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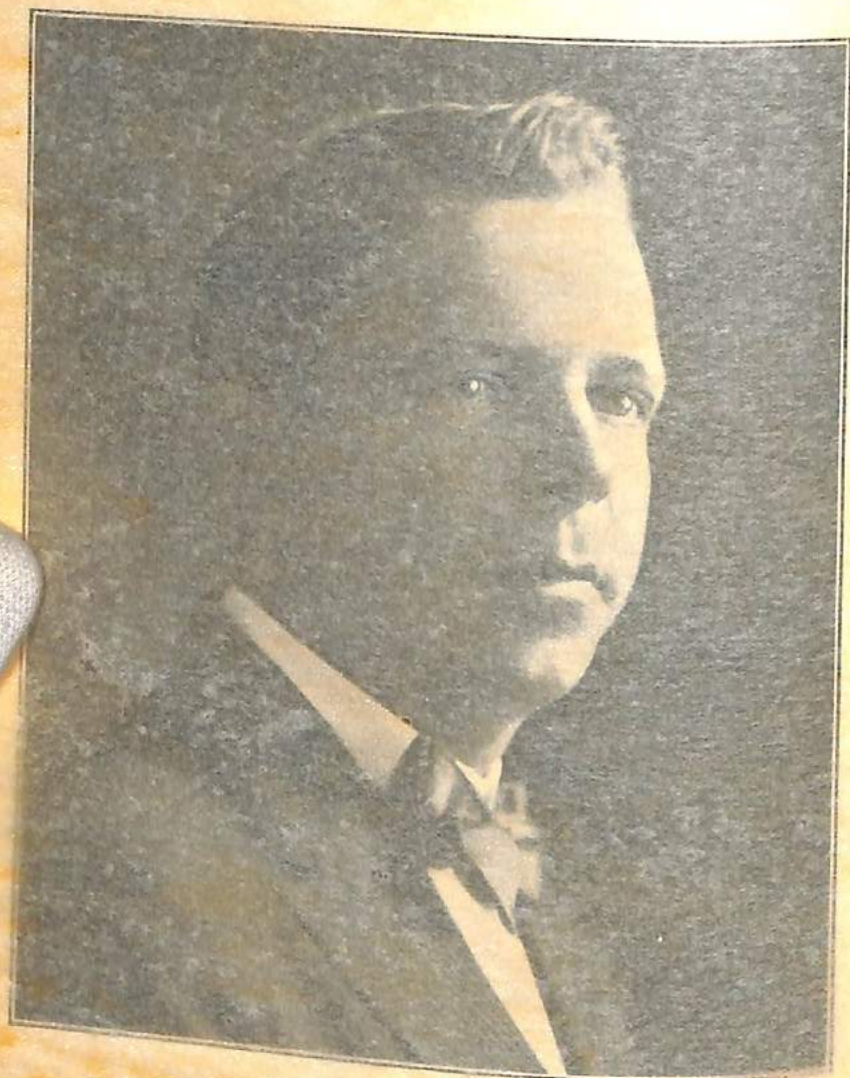
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The next Annual Convocation will be held in the City of Jacksonville, on the Third Tuesday in May, 1931.

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PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
**M. : E. : Grand Chapter of Florida**  
EIGHTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION  
1930

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The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida assembled in its Eighty-fourth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple in the City of Jacksonville at 10:00 A. M. Tuesday, May 20, A. D. 1930, A. I. 2460.

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

John Pasco .....	M. : E. : Grand High Priest
Stafford Caldwell .....	R. : E. : Dep. Gr. High Priest
Alex. B. Steuart .....	R. : E. : Grand King
Wm. B. Greer .....	R. : E. : Grand Scribe
Marcus Endel .....	R. : E. : Grand Treasurer
Wilber P. Webster .....	R. : E. : Grand Secretary

Dorsey H. Rutter	.....	R. E.	Grand Chaplain
R. P. Buckmaster	.....	E.	Grand Capt. of the Host
Archie Aitchison	.....	E.	Grand Prin. Sojourner
George A. Dame	.....	E.	Grand Royal Arch Capt.
John B. Phelps, as	.....	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 PRIESTS

	Marcus Endel
Wilber P. Webster,	E. E. Haskell,
Louis C. Massey,	William R. O'Neal,
Dabney B. Palmer,	W. V. Carter,
Henry O. Snow,	R. J. Kishpaugh,
Ely P. Hubbell,	E. L. Shear,
Cary B. Fish	R. J. McMaster.

## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

	T. P. Robinson
George A. Dame,	Dorsey H. Rutter,
Hamilton Baluss,	Richard B. Lovett,
Archie Aitchison,	F. S. Hartsfield,
W. S. Perry,	J. C. Clark.
W. C. Winans,	John B. Phelps

## REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

Florida No. 1	—B. Jay Owen, H. P.
Gainesville No. 2	—K. H. Graham, H. P.; W. C. Matthews, S.

Tampa No. 3	—H. S. Chiles, proxy for H. P.; S. E. Clark, proxy for K.; E. C. Austin, S.
St. Johns No. 4	—J. C. Polley, H. P.; Chas. L. Heath, proxy for K.; R. L. Christenbery, proxy for S.
Halifax No. 5	—Robert A. Miller, H. P.
Mt. Horeb No. 6	—B. D. Howe, H. P.
Eureka No. 7	—T. P. Robinson, proxy for H. P.
Dade City No. 8	—Ralph Coleman, proxy for H. P.
Putnam No. 9	—L. A. Smith, proxy for officers.
Jericho No. 11	—Geo. M. Chambers, H. P.
Jacksonville No. 12	—Joe E. Herring, H. P.; Hamilton Baluss, S.
Ocala No. 13	—C. A. Bangert, H. P.; J. D. Robertson, Jr., K.; H. L. Ernst, proxy for S.
Inverness No. 14	—M. C. Scofield, H. P.
Monroe No. 15	—Geo. W. Huff, K.
Plant City No. 16	—F. E. Cummins, H. P.
Manatee River No. 18	—Jas. F. Valdes, H. P.
Lake Butler No. 19	—Charles H. Register, H. P.
Keystone No. 20	—J. A. Warren, proxy for H. P.
Thomas Brown No. 22	—R. H. Brown, proxy for officers.
Lake Worth No. 24	—A. C. Jordahn, H. P.
Live Oak No. 25	—B. W. Helvenston, proxy for officers.
Jefferson No. 26	—Jacob Tarlowski, H. P.; J. D. Martin, S.
Indian River No. 27	—A. S. Rhoads, proxy for H. P.
Joppa No. 28	—Wm. H. Wollen, H. P.
Lakeland No. 29	—E. W. Black, H. P.
Gadsden No. 30	—Charles H. Gray, H. P.
St. Petersburg No. 31	—D. E. Muirhead, H. P.
Jackson No. 32	—C. W. Davis, H. P.
Eustis No. 33	—R. H. Hoyt, H. P.; W. D. Hoyt, S.

- Leesburg No. 34—C. E. Schaeffer, H. P.; Wm. Dunston, proxy for S.  
 Sarasota No. 35—F. A. Riegel, proxy for officers.  
 Arcadia No. 36—C. A. Parker, H. P.  
 Providence No. 38—C. Roberts, S.  
 Crestview No. 40—Jas L. Clary, H. P.  
 Winter Haven No. 41—S. C. Smithers, H. P.  
 Union No. 43—N. D. Martin, proxy for H. P.; E. E. Macy, K.; W. M. Christen, S.  
 Okeechobee No. 46—H. J. Dame, proxy for officers.  
 Nassau No. 49—S. H. Swearingen, H. P.  
 Poinciana No. 50—N. G. Stout, S.  
 New Smyrna No. 51—W. G. Blair, proxy for officers.  
 M. D. Cushing No. 54—H. L. Tolbert, H. P.; H. S. Weber, K.; F. R. Hamlett, S.  
 Madison U. D.—D. F. Burnett, S.

## PAST HIGH PRIESTS

## Present in No Other Capacity

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|---------------------------|--------------------|
| W. L. Marshall .....      | Tallahassee No. 1. |
| Ernest V. Reed .....      | Tampa No. 3.       |
| Ralph G. Reynolds .....   | Eureka No. 7.      |
| John B. Phelps .....      | Jericho No. 11.    |
| L. Earl Curry .....       | Jericho No. 11.    |
| F. H. Hobein .....        | Nassau No. 49.     |
| Vincent S. St. John ..... | Nassau No. 49.     |

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

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| Alabama .....    | R. J. Kishpaugh. |
| Arizona .....    | R. B. Lovett.    |
| California ..... | Robert H. Brown. |

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| Canada .....            | Chester DeRocher.  |
| Colorado .....          | B. C. Webb.        |
| Connecticut .....       | M. W. Bishop.      |
| Delaware .....          | W. P. Webster.     |
| Georgia .....           | E. E. Macy.        |
| Illinois .....          | Archie Aitchison.  |
| Iowa .....              | W. V. Carter.      |
| Kansas .....            | Alex B. Steuart.   |
| Kentucky .....          | E. L. Shear.       |
| Louisiana .....         | John Pasco.        |
| Maine .....             | Elmer E. Haskell.  |
| Maryland .....          | Henry O. Snow.     |
| Michigan .....          | F. Wm. Schultz.    |
| Mississippi .....       | Dabney B. Palmer.  |
| Missouri .....          | Cary B. Fish.      |
| New Hampshire .....     | William R. O'Neal. |
| New Jersey .....        | John B. Phelps.    |
| New York .....          | Marcus Endel.      |
| New South Wales .....   | John B. Grether.   |
| North Dakota .....      | R. J. McMaster.    |
| Ohio .....              | Ely P. Hubbell.    |
| Oklahoma .....          | W. B. Greer.       |
| Oregon .....            | F. H. Thompson.    |
| Pennsylvania .....      | Louis C. Massey.   |
| Scotland .....          | Alex B. Steuart.   |
| South Dakota .....      | Wm. R. O'Neal.     |
| Texas .....             | R. P. Buckmaster.  |
| Utah .....              | J. J. Torrey.      |
| Virginia .....          | Stafford Caldwell. |
| Washington .....        | Stafford Caldwell. |
| Western Australia ..... | John Pasco.        |
| West Virginia .....     | George J. Tolson.  |
| Wisconsin .....         | George A. Dame.    |
| Wyoming .....           | John Pasco.        |

Upon motion of Past Grand High Priest McMaster 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 Kishpaugh, all Royal Arch Masons in good standing were invited to seats in the Grand Chapter as visitors.

