trained

teams, renewed activity among Chapters, new and enthused members, revival of interest among old members and a larger vision and fuller appreciation of Capitular Masonry. These results Grand Chapter approved; also the "method of conferring the degrees upon a plurality of candidates at a reunion."

Appreciating the excellent work of the Grand Lecturer an effort was made to appropriate a sum to purchase him a new car, but Grand Chapter said: "We pay him a salary and expenses, and whether he elects to travel by train or auto, we leave to his judgment."

The funds for the higher education of the children at the two Masonic Homes being inadequate, Grand Chapter authorized the levying of an extra twenty-five cents for the one year only.

Eleven qualified candidates were elected and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

Past Grand High Priest Henry C. Yawn again presented a well balanced and informative report on foreign correspondence, in which well chosen selections predominate, leaving it to the reader to make the comments fit the occasion.

Florida received careful discrimination in which is reproduced the letter of Grand High Priest Shear relative to the Education Fund.

Next Annual in Grenada, March 14 and 15, 1929.

Louis A. Benoist, Natchez, Grand High Priest; Edward L. Faucette, Meridian, Grand Secretary; Henry C. Yawn, Lumberton, Correspondent.

MISSOURI—1928

Chapters, 111. Members, 34,656. Exalted, 992
Net Loss, 644

JAMES A. KINDER, Grand High Priest

Preliminary entertaining preceded the formal convening of the Eighty-second Convocation which was in the City of Mexico, April 24, 1928, with representatives present from the General Grand Chapter, the General Grand Council, Iowa, Illinois, and the presiding officers of the other York Rite Bodies.

Whole-hearted Masonry in general and Capitular Masonry in particular stand out in the dignified address of Grand High Priest Kinder in the account of his stewardship for the year. Notwithstanding that for the first time in half a century the suspensions exceeded the exaltations, he stated, yet the "loyalty and enthusiasm" manifested in the Chapters which he visited, indicate that they "are in good working order and going forward."

The dispensations covering routine matters as well as his other official acts met the full approval of Grand Chapter and he was commended for his great interest in Royal Arch Masonry. Among the Grand Representatives appointed was E. Comp. Frank P. McAtte to represent Florida.

He issued an edict that Companions coming from Pennsylvania, who had not received the degree of Past Master, and desiring to visit or affiliate, must be obligated, it stated, in the same manner as other Past

Masters. "However, in this instance, Chapters may dispense with other parts of the ceremony of this degree."

Although \$500.00 was appropriated for the South Missouri flood relief, yet he found the Red Cross had so thoroughly covered the stricken area that he instructed the Grand Secretary to withhold the warrant.

The Grand High Priest ruled in substance that although a Chapter had by resolution decided to set aside a portion of its yearly dues for a specific purpose, yet in pro rating those dues that amount cannot be considered, for, he said, Grand Chapter By-laws "prohibits the levying of assessments even by Chapters themselves, much less by an outside organization."

In searching the records he found a number of "Lazy Chapters," as he designated them, that is, they had not been represented in Grand Chapters for several years—the greatest aggressor only once in the past fourteen years, and that by proxy. This comment by him is just as true in Florida or elsewhere:

I do not believe that any Chapter can function at its best unless its chief officers and leaders attend Grand Chapter and thus take back home the knowledge, inspiration and purposes of Royal Arch Masonry.

His visitations were as numerous and far-reaching as conditions permitted. One was in November to a Chapter in Illinois where he witnessed the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree, concerning which he stated:

The water was very cold and deep, the road was very rough and the tangled tree limbs and over-hanging vines made the going hard for these candidates, narrowly escaping fatal disaster on account of faulty bridges.

Among the nearly four hundred Companions who had given their services to the Royal Craft without the hope of fee or reward was M. E. Comp. Charles C. Woods, for many years the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Missouri near the Grand Chapter of Florida, and who also spent a number of winters in this State and where some of his children resided. He left a wonderful record in the educational and religious as well as the Masonic world, and from all of which he is greatly missed.

The Committee on the Wm. F. Kuhn Memorial reported progress and stated that "eventually it will come to the Grand Chapter with a worthy program of suggestions in honor of Dr. Kuhn."

Grand Chapter will send such officers and Past Grand High Priests to the General Grand Chapter as have attended at least two of the three Annual Convocations preceding the Triennial.

Grand Lecturer George C. Marquis not only believes that "it has a civilizing effect for men to put their feet under a common table," but he also believes that Royal Arch Masons do not object to paying for the food they consume. This he proved in two instances, after he had agreed to assume the responsibility of asking invited guests to pay for their dinner, and with these results:

All four Chapters accepted the invitation and were represented in such numbers that it was necessary for some to go to the dining room in relays, despite the fact that it rained all afternoon with the temperature such that the rain turned to ice on windshields and made driving a hazardous occupation.

Yet with a severe snowstorm raging all day, the six Chapters came in sufficient numbers to tax the capacity of the dining room, the largest eating place in the city.

I have never attended better Chapter meetings than these two; not an individual at either place objected to paying for each meal; everyone agreed that it was a common sense way to have a joint Convocation; and best of all, in each instance two rows of chairs around the room were occupied when the Royal Arch lecture was completed. These two Convocations have dispelled two often expressed opinions: first, that attendance cannot be had unless a free dinner is given; second, that an audience cannot be had for the lecture.

Nearly seventy candidates were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood. Previous to the election of officers M. E. President Alfred H. White expressed his desire to be relieved of the duties of that office, due to his advanced age. He has been a Royal Arch Mason forty-six years and an officer in Grand Chapter ten years. He was succeeded by M. W. John Picard. Ye scribe very much wishes that he could witness Companion Picard in the ceremonies of that Order.

The report on correspondence is again by Past Grand High Priest Corona H. Briggs and of course is up to his high standard of excellence. It is presumed that he will prepare the report for the coming year, although if the appointment was made ye scribe fails to discover any record of it.

Under Florida, in connection with our reference to M. E. Comp. D. M. Wilson, Comp. Briggs pays this tribute to Comp. Wilson and incidentally furnishes a little information concerning himself:

But our modest Companion was more than three score, loved honored and trusted on every hand. The writer is his senior by a few years. Thirteen years his senior as Grand High Priest and seven years his senior as Grand Master. He cannot plead youth for any shortcomings, but he is not hunting for any "briers of succoth" with which to teach men.

Next Annual in Hannibal, April 23 and 24, 1929.
Bion L. Waldron, Hannibal, Grand High Priest; Ray
V. Denslow, Grand Secretary.

MONTANA—1928

Chapters, 36. Members, 4,788. Exalted, 121
Net Gain or Less (?)

EDWARD W. SPOTTSWOOD, Grand High Priest

Through the fraternal courtesy of the Grand Commandery of Montana the Thirty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Montana was held on Melita Island in Flathead Lake, July 3, 1928, with most everyone present that ought to be, except Florida's Grand Representative, and hence there was no one to convey the "greetings from the Royal Arch Masons of Montana." The most distinguished guest on this occasion was M. E. Comp. O. Frank Hart, the personal representative of the General Grand High Priest.

Affectionate tribute was paid to the memory of M. E. Comp. Joseph T. Hindson, who was the senior living Grand High Priest at the time of his death, having occupied the Grand East in 1895, and having attended every Grand Convocation "for many, many years." He was also very prominent in all the other concordant orders.

It may be that some prophets are "without honor in their own country," but not so is Grand High Priest Spottswood, for this is a part of the report of the committee to which was referred his address:

Your Committee takes its landmarked prerogative of stating to you, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, that clothed in the purple you have worn the symbolic crown of King Solomon of Montana's Masonry; you have wielded the scepter of power over the symbolic sword and trowel of our Cryptic Rite, and this year you have been covered with the miter of the Grand High Priest of the Capitular Rite of our Commonwealth.

By reason of ill health and also to conserve Grand Chapter funds, Grand High Priest Woodson made but few visitations. He was pleased to report indications of increased interest and activities, and he believed the turning point in Chapter membership had begun. Further, that it was time to "call a halt on the wholesale suspension of members for non-payment of dues," and that from now on every individual case should be carefully investigated by the High Priest, Secretary or personal friend, and that only when there appeared to be an entire lack of interest in the Fraternity, "it may then be proper to vote a suspension."

He recommended the continuing of the custom of the Grand Chapter and the Grand Council, providing the Christmas dinner for the Masonic Home.

Perhaps for the purpose of increasing activities in the Grand Capitular Quarry, each recommendation and other matters requiring action is referred to a special and different committee. The more persons that can be set to work in any organization the greater the interest. And would it not be well to have a standing committee in every Chapter, Grand and subordinate, whose duties it would be to find something for the other fellows to do?

Having adopted the General Grand Chapter ritual, the Grand High Priest recommended making its use ob-

ligatory on each subordinate Chapter, but on recommendation of the committee action was "deferred for a time."

The Cornelius Hedges, Jr., Memorial Educational Fund, has been combined with the Grand Commandery Educational Fund, which now has seventy-nine outstanding loans, aggregating almost \$15,000.00. These loans are payable in four installments, commencing one year after graduation, and in this manner: 10% the first year, 20% the second year, 30% the third year, and 40% the fourth year, with interest annually.

The Grand Chapter has adopted the quite appropriate custom of some time during the Convocation receiving and welcoming the Past Grand High Priests. Replying to the cordial welcome, the spokesman said: "We deem it a privilege to come here; give us whatever you can to do and we will feel that our activities are not a thing of the past."

Treasurers and Secretaries of Subordinate Chapters will be under a blanket bond, the premium to be pro rated to each Chapter.

No disturbances having arisen among the workmen, the Committee on Appeals and Grievances reported "nothing doing."

Hereafter, apparently, the Grand Secretary will have to be his own stenographer and typist, as the allowance for clerk hire was abated.

Six duly qualified Companions were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood, and Companion O. Frank Hart, of South Carolina, was elected an honorary member of the Montana Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests, as he was also of the Grand Chapter.

Past Grand High Priest H. S. Hefner for the ninth time presented the correspondence report. After having

read the addresses of the Grand High Priests, "some of which were good and some were passable," he came to this conclusion:

We feel that the Royal Arch has not yet found itself; some great humanitarian purpose will come to it, engaging its efforts, which will crown Capitular Masonry with everlasting glory.

We are free to confess our disappointment at the General Grand Chapter Triennial failing to bring forth some such aim. There is too much routine work; too much time given to delivery of eulogies of deceased Past General Grand High Priests and of other officers; too much tinkering with the ritual; too much wire-pulling in advancing the interests of some favorite son to a post on the roster of officers; all this prevents ample examination into the greater and larger fields of endeavor into which the General Grand Chapter should direct the footsteps of the Grand Chapters and of the Royal Craft, and should be the leading feature of the Triennials.

Only men of large mental caliber should be entrusted with the leadership of the Capitular hosts; men who are full of vision and magnetism; men who can think, plan, and carry out designs into which the keystone shall be the binding headstone.

When this is done, then may we hope that out of the head of some symbolic Jove there may spring forth a full-armed Goddess of Wisdom to lead the Companions into paths they do not know and make darkness light before them, and the Eternal Light and Truth be made the halo hovering over the keystone of the Royal Arch.

There is no review of Florida, probably the proceedings failed to reach Companion Hepner.

The time and place for holding the next Annual will be announced at some other time through the Grand Secretary's office.

Ray M. Armour, Great Falls, Grand High Priest; Luther T. Hauberg, Helena, Grand Secretary; H. S. Hepner, Helena, Correspondent.

NEBRASKA—1928

Chapters, 57. Members, 8,385. Exalted, 337
Net Gain, 28

HARFORD N. ROSEBUSH, Grand High Priest

Three Chapters did not respond to roll call when the gavel sounded and the Sixty-second Annual Convocation was opened in Ample Form at Omaha, December 5, 1928; but Past Grand High Priest Walter L. Spear was there as usual to represent Florida. According to custom a Chapter is opened by one of the local bodies and then the Grand High Priest and Associate Officers are escorted in and formally introduced and he is given the honors due his exalted station. This is followed by the introduction of distinguished visitors, chief of whom was General Grand High Priest Charles C. Davis. Following the addresses of welcome was a memorial to all Past Grand High Priests by the Grand Chaplain, the last addition to this honor roll was M. E. Comp. James W. Maynard, Grand High Priest in 1901-2.

Thoughtful was the somewhat concise address of Grand High Priest Rosebush, in which he stated he found what many others likewise have discovered, "that I had planned work that I should have three years to do in rather than the short space of one year," although it is quite doubtful if many would care to have their term of office extend beyond the year.

Unavoidable conditions appear to have materially interfered with plans for official visitations, however, he was convinced that much interest is being taken in Capitular Masonry. Referring to his visit to the Grand Chap-

ter of Colorado, he stated he was "escorted to lunch by Reuben W. Hershey, *Sheriff of Colorado*," and who parenthetically it might be said is a Past Grand High Priest.

His one dispensation pertained to the "matter of jurisdiction from the time of the expiration of the dispensation to the meeting of the Grand Chapter," this being the first time ye scribe recalls having seen this matter specifically considered, and in which is presented the several conditions leading up to granting the dispensation, its powers, its time of expiration, and when the property and other assets "pass into the custody of the Grand Chapter through its Secretary and not to any other Chapter," and that its most valuable asset is "its allocated territory." For these reasons and under the rule of "common fairness," he held:

That the territory allocated to a Chapter U. D. passed into the custody of the Grand Chapter for the time of the expiration of work, and did not become a part of the territory of any other Chapter until the Charter was refused by the Grand Chapter, and so no petitions could be received from said territory during this time by any Chapter.

All requests for special dispensations which he believed were not according to Masonic law he consistently refused to grant. But he did grant a dispensation to form a new Chapter at Gering, to be called Oregon Trail and quite properly so, for the last time ye scribe was in that part of the North Platte Valley evidences were still visible of the old trail made by Fremont and his pioneers which led to the making possible of the great Northwest Territory. And also that the first Scribe of the new Chapter is Comp. Asa B. Wood, an old-time acquaintance and a veteran newspaperman.

The Grand High Priest believed that all Grand Officers ought to have jewels appropriate to their stations, and particularly so when they went "a visiting;" but Grand Chapter thought it better to let this matter cover a period of years and compromised by beginning with the Grand High Priest and Grand Lecturer, as they are the ones who appear more often in public.

Although no definite action appears to have been taken, yet it would seem that this thought of the Grand High Priest is worthy of general consideration:

I wish that some effort could be put forth in every Chapter to furnish work for the Companions so that each might have a part in some activity to promote greater interest in the Craft.

This quite out of the ordinary featured one of the visitations of a Deputy Grand Lecturer who witnessed the work conferred upon three brothers "who had gone step by step through all the degrees of Masonry in Lodge and Chapter together."

Apparently Nebraska regulations require Royal Arch Masons to instruct all Companions in the esoteric work within sixty days after being exalted, but observations of the Deputy in his visitations caused him to wonder if "this is done in all cases," and to suggest that examinations in open Chapter would not only make the Companions more familiar with the work of the Chapter but also create more interest among Royal Craftsmen generally. If this would be desirable in Nebraska, why not in other Jurisdictions as well?

High Priesthood being a pre-installation requirement, all Companions not having previously received it, were duly consecrated and set apart to this Holy Order.

It is a pleasure as well as instructive to turn to the report of the Committee on Correspondence, of which

Past Grand High Priest George R. N. Browne is the Chairman, and peruse his review of the several Grand Chapter Proceedings which have come under his critical eye, in which nothing of importance seems to have been overlooked. Fortunately Florida finds nothing but pleasure in his sight. Noting Florida's allowance for per diem and mileage, he rightly concludes "there can be no excuse for a Chapter not being represented, and very little or no excuse for representation by proxy." His commendation is appreciated.

Next Annual in Omaha, December 4-5, 1929.

Harry S. Villars, Tecumseh, Grand High Priest;
Lewis E. Smith, Omaha, Grand Secretary; George N. R. Browne, Hastings, Correspondent.

NEVADA—1928

Chapters, 9. Members, 659. Exalted, 34
Net Gain, 1

EDWIN A. DUCKER, Grand High Priest

Every Grand Officer and by a curious coincidence an equal number of Past Grands responded to roll call when the Fifty-fifth Annual Convocation was formally opened in Reno, June 12, 1928, and also with officials from each of the subordinate Chapters; but, alas, Florida was omitted. The personal representative of the Grand High Priest of California was the guest of honor. Among the beloved Companions to "cross the bar" during the year were: Brother Chris Wolf, Grand Tyler

of both Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, and undoubtedly one of the most generally known Craftsmen in the State; also M. E. Brother Edward Barber, Grand High Priest in 1924, and prominent in all other Masonic Bodies.

Fortunate, indeed, was Nevada in having a Grand High Priest who could devote so much of his time to official visitations and who could so vividly portray those occasions. Only one Chapter was omitted, and that by reason of unavoidable causes.

The address of Grand High Priest Ducker revealed but few occasions requiring official action, and no decisions were reported.

One request for waiver of jurisdiction was made by the Grand High Priest of Idaho. Complying with Nevada laws it was submitted to the Chapter interested, and by the unanimous vote of that Chapter the request was denied. The reasons assigned, stated Grand High Priest Ducker, "were sound," but they do not appear in the proceedings.

Referring to the Craft, he made this encouraging statement:

While there has not been any great gain in membership in Capitular Masonry in the Nevada jurisdiction in recent years, yet the percentage of Master Masons in this State who are Royal Arch Masons is greater than at least twelve States in the Union. Our present position from a numerical standpoint is therefore normal and no apprehension need be felt on this score.

In his visitations as well as in Grand Chapter he urged the importance of correct and impressive work, and when this does not appeal to the individual Companion he doubts "if he will ever become more than a dues-paying member."

Scholarly, instructive and interesting was the oration by Grand Orator Henry W. Miles, being a study of Capitular Masonry, using as a background for the setting the story of the Jewish nation as brought out in Croly's "Tarry Thou Till I Come," Pickard's "In the Palace of Amuhia" and Davis' "Belshazzar." The central thought was that Freemasonry has ever been the advocate of liberty—civil, political and religious—and the foe of irresponsible and unauthorized power.