The following Distinguished visitors were introduced to the Grand Chapter:

J. G. Standifer, M. .I. .Grand Master, Grand Council of Georgia.

A. G. Miller, Past Grand High Priest and present Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Georgia.

George J. Tolson, M. .I. .Grand Master, Grand Council of Florida.

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

#### RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS

J. E. Herring, H. D. Gilmore,  
L. Earl Curry.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

J. D. Martin, T. P. Robinson,  
J. H. Rauch.

#### PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES

J. Tarlowski, M. C. Scofield,  
R. A. Miller.

#### DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS

Laurence Rickard, J. C. Clark,  
R. H. Brown.

#### VISITORS

John B. Phelps, Cary B. Fish,  
B. C. Webb.

The Representatives of other Grand Chapters extended Greetings from their several Grand Jurisdictions. 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:

I take pleasure in welcoming you to this Eighty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Florida.

Throughout the entire year a spirit of harmony and good fellowship has prevailed in this Grand Jurisdiction but in many quarters considerable lack of interest has been indicated by irregularity in the holding of meetings and the small attendance at meetings when held.

At the first meeting of the District Deputy Grand High Priests held at Tampa immediately following our last Grand Convocation plans were adopted with the idea in view of creating greater interest, and instilling a feeling of rivalry throughout our constituent Chapters, and among our District Deputies.



With this idea in view announcements were sent out by your Grand High Priest. Announcements hereto attached.

These announcements have been well received and while the reports have been in some instances slow in coming in, this is to be expected in inaugurating any such change in our routine, and for this reason the quarterly reports showing the standing of Chapters and Districts could not be made up but the final report is as follows: While Monroe D. Cushing Chapter No. 54 won first honor, Sarasota Chapter No. 35 was a close second. Report hereto attached.

These quarterly reports together with the reports of the District Deputies indicate a condition in many quarters throughout this Grand Jurisdiction that should call for our serious consideration and decisive action.

In order to meet these conditions of inactivity and lack of interest that our District Deputies and Grand Officers have found to exist I recommend the following:

That an appropriation of at least \$2,000.00 be made at this Convocation for providing the services of a Grand Lecturer to work in conjunction with the District Deputies under the direction of the Grand High Priest. That the Grand Lecturer be appointed by the Grand High Priest on the nomination of the District Deputies immediately after the adjournment of the Grand Chapter.

The future welfare of the Grand Chapter is largely in the hands of the District Deputy Grand High Priests. They have done wonderful work during this year. I called a meeting of this splendid body of Royal Arch Masons together with the members of the Grand Council at the Masonic Temple at Jacksonville on March 28, for the purpose of discussing some of the problems confronting us at this time.

This meeting was attended by practically every member. Only four unable to attend by reasons over which they had no control. This was a most helpful and a most enthusiastic meeting. In addition to the members our Grand Secretary and our Grand Treasurer contributed their presence and their Council.

The consensus of opinion was that the conditions above referred to which are indicated by our quarterly reports are not due to our change of ritual, nor are these conditions peculiar to our own Jurisdiction. While we feel that though there are a number of causes for these conditions that some of the causes can be located and removed.

Each Chapter should have a definite line of work outlined and placed upon the trestleboard. Such work should be adopted to fit the conditions of each Chapter and should fit in with the purposes of our great institution. As the Grand Chapter of Florida has adopted a definite line of work, assisting in the college education of deserving young men and young women, so each Chapter should select something definite to cover a need or needs of the community in which it is located.

I recommend that quarterly reports be sent out announcing the standing of the Chapters and the relative standing of the District Deputies.

I recommend that a regular meeting be held each year of the District Deputies and the members of the Grand Council, and that a definite appropriation should be made to cover this expense.

Most of the field work of this Grand Chapter is now being done by our District Deputies. In the past they have not only sacrificed their time to carry on the work of this Grand Chapter but they have paid their own traveling expenses. I recommend that a definite appropria-

tion be made to cover their traveling expenses on a mileage basis.

I feel that these efforts have not gone unrewarded. Already we find a friendly spirit of rivalry existing among the District Deputy Grand High Priests as well as among the Chapters, and plans are being made in a good many quarters to win the distinction of being the Honor Chapter in the Florida Grand Chapter, and the distinction by the District Deputies of having the Honor District.

#### GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER TRIENNIAL SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Reports from our special committee on the triennial indicate that their work has been handled in an efficient way and that these efforts to bring before our Sister Grand Jurisdictions the name of one of our distinguished Past Grand High Priests for recognition by the General Grand Chapter has been well received. Every effort should be made by our representatives to bring these plans to a successful conclusion.

#### NECROLOGY

We have been most fortunate during the year that all of our Grand Officers have been spared and continue in their usual good health.

It is with regret that I announce the death of our Most Illustrious Companion Robert McClellan, Past Grand High Priest. He passed within the Inner Veil at his home at Gainesville on April 12.

A suitable memorial will be prepared by Past Grand High Priest Marcus Endel.

Some of our Sister Grand Jurisdictions have not been so fortunate and to them we extend our sincere sympathy.

#### APPOINTMENTS

On recommendation of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, I appointed Companion O. F. Graves of Harlan, Iowa, to represent the Grand Chapter of Florida in that Jurisdiction. This appointment was made to fill the vacancy of Companion Orié H. Miller who had died.

On April 11, 1930, on recommendation of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, I appointed Companion James H. Johnson of Clarksdale, Mississippi, as our representative near that Grand Chapter to fill the vacancy caused by death.

I have made the following recommendation to fill vacancies among our Grand Representatives:

I have recommended Companion John B. Phelps as our Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of New Jersey.

I have recommended Companion Archie Aitchison as our Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Illinois.

#### CHANGE OF BY-LAWS

On October 29, 1929, I approved a change in the By-laws of Live Oak Chapter No. 25, providing for the sale of "Life Memberships" at twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) each, not to exceed one hundred and twenty-five (125).

On June 12, 1929, I approved a change in the By-laws of Joppa Chapter No. 28 to change their regular Convocation from the first Friday in each month to the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

On February 7, 1930, I approved a change in the By-laws of Keystone Chapter No. 20 providing that their regular Convocation be held on the second Friday evening of each month at 8:00 P. M.

## DISPENSATIONS

On November 9, 1929, I issued a dispensation to Monroe D. Cushing Chapter No. 54 to hold a special Convocation on November 18, 1929, for the purpose of balloting on candidates and for the transaction of any other business that should come regularly before it. Due notice to be sent to all members.

On May 2, 1930, I issued a dispensation to Lakeland Chapter No. 29 to receive petitions and elect candidates at a called meeting to be held by or before May 8, 1930, provided all members be given due notice.

## RULINGS

On September 6, 1930, the attached letter was received from the High Priest of St. Petersburg Chapter No. 31, to which I replied as follows:

"Referring further to your communication in September relative to Ray H. Lindsey.

"We have no authority to handle this case as long as this man is beyond this Jurisdiction. I cannot cancel this man's membership without trial. If he is handled by the Blue Lodge and dismissed, he will be automatically dropped from the Chapter.

"Cases of this kind are usually handled by the Blue Lodge."

On November 27, 1929, on request from Gainesville Chapter No. 2 in regard to the jurisdiction of Cross City, I advised that according to two state maps that I

referred to, Cross City is seven or eight miles nearer to Perry than it is to Gainesville.

On inquiry from Monroe Chapter No. 15 as to the election of High Priest to replace High Priest who had been elected but not installed, and who had removed permanently from this Jurisdiction, I advised as follows:

"Our Constitution provides that a vacancy in office of High Priest can only be filled as follows:

Section 12. A Chapter may fill vacancies in any of the elective offices, except that of High Priest, by ballot at any regular Convocation, but in case of vacancy in the office of the High Priest an election can only be held at a regular Convocation, the members being duly summoned for that purpose, and by virtue of a dispensation from the Grand High Priest, which must be applied for by the King and Scribe, and a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a regular Convocation, to be certified by the Secretary under the seal of the Chapter.

"As soon as this has been complied with I will be glad to issue the dispensation."

On February 5, 1930, I had request from Lake Worth Chapter No. 24, for decision as to the collection of dues from Companion after he had applied for a dimit. I advised as follows:

"A member paying his dues in full and applying for a dimit prior to December 27, is not chargeable by that Chapter with dues for the following year for want of action by that Chapter as action thereon should have been taken on, or before, December 27, 1915."

The record shows that dues have been paid and that dimit was applied for previous to December 27. No further dues can be collected from him by Kissimmee Chapter, even though the dimit was not issued until after December 27.

## APPROVAL

On September 19, 1929, I had request from Grand Master Stafford Caldwell for my endorsement as Grand High Priest in conjunction with the Grand Commander of Knights Templar and Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council and the Grand Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star, of the following:

"We have given careful consideration to the refunding bond issue of the M. E. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Florida. We endorse and approve it, and urge our members to support and promote this bond campaign and bond issue in every possible way."

To which I replied as follows:

"I gladly give my permission to print my endorsement of your plan in connection with selling the issue of refunding bonds, this endorsement to be in accordance with your wire of this date."

On October 17, 1929, the following was received from our Grand Treasurer:

"As Treasurer of the Grand Chapter I am holding a certificate of indebtedness of the Grand Lodge of Florida for the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00), drawing interest at the rate of 4% per annum. The Grand Lodge is putting out an issue of refunding bonds at 5%. My recommendation is that this certificate be converted into these bonds. I have written to the investment committee to this effect asking their approval. I would also like to have your approval."

To which I replied on October 18, 1929:

"I have your letter of October 17, relative to converting a certificate of indebtedness of the Grand Lodge of Florida into the issue of refunding bonds of the Grand

Lodge. I approve your suggestion, and I will recommend that you take this action subject to the approval of our Investment Committee."

## ORDER

On June 1, 1929, I issued the following order relative to the issuing of Rituals:

All orders for Rituals must be accompanied by cash or its equivalent.

## DISPENSATIONS TO FORM NEW CHAPTERS

On May 6, 1929, I delivered a dispensation to a number of Royal Arch Masons to form Madison Chapter U. D. at Madison, Florida, naming S. C. Weisiger as High Priest, and Columbus Smith as King, and D. F. Burnett, Jr., as Scribe.