An unsuccessful effort was made to substitute the work of the Grand Chapter of California for that of the General Grand Chapter.

Not being enough Companions present, no meeting of the Order of High Priesthood was held.

Conforming to the action of the previous Annual Grand Chapter, for financial reasons, there is no report on correspondence. Ye scribe misses the splendid reports so long prepared by the late Grand Secretary Vanderleith and by his successor, Grand Secretary King, and the Companions of the Sagebrush State are of course much the greater losers.

Next Annual in Reno, June 11, 1929.

L. W. Semenza, Grand High Priest; Frank D. King, Grand Secretary; both of Reno.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1928

Chapters, 26. Members, 5,843. Admitted, 131
Net Loss, 32

JAMES LITTLEFIELD, Grand High Priest

There was a veritable influx of Capitular dignitaries from half a dozen of the nearby States when the gavel

sounded for the formal opening of the One Hundred and Ninth Annual Convocation at Concord, May 15, 1928; and Florida made the number complete, only five of the Chapters seemingly missed connections. Too bad.

This Grand Chapter has the quite appropriate custom of setting aside a page chronicling the passing of each Past High Priest, of which there were seven.

But few pages of the proceedings were required by Grand High Priest Littlefield to present a resume of the official activities and progress of Capitular Masonry in the White Mountain State. His official visitations included one to his home Chapter, Belknap No. 8, the outstanding event being the depositing in the archives of the Chapter a keystone containing articles of Masonic and civic interest, and with an inscription upon it addressed to the Companions of Belknap Chapter in 1977, at which time it was directed "that the seals be broken."

The Grand High Priest stated that he had not been called upon to render any decisions, and that "Capitular Masonry is giving unmistakable evidences of a reviving influence, particularly in the smaller Chapters." That is encouraging.

One of the advantages of Grand Jurisdictions of lesser domain is the privileges of inter-state visitations, and none of the New England territory was omitted. In Florida it is different. It is a full day's journey for most of its dignitaries to even reach the State line.

The several subordinate Chapters were assigned to the Council officers for visitations, and none appear to have been omitted. Their reports show that the Chapters are "carrying on," and the interest in most cases is encouraging. "Eats" are not overlooked, of course.

It was ordered that the Grand Officers not installed today be installed in their respective Chapters and certificate thereof be forwarded to the Grand Secretary.

Ye scribe sometimes wonders, referring to the above, whether it is really just to the faithful workers of the Craft who do, perhaps, make sacrifices to attend Annual Convocations, and then ignore them and continue to pass on the "honors," if such they be, to absentees who do not indicate their appreciation of the recognition accorded them and are not present to receive them?

Only four qualified Companions appeared to appreciate the privileges of being set apart to the Order of High Priesthood. No change was made in the official roster.

E. Comp. Charles B. Spofford again presents a comprehensive report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he compares our "glorious institution" with a generation ago, and rejoices that the Craft has the privilege of "assisting in leading to a higher degree of usefulness, those perhaps less fortunate, from opportunity or environment."

He apparently finds little of interest in the Florida Proceedings, as his references are limited. However, as he is spending this winter in this land of sunshine and flowers, another year he may look at matters Capitular somewhat differently. Let us hope. He fully approves the printing of our report for distribution among the Royal Craft at the Annual Convocations, and wishes his Grand Chapter was like minded. He also approves the "idea of a running title with number of Chapters, exaltations and gain and loss," which information he considers a "desirable asset to its readers." Reference was also made to our meeting at "the memorable Portland Con-

vention." Yes, Companion, memorable in more ways than one. And we are now looking forward to Tacoma in 1930.

Next Annual in Concord, May 14, 1929.

Ralph W. Jenkins, Portsmouth, Grand High Priest; Harry M. Cheney, Concord, Grand Secretary; Charles B. Spofford, Claremont, Correspondent.

NEW JERSEY—1928

Chapters, 58. Members, 20,471. Exalted, 832
Net Gain 238

CHARLES D. McCracken, Grand High Priest

Half a dozen Grand Jurisdictions were represented when the Seventy-second Annual Convocation was formally opened in Trenton, May 9, 1928; regrets were received from as many more, none evidently being overlooked, and the "remarks" of those present were all that would naturally be expected. Florida is always present, because our Grand Representative, Past Grand High Priest William H. Lowe, is never among the absentees, and it behooves our Representative near the Grand Chapter of New Jersey to take due notice and govern himself accordingly.

Well deserved eulogies memorialized the untimely passing of M. E. Comp. Abram A. Reger, who was truly removed "in the midst of life's usefulness," having been Grand Secretary since 1925; was Grand High Priest in 1912, and for several years Recorder of the Order of High Priesthood.

Real fraternalism and desire for service characterize the address of Grand High Priest McCracken, which contains many suggestions of value to the Royal Craft. Fortunately the minor essentials of his administration were such that he was permitted to give freely of his time to visitations, both inside and outside the State, particularly notable being the reception tendered by his own Chapter, Wilson No. 13, at Lambertville, when were present many of the official family as well as those of nearby States.

Among the dispensations granted was one quite out of the ordinary, giving "permission to elect as Chaplain a Companion Royal Arch Mason holding membership in the sister jurisdiction of South Dakota."

He was able to answer all questions referred to him by calling attention to the regulations and approved decisions. However, as there seemed to be some uncertainty in regard to the procedure relative to Companions coming from Jurisdictions where the four degrees are not conferred, he issued an edict, citing the action taken the year previous to the effect that they be required to take the obligation of the degrees of which they are deficient, to which he added:

You will note that I do not recommend that any degrees shall be conferred in the case of a visitor, but simply that he shall be qualified to sit in a Chapter in this Jurisdiction.

Diametrically opposite ideas prevailed in two Chapters regarding concurrent jurisdiction over a certain locality, one Chapter unanimously requesting that it be granted and the other Chapter as vehemently opposing. The Grand High Priest referred the contention to the Committee on Jurisdiction of Chapters with the result

that the differences were harmonized, concurrent jurisdiction was granted and the dove of peace hovers placidly over the entire territory.

At the previous Annual a recommendation was submitted relative to shortening the ritual, and the committee to which it was referred unanimously recommended that no change should be made in the ritual, and Grand Chapter approved.

Appreciating the excellent work of the Committee on Correspondence, as well as the great amount of labor attached to it, Grand Chapter doubled the remuneration. And even now it is far from princely.

A constitutional amendment relative to the election of officers in Grand Chapter contains this unique provision, and which was laid over for action until the next Annual Convocation:

At the opening of the Grand Chapter a box shall be placed on the Secretary's desk and remain there until the time of election, in which those desiring to place Companions in nomination for the elective offices of the Grand Chapter may deposit the names of proposed candidates. After the second ballot all the names except those who have received the highest and next highest number of votes shall be dropped from the ballot.

Well attended was the Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests and included were many of the distinguished visitors. The candidates nearly equaled the number of Chapters represented. A special memorial to the late Recorder, M. W. Comp. Abram A. Reger, who passed away during the year, was presented.

Once again Grand Chaplain A. Boylan Fitz-Gerald and chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence presents an excellently worded review of all Chapter proceedings which reached him. He appreciates this

method of getting acquainted with them as well as "for the advancement in knowledge which such a review has made possible."

He is quite generous in reviewing Florida. Referring to the educational loan fund, he feels sure that "Florida will see many wonderful results which will make her glad she has done this."

He considers that Monroe D. Cushing Chapter U. D., Tampa, which exemplified all the degrees before Grand Chapter so commendably, "is worthy of praise and ought to make some of the older Chapters which have difficulty in exemplifying the work feel a trifle embarrassed." Replying to his query, Florida local Chapters are exempt from paying per capita tax upon all classes of "Emeritus Members."

He does not quite approve the use of the word "healing," as applied to conferring a degree not previously received, as it merely "supplies a deficiency;" for to him "healing" means "giving something in a correct way that has been given in a wrong or illegal way." However, he adds, "this may only be a quibbling of words." Who was it that said: "Pray what can the difference be 'twixt tweedle-dum and tweedle-de?"

Next Annual in Trenton, May 15, 1929.

Victor H. Pugh, Somerville, Grand High Priest;
Charles D. McCracken, Lambertville, Grand Secretary;
A. Boylan Fitz-Gerald, Woodbridge, Correspondent.

NEW MEXICO—1928

Chapters, 16. Members, 2,065. Exalted, 84
Net Loss, 29

SAMUEL E. WOOD, Grand High Priest

Only one Chapter was not represented when the Thirteenth Annual Convocation was formally opened in Magdalena, Feb. 23, 1928. Low Twelve sounded for M. E. Comp. Salmon Spitz, Grand High Priest in 1911, and Grand Treasurer since 1918.

The usual run of Capitular matters were reported in the address of Grand High Priest Wood, largely minor. He made two official visitations besides his own Chapter (at Gallup), and this is his alibi:

The Jurisdictional lines of my own Chapter cover more territory than many of our sister Jurisdictions. Our nearest neighbor on the north is at Farmington, 132 miles away; Rio Grande Chapter at Albuquerque, 168 miles to the east; while Silver City Chapter by either rail or highway is over 300 miles to the south; and our nearest neighbor on the west is at Winslow, Arizona, 132 miles distant.

Of the twelve Chapters reported by their District Deputies, five Chapters require "proficient examinations before advancement."

He wonders if the standing in the Masonic world is not too often gauged by number, of degrees conferred and the majestic temples built, rather than by the relief "of those who need our aid."

His one decision was that he could see no objection "to the use of a photo-gravure of their Charter to be used upon the altar," provided the regular charter was

in the room where it would be easily accessible to any one entitled to the privilege of examining it.

He stressed the need to understand and practice more fully one of what he denominates Masonry's greatest secrets, "Service to God, to our fellowman, and to the community," and concluded his address with this timely admonition:

We do not sanction politics in Masonry, but I do believe that Masons should be in politics, conscientiously, exercising the right of suffrage in the cause of honesty and righteous government. It is not necessary for a man to be a Mason to be a good citizen; but it is essential that a good Mason be a good citizen.

Realizing the apparent inability to complete the organization of the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association along the lines prescribed in the original charter, granted by the State of New Mexico, a resolution was adopted favoring the action taken by the Grand Lodge of New Mexico in making several amendments to the charter, one of which will change the name to read "Masonic Tuberculosis Association."

Grand Chapter adopted the report of the special committee appointed a year previous which provided for the establishment of the Order of High Priesthood, and a year hence the same committee will submit the necessary constitution and regulations.

The committee on Chartered Chapters brought to the attention of Grand Chapter one of its regulations which provides that "Chapters are required to confer not more than one degree on any one special occasion;" also that "practically all Chapters are not observing this provision of the law." Grand Chapter adopted the report.

At the previous Annual the incoming Grand High Priest was given power to appoint a committee on Foreign Correspondence; but after going into the matter he came to the conclusion that the finances would not permit such an addition to the Proceedings at this time, but hoped "there will be sufficient funds available the coming year" to add this review. The Guild will look for it with pleasure.

Next Annual in Gallup, Feb. 21, 1928.

Wilbur L. Esler, State College, Grand High Priest;
Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, Grand Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES—1927

Chapters, 71. Members, 3,435 (?)

NEVILLE W. MONTAGUE, Grand First Principal

Statistics pertaining to membership is negligible, and there is nothing to indicate the number of exaltations during the year nor the gains or losses. The report of the Grand Treasurer indicates that the total receipts for the year were over one thousand pounds sterling, while the only charities apparent was "Pension," seventy-eight pounds sterling.

Most of the business recorded at the four Quarterlies are the address each time of the Grand First Principal and the Report of the Grand Inspector of Workings, the latter comparable in Florida with the reports of the District Deputy Grand High Priests when functioning. Most if not every Chapter seems to have been visited by the Grand First Principal, or representative, whose chief requirement appears to be the installation

of the officers for the ensuing year. Either the election of officers must be held to accommodate the visit of the Grand First Principal, or substantially a year must elapse from election to installation, for if ye scribe correctly understands it, the first installation by the Grand First Principal was Nov. 15, 1926, the beginning of his official year; and the last was Nov. 5, 1927. The investiture and installation of Grand First Principal Montague for the third time and the other officers for the following year were at a special communication held Nov. 26, 1927.

At the first Quarterly in 1927 the Constitution was amended:

No Companion shall be elected to any office in Grand Chapter (except those of Grand Organist and Grand Janitor), unless he be an Installed First Principal.

This is in substance the position held by several of the Australian Grand Chapters and is that which is the bone of contention and which is preventing the amalgamation of the two Grand Chapters in Queensland. It shows the close relation between Lodge and Chapter under English and Scottish constitutions, and from which the Australian Chapters derive. This is a condition not prevailing in American Masonry and hence not appreciated on this side the big pond. It reminds ye scribe of that controversy depicted by some old writers concerning, "Pray what can the difference be twixt tweedledum and tweedlede?" Elsewhere it is stated that the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland has granted the first formed Queensland Grand Chapter recognition.

At the same Quarterly it was made known that the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South

Wales had expressed a desire to bring about a conference with a view to formulate a scheme to overcome the differences existing between the Grand Chapter of New South Wales and the District Grand Chapter of Scotland. Such a conference was held at which was also represented the Grand Mark Lodge of New South Wales, the District Grand Chapter of Scotland and the Grand Chapter of Ireland. Nothing appears to have been accomplished except to adjourn to a later date, concerning which no report appears. In passing, this will illustrate the continued prevailing unsettled conditions throughout Australia, for it is recorded "of a junior member of a Lodge who was exalted at one meeting, and the next installed as First Principal of a Scottish Constitution Chapter."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence consists of five members with V. E. Comp. F. Bussman as chairman, and who presumably presents the very interesting and comprehensive report. He has opinions which he occasionally expresses and which adds much to its value. Under Arkansas he says:

When a Companion is installed as Z. (High Priest), he retains after his term of office is completed the rank of Past Z., which rank is acknowledged by any Chapter he may affiliate with.

Wonder what should prevent American Grand Bodies making such a provision. It does prevail in the transfer of Past Grand Officers. Referring to the Queensland condition he says:

The union of the Grand Chapters in Queensland will pave the way to recognition throughout the world. The perversity and the tenacity of the Scot, even in a wrong cause, is proverbial.

Florida is approvingly and sympathetically reviewed. Referring to the "first official act" of Grand High Priest Shear in relation to the educational fund to assist students to obtain an education, Comp. Bussman (?) well says: "This is another instance of the great and practical interest taken in education by your American Companions." However, the last sentence of what follows is not quite clear to ye scribe:

The Grand High Priest speaks of the supreme need of every Chapter having an efficient Secretary; and says that it is the duty of every Companion to see that the Secretary fulfills accurately and promptly the functions of his office. We can conceive that a literal interpretation of this duty by every Companion might lead to startling results.

Answering a query previously made he says:

The communication of "the Signs" and the delivery of "The Mystical Lecture" forms part of the Exaltation ceremony, and not of the Installation; and that it is the usual practice of a First Principal to install his successor.

Very grateful are his expressions of commendation and sympathy.

All Convocations of Grand Chapter are held in Masonic Hall, Sydney. M. E. Comp. Neville W. Montague is Grand First Principal, and R. E. Comp. D. R. Hutchison, Grand Scribe E.

NOVA SCOTIA—1928

Chapters, 20. Members, 2,634. Exalted, 112
Net Loss, 3

R. V. HARRIS, Grand High Priest
Distinguished Masonic notables from New Brunswick were present when the Fifty-ninth Annual Convo-

cation was formally opened in Halifax, June 12, 1928, with several of the minor officials absent, as was also Florida's representative.

Quite true as well as expressive is the sentiment following the announcement of the passing of our Past Grand High Priest William S. Ware: "His name is immortalized in the untiring devotion he exerted in behalf of the Masonic Home of Florida."

"Deserving of the highest commendation at the hands of his Companions and of this Grand Body," are the very apt words used by the committee to whom was referred the address of Grand High Priest Harris, which is as inspiring as it is constructive, and in which the betterment of the Royal Craft was ever uppermost. His year was saddened by the passing of his father.

The protest made a year previous by the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia to using the words "Dominion of Canada" in connection with the title of the Order of High Priesthood which had been organized in Toronto, and which protest was joined in by the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, resulted in changing the title to "The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood of Ontario," which is accepted as an evidence of good faith and fraternal feelings between the Companions of Ontario and the Maritime Provinces, and leaves it open for any of the Canadian Companions to confer the Order in any of the provinces of the Dominion where one does not already exist.

His visitations included all the Chapters except the one in New Foundland, but not to many of the international gatherings, and this is his interpretation of the requirements of his office:

My opinion is that a G. H. P. would be better occupied in delivering an address on some subject of special interest to R. A. Masons generally, than in occupying himself with a dry recital of visitations, dispensations and appointments. That frankly is my preference, but the Constitution requires me to make such a report and in obedience thereto I shall do so.

His visitations impressed him with the importance of Chapter Secretaries, for he well says that upon them "rests the chief responsibility for the smooth running of the work," and a Secretarial organization was effected.

He ruled that "continuous membership" was not broken in dimitting from one Chapter to another if the Companion "took reasonably prompt steps to continue his membership." Another ruling referred to a Brother who, owing to sickness, making it necessary to use crutches from a boy and not being able to "take steps," but having an M. A. and other degrees and also a member of two Lodges, was eligible to receive the Chapter degrees.

He advocated the re-electing a Grand High Priest, because it would have a tendency to more firmly stabilize the Order and also give a successful presiding officer the opportunity to put into effect the results of some of his investigation. Grand Chapter, however, looked at this differently and rotation in office was continued.

He emphatically believed that Grand Chapter should have a wider and more tolerant vision of service to humanity by definitely adopting some object for charity or establishing some fund, educational or benevolent, to which it can point with justification for existence.