## VISITATIONS

On Wednesday, May 1, on special invitation from Ocala Chapter No. 13, I attended their special Convocation together with George A. Dame, District Deputy Grand High Priest. The work was exemplified in the Most Excellent and Royal Arch Degrees. The work was done in accordance with the new Ritual in a most impressive manner by the entire team.

The meeting was largely attended and I found that a great deal of interest is being taken in Capitular Masonry in that vicinity.

On special invitation from the Grand Master I attended the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Florida, held at Tallahassee in celebration of this being their one hundredth anniversary.

## MEMORIAL

I am in receipt of a Memorial from the Royal Arch Masons of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland and the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Queensland announcing an agreement upon full and perfect Union between them and that by such Union they should establish a Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland, and requesting that our Grand Royal Arch Chapter grant recognition.

I recommend that this be referred to our Committee on Correspondence.

## WORK

In view of the fact that Monroe D. Cushing Chapter No. 54 won the place of Honor Chapter in the Grand Chapter of Florida, this Chapter was invited to exemplify the work. They have selected the Mark Master, Past Master and Royal Arch Degrees.

Ocala Chapter No. 13 has been invited to exemplify the work in the Most Excellent Master Degree.

I feel sure that this work will be put on in a most satisfactory manner as both of these Chapters have well organized and well trained teams.

It appears that some of the Chapters in our Grand Jurisdiction are still using the Old Florida Ritual. This Grand Chapter has adopted the General Grand Chapter Ritual and as Royal Arch Masons we are under solemn obligation to obey the orders and edicts of the Grand Chapter of Florida.

Companions, it has come to my attention that an effort will be made at this Grand Convocation to change back to the Old Florida Ritual. Such a change would be of great expense to the Grand Chapter and I feel that

it would be unfair to those progressive Chapters who in accordance with the edict of this Grand Body have perfected themselves in the work provided by this Ritual, to change back now to the Old Ritual. I feel that this would be a move backward and I hope that as long as we are members of the General Grand Chapter that we will continue to use the Ritual provided by the General Grand Chapter.

## FINANCE

I have signed vouchers from one to thirty-eight, inclusive, amounting to \$7,186.89.

## CONCLUSION

This report would be incomplete without an acknowledgment from me, and without my sincere thanks for the valuable assistance rendered by our Most Efficient Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and by the Grand Officers of this Grand Chapter.

As I turn over the gavel to my successor, Companions, I do so in a spirit of optimism. I have an abiding faith in Capitular Masonry. I believe that more and more the members of our Craft will realize that their responsibility is to maintain the belief in those things which Capitular Masonry has stood for, for time immemorial, and that they will lead the fight in holding on to those things we hold most sacred.

"Live on! O Masonry, live on! Thy work hath scarce begun;  
Live on; nor end, if end there be, till Earth's last setting sun;  
Live on; Thy work in ages past hath but prepared the way;  
The living truths thy symbols teach hath pressing need today  
In cultured or unlettered age humanity is the same,  
And even more the passions rage, whose furies thou would'st tame.

Would that the Nations heed thy plumb, war's carnage soon would end.

Thy level, rivalries subdue, thy square to virtue tend,  
Thy trowel spread that true cement that would all hearts unite,  
Till darkness comprehends and glows with thy immortal light.  
Live On! O Masonry, live on!

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN PASCO,  
*Grand High Priest.*

Monticello, Florida.

*To the District Deputy Grand High Priests, R. A. M. of Florida,*

Companions:

At the Conference we held at Tampa during the meeting of the Grand Chapter, we agreed that in order to stimulate more interest in Royal Arch Masonry, we would start a system of marking the different Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction on the basis of percentage of meetings held and attendance, and that we would also rate the District Deputies on the same basis, their rating to be based on the percentage of meetings held and the attendance on the Chapters in each District.

The Chapter showing the largest percentage will have the privilege of bringing a working team to the next meeting of the Grand Chapter and putting on that part of the work selected by the District Deputy in that honor District.

Our plan includes the rating of the Chapters and the Districts at the end of each quarter, beginning with June, first reports to be mailed in by each District Deputy at the end of August, second at the end of November and third at the end of February. The rating to be based on the average during these nine months.

Each one of you will get the reports from each Chapter in your District and forward to me here at the end of each quarter.

The following rules will govern: When a regular meeting is not held, a special meeting, if held during the same month, can replace the regular meeting on the score, but if the special meeting is not held during the same month that the regular meeting is sched-

uled for, it cannot count. When Chapter "Calls off for the summer months" during this period no score will be taken and this will not count against such a Chapter.

Each one of you will be supplied with necessary blanks for making these reports.

Please notify each Chapter in your District as to these plans so that they can be governed accordingly.

I will be glad to hear from each one of you in regard to these plans and I will at all times receive gratefully any suggestions that any one of you will offer.

Each Chapter in this Jurisdiction will be furnished with a report at the end of each quarter showing the standing of every Chapter. This report will also show the standing of each District.

I will depend on each one of you to get these reports in as promptly as possible and it is my hope that this will tend to increase the number of meetings held and also increase the attendance.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN PASCO,  
*Grand High Priest.*

Monticello, Florida.  
April 14, 1930.

*To the Royal Arch Chapters and to the District Deputy Grand High Priests, R. A. M. of Florida.*

Companions:

In accordance with my announcement at the beginning of this Masonic year this bulletin is being issued.

It was impossible to announce the standing of the Chapters and the Districts at the end of each quarter as reports were not sent in promptly but it is our hope that in the future each Chapter will forward quarterly reports promptly so the standing of Districts and Chapters can be announced at the end of each quarter.

The Honor District for the year is the Tampa District under the directions of District Deputy Grand High Priest R. B. Lovett. The honor Chapter is Monroe Cushing Chapter No. 54 of Tampa.

Reports are not complete enough to determine the relative standing of the Districts and Chapters but the following Chapters are

entitled to most honorable mentions as the reports show that they held 100 per cent of their schedule meetings.

Monroe D. Cushing, Tampa, No. 54.  
Gainesville, Gainesville, No. 2.  
Lakeworth, West Palm Beach, No. 24.  
Tampa, Tampa, No. 3.  
Monroe, Sanford, No. 15.  
Poinciana, Ft. Myers, No. 50.  
Gadsden, Quincy, No. 30.  
Highlands, Avon Park, No. 42.  
Sarasota No. 35.  
Ocala No. 13.

Dick Lovett of the Tampa District returned reports from all Chapters in his District. Archie Aitchison also deserves honorable mention for returning reports from each Chapter in his District.

Especial thanks are extended to each District Deputy for the work that has been accomplished.

It is hoped that the officers of Chapters will appeal to their Past High Priests to lend their assistance during this period of changing to the General Grand Chapter Ritual, and I strongly urge that you put your new members to work as soon as they are obligated. These are our reserves and our future welfare largely depends upon the use that we make of them. They also have a distinct advantage in learning the new work in that they have nothing to forget.

The Honor Chapter will have the honor of sending a team to the next Grand Convocation to exemplify the work.

I extend my congratulations to Monroe D. Cushing Chapter and to Companion District Deputy Grand High Priest R. B. Lovett.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN PASCO,  
*Grand High Priest.*

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 W. R. O'Neal, Louis C. Massey and J. B. Phelps as such committee.

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

#### GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

Companions:

I have to make the following report for the past year. On the 28th day of March a dispensation was issued by order of the M. E. Grand High Priest, to form Madison Chapter U. D. at Madison, with Companion S. C. Weisiger as High Priest, Companion Columbus B. Smith, King, and Companion D. F. Burnett, Scribe.

This Chapter now comes before this Grand Body with a petition for charter and the papers are ready to be placed in the hands of the proper committee.

#### RETURNS

All of our Chapters have made correct returns and paid dues in full for 1929, with the following exceptions:

No returns have been received from Chipley Chapter No. 23 or Delray No. 53.

This is the second year that Delray Chapter has failed to make returns or pay dues, consequently its charter may be forfeited under the provisions of Section 5 of Article IV of our Constitution.

The returns of Indian River Chapter No. 27, are somewhat irregular and no dues have been paid for 1929.

Joppa Chapter No. 28, returns correct but due \$138 for 1929.

Jackson Chapter No. 32, returns correct, but due \$216 for 1928 and \$199 for 1929.

Bay County Chapter No. 39, returns correct, but due \$145 for 1929.

Okeechobee Chapter No. 46, returns correct, but due \$47 for 1929.

Dade Chapter No. 47, and Orange No. 52, have reported that they have surrendered their charters but neither charter nor any books or paraphernalia have been returned by either of them, to this office. Both of these Chapters have made returns and paid dues in full for 1929.

Counting the two Chapters not reporting as having the same number of members as reported in 1928, we have sustained a net loss in membership of 977 which includes 160 members of the Chapters surrendering charters. Our present membership is 7,734.

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, 1929	\$ 519.00
Rituals sold	202.00
Inverness Chapter No. 14, Lost Ritual	10.00
Members defunct Chapters	7.50
Monroe Chapter No. 15. Dues 1928	123.00
Keystone Chapter No. 20. Dues 1928	55.00
Lake Worth Chapter No. 24. Dues 1927	207.00

Annual Dues: 1929.