He recommended and Grand Chapter approved celebrating the Diamond Jubilee, or Sixtieth Anniversary

of Grand Chapter, June 10 and 11, 1929, although the specific date would be October 14th, the first organization has been effected in 1869.

Grand Chapter, on the recommendation of the Ritual Committee, looked with favor upon a suggestion from the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick on the advisability of changing the titles of the principal officers of Grand and Subordinate Chapters and the consequent change of ritual to conform therewith; also the sending of a team to Montreal to witness the exemplification of the work by an Ontario team according to their ritual. Report will be made at the next Annual Convocation.

Grand Chapter also looked with favor upon the Uniform Chapter By-laws, submitted by the Grand High Priest, but thinking that constitutional amendments might be necessary before adopting, referred it back and continued the committee, also adding the name of the out-going Grand High Priest, for action a year hence.

According to an accepted constitutional amendment, if ye scribe correctly understands it, reinstatement for non-payment of dues requires not only payment of all back dues up to time of suspension, but also the accrued dues thereafter; differing in this last requirement from Florida practice.

Twelve qualified Companions were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood in due and solemn form. This being required in Nova Scotia, other assemblies will be held before an elected Chapter High Priest can preside.

Grand Secretary Brenton F. Porter again submitted a very readable as well as instructive review of other Grand Chapters, including Florida. He approves setting the seal of condemnation against all innovations calculated to excite mirth; and also the appointment of

District Deputies, "if the right men can be found for that work." Nova Scotia calls them Grand Superintendents.

Next Annual in Sydney, June 11, 1929.

Joseph R. Murray, New Glasgow, Grand High Priest; Brenton F. Porter, Truro, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

NORTH CAROLINA—1928

Chapters, 57. Members, 8,151. Exalted, 336
Net Loss, 120

CHARLES A. JENKINS, Grand High Priest

Owing to the ill health of the Grand High Priest, although present, R. E. Comp. W. C. Wicker, the Deputy Grand High Priest, presided at the Eightieth Annual Convocation, held in the city of Durham, May 8 and 9, 1928. The General Grand Chapter, General Grand Council, Pennsylvania, and the Grand Lodge were represented, but Florida was not.

A memorial tribute was paid to R. E. Comp. Edward B. Neave, who was made Grand Treasurer in 1914, and was Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1906 and 1907; also to R. E. James D. Bullock, Deputy Grand High Priest in 1899.

Quite brief was the address of Grand High Priest Charles H. Jenkins, and which was read by the Deputy Grand High Priest. Realizing the condition of Capitular Masonry in the State, early in the year the Grand

High Priest worked out a plan, which was put into the hands of each of the line officers, with the view, he said, "of creating a greater knowledge of the principles of Masonry and how to live them in our own homes and in our business relations with our fellow men." He found seven Chapters "which had been overcome with apathy and indifference" to such an extent that they had made no reports, "some as far back as three years." He turned his special attention to them, and he was pleased to report that "five of those seven Chapters had redeemed themselves." This is his formula, which might be worth considering by others where similar conditions prevail:

We believe beyond a doubt that twelve line officers, acting as District Deputies, placed in different districts throughout the State, can and will accomplish more for the best interests of Capitular Masonry than any one individual instructor could possibly do, even if located in the absolute center of the State.

He seems to have made as many official visitations as his health and other conditions would permit. His talks at these times was educational, one of which was the "Contribution of Royal Arch Masonry to the Life of the Blue Lodge," a practical topic, which it is feared is not given the prominence it deserves.

He issued an edict regarding the action of Pennsylvania in the Past Master Degree controversy substantially in line with other Grand Chapters. While the Past Master's Degree is theoretically a necessity, its actual utility as it has been commonly worked is debatable.

He refused to grant a dispensation to organize a Chapter at one place because "conditions did not seem favorable." It is encouraging to note the growing tendency to more thorough investigations of requests for forming new Chapters, and had this always prevailed

we opine there would be less dormant Masonic bodies today.

Over a thousand dollars were used during the year by the York Rite Library Fund Committee in providing papers and other literature of a constructive nature for the guests at the Masonic Home and at the Oxford Orphanage.

A constitutional amendment to the effect that appointive officers would be "ineligible to succeed themselves or each other," did not find favor with Grand Chapter. It is possible that such legislation might be looked at differently did such appointments carry with them "Past Honors" at the close of service.

It is interesting to note that the Companions who are set apart each year to the Order of High Priesthood, are about equal to a third of the number of Chapters in that particular Grand Jurisdiction. The number in North Carolina this year is eighteen and there are fifty-four subordinate Chapters.

As one star differeth from another star, so does one Masonic reviewer differ from another Masonic reviewer, only more so, and this is carried to the *n*th degree by E. Comp. J. Edward Allen, who is not only the official reviewer and statistician for the York Rite Bodies of North Carolina, but also apparently publicity, statistical and administrative executive of the public school system of the same State. He is in a class by himself.

While Companion Allen regrets "that good Mason and good fellow, H. O. Snow," was not elected to a station in the General Grand Chapter, however, he adds:

Florida feels that it almost has a man at the head of the General Grand; for General Grand High Priest Davis has a winter home at St. Petersburg, Florida.

His other four dissertations are pleasing and informative but do not easily adapt themselves to comment or quotation. Thank you for your commendation.

Incidentally we do not assume that Companion Allen is responsible for one section of our North Carolina proceedings being upside down in the binding. As a matter of fact, the printing done at the Oxford Orphanage is a credit, typographically, to any printing establishment.

Next Annual in New Bern, May 7 and 8, 1929.

W. C. Wicker, Elon College, Grand High Priest;
John B. Griggs, Elizabeth City, Grand Secretary; J.
Edward Allen, Warrenton, Correspondent.

NORTH DAKOTA—1928

Chapters, 28. Members, 4,540. Exalted, 163
Net Loss, 58

FOREST F. VAUGHN, Grand High Priest

South Dakota, Manitoba and Saskatchewan as well as the other York and the Scottish Rite Bodies were represented at the Thirty-ninth Annual, held in Fargo, Jan. 24 and 25, 1928; as was also Florida.

The two vacant chairs reserved for Past Grands had been filled by M. E. Comp. David M. Holmes since 1893-94, and M. E. Comp. Dewitt C. Moore since 1900-01.

Predominating throughout the session, first appearing in the address of Grand High Priest Vaughan, was the query how to balance the financial budget, and which

reminds ye scribe of that Micawber saying, was it not: "Income, twenty pounds, expenditures nineteen pounds nineteen shillings six pence, result, happiness; income, twenty pounds, expenditures, twenty pounds, six pence, result misery." In order not to increase the per capita tax it was finally adjusted by requesting the Constituent Chapters to pay their representatives the per diem heretofore paid by Grand Chapter. Reports showed that the receipts of the year for fees and dues amounted to \$4,540.00, and the budget as scaled down totaled \$4,455.00. That is fine figuring.

Having adopted the General Grand Chapter Ritual, it was soon evident that the five rituals allotted to each constituent Chapter were quite unsatisfactory. Efforts were made to increase the number, at the Denver Triennial and which brings out this statement:

Your Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary conferred with M. E. Comp. Harry W. Harvey, the Custodian of the work of the General Grand Chapter, and it was his opinion that it was entirely within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter to determine the number of rituals to be assigned to constituent Chapters. According to his decision all that is necessary will be for this Grand Chapter to amend the Standing Resolution and fix the number to suit our reasonable needs (and which later fixed at ten copies).

The Grand High Priest was much pleased over the results following the York Rite Festivals in which Chapter, Council and Commandery participated. It is stated that these occasions are really impressive, and that the "attendance is good, the fellowship inspiring and the interest sustained." The Chapter degrees are worked one day, the Council the second day and the Commandery Orders the third. And he believes there ought to be ten or a dozen of these Festivals each year.

International visiting between the Royal Craft in Manitoba and North Dakota is increasing. One of his visitations was to a Manitoba Chapter where he witnessed the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree in a "dignified and reverent manner," and "it was a pleasure to see the officers confer this work without reference to a ritual." Later the Canadian Companions numbering one hundred and twenty-five paid a return visit where the Royal Arch Degree "was exemplified, but not on an actual candidate," and which he thought was "truly regrettable." He paid this deserved compliment: "Our Canadian Companions take their Masonry seriously and poor ritualistic work is seldom permitted. The spirit of fraternal good fellowship is splendid."

In concluding his address the Grand High Priest called attention to conditions in several Chapters which he said were not satisfactory, and that there was a lack of leadership in several large communities. This admonition is worthy of consideration:

When it comes to Royal Arch Masonry no one who really studies the underlying principles of our Royal Craft or gives any thought to our ritual will lack for interest or inspiration. We cannot get something for nothing. We cannot have the support of our membership unless there is some effort put forth in the conferring of our degrees and some program carried through to arouse interest.

By reason of a recent action of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota in repealing penalties pertaining to passing examination in the Master's Degree before petitioning for other degrees in Masonry, and on a suggestion from the Inspector General of the Scottish Rite, Grand Lodge recommended that a new agreement be entered into with the Inspector General—

Establishing a time limit after a Brother is raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason before he can sign an application for other degrees in Masonry, and suggest the necessity for his passing a satisfactory examination in the Third Degree lecture.

A feature of the Annual Convocations is the Grand Chapter dinner, followed by a social time to which the Companions are expected to bring their ladies; but—

It is regretted that more of the ladies were not present, for if only so few of the Companions bring their ladies it will not be possible to continue making special plans for their entertainment.

Only a dozen Companions received the Order of High Priesthood.

It is always a pleasure to come to the well written and informative review of the proceedings of other Grand Chapters by our long time friend and Companion Past Grand High Priest Eben George Guthrie, and which is his fourteenth annual production. By a queer coincidence this is the fourteenth which ye scribe is now writing. It is obvious that he will never catch up, but there is much satisfaction in knowing that Companion Guthrie is a good Royal Craftsman to follow.

If George had his way there would be several changes in Florida Capitular practice. He calls the Jurisprudence Committee "unwieldy" and he would reduce it to the five "eldest P. G. H. P. not serving on other committees." He wouldn't permit T. T. Todd (North Dakota's Grand Representative), or any other fellow, to appear in print with initials only. The Constitution and Regulations would have to be re-written. However, he is a "jolly good fellow," and everybody likes him.

Next Annual in Fargo, Jan. 22 and 23, 1929.

Otto F. Hennings, Dickinson, Grand High Priest;
Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo, Grand Secretary; E. Geo.
Guthrie, Fargo, Correspondent.

OHIO—1928

Chapters, 209. Members, 80,917. Exalted, 2,374
Net Gain, 359

MONT C. HAMBRIGHT, Grand High Priest

Ohio is probably the largest Grand Chapter on wheels. Its One Hundred and Twelfth Annual Convocation was held at Columbus, October 3 and 4, 1928, with Florida's Grand Representative being about the only important personage absent, and probably he had a satisfactory alibi, although it was not made known. However, this was offset by the presence of two members of the General Grand Chapter, one from the General Grand Council, the heads of all the other York Rite Bodies as well as honored sons from Pennsylvania, New York and Michigan. Surely it must have been a veritable love feast.

Buckeye Masonry sustained a great loss in the passing of R. E. Comp. Edwin Hagenbuch, who was elected Grand Secretary in 1899 and served Grand Chapter continuously until he passed the veils for the last time January 13, 1928. He was very prominent in all the branches of Freemasonry.

Many years of continuous and effective Capitular service were evidenced in the comprehensive address of Grand High Priest Hambright, which was a careful

and well worded recital of his official acts, and which were fully approved by Grand Chapter.

Ohio uses its own ritual, the original of which the Grand High Priest stated was in a safety box and would be delivered to his successor.

He strongly favored the present system of inspecting Subordinate Chapters and hoped that every district which had not already done so would form a district organization, "as the improvement in those already organized has been noticeable."

He reported having dedicated two Masonic Temples to the use of Capitular Masonry, which he says, though not required yet "they add much to the impressiveness of these important occasions, and I would suggest that all Masonic Temples have dedication by the Grand Chapter as well as by the Grand Lodge."

He reproduced a letter from the Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania which he believed fully explained its position in the Past Master's Degree, but no action appears to have been taken.

Among the dispensations granted were for Chapters to temporarily or permanently occupy other quarters, but in every instance the building must first be inspected and approved for Masonic purposes. Some Grand Bodies are not so particular in this respect. But dispensations were refused to permit a Past High Priest to open a Chapter and preside in the absence of the three elective officers. Florida regulations provide that the Junior Past High Priest present can perform those duties. No decisions were made, all queries being answered by reference to the Code. Wonder when the time will come when this practice will be universal?

Believing that official visitations are a stimulus to all Chapters, large as well as small, he visited as many as conditions would permit, about half a hundred.

This splendid tribute was paid by the Necrologist to a worthy Companion and ritualist, Companion George W. Hitt and who for thirty-eight years was Prelate of his local Commandery, an exceptional record:

He conducted his business, to make a living; his chief purpose was to make a life. He undertook to build a character that would stand any test, in time or eternity. He had both opinions and convictions, but he never mistook one for the other. Opinions, he knew, are what *we* think; they differ as our angles of vision differ. Convictions are what *God* thinks. They deal with things that are right or wrong; and they remain the same, whatever we may think, or however we may feel about them. He did not hesitate to express his opinions, but he could and he did gracefully yield them when the opinions of others would promote happiness or harmony. He was trusted by his patrons, respected by his competitors, appreciated by his neighbors, and loved by his friends and family.

Distinguished guests at the Grand Council of High Priests included the General Grand High Priest and the General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, at which one hundred and twenty-two qualified Companions were consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

Once again Past Grand High Priest Orion P. Sperra reported the important features that he found in the year's proceedings, particularly noticeable being the net loss in membership, a situation much to be deplored, of course, but he sees the "hope of future betterment." Florida is given discriminatory consideration.

Next Annual in Canton, October 2 and 3, 1929.

Carl W. Sperling, Oak Harbor, Grand High Priest;
 Mont. C. Hambright, Springfield, Grand Secretary;
 Orion P. Sperra, Ravenna, Correspondent.

OKLAHOMA—1928

Chapters, 76. Members, 14,314. Exalted, 994
 Net Gain, 309

ELISHA W. TOWNSEND, Grand High Priest

Many distinguished visitors were present when the gavel hit the stone for the formal convening of the Thirty-ninth Annual, held at Blackwell, April 18 and 19, 1928. Florida does not appear to be represented, although the appointment of E. Comp. Byrd M. Hope, of Pawnee, was reported.

Grand Chapter sustained a great loss by the passing of M. E. Comp. James A. Scott, which occurred a few days previous, and who had been Grand Secretary for a decade of years.

Grand High Priest Townsend, in his concise address, greatly regretted that he had been unable to devote the necessary time to the duties of the office. He added, however: "I feel that a Grand High Priest should be able to devote the greater part of his time during his term of office to his official duties." Neither was it so he could get away from his business to make official visitations. He reported a generous contribution for flood relief. He disapproved of balloting on petitions at other than regular convocations, but he did issue dispensations to ballot on petitions without regard to statutory time.

Past Grand High Priest Charles A. Creager will compile the Capitular history of Oklahoma. This is a movement that any and all Grand Chapters might well consider. The longer the delay the more difficult it will be to secure facts which even now in many instances are only partly available.

That the less informed Companions may have a better understanding of the possibilities of the Royal Arch, Grand Chapter will organize a State Degrees Team, for the purpose of demonstrating by drama or otherwise this degree in such places and at such times as the Grand High Priest may direct; and also to equip this team with the necessary scenery, settings, paraphernalia and other properties. This will add to the pleasure of the side lines, but will it contribute Chapter efficiency and usefulness?

Grand Chapter made an appropriation to make a survey of the State for the purpose of ascertaining the number of Craftsmen who may be in need of medical assistance or direction of any nature whatsoever; and to report a year hence.

The Educational Committee reported that it had made fifty-one loans, aggregating a total of \$10,475.00 to students who are working their way through college. These loans are limited to the children of members of the Masonic fraternity. This made it necessary to reject some petitions. The success of this movement rests upon the sense of honor and acknowledgment of responsibility assumed by the student. The committee believes that the good done will "more than outweigh any loss that may occur." The committee was commended for the efficient and successful manner in which it has functioned from its inception.

Thirty-three qualified Companions received the Order of High Priesthood.

A desirable feature, lost sight of in many cases, is an annual meeting of the Secretaries and Recorders of Grand Chapter and Grand Council, where many valuable helpful points are brought out. It was proposed to develop it another year into a banquet and round table discussion.

Past Grand High Priest Eugene Hamilton again presented a somewhat brief but well ordered review of the other Grand Chapters. He found that education and benevolence were the ideals toward which all are striving. He quoted liberally from the address of Grand High Priest Shear and with apparent approval, besides noting other features.

Replying to his query concerning aprons, might say that Florida Grand Chapter, not usually being on wheels but with a permanent resting place, the Grand Sentinel, who serves similarly in all the Grand Bodies, sees that everything is in the proper place at the proper time. There are some advantages in not being a moveable body.

Next Annual at Sapulpa, April 17 and 18, 1929.

Thomas B. Frensley, Ardmore, Grand High Priest;
Ira B. Kirkland, Muskogee, Grand Secretary; Eugene Hamilton, Chickasaw, Correspondent.

OREGON—1928

Chapters, 49. Members, 7,086. Exalted, 247
Net Loss, 49

FRANK S. BAILLIE, Grand High Priest

After the proper forming of the groups had been demonstrated, the Sixty-eighth Annual Convocation opened in ample form at Portland, April 9, 1928, with every Grand Officer and many Past Grands present, but five Chapters and Florida were without representation. The most distinguished guest was M. E. Comp. O. Frank Hart, General Grand Master of the General Grand Chapter and the personal representative of General Grand High Priest Charles C. Davis; other notables were the heads of the other York Rite Bodies and the Grand High Priest of Washington.

Grand High Priest Baillie evidently believed that what was worth doing at all was worth doing well, and he not only put that into effect himself, but also expected the other members of the cabinet would function likewise. His address reveals that they did.

Organization was his theme. To Past Grand High Priest Swafford he assigned income and expense, a subject which he truly says is generally given but passing attention in fraternal organizations, for he believes in a budget and then keeping within its limits. To Deputy Grand High Priest Sims was committed the Code and Ritual Committees, and he hoped that there would be presented "terse and definite forms devoid of meaningless platitudes." School Funds and Scholarship Assistance was bequeathed to Grand King Toney with the re-

quest that he strip it of the red tape or else request Grand Chapter to "cancel past actions and expend our activity and money in other sources of good work." Grand Scribe Cochran was requested to look into the advisability of incorporating The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon, which he believed at that time was without legal status, and in case of claims of any kind might have an important effect upon the individual membership.

With the definite purpose of placing the Grand Chapter at work during the year, "if such a thing was humanly possible," he divided it into twelve districts. To each Grand Officer he assigned one district and also gave him a proxy, with the request that he personally visit each Chapter in his district and thoroughly inspect every branch of work ordered or sponsored by Grand Chapter, and this is the report he submits:

But alas how the mighty have fallen. Before the year was well advanced, I found that many of our vineyard workers were workers in name only—wished to perform their duties by correspondence method only. * * * I regret to state that as a plan to promote activity, and shake ourselves loose from the confusing moss of indolence in this Grand Chapter, the past year did not register 100 per cent. However, I am of the opinion this is a good method of placing Grand Officers at work and extending the knowledge of Capitular Masonry.

The Grand High Priest held that neither High Priest, King nor Scribe can resign during his term except from his removal from the Grand Jurisdiction, and therefore no vacancy exists when an elective officer moves from one place to another within the State. Also that consideration of a petition from a Master Mason having lost his right hand near the wrist may come before the Grand

High Priest, bearing the indorsement of the High Priest, King and Scribe.

Merited tribute was paid to the memory of Past Grand High Priest Max Bollack, who wore the purple in 1918.

Credentials were issued to Grand Treasurer and Past Grand High Priest Frank J. Miller, who was about to take a European trip, commending him to the Royal Craft across the big pond.

As ye scribe understands the actions taken, Grand Chapter eliminated the office of Deputy Grand High Priest, nevertheless he is included among the elected Grand Chapter Officers.

The action to eliminate the substitution of a temporary candidate in conferring the Royal Arch Degree was not approved. With these acts the revised Code becomes effective at once.

An exhaustive report was made by the special committee appointed on financing Grand Chapter, which made somewhat drastic suggestions and retrenchments which it was believed would obviate increasing the Grand Chapter per capita tax. The report was referred to the Grand Chapter Trustees, and no further action appears to have been reported.

After an exhaustive examination into the conditions pertaining to the Student Loan Fund, Grand King H. L. Toney, to whom this had been assigned, reported that while there was a real need for assistance to worthy students in the schools of higher education, "yet we have failed to let it be known that we have funds available for such purposes." He recommended information of this fund be sent to the officials of those different schools, and further that Grand Chapter Officers in

their official visitations call attention to the fact that the loan fund is not functioning as it should. This surely ought to bring desired results.

Columbia Chapter No. 53 was constituted and its hall consecrated and dedicated at an Occasional Convocation of Grand Chapter; and at another similar Convocation the officers of the several Chapters in Portland were jointly installed, this being an annual custom.

Hodson Council of High Priesthood is the only one ye scribe recalls being named after a deceased Companion. Apparently every newly-installed High Priest was received and set apart to this Holy Order, the work being done by a special degree team, and which was so highly appreciated that the same team was requested to repeat the ceremony at the next Annual. The distinguished guests of Grand Chapter were also present.

Once again E. Comp. Walter O. Haines presents a well edited and very instructive Capitular Review, in which he directs attention to some of the more important questions now occupying the attention of the Capitular world. It is hoped that it gets the reading it merits.

Florida receives generous and considerate attention and complimentary reference is made to Past Grand High Priest H. O. Snow whose services, he said, "had been such as to demonstrate his fitness for the office" in General Grand Chapter which Florida desired him to fill.

The sincere sympathy of ye scribe goes out to Companion Haines who has also recently passed through sad bereavement in the death of his beloved wife; while this is common to many, yet the loss is none the less in each individual case.

Next Annual in La Grande, April 8, 1929.

Thomas Sims, Woodburn, Grand High Priest; D. Rufus Cheney, Portland, Grand Secretary; Walter O. Haines, Portland, Correspondent.

PENNSYLVANIA—1928

Chapters, 153. Members, 61,569. Marked, 3,501
Net Gain, 1,644

WALTON K. SWETLAND, Grand High Priest

Quarterly Communications together with the Annual are time immemorial customs of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, and which necessarily records somewhat ancient history, as the above statistics are for the year ending December 27, 1927, and seem to be the principal business to come before the March Quarterly. Only routine business of no material interest to outlanders appeared at the June and September Quarterlies; and substantially the same is the record of the December Quarterly, which raises the query by ye scribe why the object or necessity of Quarterlies?

Of course the main Capitular gathering of the year is the Annual Grand Communication held on the evening of December 27th, at which time the Grand High Priest presented his address and other matters of importance are considered. It is particularly gratifying to note that E. Comp. William F. Goodwin, Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies, was always present to represent Florida.

Much of the address of Grand High Priest Swetland is an account of his official visitations, concerning which he stated:

I have, in my weak way, devoted to the exclusive service of Grand Chapter one hundred and sixty-six days of time away from my office and outside of the necessary outside duties. I have traveled by automobile in attending District Meetings over four thousand miles, and in furthering the interests of Grand Chapter my mileage has been more than nineteen thousand miles.

His inter-jurisdictional visitations included ten other Grand Chapters, an exceptionally notable record.

Referring to the clandestine activities in the State, he noted the suit brought by a clandestine organization styling itself "The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania," to compel the Secretary of the State to register for their use, "emblems identical in character with those previously registered by the Grand Lodge, the Grand Chapter and the Scottish Rite Bodies." These bodies were permitted to intervene and a verdict was returned in favor of the defendants. All Masonic Bodies will join in the hope expressed by Pennsylvania:

That this litigation will for all time determine the right of these Grand Bodies to the exclusive use of their jewels, emblems, etc., and forever relieve us of the pestiferous interferences of the so-called Cerneau Rites.

Grand High Priest Swetland referred to what he designated as "the seeming confusion and difference of opinion relative to the action of Grand Chapter in eliminating the Degree of Past Master as a prerequisite for membership in Chapters," and believing that this confu-

sion "was attributable to a general misunderstanding of what we did," he addressed a letter to the Grand High Priest of every Grand Jurisdiction with which Pennsylvania was in fraternal relations, references to which are also made in several of these reviews, "carefully explaining the position of Grand Chapter in this matter," he stated, of which the following is a copy:

July 25, 1928.

My dear M. E. Grand High Priest:

In reading the report of the Correspondents of the several Grand Jurisdictions I am satisfied there is more or less misunderstanding as to the Status of Royal Arch Masons of Pennsylvania, especially as it relates to the Past Master's Degree or as we call it, "Passing to the Chair," and I feel that it is due to our Sister Jurisdictions with whom we are in the most Fraternal relations to make a statement relative to the status of our members. I am therefore sending this letter to all Jurisdictions with whom we are in correspondence.

On November 23, 1795, the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania was organized by and under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The rules adopted gave the Grand Chapter control of the Royal Arch Masons Degree, with subordinate Chapters conferring the said degree, using Lodge Warrants as their authority. The first three principal officers of Grand Lodge, if Royal Arch Masons, by virtue of their positions were also the three principal officers of Grand Chapter.

In 1824 Grand Chapter was granted permission by Grand Lodge to issue warrants to subordinate Chapters, with authority to confer the Mark Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason Degrees, said Grand Lodge reserving unto itself absolute control of the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason and Past Master.

By agreement Grand Chapter adopted a constitutional requirement that all petitioners for degrees and membership in a Chapter should be a Past Master, either by service or dispensation granted by the Right Worshipful Grand Master. This continued in force until 1926, when Grand Chapter, after consultation with the

Right Worshipful Grand Master and the Grand Officers of Grand Lodge, adopted an amendment to its Constitution removing the provision that all petitioners for degrees and membership should be Past Masters.

At no time from the formation of Grand Chapter in 1795 up to the present time has Grand Chapter had in its Capitular system the degree of Past Master, neither has it had any authority to confer or communicate this degree.

In 1927 the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, through its Right Worshipful Grand Master, authorized all Masters of Lodges in the Jurisdiction to "Pass to the Chair" or to communicate the word of the Chair to all Master Masons, members of their Lodges, at the time they were raised to the degree of Master Mason, without any dispensation or fee. Said Masters were also permitted to confer said degree upon all other Master Masons who were members of their Lodge.

This action on the part of Grand Lodge puts all Master Masons, members of Lodges in this Jurisdiction, in possession of all degrees necessary for advancement, so that now all Master Masons when they are raised in Pennsylvania are given the word of the Chair with the signs and grips, and come to us fully qualified as Past Masters.

Courteously and fraternally yours,

WALTON K. SWETLAND,

Grand High Priest.

It is the custom in this Grand Chapter to continue the Grand High Priest in office two years. Interesting is the account of the installation of his successor, and which appears to be the only reference to the Order of High Priesthood:

All Companions present who had not received the Order of High Priesthood having retired, Companion August P. Kunzig was installed Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, was duly proclaimed as such and received the salutations of the Craft.

According to previous custom, the report of the Committee on Correspondence is a quadrilateral presentation, the prelude to which by the chairman, Past Grand High Priest John M. Core, is headed "The Secretary," in which he is not disposed to make that important officer the only scapegoat "for indifference and sometimes with negligence in collecting the dues," for he followed with these pertinent queries:

What is the matter with the High Priest? Has he no other duties and responsibilities to the Chapter than presiding over its meetings and conferring degrees? Why should not the King and Scribe, in assisting the High Priest in the performance of his duties not be allowed, as a part of those duties, to look into the reason why some of the Companions have failed or neglected to meet their financial obligations to the Chapter? The welfare of the Chapter, and Capitular Masonry in general, requires that these financial requirements be met. Then why charge it all to the overworked and underpaid Secretary?

Florida is again reviewed by E. Comp. H. Franklin Brossman. He quoted, and perhaps mentally questioned, that at the laying of the corner stone of the new addition to the Masonic Home by Grand Lodge that it should have been "assisted by the Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star?" He further paid this merited tribute to Grand Master Cary B. Fish:

He [Judge Fish] referred to the fact that he presided over all Grand Bodies of Symbolic and York Rite Masonry of Florida, and well we know it, and his conclusion, that he is "by reason of this experience better enabled to assist and be of greater service to the Craft in the future." What we more appreciate, however, is that we know he will not only be able, but will render further service to his Brethren and humanity generally. He could not do otherwise.

All Communications are held in Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

August P. Kunzig, Grand High Priest; Joseph E. Quinby, Grand Secretary; both of Philadelphia; John M. Core, Chairman Correspondence Committee.

QUEBEC—1928

Chapters, 23. Members, 3,772. Admissions, 263
Net Gain, 166

A. B. J. MOORE, Grand First Principal Z

Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, and Canada (Ontario) were represented, but not Florida, when the Fifty-second Annual Convocation was opened in ample form at Montreal, March 28, 1928, after the Grand Principals had been announced and received, with a big array of Past Grands, most of the lesser officers and every Subordinate Chapter represented. Few Grand Chapters, even under much more favorable conditions, make as good a showing. Several Grand Representatives, realizing that they had been honored, sent regrets and congratulatory letters.

Grand First Principal Moore refers to his "rambling address," which appellation is far from correct, as his "Swan Song," because it is the custom in this Grand Chapter for this official to serve two years, and this is his second year.

He was pleased to state that it was now so that Royal Arch Companions may invite those who have received

the Master Mason's degree to complete their Masonic education in the Chapter. After dwelling on some of the advantages of his home country, he cordially welcomed the delegations from outside jurisdictions, and further said:

You will note, my beloved American Companions, I do not use the term "Foreign Jurisdictions." This to my mind is a misnomer, for after all, are we not all of one and the same breed in Masonry, whether we be Celt, Scot, or Sassenach? With a frontier of about 3,000 miles dividing us by an imaginary line, which most assuredly is only on the map, we all live in peace and harmony; no fortifications or armaments has characterized the line 45 degrees for the past 100 years, so let us realize that all this is mainly due to the true teachings of Masonry in all its branches.

He paid tribute to the memory of M.:E.:Comp. R. S. Kinghorn, First Grand Principal in 1918 and 1919, and Grand Treasurer 1924-26.

Among the dispensations was one for a Companion to be installed First Principal who had not served as Worshipful Master in a Symbolic Lodge, and also where one had not served as Second Principal.

An important event of the year was a District Church Service, which was an explanation of the Triple Tau, the speaker being E.:Comp. Canon Shatford. The collection was given to the Shriners Hospital.

Quite exhaustive and informative are the reports of the District Grand Superintendents, one of whom reported making an official visitation to the U. D. Chapter at Temiskaming, a distance of 350 miles, which took three days and two nights to make the trip. This Chapter is located in a new modern town of 2,500 inhabitants in a wood pulp and power section of great possibilities. He reported this Chapter was equipped with a complete

paraphernalia, "most of which was the beautiful handiwork of its members." The officers were proficient in floor work and ritual, and very optimistic of the future. In no part of the American continent does Freemasonry seem to be taken more seriously and happily so, than in the great Canadian Northwest.

The report of the Grand Scribe E. indicates somewhat peculiar conditions in that there is a marked increase in the membership of the suburban Chapters and a lack of the previous customary increase in the city Chapters; also that "the apparent interest shown in certain larger city Chapters is not reflected in the matter of increased membership." And it is believed that this increased interest "can be further stimulated by the providing of revised rituals and books of ceremonies." This is being contemplated, it is stated.

The regalia of the late M. .E. .Comp. R. S. Kinghorn has been presented to Grand Chapter and it is to be worn as the official regalia of the First P. G. Z.'s in succession.

Naturally there is no Order of High Priesthood.

The revered dean of the Round Table, M. .E. .Comp. E. T. D. Chambers, for the forty-first time presents the report of Foreign Correspondence which, he states, indicates constant and steady progress and prosperity in every part of the Capitular world.

Unfortunately the Florida Proceedings apparently did not reach him, for no reference is made to them. His courteous comments and pertinent quotations are always quite applicable.

Next Annual in Montreal, March 27, 1929.

W. J. Edwards, Coaticook, Grand Z.; W. W. Williamson, Montreal, Grand Scribe E.; E. T. D. Chambers, Quebec, Correspondent.

QUEENSLAND—1928

Queensland has two Grand Royal Arch Chapters, one having been formed in 1918, which now numbers thirteen subordinate Chapters, with no additions being reported during the year; and the other one, formed in 1922, now numbers sixty-four subordinate Chapters, ten having been added during the year. The membership of neither of these Grand Chapters appears to be given.

Previous efforts towards the amalgamation of these Grand Chapters have failed by reason of the first formed Grand Chapter insisting that only an Installed Master of a Symbolic Lodge could be installed First Principal (its presiding officer), differing from American Chapters in that the former First Principal represents the King, while in American Chapters the King is second in power, and who is out-ranked in these Chapters by the High Priest.

The Annual Convocation of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland, the second one to be formed, was held in Brisbane, October 3, 1928. Outside of the installation and address of the newly-elected Grand First Principal, M. .E. .Comp. R. N. F. Quinn, there appears little of general interest, except as noted above. This bit of interesting information, however, is found in the remarks of the Deputy Grand First Principal, M. .E. .Comp. John A. Fraser, in presenting the address of the Grand First Principal who was necessarily absent, and shows that the area of Queensland and its possessions are about one-fourth of the area of the United States and its possession. Comp. Fraser said in part:

I wonder if many of our members realize that we are now exercising jurisdiction in quite an appreciable portion of the land surface of the earth. This State has an area of 670,500 square miles, Papua has 90,540 square miles, and New Guinea 75,240 square miles, the extent of territory comprising the sphere of our operations thus amounting to about 836,000 square miles.

The President of the Grand Committee seems quite optimistic of the future of Royal Arch Masonry in Queensland, for he states:

There is an increasing desire amongst the Brethren of Craft Lodges to receive further knowledge by joining our Order, with the result that from all parts of our State we are receiving inquiries with reference to the preliminary proceedings regarding the opening of Chapters in districts hitherto without them. All the new Chapters are in suitable places and have every prospect of success.

At the Semi-Annual Communication of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Queensland (the first one to be formed, 1918), held April 30, 1928, there was presented a communication from M.·E.·Comp. Everett R. Turnbull, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the General Grand Chapter of America, relative to the action taken by the General Grand Chapter concerning Queensland, in which he said in part:

All our Chapters are entirely independent and do not base their practice on Lodge rank. You offer to allow an installation by dispensation of one not so qualified (Installed Master of a Symbolic Lodge). The other Grand Chapter allows a local Chapter to enact a by-law to provide your qualification. We are unable to see any difference in the two propositions. We do not consider a Past

Master of a Symbolic Lodge any different from any other Brother when receiving the Royal Arch Degree. Perhaps this comes from our system of conferring the degree of Past Master as a part of our system of degrees.

The General Grand Chapter left the action of three years previous as it was adopted—recognition of your Grand Chapter. However, we could not see that members of the other Grand Chapter were clandestine or irregularly made and voted to permit them to visit our Chapters as regular Royal Arch Masons.

We hoped you would find some satisfactory way to unite in the near future but we could not see where anything could be done by us to expedite matters. None of our members were able to make a suggestion that might be accepted as a basis, therefore, we could only take the action above mentioned.

The statement in the letter of Companion Turnbull, "to allow an installation by dispensation of one not so qualified," is from a proposed constitutional amendment submitted at the Convocation in October, 1927. This amendment came up for final action at the Convocation of April, 1928, and Grand First Principal John A. Miles, in putting the motion said he would not speak on it, for, he added, "this matter has been before the Grand Chapter several years, and you all know my opinion. I now leave it with you." After announcing that the amendment had carried, he further said: "I retire from the Chair as First Principal as from tonight."