Florida No. 1	\$ 206.00
Gainesville No. 2	175.00
Tampa No. 3	524.00
St. Johns No. 4	132.00
Halifax No. 5	233.00
Mt. Horeb No. 6	189.00
Eureka No. 7	315.00
Dade City No. 8	47.00
Putnam No. 9	157.00

Kissimmee No. 10	109.00
Jericho No. 11	442.00
Jacksonville No. 12	618.00
Ocala No. 13	202.00
Inverness No. 14	47.00
Monroe No. 15	100.00
Plant City No. 16	89.00
St. Augustine No. 17	150.00
Manatee River No. 18	173.00
Lake Butler No. 19	36.00
Keystone No. 20	152.00
Thomas Brown No. 22	244.00
Lake Worth No. 24	351.00
Live Oak No. 25	326.00
Jefferson No. 26	82.00
Lakeland No. 29	186.00
Gadsden No. 30	175.00
St. Petersburg No. 31	464.00
Eustis No. 33	121.00
Leesburg No. 34	149.00
Sarasota No. 35	167.00
Arcadia No. 36	67.00
Providence No. 38	75.00
Crestview No. 40	86.00
Winter Haven No. 41	196.00
Highlands No. 42	124.00
Union No. 43	68.00
Perry No. 44	64.00
Clearwater No. 45	100.00
Duval No. 48	75.00
Nassau No. 49	73.00
Poinciana No. 50	93.00
New Smyrna No. 51	120.00
Orange No. 52	53.00
M. D. Cushing No. 54	113.00
Hill City No. 55	65.00
	\$7,733.00
	\$8,856.50



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May 24, 1929	Paid Grand Treasurer .....	\$ 519.00	
Aug. 3, 1929	Paid Grand Treasurer .....	137.00	
Jan. 11, 1930	Paid Grand Treasurer .....	347.00	
Jan. 18, 1930	Paid Grand Treasurer .....	193.00	
Jan. 29, 1930	Paid Grand Treasurer .....	377.00	
Feb. 4, 1930	Paid Grand Treasurer .....	206.00	
Feb. 12, 1930	Paid Grand Treasurer .....	245.00	
Feb. 15, 1930	Paid Grand Treasurer .....	334.00	
Feb. 19, 1930	Paid Grand Treasurer .....	64.00	
Feb. 28, 1930	Paid Grand Treasurer .....	230.00	
Mch. 1, 1930	Paid Grand Treasurer .....	577.00	
Mch. 10, 1930	Paid Grand Treasurer .....	524.00	
Mch. 11, 1930	Paid Grand Treasurer .....	75.00	
Mch. 17, 1930	Paid Grand Treasurer .....	655.00	
Mch. 18, 1930	Paid Grand Treasurer .....	123.00	
Mch. 19, 1930	Paid Grand Treasurer .....	236.00	
Mch. 27, 1930	Paid Grand Treasurer .....	152.00	
Apr. 2, 1930	Paid Grand Treasurer .....	336.00	
Apr. 4, 1930	Paid Grand Treasurer .....	145.00	
Apr. 9, 1930	Paid Grand Treasurer .....	207.00	
Apr. 12, 1930	Paid Grand Treasurer .....	209.00	
Apr. 21, 1930	Paid Grand Treasurer .....	196.00	
May 5, 1930	Paid Grand Treasurer .....	586.00	
May 6, 1930	Paid Grand Treasurer .....	315.00	
May 9, 1930	Paid Grand Treasurer .....	244.00	
May 10, 1930	Paid Grand Treasurer .....	233.00	
May 12, 1930	Paid Grand Treasurer .....	691.00	
May 14, 1930	Paid Grand Treasurer .....	62.00	
May 15, 1930	Paid Grand Treasurer .....	501.00	
May 15, 1930	Paid Grand Treasurer .....	137.50	\$8,856.50

Books and vouchers are herewith submitted for examination and approval.

Fraternally submitted,

W. P. WEBSTER,  
Grand Secretary.

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

## GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

MARCUS ENDEL, *Grand Treasurer*

In account with the Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Florida:

Dr.

1929		
May 12,	To balance on hand as per last report	\$15,672.91
May 24,	To received from Grand Secretary	519.00
June 11,	To received Int. Delray Lodge Bonds	100.00
Aug. 6,	To received from Grand Secretary	137.00
Oct. 31,	To received Int. Gr. Lodge Ctf. Ind.	91.65
Nov. 1,	To received Int. Duval Lodge Bonds	45.00
Dec. 23,	To received Int. Delray Lodge Bonds	39.75
1930		
Jan. 11,	To received from Grand Secretary	347.00
Jan. 18,	To received from Grand Secretary	193.00
Jan. 29,	To received from Grand Secretary	377.00
Feb. 5,	To received from Grand Secretary	206.00
Feb. 12,	To received from Grand Secretary	245.00
Feb. 14,	To received from Grand Secretary	334.00
Feb. 19,	To received from Grand Secretary	64.00
Feb. 28,	To received from Grand Secretary	230.00
Mch. 1,	To received from Grand Secretary	577.00
Mch. 10,	To received from Grand Secretary	524.00
Mch. 11,	To received from Grand Secretary	75.00
Mch. 17,	To received from Grand Secretary	655.00
Mch. 18,	To received from Grand Secretary	123.00
Mch. 19,	To received from Grand Secretary	236.00
Mch. 27,	To received from Grand Secretary	152.00
Apr. 2,	To received from Grand Secretary	336.00
Apr. 4,	To received from Grand Secretary	145.00
Apr. 4,	To received from Grand Secretary	207.00

Apr. 12, To received from Grand Secretary ....	209.00	
Apr. 21, To received from Grand Secretary ....	196.00	
May 5, To received from Grand Secretary ....	586.00	
May 6, To received from Grand Secretary ....	315.00	
May 9, To received from Grand Secretary ....	244.00	
May 10, To received from Grand Secretary ....	233.00	
May 12, To received from Grand Secretary ....	691.00	
May 14, To received from Grand Secretary ....	62.00	
May 14, To Interest Barnett Nat. Bank .....	170.81	
May 15, To received from Grand Secretary ....	501.00	
May 16, To received from Grand Secretary ....	137.50	\$24,976.62

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By paid Vouchers Nos. 1-38 .....		\$ 8,686.89
Balance on hand .....		\$16,289.73
Distributed as follows:		
Barnett National Bank .....	\$10,289.73	
Financial Fund .....	2,000.00	
Grand Lodge Bonds .....	3,000.00	
Delray Lodge Bonds .....	1,000.00	\$16,289.73
Interest received:		
June 11 Delray Lodge Bonds .....	100.00	
Oct. 31, Gr. Lodge Ctf. ....	91.65	
Nov. 1, Duval Lodge Bonds .....	45.00	
Dec. 23, Delray Lodge Bonds .....	39.75	
May 1, Barnett Nat. Bank .....	170.81	
		\$ 447.21

Books and vouchers are herewith submitted.

MARCUS ENDEL,  
Grand Treasurer.

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, 1930.

## RECEIPTS

Forward from last year .....	\$ 77.84	
9-7-29 Grand Recorder .....	1,000.00	
Interest .....	10.00	\$1,087.84
Loans made .....	\$1,000.00	
Office expense, Printing .....	3.00	\$1,003.00
Balance in First National Bank .....		\$ 84.84

W. R. O'NEAL,  
Chairman.

Past Grand High Priest Endel delivered a very tender and feeling eulogy to the memory of Past Grand High Priest McClellan.

M. E. Companion A. G. Miller, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, delivered a very inspiring and interesting address.

M. I. Companion J. G. Standifer extended fraternal greetings from Georgia and thanked the Grand Chapter for their hearty welcome and courtesies received.

Upon motion the exemplification of the work in the Mark Master's degree was made the special order of business at 2:30 P. M. and the exemplification of the work in the Royal Arch degree at 7:30 P. M.

It was reported that Companion Harry Brown was confined in the Marion County Hospital at Ocala from the effects of an automobile accident and the Grand Secretary was directed to send him a message of greetings and best wishes from the Grand Chapter.

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

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

#### IN GRAND CHAPTER

Tuesday, May 20, 2:00 P. M.

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

The minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

Companion Head reported that Past Grand High Priest John L. Hall was quite ill and unable to attend this Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter. Upon motion Companion Head was authorized to procure some flowers for M. E. Companion Hall and extend to him the sympathy of the Grand Chapter with sincere wishes for his speedy recovery.

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

#### FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

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

In 1925 your Committee on Correspondence reported the existence of two Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons in Queensland, Australian Commonwealth; and it is recommended "that recogni-

tion should not be granted either of these Grand Chapters until such a time as there shall be a more harmonious condition of Capitular Masonry in Queensland."

Your committee is pleased to report that the amalgamation of the two Grand Chapters in Queensland was consummated January 29, 1930, and that now there is perfect harmony in Capitular Masonry in that State.

In view of these conditions, your Committee recommends that recognition be granted to the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland, that fraternal relations be established and Grand Representatives be exchanged.

Conforming to instructions, the Committee on Foreign Correspondence desires to report that it has prepared a condensed review of the Proceedings of other Grand Chapters. The report is in type and ready to be bound as an Addenda in the Proceedings. However, it is not in advance pamphlet form for distribution.

Respectfully submitted,

ELY P. HUBBELL,

E. L. SHEAR,

*Committee.*

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 reports of the R. E. Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, would respectfully recommend that such matters in said address as refer to losses sustained by death and memorials, be referred to the Committee on Memorials.

That all matters which refer to expenditure or payments of the Grand Chapter as to finance and accounts and the matter of Triennial, be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

That so much of the report as refers to the Grand Lecturer and matters of by-laws and decisions, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

That such matters as refer to exemplification of work and the use of the ritual, be referred to the Committee on Work.

That all matters embracing the expenditure of money or budget for the coming year, be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts for recommendation.

Fraternally submitted,

W. R. O'NEAL,

L. C. MASSEY,

JOHN B. PHELPS,

*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:

As the fleeting years pass, our Companionship becomes more endearing and we eagerly look forward to each Annual Convocation for the inspiration arising out of this sacred friendship and holy Brotherhood.

Fraternal intercourse is a most valuable thing. Men must have a time and place during which and where the pressing cares of life can be thrown off, where the burdens which have strained to the breaking point the lives of men can be unbound for awhile. But again, we are reminded that we are pilgrims and strangers on this earth as all our Companions have been. During the year just ending, death has invaded our Sister Jurisdictions and despoiled them of many beloved Companions: with these jurisdictions, we deeply sympathize.

Our own Subordinate Chapters have seen many of their Companions pass through the Veils and enter the Supreme Grand Chapter on high.

The following is the list of those who have departed from us:

*Colorado*—Samuel John Sweet, Past Grand High Priest, born near Saint Blazer, Cornwall, England, April 27, 1871; died in Denver, Colorado, March 30, 1930.

*District of Columbia*—Alexander McKenzie, Past Grand High Priest, born May 9, 1848; died November 8, 1929.

*Illinois*—William Freeman Lockwood, Grand Master of the Second Veil, born at Astabula, Ohio, December 5, 1882; died in Astabula, Ohio, October 29, 1929.

*Maryland*—Warren Stitt Seipp, Past Grand High Priest, born at Towson, Maryland, February 21, 1873; died in Baltimore, Md., April 11, 1930.