That an amalgamation of the two Grand Chapters may be brought about is suggested by a remark in the address of M.·E.·Comp. Alexander Corrie, a Past Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland, as well as a Past Grand First Principal of the other Grand Chapter, and who installed the newly elected Grand First Principal, M.·E.·Comp. Anthony B. Neilson. Companion Corrie said in part:

I feel it will be a splendid cope-stone to the Queensland Royal Arch Order if those associated with this gathering should, including myself, become identified as I hope I may be—in crystalizing the whole of our Royal Arch Fraternity into one; not only united, but above all, an harmonious whole, when past misunderstandings, I trust, will be obliterated and a bright future burst into view.

This is further inferred by the address of the newly installed Grand First Principal, Comp. Neilson, who also said in part: "It will be my ambition to foster that kind feeling that has been so ably expounded to us by Most Excellent Companion Corrie."

Although neither of the foregoing Grand Chapters have been as yet recognized by the Grand Chapter of Florida, it is assumed our Companions desire to be kept informed. At this distance it looks to ye scribe that if the decision of Grand First Principal Miles to retire had been reached several years previous, there might now be no occasion for two Grand Royal Arch Chapters in Queensland.

RHODE ISLAND—1928

Chapters, 15. Members, 10,416. Exalted, 208
Net Gain, 118

ARTHUR WHITEHEAD, Deputy Grand High Priest

Owing to the untimely passing into the Great Beyond of M. .E. .Comp. Jerome H. Tucker, Grand High Priest, in the early part of his official year, his vacant station was filled by R. .E. .Comp. Arthur Whitehead,

Deputy Grand High Priest, who formally opened the One Hundred and Thirty-first Annual at Providence, March 13, 1928, with every other station filled and Chapter represented, besides many Permanent Members, distinguished Masonic jurists from other Jurisdictions and Florida's Representative in attendance. Another Permanent Member to cross the divide during the year was M. .E. .Comp. Willard Esten, Grand High Priest in 1909.

The address of Deputy Grand High Priest Whitehead was a strictly business presentation of his numerous official and necessary acts, no decisions being required. The activities of Grand High Priest Tucker were confined to informal Chapter visitations, as were also those of Deputy Grand High Priest Whitehead, who believed that "formal visits should be foregone for a period as a mark of respect to the memory of our deceased Grand High Priest."

Inspiring reports of visitations were made by other members of the Grand Council. All of which were approved by Grand Chapter. As were also the several Committee reports, which by reason of the uniform harmony prevailing were merely formal.

Past Grand High Priest Wilbur H. Scott, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, made a formal report concerning the Pennsylvania situation, in which he summarizes the different actions taken by the various Grand Chapters relative to visitations. Rhode Island, it seems, provides that visitors can only be admitted to the degrees of which they are in possession, but they can be healed and affiliated by having such missing degrees conferred. He further stated that the committee would prepare a digest covering this report,

but which does not appear, the printing of which being left to the discretion of the incoming Grand High Priest. There is no other report or review of other Grand Chapters. However, Comp. Scott was continued as chairman and a more extended report may appear another year.

There was a brief session of the Convention of Anointed High Priests, but no Companions are reported as being set apart and consecrated. However, a memorial was presented on M. E. Comp. S. Penrose Williams, Recorder of the Convention and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, who died December 18, 1926.

Next Annual in Providence, March 12, 1929.

Arthur Whitehead, Grand High Priest; William R. Greene, Grand Secretary; Wilbur A. Scott, Chairman Correspondence Committee; all of Providence.

SASKATCHEWAN—1928

Chapters, 26. Members, 2,602. Admissions, 122
Net Gain 34

J. ORVILLE CLARKE, Grand Z.

For the purpose of welcoming The Right Hon. The Earl of Cassillis, Grand First Principal of the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, a Special Convocation was held in Regina, November 10, 1927, which was attended by nearly all of the Grand Officers and about a hundred other Past Grands and Companions. Evidencing the great pleasure in having so distinguished a Royal

Craftsman as a guest, an Honorary Life Membership was conferred upon the Earl of Cassillis. As elsewhere stated, "it represents the international aspect of Royal Arch Masonry." He was accompanied on this journey through the Northwest with Lady Cassillis.

M. E. Comp. Frank E. Simmons, the Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, was the principal guest of honor at the Fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, held in Saskatoon, February 29, 1928. Every office, Chapter and Florida was represented and harmony and fraternal good-will prevailed.

The report of the condition of Capitular Masonry shows that during the five years of its existence as a Grand Chapter it has maintained a steady, substantial growth, and seems to justify the statement that for its age, it is "a strong, virile youngster, not only from the standpoint of its physical growth, but, what is more important, from the strength and character of its material." The net gain for the five years was 115.

Much attention was given by the Grand Z. to visitations, his policy being, he stated, to visit at least one Chapter in each District of the Grand Jurisdiction, when he found he could not arrange to visit each Chapter individually. One of the incidents recorded was his visitation to Moose Mountain Chapter at Arcola, on the afternoon of December 29, 1927, when he installed the officers of that Chapter; and as an interesting coincidence he mentioned:

On the afternoon of December 29, 1915, exactly twelve years previously, almost to the hour, I had the honor of consecrating and dedicating this Chapter and installing its officers as the then Grand Superintendent of the District under the Grand Chapter of Canada.

He recommended the holding of a District Convocation each year in each District, and that Grand Chapter take under advisement the question of instituting some system of study and research in Capitular Masonry for the benefit of the constituent Chapters. Grand Chapter through its committee approved, but no specific action appears to have been taken.

Only one application for a new Chapter was made, but owing to conditions it was withdrawn before action had been taken by the Grand Z.; also he reported that negotiations were under way at two other points for new Chapters. Canadian Freemasonry as a whole may well be said to be conservatively progressive. In another part of the address the Grand Z states, "that our forces have started on a forward march such as not heretofore experienced during the short period of our existence as a Grand Body."

This somewhat uncommon provision appears in one of the adopted constitutional amendments: "Such Honorary Membership does not confer the right of voting unless so declared and conferred by unanimous ballot at the time of such election."

This recommendation for Grand Chapter to fix a minimum for dues might with propriety be considered by any Grand Masonic Body contemplating such action:

For an individual Chapter to attempt to raise its own dues sometimes raises such a storm of protest as to make it impossible or at least inadvisable, but we feel that if this step were taken by the Grand Chapter, it would meet with a much more favorable reception.

There is no Order of High Priesthood, for such a body would hardly be compatible with Canadian nomenclature.

Grand Scribe E. presents what he designates as "a few notes on and extracts from the Proceedings of Sister Jurisdictions," and they are as interesting as they are informative. Ye scribe is quite sure he voices The Guild in regretting that conditions do not favor a more generous contribution concerning Royal Craft activities.

Under Florida he quotes approvingly from the address of Grand High Priest Shear relative to intelligent membership. He also gives information pertaining to their "Past" rank. As a matter of fact similar "great expectations" attach to Florida Companions who have been recognized by Grand Chapter, but the title "Past" is usually applied only to those who have been Grand High Priests. Companion Reilly's comment might be considered a gentle reminder in which none are prohibited from participating:

Our recognition of Past Officers seems to puzzle our American friends. In Saskatchewan a Past Officer as such has no authority. He is given the rank in recognition of having occupied a position and rendered service. If he is elected to an office and does not perform his duties he is not given the rank of "Past." When an officer's term is ended he carries no authority with him, but it is expected of him that he still continues to work and render service when it is required or asked to do so by those in office. Having no authority does not relieve him from obligations to service.

We appreciate this comment: "Companion Hubbell, although we differ in climate we like your oranges and bananas;" to which we reply: Companion Reilly, we like your wheat.

Apparently there need be no present apprehension of a real fuel famine, for the information is given in the Proceedings that "it estimated that there are sixty bil-

lions tons of lignite coal in the province; also that Saskatchewan's rivers will produce when harnessed nearly a million horse power energy."

Next Annual in Regina, February, 1929.

A. A. Wilson, Grand Z.; F. B. Reilly, Grand Scribe E. and Correspondent; both of Regina.

SCOTLAND—1928

Much importance is attached to the Annual Convocation of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, which was held in Edinburg, March 21, 1928, and the banquet which followed. The principal address was by The Earl of Cassillis, Grand Z., who is quite well known to the Royal Craft, having comparatively recently made two visits to this country, the last of which was at the last Convocation of the General Grand Chapter at Denver.

Financial matters appear to be of more importance to the overseas Craft than the numerical strength. The Grand Z., in his address, stated that during the year 1927, ten Royal Arch Charters had been granted, four Lodge and Council and four Cryptic Charters; the exaltations were 3,523, and that the receipts for the Benevolent Fund were over \$6,000.

He recalled with much pleasure the tour of Lady Cassillis and himself in the United States which he said was "all too short," and also "of the magnificent receptions we got, and of the kindness with which we were treated." Referring to the Triennial he said:

As concerning Denver, it was most inspiring to meet at the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, and the functions connected therewith, delegates from practically every State in the Union, and to witness the solidity of the underlying purpose—the desire for the advancement of Freemasonry, and the progress of mankind through the manifestation of brotherly love.

Two important questions came up, one with regard to Queensland, and the other a communication from the Grand Chapter of New Zealand. Three years ago the Body claiming to be the "Grand Chapter of Queensland," but which we consider was irregularly formed in 1918 by the Grand Chapter of New South Wales, had applied to and had got recognition from the General Grand Chapter. The other Grand Chapter in Queensland formed in 1922, which is recognized by both England and ourselves, and of which M. E. Companion Quinn is the head, therefore made representations. General Grand Chapter decided to instruct its Chapters to receive Companions from both of the Queensland Institutions.

As a matter of fact the "instruction" was only to the Chapters immediately under the General Grand Chapter, and it merely suggested that Grand Chapters pursue a similar course. General Grand Chapter does not presume to "instruct" the Grand Chapters in matters of this kind—it merely suggests.

Continuing in his address he thus referred to the New Zealand incident:

The Grand Chapter of New Zealand wrote that they had severed relations with us, as we were constituting Chapters indiscriminately there. I was asked if I had anything to say on the subject. I mentioned the fact that we view it as natural that our self-governing Dominions should seek to set up independent Constitutions, but at the same time we maintain that every consideration should be shown to Companions who adhere to and desire to perpetuate and consolidate their connections with Constitutions already established there. I also said that we had made the offer to New Zealand.

land to grant Charters only to Chapters in connection with Scots Lodges, but New Zealand desire more and had presented an ultimatum demanding that with three exceptions we must not in any Chapters which existed, or which might be erected, exalt any but Scottish Master Masons, and this, I informed the General Grand Chapter, we could not assent to. The answer sent to New Zealand by the General Grand Chapter was that the dispute was regretted, but that under the circumstances it was not seen that any action fell to be taken. Several leading members in conversation said that they did not see what it was all about, because after all we were in New Zealand first. The next day I received the distinguished honor being made the first, and so far the only, honorary member of the General Grand Chapter.

Referring to the Philippine matters he further said in his address:

The General Grand High Priest, General DeWitt Hamilton, at Denver, also publicly stated that he considered the action of the General Grand Chapter in severing relationship with us was wrong. General Hamilton is a distinguished soldier, and he alluded to a letter I had written from Bailleul during the war, in which I said that we were engaged in a life-and-death struggle, but that we were quite ready to consider the question after the war was over. He considered that the General Grand Chapter ought to have accepted that letter. He pointed out, however, that a fractured bone when mended is strongest at the join of the fracture, and he had no doubt that the same would apply to the mended fractured relations between the United States and Scotland. In fact, it may be said that both sides came together in order that, hand to hand, we may rise to still greater heights than either of us could aspire to alone.

SOUTH CAROLINA—1928

Chapters, 42. Members, 5,999. Exalted, 163
Net Loss, 219

JOHN D. LEE, Grand High Priest

For the first time in its history, the Grand Chapter of South Carolina had as its distinguished guests at one time the presiding officers of the three national bodies of York Rite Masonry—M.·E.·Comp. Charles Clark Davis, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter; M.·E.·Comp. O. Frank Hart, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, and M.·E.·Sir George W. Vallery, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, as well as lesser notables; and of course R.·E.·Comp. R. T. Goodale, Deputy Grand High Priest and now the Grand High Priest, represented Florida.

In most cases one generally finds what he may be looking for, so Grand High Priest Lee presented the bright side of the work in the Capitular quarries for the year covering his administration. Although he noted a small numerical loss in membership, yet he reported the financial condition to be "exceedingly gratifying." However, he was concerned over an apparent "apathy and indifference" existing in some of the Chapters, resulting in a small number of degrees being conferred, and even some of them in a "desultory fashion." This brought him to the conclusion that there were "drones in the Royal Hives."

Consolidation of weaker Chapters with the stronger ones would help some, he opines, but he believed a better plan would be for Grand Chapter to permit, by dispensa-

tion, a Chapter to "travel" to other places within the jurisdiction, where members resided but who did not attend, and there hold convocations for conferring degrees. This, he believed, would not only create a more friendly interest, but also in a way establish a sort of friendly rivalry" that would "result in incalculable good to all." Grand Chapter approved and provided accordingly, subject to the approval of the Grand High Priest. That is, "When the mountain would not go to Mahommed, then Mahommed went to the mountain." Maybe so, maybe so, but it causes ye scribe to wonder whether this be making members, or Capitular Masons?

Incidentally, he put the above suggestion into practice in the granting of one dispensation. The other dispensations came within his prerogative and he did not deem it necessary to report them in detail. His one reported decision pertained to "air line distance," which is generally recognized. His other acts were "local" and all were approved by Grand Chapter.

Grand Chapter approved the recommendation of the Committee on Fraternal Relations that it permit no Pennsylvania Companions who had not received the Past Master's degree from visiting until after being "healed."

Following the remarks by General Grand High Priest Charles C. Davis, Companion W. G. Mazyck, Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, said he wished to correct a prevailing notion that Masonry was first established in the Republic of Mexico by the Grand Lodge of South Carolina. He said it was first introduced by a native Brother of that State, Companion Joseph Roberts Poinsett, but by a warrant of commission as proxy of the Grand Master of New York,

in 1825. Companion Poinsett at that time was the American Minister to Mexico, and later was Deputy General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

Grand Chapter approved the formation of the Secretaries'-Recorders' Guild, which had been formed at that Annual Convocation, and appropriated funds to defray the expenses for the year, it also directed that the minutes of its formation be printed in the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter. It is composed of the Secretaries and Recorders of the several York Rite Bodies, but whether the annual meetings of the Guild will be held at the time of Grand Lodge or at the time of the other York Rite bodies will be determined later. It is the first public recognition by a Grand Body of a Secretaries' Guild, that has come to the notice of ye scribe. Its progress will be watched with interest and if it accomplishes what it has set out to do, it ought to be encouraged. Wonder what other Grand Body will be next to fall in line?

Only ten Companions were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood. Not being pre-requisite to officiating as High Priest in most Grand Jurisdictions, it has become largely a perfunctory appendant Order, with little effort given to bring out its true value to the Capitular degrees. Either it stands for something or else it does not.

Eighteen times has Past Grand High Priest James L. Michie presented a review of the Proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions. And it may well be said that each time it improves with age. Companion Michie belongs to that old school of Craftsmen who are fast passing away and we younger generations do not seem

to be measuring up to the standards they have established. Florida comes in for favorable consideration and courteous comment.

Next Annual in Sumpter, April 24, 1929.

John D. Lee, Sumpter, Grand High Priest; O. Frank Hart, Columbia, Grand Secretary; James L. Michie, Darlington, Correspondent.

SOUTH DAKOTA—1928

Chapters, 43. Members, 6,093. Exalted, 159
Net Loss, 204

ALBERT G. GRANGER, Grand High Priest

With Florida and a few subordinate Chapter representatives missing, the Thirty-ninth Annual Convocation was opened in ample form at Sioux Falls, June 14, 1928.

There seems to be no time for illness in our busy work-a-day world, as it invariably disrupts the schedule. This proved to be no exception to Grand High Priest Granger, who had planned too much, for in his address he admits that "largely owing to an annoying sickness, I have been unable to accomplish what I had set out to try to do." Fortunately the actual requirements of his office were not burdensome and he was thus enabled to give some time to official visitations.

Fraternal courtesy was stressed at the reception to Sovereign Grand Commander John H. Cowles of the

Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite, which the Grand High Priest said was a "notable one, as it was the first time in the history of the Craft that a Sovereign Grand Commander was ever received on an official visit by the head of every Grand York Rite Body in the State visited." But, as ye scribe understands it, there being no direct connection between the Scottish Rite and the other York Rite degrees, he wonders why the event is specially a "notable one?"

Basing his estimate on the "high character of the fine body of men who make up the Grand Chapters of the Dakotas," and being privileged to attend the General Grand Chapter at Denver, this is the way he "sized up the type of men" he met there:

The Companions from the Sunny South were a very fine bunch when you got to meet them, but they were not hunting new acquaintances. The fellows from the Pacific were wonderfully impressed with themselves and their country. The fellows from the East were entirely satisfied with the things as they are. But the fellows from Michigan and Illinois still displayed the Pioneer Spirit, and like the Dakotans, they were out hunting for someone to make friends with.

For the first time South Dakota had an official visitor at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota, and Grand High Priest Granger believes that it should be a part of the official duties of each Grand High Priest to visit the other sister jurisdiction every year.

A peculiar coincidence mentioned was that Grand High Priest Andrus of Michigan, Deputy Grand High Priest Ray M. Armour of Montana also present, and Grand High Priest Granger were all members of the same law class in the University of Michigan.