*Michigan*—George W. Leedle, Grand High Priest, born in Conway Township, Michigan, June 17, 1871; died in Sparta, Michigan, September 17, 1929. Emerson Merriman Newell, Past Grand Treasurer, was born in Genesee County, Michigan, May 3, 1850; died in Alma, Michigan, March 13, 1930.

*Minnesota*—George Marshall Stowe, Past Grand High Priest, born at Belfast, New York, July 1, 1856; died in Wadena, Minnesota, November 16, 1929.

*Mississippi*—Harry Turner Howard, Past Grand High Priest, born July 28, 1856, died February 19, 1930. Clarence S. Cullens, Past Grand High Priest, born July 18, 1861; died February 15, 1930.

*Montana*—George Thomas Slack, Past Grand High Priest, born in Baltimore, Maryland, August 28, 1854; died in Salt Lake City, Utah, August 4, 1929.

*Nebraska*—Francis McGiverin, Past Grand High Priest, born December 14, 1848; died March 7, 1930. Oscar R. Allen, Past Grand High Priest, born December 13, 1857; died March 31, 1930.

*New Jersey*—James Sparks Ware, Past Grand High Priest, born in Bridgeton, New Jersey, February 15, 1862; died at Baltimore, Maryland, August 26, 1929. Joseph Mason, Past Grand High Priest, born in Leicester, England, January 18, 1849; died in Paterson, N. J., September 4, 1929. Fred E. Tilden, Past Grand High Priest, born in Jersey City, N. J., August 20, 1860; died at Jersey City, N. J., March 28, 1930.

*New York*—Jay Butler Kline, Past Grand High Priest, born at Ithaca, New York, January 3, 1853; died in Syracuse, N. Y., December 12, 1929. Rollin M. Morgan, Past Grand High Priest, born at Mount Vernon, Ohio, 1851; died in Essex Falls, New Jersey, January 5, 1930.

*Nova Scotia*—Edward Turner Carbonell, Past Grand High Priest, born in Wales 1857; died at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, July 12, 1929.

*Ohio*—Levi Crafton Goodale, Past Grand High Priest, born in Pike County, Illinois, August 7, 1843; died in Cincinnati, Ohio, September 26, 1929.

*South Dakota*—Robert E. Sedam, Past Grand High Priest, born in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, February 15, 1839; died in Miller, South Dakota, September 7, 1929.

*Oklahoma*—The Rev. Joseph Samuel Murrow, D.D., Past Grand High Priest, born in Georgia, January 7, 1835; died at Atoka, Oklahoma, June 8, 1929.

*Tennessee*—Charles Henry Byrn, Past Grand High Priest, born February 8, 1856; died December 24, 1929. Walter Bond Bell, Grand Scribe, born July 11, 1875; died March 12, 1930.

*Virginia*—James Gustavus Hankins, Grand Secretary, born in Halifax County, Virginia, August 24, 1867; died in Halifax County, Virginia, September 11, 1929.

*Wisconsin*—William Watson Perry, Past Grand Secretary, born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, July 28, 1853; died at Eagle, Wisconsin, September 13, 1929. Thomas R. Mundy, Past Grand High Priest, born in Dodgeville, Wisconsin, October 28, 1855; died at Dodgeville, Wisconsin, December 9, 1929.

*West Virginia*—Samuel N. Myres, Past Grand High Priest, born in Trindell Springs, Pennsylvania, August 4, 1848; died at Baltimore, Maryland, December 31, 1929.

These dearly beloved Companions have entered into rest, but their works do follow them. It is for us, therefore, to carry on the noble and glorious work in which they were engaged and by our devotion to the high principles they professed, show ourselves worthy successors of these noble Companions.

"The years of man are the looms of God  
Let down from the place of the sun,  
Wherein we are ever weaving  
'Till the mystic web is done;  
Weaving blindly, but weaving surely,  
Each for himself his fate;  
We may not see how the right side looks—  
We can only weave and wait.

"But looking above for the pattern,  
No weaver hath need to fear,  
Only let him look into heaven,  
The perfect pattern is there.

"If he keeps the face of the Saviour  
Forever and always in sight,  
His toil shall be sweeter than honey  
And his weaving sure to be right;  
And when his task is ended,  
And the web is turned and shown,  
He shall hear the voice of the Master:  
It will say to him, 'Well done.'"

D. H. RUTTER,  
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.

Fraternally submitted,  
T. P. ROBINSON,  
JOHN H. RAUCH,  
J. D. MARTIN,  
*Committee.*

Companion H. S. Chiles presented the following resolutions which were received and referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence:

Feeling that the welfare of the York Rite of Masonry is dependent upon the close relations maintained by Chapters, Councils and Commanderies, and that economic conditions may be brought about by the closer co-ordination of these Grand Bodies and that the Subordinate Bodies will be in better condition to entertain the Annual Sessions;

*Resolved*; that a committee of three be appointed by this Grand Body to bring this matter before the Grand Commandery at its next Annual Session and endeavor to formulate plans for holding the Annual Sessions of these Grand Bodies in the same City and during the same week of each year. This Committee to formulate plans for the pro rata payment of mileage and for the payment of the entertainment expenses of the Annual Session, thereby relieving the entertaining Subordinate Bodies of this burden.

*Resolved*: That the Regulations of the Grand Chapter of Florida be amended by adding the following regulation:

Regulation No.—Subordinate Chapters shall be exempt from payment of Grand Chapter dues on members suspended for non-payment of dues.

The Grand Secretary reported that Ritual No. 9965, which had been reported lost and paid for by Inverness Chapter No. 14, had been found and delivered to his office. Upon motion a warrant for \$10.00 was authorized drawn, returning the amount paid for same.

Labor was dispensed with in the Grand Chapter.

A Lodge of Mark Masters was opened and the following Brethren were advanced to the Hon. Degree of Mark Masters:

O. A. Murphy and Abraham Trattler for Nassau Chapter No. 49.

W. H. McArthur and H. H. Buck for Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.

The work being done by the following companions:

James Stuart .....	R. W. M.
Horace L. Tolbert .....	S. W.
Victor M. Douglas .....	J. W.
Howard S. Weber .....	S. D.
Samuel C. McConnell .....	J. D.
Frank R. Hamlett .....	M. O.
Frank P. Townsend .....	S. O.
J. Benton Johnson .....	J. O.
Samuel G. Richardson .....	Mars

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

The same class as above were inducted into the O. C. of K. S., the work being done by the following Companions:

Frank P. Townsend, P. M., Holyrood Lodge No. 257, R. W. M.

Samuel G. Richardson, P. M., Cairo Lodge No. 237, Ill., S. W.

Victor M. Douglas, W. M., John Darling Lodge No. 154, J. W.

Howard S. Weber, P. M., John Darling Lodge No. 154, S. D.

J. Benton Johnson, P. M., Olive Branch Lodge No. 38, Ill., J. D.

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

The same class as above was received and acknowledged as Most Excellent Masters, the work being done by the following Companions:

C. A. Bangert .....	R. W. M.
J. D. Robertson, Jr. ....	S. W.
H. L. Ernst .....	S. D.
A. B. Jennings .....	J. D.
W. C. Brazell .....	M. O.
R. R. Stone .....	S. O.
Wm. Needham .....	J. O.
Vance Ferguson .....	Mar.
Van Walker .....	H. P.

All regular officers of Ocala Chapter No. 13.

Tuesday, May 20, 7:30 P. M.

A Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened. The following Brethren were exalted to the August and Sublime Degree of Royal Arch:

O. A. Murphy and Abraham Trattler for Nassau Chapter No. 49.

W. H. McArthur and H. H. Buck for Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.

T. W. DeLoach for Duval Chapter No. 48.

The following Companions performing the work:

Howard S. Weber .....	H. P.
Samuel C. McConnell .....	K.
Frank R. Hamlett .....	S.
Henry C. Ashmead .....	C. of H.
Samuel G. Richardson .....	P. S.
James Stuart .....	R. A. C.
John A. Kerr .....	M. 3rd V.
Frank Chancey .....	M. 2nd V.
John P. Shaddick .....	M. 1st V.
Wm. H. Deuber .....	Soloist

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

The motion prevailed that when the Grand Chapter is called from labor to refreshment, it be to resume labor at 10:00 A. M., Wednesday.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

#### IN GRAND CHAPTER

Wednesday, May 21, 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 sessions, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of the previous session were read and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Returns and Credentials was received and after discussion was amended and adopted to read as follows:

#### RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS

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

Your Committee on Returns and Credentials reports that the list of Grand Officers and Representatives furnished us by the Grand Secretary is correct.

We find that all Chapters have made correct returns and paid dues with the following exceptions:—

Bay County No. 39 and Okeechobee No. 46 returns correct but no dues paid for 1929.

We find that Chipley Chapter No. 23 and Delray Chapter No. 53, have made no returns and are not represented; and recommend that they be referred to the incoming Grand High Priest.

We find that Dade Chapter No. 47 and Orange Chapter No. 52 have surrendered their charters and we refer this to the incoming Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary.

We have collected the following amounts and turned same over to the Grand Secretary:

Joppa No. 28 .....	\$138.00
Jackson No. 32 .....	75.00
Dade No. 47 .....	107.00
Madison U. D. ....	50.00

We find the returns of Indian River Chapter No. 27, are irregular and no dues for 1929 paid, due to the failure of the bank in which their funds were deposited. We recommend that their representative be placed upon the pay roll, and that they be given further time.

We find the returns of Jackson Chapter No. 32 correct but it has paid only \$75 on its account due to failure of the bank in which its funds were deposited, and we recommend that its representative be placed on the payroll, and that they be given further time.

We have collected from Madison Chapter U. D. the Charter Fee of \$50.00, and we recommend that its representative be placed on the payroll.

Forty-three of the fifty-one Chapters are represented at this Grand Convocation. The following Chapters are not represented:

Kissimmee No. 10	Highlands No. 42
St. Augustine No. 17	Perry No. 44
Chipley No. 23	Clearwater No. 45
Bay County No. 39	Delray No. 53

Fraternally submitted,

H. D. GILMORE,  
L. EARL CURRY,  
J. E. HERRING.

*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 our consideration and having no knowl-

edge of anything that needs our attention, we have no specific report to make.

Fraternally submitted,

M. C. SCOFIELD,  
J. TARLOWSKI,  
R. A. MILLER,

*Committee.*

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence made the following report:

#### MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE

*To the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Florida:*

Companions:—

Your Jurisprudence Committee in reference to the several matters referred to them, after careful consideration thereof, report as follows:

As to the recommendation of the Grand High Priest which provides for a Grand Lecturer in conjunction with the District Deputies, we are of the opinion that this activity should not be set in motion at this time, and so recommend:

The Grand High Priest has reported his approval of the by-laws of Live Oak Chapter in the matter of "Life Members"—We approve the action of the Grand High Priest in this particular case and recommend the adoption of the following amendment to "Regulation" ..... on page 73 of the proceedings of 1929 so that said regulation shall read as follows:

"Regulation, ..... Chapters may provide for Life Memberships in their by-laws, but no Life Memberships shall be granted for a less sum than fifty dollars (\$50.00);

"Chapters must pay annual dues to the Grand Chapter for Life Members;

"All Chapters that have provided for Life Members for a less sum, are hereby required to amend their by-laws to conform herewith."



In reference to the dispensation granted to Monroe D. Cushing Chapter to ballot on candidates for the degrees at a special Convocation, we comment as follows:

We find that that part of Regulation No. 6 in the last three lines thereof which by implication would authorize the Grand High Priest to grant special dispensations in such cases is in conflict with Section 3 of Article V of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, and therefore recommend that Regulation No. 6 be amended to read as follows:

"Regulation No. 6; No business shall be transacted at a special or called Convocation other than that for which the Convocation was called;

"This regulation does not permit the receiving of petitions or balloting upon candidates at a special or called Convocation."

As the existing law at the time this dispensation was issued apparently authorized it, we approve the action of the Grand High Priest.

In regard to the invitation by the Grand High Priest to Monroe D. Cushing Chapter No. 54 and Ocala Chapter No. 13 to exemplify the Chapter work before the Grand Chapter, we are of the opinion that the Grand High Priest was undoubtedly within his authority in so doing and approve of this method of exhibiting the work in the Grand Chapter; however, we suggest that on the ground of economy that local Chapters where the Grand Chapter meets should be requested to perform this function;

In reference to the resolution presented by H. S. Chiles in reference to York Rite welfare, we are of the opinion that no necessity exists for putting into effect the purposes expressed in the resolution and therefore recommend that the same be not adopted;

With reference to the resolution proposed by Companion H. S. Chiles proposing to exempt Chapters from paying Grand Chapter dues on members suspended for non-payment of dues, we recommend that the same be not adopted—it is in conflict with Article IV, Section 14 of the Constitution as amended in 1924. (See Proceedings of 1929, Page 77.)

In the matter of by-laws, the Grand High Priest reports changes in by-laws of Joppa Chapter No. 28 and Keystone Chapter No. 20; we recommend the approval thereof;

Under the heading "Rulings" the Grand High Priest reports four conclusions, all of which we recommend be approved;

All of which we fraternally report.

MARCUS ENDEL,  
WILBER P. WEBSTER,  
E. E. HASKELL,  
LOUIS C. MASSEY,  
WM. R. O'NEAL,  
DABNEY B. PALMER,  
W. V. CARTER,  
HENRY O. SNOW,  
R. J. KISHPAUGH,  
ELY P. HUBBELL,  
E. L. SHEAR,  
CARY B. FISH,  
R. J. MCMASTER,

*Committee.*

The following motion by Companion John B. Phelps, amending the report was adopted:

I move that the report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence be amended to read; "That a Grand Lecturer be appointed for one year and that the Finance Committee be instructed to appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred (\$1500.00) dollars to be used by such Grand Lecturer in defraying the expenses of himself and his office.

Upon motion the report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence was adopted as amended.

Companion H. S. Chiles presented the following resolution which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts:

In order that the finances of this Grand Chapter may be conserved for the purpose of advancing the Cause of Capitular Masonry within this Grand Jurisdiction:

*Be It Resolved:* That the following be added to the Regulations of the Grand Chapter. The Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe and Grand Secretary be allowed 15c per mile one way and twenty dollars per day for four days while in attendance on the General Grand Chapter. That this mileage and per diem allowance be not allowed to proxies of any of the above Grand Officers, except when all are unable to attend, then only for the Proxy of the Grand High Priest. That all monies left in the Triennial Fund after payment of the above expense be transferred to the General Fund for the needs of the Grand Chapter.

The following resolution offered by Companion Lovett was adopted:

That the State-wide contest between Chapters held during the past year be continued under the same terms, provided it meets with the approval of the incoming Grand High Priest.

The following report of the Committee on Dispensations and By-laws was received and adopted:

#### DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS

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

We, your Committee on Dispensations and By-laws have carefully investigated all matters referred to it and have the following report to make.

On the petition for Charter of Madison Chapter U. D. the Committee, after careful consideration, recommend that this Chapter continue under dispensation for another year.

Fraternally submitted,

J. C. CLARK,  
L. S. RICKARD,  
R. H. BROWN,

*Committee.*

The Committee on Finance and Accounts made the following report, which was received and after a full discussion was 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 \$16,289.73 distributed as follows:

Cash in Barnett National Bank .....	\$10,289.73
Triennial Fund .....	2,000.00
Delray Lodge Bonds .....	1,000.00
Grand Lodge Bonds .....	3,000.00
Total .....	\$16,289.73

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
Triennial Fund .....	2,000.00
For Pay Roll, Attached .....	2,848.20
For Mounment, Past Grand High Priest Robert McClellan or as much thereof as may be necessary .....	375.00

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.

We recommend that the sum of fifteen hundred (\$1500.00) dollars be appropriated for the use of the Grand Lecturer during the coming year; that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to honor requisitions from the Grand Lecturer upon this fund.

We also recommend that the sum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars or as much thereof as may be necessary be appropriated to defray the expenses of the District Deputy Grand High Priests for the coming year.

We recommend that the resolution offered by Companion H. S. Chiles be not adopted.

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. GILLET,

*Committee.*

PAY ROLL

Name	Mileage	Per Diem	Total
John Pasco, G. H. P. ....	\$14.20	\$18.00	\$32.20
Stafford Caldwell, D. G. H. P. ....		12.00	12.00
Alex B. Steuart, G. K. ....	21.20	12.00	33.20
W. B. Greer, G. S. ....	18.90	12.00	30.90
Marcus Endel, G. Treas. ....		18.00	18.00
W. P. Webster, Gr. Sec'y. ....		18.00	18.00
Dorsey H. Rutter, Gr. Chap. ....	11.00	12.00	23.00
R. P. Buckmaster, G. C. of H. ....	14.70	12.00	26.70
Archie Aitchison, G. P. S. ....	26.50	12.00	38.50

Name	Mileage	Per Diem	Total
Geo. A. Dame, G. R. A. C. ....	14.90	12.00	26.90
John B. Phelps, as G. M., 3rd Veil ....	36.60	12.00	48.60
Cleveland R. Horne, G. M. 2nd Veil ....	30.20	12.00	42.20
J. Lloyd Head, G. M. 1st Veil ....		12.00	12.00
John W. Capper, Gr. Guard ....		12.00	12.00
E. E. Haskell, P. G. H. P. ....	5.50	18.00	23.50
D. B. Palmer, P. G. H. P. ....	14.20	18.00	32.20
R. J. McMaster, P. G. H. P. ....	21.20	18.00	39.20
H. O. Snow, P. G. H. P. ....	21.20	18.00	39.20
R. J. Kishpaugh, P. G. H. P. ....	29.90	18.00	47.90
E. L. Shear, P. G. H. P. ....	11.00	18.00	29.00
L. C. Massey, P. G. H. P. ....	14.70	18.00	32.70
W. R. O'Neal, P. G. H. P. ....	14.70	6.00	20.70
W. V. Carter, P. G. H. P. ....	11.00	18.00	29.00
Ely P. Hubbell, P. G. H. P. ....	24.40	18.00	42.40
Cary B. Fish, P. G. H. P. ....	25.00	18.00	43.00
T. P. Robinson, D. D. G. H. P. ....	14.70	12.00	26.70
Hamilton Baluss, D. D. G. H. P. ....		12.00	12.00
W. S. Perry, D. D. G. H. P. ....	7.00	12.00	19.00
W. C. Winans, D. D. G. H. P. ....	18.90	12.00	30.90
R. B. Lovett, D. D. G. H. P. ....	21.20	12.00	33.20
F. S. Hartsfield, D. D. G. H. P. ....	16.50	12.00	28.50
J. C. Clark, D. D. G. P. H. ....	36.90	12.00	48.90
S. J. Owens, Chapter No. 1 ....	16.50	12.00	28.50
K. H. Graham, Chapter No. 2 ....	7.00	12.00	19.00
H. S. Chiles, Chapter No. 3 ....	21.20	12.00	33.20
J. C. Polley, Chapter No. 4 ....	11.00	12.00	23.00
Robert A. Miller, Chapter No. 5 ....	11.00	12.00	23.00
B. D. Howe, Chapter No. 6 ....	36.90	12.00	48.90
Ralph Coleman, Chapter No. 8 ....		6.00	6.00
L. A. Smith, Chapter No. 9 ....	5.50	12.00	17.50
George M. Chambers, Chapter No. 11 ....	36.60	12.00	48.60
Joe. E. Herring, Chapter No. 12 ....		12.00	12.00
C. A. Bangart, Chapter No. 13 ....	10.30	12.00	22.30
M. C. Scofield, Chapter No. 14 ....	14.90	12.00	26.90
J. K. Smith, Chapter No. 15 ....	12.40	12.00	24.40
F. E. Cummings, Chapter No. 16 ....	18.90	12.00	30.90
James F. Valdez, Chapter No. 18 ....	24.40	12.00	36.40