His visitations indicated that while the larger Chapters seemed to be prosperous and busy, "in the smaller Chapters the revival which must soon come has not yet arrived." He also found that owing to the changed conditions in modes of travel, social affairs are being concentrated in the larger places and "the smaller centers have inevitably suffered." These are among the conclusions reached by him, and which, perhaps, may not be confined to this one Jurisdiction:

I can see no hope in the future for any growth in the number of Masonic Bodies in this State, but there should be a steady, healthy growth in membership. * * * If it is true, as I firmly believe, that Freemasonry is one of the greatest organized forces for good in the world today, then we owe it to ourselves to keep our institution abreast of the times.

I am convinced that what we need today is not more Bodies, but more strong, active, effective Bodies which have numbers, resources and strength to carry forward the work in hand with directness, decorum and dispatch.

If we expect to retain the proud place we have always occupied in the battle against ignorance, superstition, intolerance and oppression, we must profit by experience. In order to do so we are inevitably forced to stronger and more effective units.

Fortunately no conditions arose during the year making it necessary for the Grand High Priest to render any decisions.

Fourteen qualified candidates were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

Ex. Comp. Robert S. Hart, chairman of the Committee on Review, made a formal report, stating that some of the Proceedings contained interesting material, while others were "flat, stale and unprofitable," and that losses in membership were oftentimes hidden by

"whistling while passing the graveyard." While not discounting the benefits coming from the variously administered educational funds, yet he suggests that this work might better be left to Grand Commanderies and the Grand Encampment, while Grand Chapters should seek other outlets for their charitable inclinations, and which might take this concerted form:

We believe that the greatest good could be accomplished for the world, and for the Order, if Grand Chapters united in declaring, as has the Grand Chapter of New York, that the relief of the tuberculosis Brother is to be counted a major purpose of Capitular Masonry.

Comparing the addresses of the various Grand High Priests, he considered the program advanced by Nova Scotia to be the "most active and constructive," while he got the "biggest kick" from the Capitular review by Sam Helm, of Texas. Members of the Guild, what say ye?

Florida receives discriminating consideration, generally commendatory. Noting that the Jurisprudence Committee is composed of all the Past Grand High Priests in attendance, he exclaims: "Glory, what a sublimated debating society!" He also differs with Florida's action in the Queensland matter. Sorry, but it can't be helped.

Next Annual in Mitchell, June 13, 1929.

E. F. Terwilliger, Vermillion, Grand High Priest;
Geo. A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, Grand Secretary; Geo.
A. Goodman, Sioux Falls, Correspondent.

TEXAS—1928

Chapters, 305. Members, 43,226. Exalted, 1,480
 Net Loss, 489

GEORGE W. EMERY, Grand High Priest

Were it not for the demise of eleven Chapters whose charters were revoked, the actual loss would be only ten; however fourteen other Chapters were reported to be dormant, but as an offset ten fertile fields for new Chapters were suggested as being worthy of investigation. This causes ye scribe to wonder why this apparent apathy in Capitular Masonry, while at the same time the Symbolic degrees show a substantial increase in membership? There must be a reason.

Less than half of the Chartered Chapters were represented at the formal opening of the Seventy-ninth Annual Convocation, held at Waco, December 3, 4 and 5, 1928, with a few of the minor stations filled by appointment. Florida was represented by Grand Visitor Comp. D. C. McCord, who of course holds a Proficiency Certificate, which is always highly prized by Texas Craftsmen.

Broad vision and careful attention to details characterize the address of Grand High Priest Emery, who stressed the importance of the gathering in these two thoughts:

First, the interest and esteem shown for this branch of Masonry; secondly, the desire of "honest-to-goodness" fellowships and associations which are so much in evidence on this happy occasion.

The many minor matters of record indicate that the official year of Grand High Priest Emery was a busy one, and include the constituting of two Chapters and the instituting of three others. Most of the dispensations requested being required by law were of course granted, eight of these being to Chapters to resume labor, they having forfeited their right to assemble by failure to meet for three consecutive months.

One dispensation previously granted to form a Chapter was recalled by the Grand High Priest because "insufficient interest was being manifested." Another request was to "visit a Lodge and confer Chapter Degrees," which being clarified meant to confer the Chapter degrees in a Lodge hall in another town, and from which he "doubted if any material benefit would result."

Most of the decisions and rulings seem to conform to Florida laws so far as applicable and bring out nothing particularly new. This one, however, which evidently pertains to a Master Mason petitioning for the Chapter degrees, is not clear to ye scribe:

Question: Is it necessary to give the Sacred History?
 Answer: Most assuredly, YES.

Information received from the Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania relative to the Past Masters Degree was so satisfactory that Grand High Priest Emery recommended eliminating any qualification that might exist relative to "Passing the Chairs," or receiving the Past Master Degree, and Grand Chapter approved by adding:

All Companions who have received the Royal Arch Degree under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania can

properly be recognized as having been fully invested with the Past Master's Degree.

Grand Chapter did not approve the recommendation of the Grand High Priest for a constitutional amendment to permit a Chapter to transact business with only five members present. Neither did it approve his recommendation to omit the Roster of Membership, except the name of each Chapter, lists of officers, date of charter, etc., because it would be unwise to make such a drastic change without more consideration and postponed definite action until next Annual. However, it is noted that the Grand Lodge of Texas did condense its Roster of Members and thus saved a little over six hundred printed pages. Should this elimination become general, mail order concerns might enter a protest.

Texas Masons have every reason to be proud of the three Homes in their State for the care of their less fortunate Brethren, the dependent wives and children. Last fall ye scribe, while on a visit to his daughter, a member of the faculty of the Teachers' College at Commerce, and being properly chaperoned by Grand Secretary T. M. Bartley, Past Grand High Priest Sam J. Helm and Grand Visitor Hugh Richardson, was a visitor at the Home for Aged Masons at Arlington. This Home is delightfully located on a farm of about two hundred acres, owned exclusively by the Grand Chapter of Texas, entirely free of debt, the audit of which shows an investment of over a million dollars, about a half of which is in interest-bearing securities. Ye scribe was also privileged to be an over-night visitor at the Home, and thus saw some of the wonderful results accomplished by Manager Brown, which included a farm and a dairy, both showing a profit, as well as over twenty-five hun-

dred gallon cans of fruit and preserves, put up by Mrs. Brown, the Matron, besides dried fruits, vegetables, and other eatables, all being produced on the farm. The Home at that time had over a hundred and thirty guests, the average daily cost of maintenance per member being seventy-eight cents including hospital expenses.

The Order of the Eastern Star owns and operates a beautiful Home also near Arlington, which is likewise free from debt and has a reserve of nearly a quarter of a million dollars. The Grand Lodge of Texas has a Children's Home in Fort Worth where over four hundred small wards are cared for and this likewise owns its unincumbered property and has a comfortable reserve besides. The same day ye scribe was properly conducted through both of the latter two Homes as well.

While in the State ye scribe attended a two-day Masonic Study Class at Greenville, conducted by Companions Helm, Bartley, Richardson and others, the local Bodies being hosts. Particular attention was given to the symbolism of both the Symbolic and Capitular degrees. Other similar classes and schools are held in many parts of the State under the supervision of both Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge. They are stated to be well attended and much interest is being shown.

Well attended was the Grand Council of High Priesthood, which met at 6:00 o'clock in the morning of the second day, and about fifty Companions were duly set apart to the Holy Order. A Constitution was presented and adopted which differs in some minor matters from the Florida Body.

A well prepared Capitular Review is presented by E. Comp. E. H. Gouldy. Ye scribe had the pleasure of meeting him in his home city of Houston. It was

his maiden effort and is worth careful reading by every Royal Craftsman in the great Lone Star State. He states what many others of the Guild continually experience, that the "hardest part" of the year's work is not "what to publish," but rather "what can consistently be omitted with justice to the particular Grand Chapter under consideration."

Florida is somewhat concisely considered. He extends congratulations in the successful completion of the addition to our Masonic Home and adds, "we trust it will be operated as successfully as our Home for Aged Masons." After referring to the passing of our own Past Grand High Priest William S. Ware, he adds "also the death of P. G. H. P. John H. Sculthorpe, August 19, 1927, is recorded," which latter name we do not seem able to place.

Next Annual presumably in Waco, Dec. 2-4, 1929.

B. F. Brown, Sterling City, Grand High Priest; T. M. Bartley, Waco, Grand Secretary; Sam J. Helm, Corsicana, Correspondent.

UTAH—1928

Chapters, 8. Members, 1,290. Exalted, 58
Net Gain, 16

WILLIAM F. BULKLEY, Grand High Priest

Whatever Utah Capitular Masonry may lack numerically, in comparison with other Grand Chapters, it measures up well in proportionate increase in membership as

well as in its efforts to "carry on." Every Chapter was represented, every Grand Officer was in his rightful station and numerous other Permanent Members as well as heads of other Concordant Orders were present, when the Seventeenth Annual Convocation was opened in Ample Form at Provo, May 7, 1928; but no one to speak for Florida.

Regrets were freely expressed over the loss sustained in the passing to the Great Beyond of M. E. Comp. George W. Lynch, who was Grand High Priest in 1924, and who was "a real friend to whom all could go for help and guidance."

Zeal and energy in guiding the affairs of Grand Chapter characterize the address of Grand High Priest Bulkley. Only one Chapter failed to receive a personal visitation from him, and that was owing to travel conditions, which our Companions in this fair land where there is no winter cannot appreciate.

Unless conditions materially change, says the Grand High Priest, growth in number of Chapters need not be expected in the near future, but rather, he adds, "must be in increasing the membership of the Chapters already constituted." This conception is increasingly noted in many other Masonic Grand Bodies.

Dispensations were granted to permit Chapters to move into the new Salt Lake Masonic Temple, which is described as a beautiful structure and a credit to Freemasonry in the Rocky Mountain country.

An approved Chapter by-law makes this notable provision, new to ye scribe:

The dues of each member of this Chapter shall be \$3.00 per annum, if paid on or before the regular stated Convocation in April

each year, and \$5.00 per annum if paid after said stated Convocation.

But another provision from the same by-laws, that life membership would be granted upon "paying the sum of \$100.00," was disapproved by the Jurisprudence Committee, because "to grant a life membership to any one upon the mere payment of money seems to us to cheapen the value of life membership." This seems to be a point well taken, for it emphasizes the difference between life membership on a commercial basis and the rendering of real services to the fraternity, one being a business convenience, the other merited honor.

However, ye scribe is a member of a Particular Lodge in which every one belonging is a life member from the start, by dimit as well as by initiation, with a sum double the initiation fee (and quite liberal, by the way) in addition being required, which is set aside as a permanent fund, the principal of which cannot be touched and is to continue until this fund reaches a prescribed amount that will take years to acquire, and of which only the income is to be used for relief and educational purposes.

One infraction of the regulation requiring a membership of one year in Lodge before applying for advancement, was the conferring of the Chapter degrees upon a petitioner short of time, although it was afterwards claimed "that the fact was known to the Secretary and other members." The complaint was made by Grand Lodge, and the matter was finally adjusted by a positive note of warning from the Grand High Priest, concluding with this pertinent admonition:

It is not known just which of the Chapters was the offender. In fact we did not nor do not care to know, but we sincerely hope

that in the future the Grand Lodge will have no further cause to complain that our Chapters do not comply with their regulations.

Grand Chapter approved the foregoing and apparently adopted an amendment which it stated, "will probably prevent an unintentional violation of Grand Lodge law in future," although it does not appear in the printed Proceedings.

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

This explains why there is no Correspondence Report: "On motion duly supported, it was decided to have the Grand Correspondent report filed, not printed, but the compensation continued. Carried."

Next Annual in Ogden, May (?), 1929.

J. Warren Beless, Salt Lake City, Grand High Priest; G. B. Roberts, Grand Secretary, Ogden; Wm. H. Wilkins, Salt Lake City, Correspondent.

VERMONT—1928

Chapters, 31. Members, 5,827. Exalted, 172
Net Gain, 17

RAYMOND A. PEARL, Grand High Priest

True to custom, when the gavel sounded for the formal opening of the One Hundred and Eleventh Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter at Burlington, June 12, 1928, the General Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapters of Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire,

Maine, New Jersey, New York and Florida were represented.

Quite brief was the address of Grand High Priest Pearl, whom the committee to which it was referred commended for "zeal and efficiency," although this committee did not report until practically all the committees to which it had been referred had made their reports.

So smoothly did matters Capitular move along that only necessary routine matters were mentioned, and but few of them; all of his acts being approved by Grand Chapter. He deemed it advisable to refuse one dispensation to vote on an application for membership at a special Convocation, for district meeting purposes, because it did not seem to be an emergency, for, he said, "a dummy can be used at a District Meeting." As a matter of fact, ye scribe wonders why that should not be a common custom. If purely to entertain the side lines a real candidate is preferable; but if for educational and instructive purposes, and that is what we opine is the object, a "dummy" candidate makes it possible for those present to ask questions and receive instruction.

Believing that Vermont ought to be represented at the General Grand by more than one, he recommended that plans be made to send at least the first three elective officers, "so that all our Grand High Priests could attend at least one Triennial." This was referred to the Finance Committee, but that came so late in the Proceedings that it must have been overlooked, at least ye scribe fails to observe that any action was taken.

Seemingly the Grand High Priest visited all the Subordinate Chapters and found "a feeling for increased activity and enthusiasm to carry on." However, he

deemed it wise to admonish the stronger to bolster up "those who are struggling along that they, too, may be strong and healthy."

Noting that three Chapters were not represented, he directed the attention of the Jurisprudence Committee to an adopted action of the year previous to the effect that Chapters not properly represented for two successive years may be "struck from the Grand Chapter books." Fortunately this did not pertain, as no further action is recorded.

Appreciating the more than a quarter of a century of service to the Vermont Craft, Grand Chapter unanimously made R. .E. .Comp. Henry H. Ross, Grand Secretary Emeritus for the balance of his life at full salary, a practical appreciation of "work well done."

Upon satisfactory representation that it would bring new blood and increased energy into a somewhat dormant Chapter, it was permitted to change its home to a Masonic Lodge room in another city.

It seems strange that members of the Craft should so far forget Masonic courtesy as to unnecessarily leave a gathering which had been honored by a visitation of the Grand High Priest, as was reported by the Grand Lecturer, and he pertinently remarked, "the Grand High Priest of a Grand Organization of the State had reason to be offended."

It is pleasing to note that every District Deputy Grand High Priest made a formal report indicating activities throughout the State. In connection one sometimes wonders why any Grand Officer or his representative should deem it necessary to state that he was received with the "honors due the station," for what else would be expected? The only exceptions are the thoughtless oc-

casions referred to above. We often think of our honored poet laureate, who exclaimed: "O wad some power the giftie gie us to see oursels as ithers see us."

Only nine seemed to appreciate the privilege of being set apart to the holy Order of High Priesthood. Other qualified Companions do not realize what they are missing.

For the fourth time Past Grand High Priest Archie S. Harriman, who had also been elected Grand Secretary, presented a comprehensive review of the Proceedings of other Grand Chapters. He noted that the chief question engaging the attention of Grand High Priests was the large number of suspensions for n. p. d. He doubts that this is solely occasioned by the failure of "inefficient secretaries" to collect dues. Ye scribe surmises his reason, although it is not stated. This scribe also has his ideas, but he does not pose in any way as an attempted reformer, and the stating of them probably would not affect conditions.

Florida is sympathetically reviewed with apparent approval, in which he replies to our previous inquiry, why send out an unsealed official notice relative to trial for non-payment of dues instead of a sealed one, in which he said:

The writing in of the names of the accused Companions entailed labor for the Secretaries which seemed to us entirely unnecessary. It was *labor* we were saving, not merely one-half cent postage.

The local secretaries ought to appreciate this by sending in prompt and correct returns. His commendation is gratifying.

Next Annual in Burlington, June 11, 1929.

Arthur D. Young, Barre, Grand High Priest; Archie S. Harriman, Burlington, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

VIRGINIA—1928

Chapters, 173 (?). Members, 17,991. Exalted, 662
Net Loss, 68

CLAUDE W. FLETCHER, Grand High Priest

It is interesting to note that the One Hundred and Twenty-first Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Virginia convened in Richmond, October 23, 1928, and after prayer by the Grand Chaplain was opened in "Solemn" Form. Florida uses "Ample" Form, probably a mere difference in wording. A distinguished visitor was Past Grand High Priest John H. Anderson, of North Carolina, and who is also General Grand Captain of the Host of the General Grand Chapter, although the published Proceedings does not so indicate. Florida was represented by Companion E. D. Hanes; however, he does not appear to be elsewhere recorded, either among the Past High Priests or Visitors as being present.

The address of Grand High Priest Fletcher emphasized that Freemasonry is not only practical but also that it is far reaching and touches our every day lives. He expressed his sense of pride in being permitted "to participate in the activities of an institution which has withstood the test of time." Continuing, he well said:

The business of Masonry is to bless, to make life's pathway smoother and burdens lighter, to be our brother's keeper, to protect him from injury, comfort him in trouble and rejoice with him in prosperity. If Masonry fails in this it misses its great opportunity of rendering practical service to mankind. The teachings of the Capitular degrees are founded on Eternal Truths; they have been termed the "Religion of Masonry." Religion which does not so influence us as to affect our daily lives in making us better men is not worth the paper on which its teachings are written and had better have been consigned to the ash heap before men knew of it, but no such aspersion can be cast at our fair Order. Capitular Masonry silently goes about its task of spreading sunshine by giving its assistance where needed.

Being "at peace with the world," he said, every request for courtesy work was gladly granted, and the same fraternal consideration for similar favors was extended.

No decisions are recorded. One dispensation pertained to a Most Excellent Master who had suffered an accident which made it physically impossible for him to conform to the floor work in the Royal Arch degree, and which permitted him to use a substitute after having been obligated. While this was approved, as were all other official acts of the Grand High Priest, yet the Jurisprudence Committee

Would sound a warning that the substitution of a Companion for one physically incapacitated to receive the floor work is a practice that should be indulged in only in extreme cases and the dispensation granted only after careful consideration.