Name	Mileage	Per Diem	Total
Charles H. Register, Chapter No. 19	5.20	12.00	17.20
J. A. Warren, Chapter No. 20	35.60	12.00	47.60
R. H. Brown, Chapter No. 22	22.20	12.00	34.20
A. C. Jordahn, Chapter No. 24	29.90	12.00	41.90
B. W. Helvenston, Chapter No. 25	8.10	12.00	20.10
Jacob Tarlowski, Chapter No. 26	14.20	12.00	26.20
A. S. Rhoads, Chapter No. 27	16.00	12.00	28.00
W. H. Wollen, Chapter No. 28	24.40	12.00	36.40
E. W. Black, Chapter No. 29	20.90	12.00	32.90
C. H. Gray, Chapter No. 30	18.90	12.00	30.90
D. E. Muirhead, Chapter No. 31	26.50	12.00	38.50
C. W. Davis, Chapter No. 32	16.80	12.00	28.80
R. H. Hoyt, Chapter No. 33	15.80	12.00	27.80
C. E. Schaeffer, Chapter No. 34	13.80	12.00	25.80
F. A. Riegel, Chapter No. 35	25.00	12.00	37.00
C. A. Parker, Chapter No. 36	28.90	12.00	40.90
C. Roberts, Chapter No. 38	6.50	12.00	18.50
James L. Clary, Chapter No. 40	31.80	12.00	43.80
S. C. Smithers, Chapter No. 41	19.70	12.00	31.70
N. D. Martin, Chapter No. 43	19.40	12.00	31.40
H. J. Dame, Chapter No. 46	29.00	12.00	41.00
S. H. Swearingen, Chapter No. 49	3.50	12.00	15.50
Jno. R. Guthrie, Chapter No. 50	32.30	12.00	44.30
W. G. Blair, Chapter No. 51	12.00	12.00	24.00
H. L. Tolbert, Chapter No. 54	21.20	12.00	33.20
N. C. Roe, Chapter No. 55	16.50	6.00	22.50
J. D. Robertson, Jr., Com. on Work	10.30	6.00	16.30
H. L. Ernest, Com. on Work	10.30	6.00	16.30
S. B. Jennings, Com. on Work	10.30	6.00	16.30
W. C. Brazell, Com. on Work	10.30	6.00	16.30
R. R. Stone, Com. on Work	10.30	6.00	16.30
Wm. Needham, Com. on Work	10.30	6.00	16.30
Vance Ferguson, Com. on Work	10.30	6.00	16.30
Van Walker, Com. on Work	10.30	6.00	16.30
Jas. Stuart, Com. on Work	21.20	6.00	27.20
Victor M. Douglas, Com. on Work	21.20	6.00	27.20
Howard Weber, Com. on Work	21.20	6.00	27.20
S. C. McConnell, Com. on Work	21.20	6.00	27.20

Name	Mileage	Per Diem	Total
Frank Hamlett, Com. on Work	21.20	6.00	27.20
F. P. Townsend, Com. on Work	21.20	6.00	27.20
J. Benton Johnson, Com. on Work	21.20	6.00	27.20
S. G. Richardson, Com. on Work	21.20	6.00	27.20
H. C. Ashmead, Com. on Work	21.20	6.00	27.20
Jno. A. Kerr, Com. on Work	21.20	6.00	27.20
Frank Chancey, Com. on Work	21.20	6.00	27.20
J. P. Shaddick, Com. on Work	21.20	6.00	27.20
W. B. Denber, Com. on Work	21.20	6.00	27.20
J. P. Dorelli, Com. on Work	21.20	6.00	27.20
L. Earl Curry, Com. on Returns & Cred.		12.00	12.00
H. D. Gilmore, Com. on Returns & Cred.	11.00	12.00	23.00
Chester DeRocher, Com. on Rituals		12.00	12.00
J. H. Rauch, Com. Unfinished Business		12.00	12.00
B. C. Webb, Com. Dis. Visitors	10.30	12.00	22.30
D. F. Burnett, Jr., Madison, U. D.	11.20	12.00	23.20
L. S. Rickard, Com. Disp. and By-laws	35.60	12.00	47.60
J. B. Martin, Com. Unfinished Bus.		12.00	12.00

\$1,684.20 \$1,164.00 \$2,848.20

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Companions John B. Phelps, D. B. Howe and C. A. Bangert as Tellers and the Grand Chapter proceeded with the annual election of Officers with the following result:

#### GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

Stafford Caldwell ..... M. E. Grand High Priest.  
 Alex B. Steuart ..... R. E. D. Gr. High Priest.  
 Wm. B. Greer ..... R. E. Grand King.  
 R. P. Buckmaster ..... R. E. Grand Scribe.  
 Marcus Endel ..... R. E. Grand Treasurer.  
 Wilber P. Webster ..... R. E. Grand Secretary.  
 Dorsey H. Rutter ..... R. E. Grand Chaplain.

Upon motion the Grand Secretary was directed to send a message of greetings and good wishes to Companion W. B. Y. Wilkie, Chaplain Emeritus.

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

#### GRAND OFFICERS APPOINTED

Archie Aitchison .....E. Gr. Capt. of the Host.  
 George A. Dame .....E. Grand Prin. Sojourner.  
 Cleveland R. Horne .....E. Grand Royal Arch Capt.  
 J. Lloyd Head .....E. Gr. Master Third Veil.  
 John B. Phelps .....E. Gr. Master Second Veil.  
 J. C. Clark .....E. Gr. Master First Veil.  
 John W. Capper .....E. Gr. Guard.

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

#### INSTALLATION

Stafford Caldwell .....M. E. Grand High Priest.  
 Alex B. Steuart .....R. E. D. Gr. High Priest.  
 Wm. B. Greer .....R. E. Grand King.  
 R. P. Buckmaster .....R. E. Grand Scribe.  
 Archie Aitchison .....E. Gr. Capt. of the Host.  
 George A. Dame .....E. Gr. Prin. Sojourner.  
 Cleveland R. Horne .....E. Gr. Royal Arch Capt.  
 J. Lloyd Head .....E. Gr. Master Third Veil.  
 John B. Phelps .....E. Gr. Master Second Veil.  
 J. C. Clark .....E. Gr. Master First Veil.

The Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Grand Chaplain having been re-elected and the Grand Guard

reappointed, their installation was not necessary at this time.

A Past Grand High Priest's jewel and apron were presented to retiring Grand High Priest Pasco, Past Grand High Priest Endel making the presentation.

The M. E. Grand High Priest thanked the Grand Chapter for the honor conferred upon him and pledged his earnest efforts for the Grand Chapter during the coming year.

Upon motion of Past Grand High Priest Fish the thanks of the Grand Chapter were extended to Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 for the use of their rooms and paraphernalia and courtesies extended by it.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following standing committees and District Deputy Grand High Priests:

#### 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

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

## FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

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

## WELFARE

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

TRIENNIAL  
(Special)

R. J. McMaster, E. P. Hubbell,  
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.

*C. A. Bangert, Ocala*

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

*George H. Crane, 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.

*H. J. Dame, 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.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE

*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.

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.

STAFFORD CALDWELL,

*Grand High Priest.*

Attest:


*Grand Secretary.***Thomas S. Wilmarth**

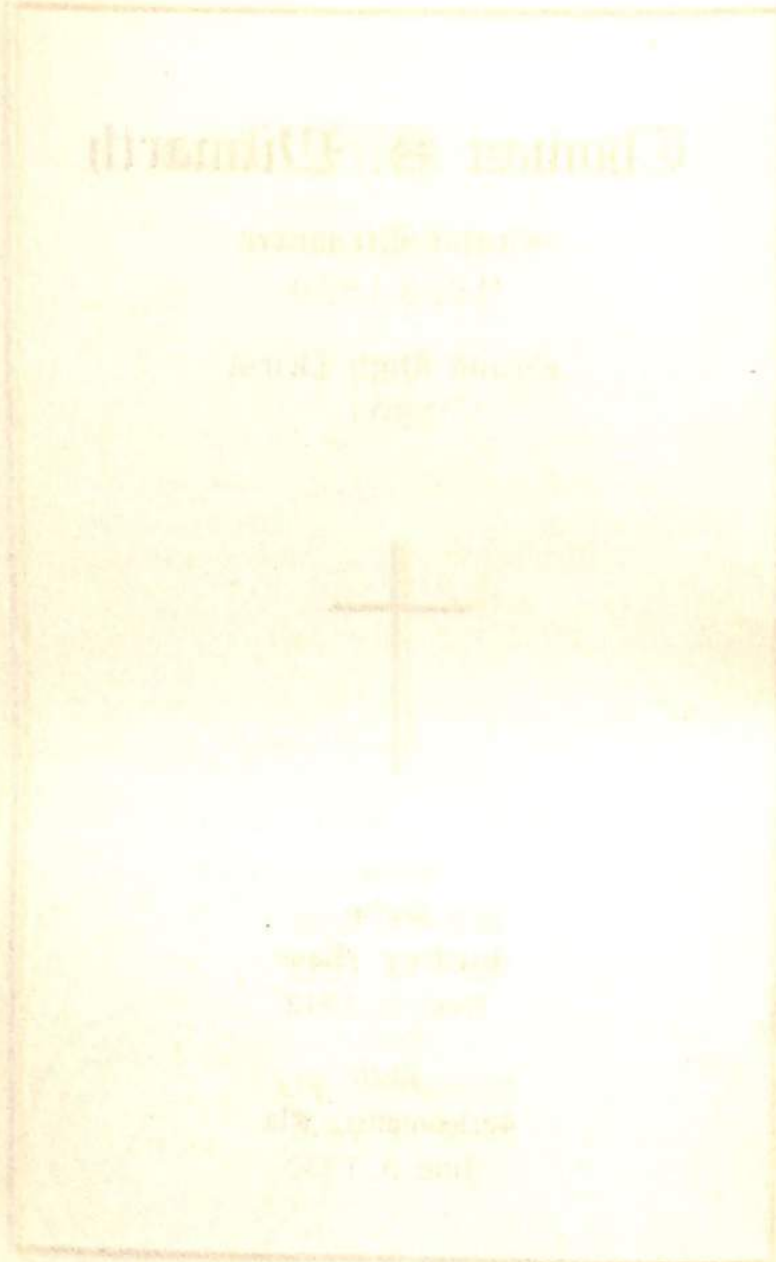
**Grand Treasurer**  
 1883-1889

**Grand High Priest**  
 1891



**Born**  
 Attleboro, Mass.  
 Sept. 2, 1842

**Died**  
 Jacksonville, Fla.  
 June 5, 1930



**Robert McClellan**

**Grand High Priest**

**1912**



**Born**

**Belfonte, Penn.**

**April 16, 1852**

**Died**

**Gainesville, Fla.**

**April 11, 1930**



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

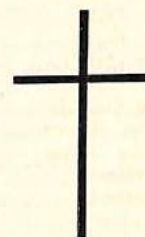
Who have passed away during the year 1929