Being confronted with the problem of higher education for the children in the Masonic Home, the Grand High Priest recommended the appointment of a committee to work with similar committees in the other Ma-

sonic Bodies, and to report a plan a year hence for the higher education of those children. Apparently this matter in part is taken care of through the Hubbard Memorial Loan Fund, which has made thirty-three loans, the average amount being given as \$172.73; and yet the committee in its report stated that the funds are inadequate to take care of the applications.

This Grand Chapter has in vision a Home for the Aged, to be fostered by the Masonic Relief Association, which the Trustees admit "still remains a child of the mind." However, it reported having in hand \$117,461.81, but which is stated, "is only about one-fifth of what must be in the treasury before Grand Lodge will instruct the Board to Build the Home;" but it optimistically added, "Hope springs eternal in the human breast." Another relief institution of which it is justly proud is the George W. Wright Pavilion, which during the past two years seems to have treated and restored to health sixty-nine Master Masons and their dependents; truly a worthwhile measure.

The morning of the second day Grand Chapter met as a Committee of the Whole to consider matters which in Florida would have been referred to specific committees. Of course the report of this committee was later adopted as a whole.

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

"The King is dead; long live the King." The Guild as well as the Craft generally greatly miss the fraternal companionship and will long revere the memory of Excellent Companion Eggleston, for many years Virginia's able Masonic reviewer; it also extends a cordial welcome to Past Grand High Priest E. Fenno Heath,

who is the successor, and whose specimens of work pass inspection at this station.

Many reasons have been advanced for the losses in membership in many of the Grand Chapters the past few years, but Companion Heath puts forward a new reason, and coming as it does from one qualified by service to speak, is worthy of serious consideration, when he said, "one of the principal reasons is apparent lack of interest by Grand High Priests." He stated that he has been "forcibly struck with the small number of Chapters visited by these officials;" and further that the loss conditions referred to "usually occur in those Jurisdictions which are weak in their display of interest." He further opines that "no one thing is so heartening as a visit by the Grand High Priest."

Florida is courteously reviewed, but Companion Heath does not appear to be in sympathy with the position taken by Florida in the Pennsylvania matter, and which position he seems to emphasize wherever similar action has been taken by other Grand Chapters. It is unfortunate, perhaps, that all can not see things at the same angle, and ye scribe looks at it a little differently.

Next Annual in Richmond, October 22 and 23, 1929.

A. W. Obenshain, Roanoke, Grand High Priest; J. Gus Hankins, Grand Secretary; E. Fenno Heath, Newport News, Correspondent.

WASHINGTON—1928

Chapters, 53. Members, 9,395. Exalted, 395
Net Loss, 23

JAMES McCORMACK, Grand High Priest

Half a dozen Subordinate Chapters failed to send representatives to the Forty-fourth Annual, held in Tacoma, May 7 and 8, 1928; but the General Grand Chapter, General Grand Council and Oregon sent of its best, but there was no one to speak for Florida, and therefore no one to send the personal greetings of the Grand High Priest, which he requested.

Two members of the Permanent Family "crossed the divide" during the year: M. .E. .Comp. Francis B. West, Grand High Priest in 1907, and M. .E. .Comp. Abraham L. Miller, Grand High Priest in 1909.

An appropriate part of the opening preliminaries was the calling to the altar the Past Grand High Priests, who were welcomed by the Grand High Priest. This is a modest recognition of services faithfully performed and ye scribe often wonders why it is not more general?

Ideal aspirations put into practice characterize the excellent address of the Grand High Priest. He deemed it a high privilege to preside over the first convocation of the Grand Chapter in its new Temple.

Departing somewhat from common Capitular custom, Grand High Priest McCormack sent a Christmas greeting to each of the subordinate Chapters, and which inspires this quite applicable comment:

It's a great privilege to sit in council with this splendid body of men, and every Master Mason in the State of Washington should avail himself of this privilege by taking the Chapter degrees.

Continuing, he admonishes them that this means work for the new officers, who should realize that the responsibility is theirs to memorize the work and put it on in a manner to make the right impression on the candidate; he also recommended in each Chapter a Master of Ceremonies, one who is qualified to give instructions in the ritualistic work, and more especially one who is an enthusiastic Royal Arch Mason.

Quite appropriate in this connection is the reported action taken by the Lewis Lodge of Faith, Adelaide, South Australia, in its appointment of a Lodge Fellowship Committee, which includes two Past Masters, one of whom must possess "qualities of fellowship," and the other "capabilities of imparting education;" as well as nine non-office holding members, one of whose duties is:

One member sitting along side of each new member during the regular meetings for at least twelve months, explaining items of interest and Lodge ceremonials, until such new member gets to feel completely at home.

Differing somewhat from Florida regulations, quite a number of dispensations were granted to confer the Royal Arch Degree "on a plurality of teams not exceeding five at any one convocation;" and nearly as many more to "use one substitute in conferring the Royal Arch Degree." In referring to his official visitations, mention is made of one Companion who motored one hundred and thirty-seven miles "to witness the work and listen to the message of your Grand High Priest."

One of the recommendations of the Grand High Priest was "that the charge to the candidate be read from the ritual, not delivered from memory." This has always appealed to ye scribe as being more forceful, for

it is in effect "the reading of the law;" unless, perchance, it may be by one who can give it the full judicial intonations seemingly required. And this would be still further emphasized by following his recommendation that the Chapter stand during the reading.

He further recommended "that the Chapter be called up in the Royal Arch Degree for the prayer delivered by the Chaplain and again for the obligation." This sounds strange to ye scribe, for standing during this part of the ceremonies is common Florida custom, as also in other Jurisdictions with which he is acquainted.

However, as all the official acts and recommendations of the Grand High Priest were approved, they are good law in the Grand Jurisdiction of Washington, and not being "essentials," the law of the land prevails.

Like his predecessors "whithersoever dispersed," he realizes in his "retrospect" at the close of his year of service:

I have not accomplished all I planned to carry out. No man does who gets the vision for service, in proportion to opportunities. Duty calls us, but the frailty of human nature, like the still small voice, is the arbiter.

The big thing before our Chapters is to begin teaching the full meaning of symbolism, and not to make the mistake of thinking that increase in membership means anything—if they are merely members whose names appear on the roster, but whose presence is rarely seen at our meetings.

It seems to be the opinion of the Educational Booklet Committee that some definite plan regarding educational booklets will be recommended to the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council at the Tacoma Triennial.

It is pleasing to note the great interest that is being taken in this coming event by Capitular Masonry along the entire Pacific Coast. The Grand Chapter of California, at its 1928 Annual, pledged "our unlimited interest in and support of the Triennial of 1930." Oregon and British Columbia as well is evidencing similar interest.

Grand Chapter disapproved a resolution to increase the Grand Chapter dues from 50 cents to 75 cents, but it did levy a per capita assessment of 25 cents for three years only. Wonder just why?

Necessary routine matters and the "we approve" of committee reports complete a successful and harmonious Annual Convocation. So mote it be.

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

Owing to the protracted illness of Grand Secretary and Past Grand High Priest Harry L. Kennan, he had arranged with E. Comp. John H. Shaw to complete the review work. However, these plans were rudely broken, for "in the midst of life's duties and usefulness" the light of Companion Kennan was "suddenly extinguished forever," and his successor, Past Grand High Priest Wesley C. Stone, completed the work of the year, which passed inspection, and he is given the right hand of fellowship.

Florida is fraternally and sympathetically reviewed by E. Comp. Shaw, and his comments are commendatory.

Next Annual in Bellingham, May 13 and 14, 1929.

James H. Johnson, Chehallis, Grand High Priest; Wesley C. Stone, Spokane, Grand Secretary and Correspondent (?).

WEST VIRGINIA—1928

Chapters, 46. Members, 12,104. Exalted, 329
Net Loss, 98

JAMES H. GOLLEHON, Grand High Priest

Specially favored was the Fifty-eighth Annual Convocation, held at Charleston, October 1 and 2, 1928, in having as its most distinguished visitor, General Grand High Priest Charles C. Davis. Another notable visitor was Past Grand Master E. L. Cunningham of Virginia. And of course Past Grand High Priest Adrian C. Nagenbousch was there to properly look after the interests of Florida. He also responded to the gracious words of welcome extended to the Grand Representatives by the General Grand High Priest who assumed "that each of you will address a reply to your Grand Jurisdiction and tell them what a fine time you have had here, and how glad we are to see you and have you present at this meeting." Wonder who received this reply?

Grand High Priest Gollehon in his well prepared address, at the outset, assured his hearers:

It has been my observation that the greatest virtue that can be ascribed to a Grand High Priest's report is that of brevity and succinctness, as well as its freedom from platitudes and threadbare Masonic phrases with which we are all so familiar.

He then proceeded to make good by seriously considering in part what Masonry has accomplished and can yet accomplish in the world.

Owing to the change in time of holding the several Masonic gatherings his official year was restricted to

eleven months, and the report of his official acts indicate a careful study of the subjects brought to his attention, although Grand Chapter did not look at all of his recommendations at the same angle.

Being not able to personally visit all the Chapters, he arranged to have nearly every Chapter officially visited by some one or more of the Grand Officers.

Only one decision was reported, and the other minor requirements indicate that his other official duties were not overly onerous. But few queries were made, he stated, and those did not require direct official action, being covered by former decisions.

Grand Chapter did not approve the forming of a Secretarial Guild nor the creation of a Triennial Fund for it ought to strive to keep down the "over-head." However, when it came to the recommendation to eliminate in part or in whole the roster of membership of subordinate Chapters, which would more or less reduce the cost of printing the Annual Proceedings, the committee reported and Grand Chapter adopted:

It is well worth its cost to the Craft in the perpetuation of this history of the membership of our constituent Chapters. We like to see our names neatly, correctly and regularly displayed upon the pages of our records of the Craft.

The Grand High Priest stressed, as do most of the other Grand Presiding Officers, the almost necessity of electing a competent local secretary, properly compensate him, furnish the necessary equipment, and then expect satisfactory results. The office of local secretary is one part, and an essential one, too, in one of the large world organizations, and it cannot be too carefully administered.

The reports of the several committees indicate that many matters were presented, that each and every one received personal and careful attention, and that the committees' actions were in each instance approved. While they contain much of local interest, they are not of such a nature as to naturally interest our Florida Craftsmen, and therefore are passed over without further mention.

Routine work occupied the attention of the Annual Convention of the Order of High Priesthood and a score of qualified members were elected to be consecrated and set apart to that Holy Order, and the same officers were continued.

As seven is said to represent the perfect number, so does it represent the number of times that Grand Secretary Ford has presented a Correspondence Report; and the symbolism of that number well applies to this production. His findings do not materially differ from other members of The Guild, and he particularly notes: "That the old rascal—S. N. P. D.—is still active, and without doubt the cause of a very large majority of the losses."

Almost equal to an Index, which Florida Proceedings do not include, is the review of Companion Ford. He notes:

The records show that West Virginia was present. Companion George J. Tolson answering the roll—but we did not have a line from the Companion. Guess, like many others, he feels that his duty is done when he answers to roll call at Grand Chapter. Not so, Companion.

Very little escapes the notice of Companion Ford and his comments are aptly and pleasantly expressed. Most

certainly he does not follow the custom of a one-time acquaintance of ye scribe, who stated that he "dipped his pen in vitriol" when he wrote, and particularly when he was discussing matters pertaining to the Masonic Craft, which he did not hold in high estimation.

Next Annual in Clarksburg, October 6-7, 1929.

Wm. T. Morris, Wheeling, Grand High Priest;
George M. Ford, Wheeling, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

WISCONSIN—1928

Chapters, 112. Members, 25,947. Exalted, 1,103
Net Gain, 580

WINFIELD W. GILMAN, Grand High Priest

Strictly formal was the opening of the Seventy-eighth Annual Convocation at Madison, February 21, 1928. Distinguished visitors were Companions Harry H. Harvey, General Grand Custodian of the Work and the personal representative of General Grand High Priest Charles C. Davis; Charles S. Andrus, Grand High Priest of Illinois, and Robert A. Woods, Past Grand High Priest, Grand Secretary and Chairman Correspondence Committee of Indiana, and of course Past Grand High Priest Wm. F. Owens, Florida's Grand Representative. With this notable galaxy it could not be otherwise than a harmonious and inspiring gathering.

Devoid of frills was the business-like address of Grand High Priest Gilman. Although the net increase in membership was not as great as in some previous

years, he said, yet he felt that "an occasional 'breathing spell' is not necessarily detrimental;" and to which he truly added:

The important condition is shown by the lives of the individuals composing our membership. It is not our profession, nor our spoken words, nor the praise we bestow upon each other, or upon our Order, but the facts spread upon the records of the Recording Angel that determine to what extent we have made a success or failure in life, and it is the sum total of those records to which we must look for a justification of the existence of Royal Arch Masonry.

Early in the Capitular year the Grand High Priest deemed it advisable to issue an Edict, ordering that no circular or other document pertaining to Royal Arch Masonry be sent or circulated among Subordinate Chapters, or to the members, by any Chapter or member, without first obtaining the permission of the Grand High Priest.

Referring to the elimination of the Past Master's degree in Pennsylvania and elsewhere, he officially notified the Craft:

Only such Companions as have received all the degrees as practiced in this State are allowed to visit a Chapter, or can be elected to membership by affiliation, in this Grand Jurisdiction.

More than a dozen decisions are recorded. Although they bring out nothing particularly new in Capitular law, yet they do emphasize some features of Wisconsin Capitular customs and practices. An imitation Jewish half shekel should not be used in the M. M. degree in place of the "penny." Six candidates can be obligated at the same time, but the pledge must be offered separately

and not in the presence of any candidate to whom it has not previously been offered. Similar conditions prevail concerning carrying the k. s. Two teams may be exalted in the R. A. degree at the same convocation, but the work must be given to each team separately. A High Priest robe can be worn only in conferring this degree, when he represents a certain character, and not on any other occasion. The fees paid by a minister of the gospel cannot be remitted. The Chapter is to be the judge of physical qualifications of its petitioners.

It was brought out in a historical address by Past Grand High Priest Edwin F. Gibbs that the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin was organized at Madison, February 13, 1850, by three Chapters, and at the installation of the Grand Officers the following August a dispensation was granted to open a Chapter at Madison. In consideration of having part of its charter fees relinquished, it agreed that "it will at all times in future furnish the Grand Royal Arch Chapter with a suitable room, firewood and lights, free of expense." It was reported at the 1853 Convocation that this contract "has not been complied with on the part of Madison Chapter," and it was, therefore, annulled.

Grand Chapter continued sponsoring the Order of DeMolay by again appropriating \$1,000.00 towards the maintenance of the Order. That it is bearing fruit may be gathered by this statement of Companion W. I. Is-ham, "Active Member in Wisconsin," who stated: "Reports indicate that an unexpected percentage of DeMolays is joining the Craft." That there may be competition is inferred from this part of his report:

Within the past year the Eagles, the Elks and the Knights of Pythias have all instituted junior orders following the same gen-

eral lines of the Order of DeMolay. One outstanding difference, however, is the fact that while we impress upon the boys that membership in the Order of DeMolay gives them no privilege when it comes to joining the Craft, even going so far as to incorporate in our ritual that it is not a junior Masonic Order. these other fraternal societies openly state that theirs are Junior K. P., Elks and Eagles, and practically guarantee membership in the Senior Order upon reaching the age of twenty-one.

Rapid deterioration in the work of a certain Chapter indicated to the Grand Lecturer the existence of two factions and he advised the members to read the One Hundred and Thirty-third Psalm.

Appreciating his many years of devotion to the cause of Masonry and his unselfish love for mankind in general, and desiring that Grand Chapter accord all the honor which lies in its power to give, R. E. Companion W. W. Perry was officially proclaimed Grand Secretary Emeritus of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Wisconsin with full pay.

More than two scores of qualified Companions were consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

Past Grand High Priest Samuel Wright again succinctly reviewed the Proceedings of all the Grand Chapters which he had received. He is inclined to disagree with some that the loss in Capitular membership is merely getting rid of "deadwood" and "undesirables;" but rather he thinks it is "simply one of finance." Continuing he said in part:

Many appear to have overlooked the fact that the system of perpetual dues—a certain fixed amount payable annually during the Companion's lifetime, without regard to his previous years of membership, his age, his inconvenience or inability to pay,

backed by a drastic penalty—is not an Ancient Landmark. * * *
But on the contrary, it is absolutely a labor union invention pure and simple, unfortunately embraced by Masonic Bodies on account of its seeming financial convenience. By adhering to this labor union practice, the frequency of “carelessness” and “lost interest” is not remarkable.

Many recognizing the iniquity of this perpetual dues system have adopted various plans in their efforts to get away from it and get back to original Masonic principles. One Grand Body adds an amount equal to twelve years dues; others fix their dues at a figure that after a certain number of years the Companion is automatically exempt from the further payment of dues. In all these schemes the Companions pay *of their own free will and accord*, and while they are able. One thing seems certain, that there should be a time when a Companion should have completed the duties to his Chapter, at a time when time and age have impaired his earning ability and limited his income, when n. p. d. is not one of his vexations.

Florida is concisely reviewed, in which little of importance is noted. Companion Wright's attention is called to the fact that E. L. Shear was the Grand High priest presiding, not “E. L. Star,” as stated.

Next Annual in Eau Claire, February 19 and 20, 1929.

Clarence Hill, Port Washington, Grand High Priest; William F. Weiler, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary; Samuel Wright, Milwaukee, Correspondent.

WYOMING—1928

Chapters, 18. Members, 2,237. Exalted, 107
Net Gain, 6

JOHN A. WHITING, Grand High Priest

Two Chapters and Florida were not represented when the Twentieth Annual Convocation was held in Cheyenne, June 26, 1928, with all stations rightly filled. Several letters of regret were received.

Covering a period of over half a century of continuous Masonic activities, probably not equalled in Wyoming, is the record of M. E. Comp. Otto Gramm, who “crossed the divide” during the Capitular year, and who was Grand High Priest in 1914. He was prominent in all other branches of the Order.

Grand High Priest Whiting tritely stated in the interesting account of his stewardship that those Companions who are so unfortunate as not to be able to attend the Annual Convocations, and who no doubt think of them as “mere matters of routine business,” fail to realize—

That the great impelling force which brings those same Companions together year after year, is Fraternalism—the opportunity to renew the companionship by word and handshake.

He is a firm believer in yearly changes of meeting places of Grand Chapters, because it gives an opportunity to become better acquainted with each other and also with “the good principles and fellowship existing among the Craft,” which he said was “so noticeable at

all of my visitations," and every Chapter was personally visited by him. This is an excellent record. He was also pleased to find a growing tendency of inter-visitations among Chapters, which, he truly adds, is both desirable and commendable.

His few decisions, being in accordance with Grand Chapter laws, were approved; although this one does not seem quite clear to ye scribe:

Question: What is the status of a Companion, who was delinquent in payment of his dues, and requested his name be dropped from the rolls? Chapter on motion granted his request, and shortly thereafter Secretary of Chapter receives check for Companion's delinquent dues.

Answer: A Companion's membership may be severed only by demission or by suspension or expulsion. Demission may be had upon request of a member, provided he is not an officer at the time and then only if all indebtedness had been paid and no charges are pending.

Wyoming being a State of broad domain with several mountain ranges, it was no easy matter to fix the jurisdictional limits of constituent Chapters, but so equitably, apparently, was this done by the committee, that its action was unqualifiedly approved, with the provision that power be vested in the Grand High Priest "to regulate the jurisdiction of the different Chapters when emergency arises."

Much of the matters coming before Grand Chapter were routine and of little or no interest to outlanders. The reports of the several committees were approved. A recess of an hour was given for the noon luncheon and the business of the Grand Chapter was concluded soon thereafter, when the Grand High Priest "ordered an

adjournment to meet at the City of Lander, July 9, 1929," with the Grand Chaplain "leading the Companions in their devotions."

Apparently the Annual Convention of the Holy Order of High Priesthood followed the above adjournment, at which time five Companions were anointed and set apart to the Holy Order. This is one of the very few High Priesthood Grand Bodies in which the President makes an address at the annual gatherings.

President Jesse Converse also paid deserved tribute to the memory of Companion Otto Gramm, who was one of the three who organized the Holy Order of Priesthood in and for Wyoming about the year 1912, and who for several years had been its Vice President.

Feeling the need of "relaxation," Grand Secretary Richard H. Repath, who for several years has annually presented a splendid correspondence report, succeeded in convincing E. Comp. Henry G. Watson, who had just been set at work in the Grand Capitular quarries, to take up the review work. The report this year is presented by him for the first time. Whatever may be his vocation, which ye scribe opines may be journalism, he presents a splendid specimen of work. His comments are constructive, he well "covers" the essential features, and he will receive a cordial welcome by the Guild.

He designates the address of our Grand High Priest Shear "an unvarnished account of his official activities." He noted the large delegation from Florida at the Denver Triennial, by reason of the appropriation made for that purpose, which he opines is somewhat easier on the finances of the Companion "than here, where every one

goes on his own time and expenses." But then, Companion, it is only about a hundred miles or so from Wyoming to Denver, while it runs into the thousands from Florida. We hope to meet him in Tacoma in 1930.

Next Annual in Lander, July 9, 1929.

Robert B. Rose, Buffalo, Grand High Priest; Richard H. Repath, Cheyenne, Grand Secretary; Henry G. Watson, Cheyenne, Correspondent.

NEW BRUNSWICK—1927-1928

Chapters, 10. Members, 1,618. Exalted, 77
Net Gain, 1

FARRIS S. SAWAYA, Grand High Priest

Owing to an oversight of both the 1927 and 1928 Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, this review appears out of alphabetical order. Both Annual Convocations held in Saint John in August of each year, were presided over by Grand High Priest Sawaya and the reviews are combined. They show a net loss in membership of three for the two-year period. Florida was not represented either time. The losses by death in the Permanent Family include: M. E. Comp. Wm. B. Wallace, Grand High Priest in 1905-1906, and M. E. Comp. Wm. H. Smith, Grand High Priest in 1924.

Concise and comprehensive is the address each year of Grand High Priest Sawaya, in which much consideration is given to official visitations, no Chapter being neglected, with this encouraging conclusion: "Harmony and peace prevail, the Chapters are progressing steadily,

and the desire for light and knowledge ever in the ascendant among the Companions."

Several dispensations were granted to Chapters to confer degrees, excepting the Royal Arch, in other Masonic halls, Chapters were admonished of the imperative necessity of complying with constitutional requirements that every Companion after being exalted is presented with a copy of the Constitution and By-laws.

At the 1927 Convocation the Grand High Priest recommended the appointment of a committee to interview the authorities of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia relative to the advisability of adopting the same titles and ritual used by the other Grand Jurisdictions in Canada. This recommendation was favorably considered by Grand Chapter, and similar action has been taken by the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia. This part of the address of the Grand High Priest is of historical interest:

In 1887 the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick was formed and consolidated as an Independent and Supreme Body. From its inception until 1891, its principal officers were known and designated by the ancient titles of Grand Principals Z., H. and J., or First, Second and Third Principals. In 1891 these ancient titles were changed in conformity with the more modern titles adopted by our sister Jurisdictions in the U. S. A.

While our records do not give the reasons for such a change, I presume that it was on account of this Grand Chapter being adjacent to the New England States, and the facilities of fraternal intercourse at that time between them, suggested the adoption of their titles and ritual, while the original titles and rituals, which at the present time are the standard of Royal Arch Chapters throughout Great Britain and the British possessions were discarded.

We, as a unit of this Great Dominion, should consider favorably the adoption of the same principals as those adhered to by

the big majority of the Grand Chapters throughout Canada, thus nationalizing our system of Capitular Masonry by reverting back to the original titles and ritual which were handed down to us in former times, from the fountain head of all Masonic work.

Aside from the above mentioned considerations, the ancient titles mean something more, and have a specific significance in the work and the lesson taught in the Royal Arch. The original ritual does away with the possibility of all undue levity, conveys to the mind of the candidate and the Companions the solemnity of the Order, and brings out more clearly the beauties of the teachings of the Holy Royal Arch.

Favorable consideration was given to a constitutional amendment at the 1927 Annual Convocation to the question of the Grand Chapter taking in the Order of High Priesthood. This was effected at the 1928 Annual, thus making the Order of High Priesthood the "Chair Degree for installing a High Priest." Consequently that was the last meeting of the Order of High Priesthood of the Province of New Brunswick, as a separate organization to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick.

Grand Chapter did not favor changing date of the Annual Convocations, which are now held in connection with the Annual Communications of Grand Lodge.

But Grand Chapter did favor the recommendation of the Grand High Priest for the appointment of District Deputies to better look after the welfare of the Chapters, and particularly to impress the solemnity of the Holy Royal Arch degree, which he stated "was and ever has been a part of pure and Ancient Craft Masonry."

The question of Life Membership was referred to the Executive Committee for consideration and to report at the next Annual Convocation.

There is no report on correspondence.

Next Annual in Saint John, June 27, 1929.

Albert E. Pearson, Sussex, Grand High Priest; J. Twining Hart, Saint John, Grand Secretary.

IRELAND—1926-1927-1928

Through the courtesy of V. E. Comp. Henry C. Shellard, Grand Registrar, herewith is presented a condensed summary of the work of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland for the past three years, other Proceedings seeming to have been miscarried or overlooked. During this period the Craft has been making progress each year, although detailed figures are not given. In addition to the District and Provincial Grand Chapters, of which there appear to be eight in Ireland proper, there is a Provincial Grand District in New Zealand and also one in South Africa. Concerning the latter M. E. Comp. William Taylor, the Deputy Grand King, in his annual report for 1928, stated:

If I were to single out any part for special observation and commendation, it would be that of the Provincial Grand District of South Africa, whose report on the progress of Royal Arch Masonry in his Province is most encouraging reading and an inspiration to all of us.

Action is under way looking to the granting of a charter for a Provincial Grand Chapter in South Africa, which will consist of seven Chapters, widely separated. A delegation making an official visitation to three of these Chapters traveled nearly 2,500 miles.

Encouraging reports come from the two Chapters in New Zealand which state that "harmonious relations continue with other Constitutions, and all share in the general progress of Royal Arch Masonry." Also that it is not unusual at Installation gatherings to have representatives present from Chapters under the English, Irish, Scotch and New Zealand Supreme Grand Chapters.

During the three years warrants were issued for twelve new Chapters, and the only one returned was from Colombo, Ceylon.

Owing to the protracted illness of The Right Hon. The Lord Muskerry, Grand King, the head of the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland, his only report was for 1926, and was brief, the work being satisfactorily carried on by the Deputy Grand King. No reference whatever is made to dispensations, rulings or recommendations, if there be anything of this nature, they no doubt being taken care of by the Royal Arch Board of General Purposes.

Apparently uniformity of work is not required, for one report mentions a visitation to a Chapter where—

There was such a working of Rituals belonging to other Constitutions mixed up with our own, that when asked by a member of the Chapter what he thought of the working, he said, "It was like nothing on the earth he could describe."

A novel method suggested of exchanging Christmas greetings, was for the Chapters under the Irish Constitution "sending to Chapters of the same number in other Constitutions."

Not only Irish Freemasonry, but also the Craft at large, suffered a distinct loss in the passing of M. E. .

Comp. W. Redfern Kelly, who at the time of his death was said to be the oldest Royal Arch Mason under the Irish Constitution, having been exalted in 1865. He was an enthusiast in all branches of Masonry, and particularly in the Royal Arch, and was as well an international Masonic writer of acknowledged authority.

The Quarterly Communications of the Grand Chapter are usually held in Dublin, but for some reason the May Convocation of last year was held in the City of Cork.

The Right Hon. The Lord Muskerry is Grand King; Henry C. Shellard, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, is Grand Registrar, to whom all communications should be addressed.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY IN INDIA

Interesting information concerning Royal Arch Masonry in India is given in an address at the November Quarterly Communication of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, by M. E. . Comp. Col. Rt. Hon. Lord Cornwallis, Second Grand Principal of the Grand Chapter, and Deputy Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England. Lord Cornwallis headed the Deputation sent by this Grand Lodge on an official visitation to the Lodges working under English Constitution in India, Burma and Ceylon. A considerable part of the address of Lord Cornwallis was given to comparisons with Capitular customs in England, in which he noticed a great difference. The "workings" in no two of the Chapters visited, he said, "hardly coincided," and in one case "the ceremony bore no resem-

blance to any ceremony we had ever seen worked before." He believed the distances were too great to send Companions to England for instruction, and that "the harmonizing can only be secured by gradual infiltration." Continuing, he further said:

One must never forget the problem of distance when considering any problem in India. I think I am right in saying that the length of one district is as far as from here (London) to Moscow, and that produces the further difficulty that it is often difficult to get a First Z. (Zerubbabel), or H. (Haggai) and J. (Joshua) to start a new Chapter, where it is recognized that a Chapter would be beneficial and self-supporting, and, if a Companion in addition to the difficulty of traveling feels a lack of confidence in matters of ritual, he naturally hesitates to undertake the responsibility of guiding a new Chapter. There is no lack of enthusiasm or zeal, but there is a hesitancy. Let me illustrate this sort of circumstances by the concrete example of the Shwe-chang Chapter that we consecrated at Burma, probably the smallest attendance at a Consecration by Grand Chapter Officers there has ever been. There were present eleven Companions, including the three Consecrating Officers. The three Principals-elect were keen, zealous Masons but none of the three had been in the Principals' Chairs before; Z. was going to leave in five days' time, and H. not long after. I am sure you are all thinking that we were taking on unjustifiable risk in consecrating the Chapter—that was not so—the Grand Superintendent and the Companions themselves were perfectly confident of the future. They elected seventeen Companions as joining members, and said that qualified Companions would come from Mandalay and Columbo—a mere twenty-four hours' journey—to see them through their early stages, and we saw no reason to differ with their views.

There is also the problem of removals. We know here how in our service Lodges there is very little sequence in the Master's Chair. Out there, where a large proportion of the Companions are either soldiers or in Government service, it is ten times more pronounced. These are the difficulties which they are zealous, eager, and prepared to overcome. They ask from us sympathy and direction. I feel that our visit reassured them of the goodwill and interest of

Grand Chapter, which has always been theirs, and that it gave us a picture of their special difficulties which it is helpful to Grand Chapter to have.

In closing the address, Lord Cornwallis referred to a visit to Lodge Star in the East, which he stated was the oldest Lodge in India and probably the oldest Lodge outside England under the English Constitution.

"ANCIENT HISTORY"

Ye scribe recently received a copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Florida for 1861, and which nearly completes his collection of Florida Grand Chapter Proceedings from that date to 1928. Among other interesting matters it contains a brief report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which had been instructed to report "those points of Masonic Law which had been decided by other Grand Royal Arch Chapters," and from which the following is taken:

Indiana for 1859—

"That a belief in the Divine authority of the Bible, and the existence of a God, are alike essential as a qualification for a true Mason.

"That no Masonic organization should be allowed an existence whose disciplinary requirements do not clearly exemplify the perfect agreement with and dependence of Masonry upon the Scriptures for Divine Truth.

"That the Bible, 'the great light of Masonry,' is regarded as the only rule for faith and practice among Masons, and every Mason is bound to reverence the name and obey the mandates contained in the word of God. And he who professes to be a R. A. Mason, but who does not so deport himself as to show in his con-

duct and conversation the beauty of 'Holiness to the Lord,' should be a subject of Masonic discipline, and required to reform, or have no more place among us.

"That any one who does not believe in the entire agreement of the principles of Masonry with the teachings of the Bible, is disqualified from being a Mason, either for want of faith in the Bible or moral perception to comprehend the teachings of Masonry."

Maine, 1859—

"The application of any candidate for advancement or exaltation, in any Chapter under this jurisdiction, shall be a member of a Lodge of Master Masons within this State."

Maryland and District of Columbia, 1859—

"That the rejection of the application of any High Priest of a Chapter for the Order of Priesthood, by a Council of High Priests, shall not render him eligible to perform all the duties of the H. P. of the Chapter to which he belongs."

Massachusetts, 1860—

"Voted, That the three prayers usually made during the ceremony of the seventh degree be discontinued, their use being an innovation of the ancient work of the degree."

Mississippi, 1860—

"That Royal Arch Chapters have no right to confer the Past Master's degree on a Master Mason, merely for the purpose of qualifying him to preside as a Master of a Blue Lodge.

In the 1862 Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Florida this motion prevailed:

Resolved, That during the existence of the present national hostilities between the United States and the Confederate States of America, the High Priest of any subordinate Chapter under this jurisdiction is hereby authorized to move, or cause to be moved, the Chapter of which he is High Priest to any safe and judicious locality within this State: *Provided*, such removal shall, by a majority of the members of such Chapter be adjudged necessary and proper for the convenience or protection of the same.

SMALL NET GAIN IN MEMBERSHIP

Capitular Masonry in the United States, as indicated in the Proceedings reviewed, shows that in twenty-two Grand Chapters there was a total gain in membership of 5,275, and in twenty-five Grand Chapters there was a total loss of 5,842, or a net loss in the Grand Chapters of the United States of 567, besides the figures in two other Grand Chapters which do not appear in the Proceedings. However, from unofficial sources they appear to show a gain of 67, which if correct would reduce the total net loss to an even 500.

The greatest gain was 1,644 in the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, while Nevada shows a gain of only one; the largest loss, 748, was in Alabama, and the smallest was twenty-three in Colorado.

However, a better showing is made by our Canadian Royal Craftsmen, the total gains being 623, Canada in Ontario leading with 262, while New Brunswick shows a gain of only one. A loss of three is reported by Nova Scotia. This makes a total net gain of 620 in the Canadian Grand Chapters.

Most of the above figures are for the year 1927, although in a very few instances the figures are for the year 1926, while a few others cover a small portion of 1928.

Membership statistics in Great Britain and the Australian States are very meager, owing in part perhaps to the dual membership which seems to prevail in some of the countries together with an apparent desire to not advise the public of their internal activities. However, in most of the Grand Bodies the results of the year appear in some form.

The encouraging part of the above summary is that Capitular Masonry on the American Continent seems to show a net gain of 123. This causes one to wonder what the results will be a year hence. In any event it certainly behooves Capitular Masonry to look carefully and constantly after its own.

THEY WILL BE MISSED

During the year 1928 the following members of The Guild responded to the imperative summons and passed the Veils for the last time: Companions George J. Roskrug of Arizona, Edgar A. McHan of Georgia, Frederick A. Comee of Massachusetts, William W. Wilson of North Carolina, James A. Scott of Oklahoma, and Henry L. Kennan of Washington, all of whom had given many years of service to the Royal Craft, and with one exception had passed the allotted age of three score years and ten.

Also Companions Albert K. Wilson and Henry H. Ross of Vermont have retired and have been made Emeritus Grand Secretaries, a splendid recognition, while living, of faithful services.

NO CLANDESTINE CHAPTERS IN FLORIDA

Referring to the two Clandestine Chapters said to be in Florida and mentioned in the address of former Grand High Priest Cary B. Fish, which was taken from

the list compiled by General Grand Secretary Charles A. Conover, inquiry shows that Jasper Chapter No. 10 at Jasper, was consolidated several years ago with Live Oak Chapter at Live Oak; and that Hiram Chapter No. 5 at Coconut Grove must be a colored institution, for there never was a Chapter in that city.

It was somewhat of a disappointment not to receive the Proceedings of the Grand Chapters of New Zealand, South Australia, Victoria and Western Australia; and even those of Ireland and New Brunswick were eleventh-hour arrivals—too late to appear in proper alphabetical order. However, the committee has a good start for another year, having already received the following 1929 Proceedings: Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Mississippi, New York, North Dakota, Tennessee and Wisconsin. There must be a stopping place, and it was deemed advisable, as far as possible, to review each year as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,

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For the Committee.

Bradenton, Florida,
May 3, 1929.

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