These pages are fraternally dedicated

Name	Chapter	No.	Date of Death
Henry T. Diehle	Florida	1	June 12, 1929
Ernest E. McLin	Florida	1	Aug. 30, 1929
Edward E. Philbrick	Florida	1	Nov. 15, 1929
T. L. Hodgson	Gainesville	2	Jan. 24, 1929
C. S. Niblo	Gainesville	2	Oct. 13, 1929
Parker Cole	Tampa	3	Aug. 31, 1929
N. A. Cunningham	Tampa	3	May
Fred M. Dalton	Tampa	3	Nov. 2, 1929
C. B. Dressor	Tampa	3	Aug. 17, 1929
Chester D. Hagandorn	Tampa	3	Oct. 1, 1929
Albert C. Ives	Tampa	3	Aug. 3, 1929
Joseph G. Jones	Tampa	3	Mch. 29, 1929
John T. Ranshaw	Tampa	3	Feb. 28, 1929
Albert S. Risby	Tampa	3	July 16, 1929
Philip Shore	Tampa	3	Mch. 26, 1929
Edward G. Steward	Tampa	3	Mch. 20, 1929
Juan Vicito	Tampa	3	June
Napoleon Woodridge	Tampa	3	Jan.
Frank O. Sparkman	Halifax	5	Jan. 5, 1929
Charles B. Jones	Halifax	5	July 30, 1929
Wm. E. Elmore	Mt. Horeb	6	Jan. 25, 1928
Charles D. Beyer	Mt. Horeb	6	June 24, 1929
Peter B. Wycoff	Eureka	7	Feb. 25, 1929
Wm. G. Hoggman	Eureka	7	Sept. 27, 1929
Harry L. Beeman	Eureka	7	Mch. 22, 1929
William A. Wilson	Putnam	9	Sept. 6, 1929
Fred H. Wilson	Putnam	9	July 28, 1929
Thos. P. Cartwright	Putnam	9	Nov. 24, 1929
Wallace H. Berry	Jericho	11	June 15, 1929
Paul C. Latham	Jericho	11	Nov. 25, 1929
Harry K. Bascom	Jericho	11	Mch. 13, 1929
Evans A. Perry	Jericho	11	July 14, 1927
Earl A. Porter	Jericho	11	Mch. 6, 1928
Thomas A. Huggins	Jacksonville	12	Feb. 10, 1929

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Robert J. Riles	Jacksonville	12	Jan. 17, 1929
Elmer M. Powell	Jacksonville	12	June 13, 1929
William D. Gerbrich	Jacksonville	12	July 22, 1929
Walter K. Litz	Jacksonville	12	June 16, 1929
William C. Lertz	Jacksonville	12	Apr. 30, 1929
Romulus L. Ivey	Jacksonville	12	July 30, 1929
Theodore A. Carroll	Jacksonville	12	Aug. 11, 1929
Lloyd M. Boykin	Jacksonville	12	Oct. 13, 1929
Albert A. A. Silber	Jacksonville	12	Oct. 21, 1929
John C. Reynolds	Jacksonville	12	Dec. 24, 1929
E. E. Burnett	Ocala	13	Apr. 14, 1929
R. G. Sumner	Ocala	13	Jan. 18, 1929
J. M. Woodall	Ocala	13	Dec. 9, 1929
W. R. Rosier	Ocala	13	Jan. 25, 1929
J. H. Baker	Ocala	13	Aug. 19, 1929
B. C. Edenfield	Ocala	13	Dec. 26, 1929
Lonnie F. Oliver	Inverness	14	Aug. 14, 1929
Dwight S. Babbitt	Monroe	15	Oct. 10, 1929
Theo. J. Miller	Monroe	15	Oct. 15, 1929
George W. Corbett	St. Augustine	17	Apr. 1929
C. Paul Fuller	Manatee River	18	June 21, 1929
A. E. Proctor	Lake Butler	19	Apr. 15, 1929
G. A. Epperson	Lake Butler	19	Sept. 15, 1929
Frank Riherd	Thomas Brown	22	Feb. 14, 1929
Jno. M. Oglesby	Thomas Brown	22	Apr. 6, 1929
Jas. L. Woodard	Thomas Brown	22	June 3, 1929
Andrew Nilson	Lake Worth	24	Jan. 23, 1929
Egerton Jackson	Lake Worth	24	May 4, 1928
Alvin M. Wyckoff	Lake Worth	24	Sept. 1929
R. B. Black	Live Oak	25	July 1, 1929
Joseph M. Ferrell	Live Oak	25	May 6, 1929
Joseph A. McLeod	Live Oak	25	Apr. 23, 1929
R. L. Westmoreland	Live Oak	25	Nov. 15, 1929
John H. Wood	Live Oak	25	Aug. 2, 1929
J. M. Squires	Indian River	27	June 2, 1929
L. T. Daniels	Indian River	27	July 15, 1929
Mike Crown	Lakeland	29	June 10, 1929
C. A. Cole	Lakeland	29	Aug. 1929
Chas. H. Willis	Gadsden	30	July 30, 1929
Thomas J. Edwards	Gadsden	30	Dec. 1, 1929
William J. Taylor	Gadsden	30	Dec. 20, 1929
W. G. Ballard	St. Petersburg	31	1929
S. J. Corey	St. Petersburg	31	July 16, 1929
Wm. J. Evans	St. Petersburg	31	1929
A. W. Rogers	St. Petersburg	31	Jan. 5, 1929
Oscar Ross	St. Petersburg	31	Nov. 21, 1929
M. Sessions	Jackson	32	May 3, 1929
D. A. Robinson, Sr.	Jackson	32	July 1, 1929

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Jno. A. Pender	Jackson	32	Sept. 1929
W. L. Vanlandingham	Jackson	32	Nov. 19, 1929
W. A. MacKenzie	Leesburg	34	May 20, 1929
T. S. Jerkins	Sarasota	35	June 5, 1929
Elmer A. Cole	Sarasota	35	Feb. 11, 1929
J. W. Pope	Sarasota	35	Oct. 2, 1929
B. R. Reno	Sarasota	35	Jan. 31, 1929
Clarence W. Harper	Providence	38	June 3, 1929
W. C. Raffield	Bay County	39	Jan. 22, 1929
Peter J. Steele	Crestview	40	June 6, 1929
John C. Dernel	Winter Haven	41	Mch. 5, 1929
John T. Hamilton	Duval	48	1928
Robt. J. McKenzie	Duval	48	Dec. 2, 1929
Landes L. Ramsey	Poinciana	50	Mch. 19, 1929
A. H. Gillingham	Poinciana	50	Oct. 10, 1929
W. R. Griffin	New Smyrna	51	1929
Geo. C. Earnhardt	New Smyrna	51	Nov. 7, 1929
Hugh McPherson	M. D. Cushing	54	May 3, 1929
H. B. Benton	Hill City	55	June 11, 1929



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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*
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1854 J. Wayles Baker*	Thomas Y. Henry*	James Ellenwood*	John L. McKinnon*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	Homer Hendee
1855 J. Wayles Baker*	Edward R. Ives*	Joseph S. May*	James Ellenwood*	R. A. Shine*	John B. Taylor*	Charles E. Dyke*
1856 Thomas Hayward*	Edward R. Ives*	John L. McKinnon*	David S. Walker*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	J. R. Plummer
1857 Gad Humphreys*	James Ellenwood*	John L. McKinnon*	Charles E. Dyke*	John S. Bond*	John B. Taylor*	John Penny*
1858 Thomas Hayward*	James Ellenwood*	D. P. Holland*	Calvin Davis*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	John Penny*
1859 D. P. Holland*	James Ellenwood*	Geo. F. Baltzell*	Josiah Payne*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	John Penny*
1860 Thomas Y. Henry*	James Ellenwood*	Geo. F. Baltzell*	Charles Slager*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	John Penny*
1861 Geo. F. Baltzell*	James Ellenwood*	Franklin Branch*	D. C. Dawkins*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	Edwin L. T. Blake*
1862 Geo. F. Baltzell*	James Ellenwood*	Charles Slager*	Wm. H. Arendell*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	Thomas A. Carruth*
1863 Geo. F. Baltzell*	James Ellenwood*	Green H. Hunter*	Wm. H. Arendell*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	Columbus Smith*
1864 Geo. F. Baltzell*	James Ellenwood*	Thos. K. Leonard*	Elhas Earle*	Thomas Hayward*	Hugh A. Corley*	Columbus Smith*
1865 David Jones*	D. C. Dawkins*	B. S. Fuller*	A. J. Lea*	T. Preston Tatum*	Hugh A. Corley*	Samuel C. Craft*
1866 David Jones*	D. C. Dawkins*	Elhas Earle*	Chas. K. Sparhawk*	T. Preston Tatum*	Hugh A. Corley*	Wm. A. McLean*
1867 David Jones*	D. C. Dawkins*	Elhas Earle*	Chas. Slager*	T. Preston Tatum*	Hugh A. Corley*	Wm. A. McLean*
1868 James Ellenwood*	Wm. Morrill*	Charles Slager*	M.M.T. Hutchinson*	T. Preston Tatum*	Hugh A. Corley*	Wm. A. McLean*
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1870 D. C. Dawkins*	Chas. Slager*	Chas. Slager*	Samuel Pasco*	T. Preston Tatum*	Hugh A. Corley*	Wm. A. McLean*
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1884 Wm. E. Anderson*	Warren F. Scott*	Warren F. Scott*	J.W.V.R. Plummer*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
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1914 John M. Caldwell*	Will C. Address*	Wm. R. O'Neal*	D. B. Palmer*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*

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

GRAND HIGH PRIESTS	DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS	GRAND KINGS	GRAND SCRIBES	GRAND TREASURERS	GRAND SECRETARIES	GRAND CHAPLAINS
1915 Wm. C. Andress*	Wm. R. O'Neal	D. B. Palmer	C. H. Ketchum	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	Irving E. Webster
1916 Wm. B. Palmer	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	W. 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	John L. Hall	E. J. Kishpaugh	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie
1921 John L. Hall	R. J. Kishpaugh	R. J. Kishpaugh	E. P. Hubbell	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie
1922 R. J. Kishpaugh	Ely P. Hubbell	E. P. Hubbell	Erle L. Wirt	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie
1923 Ely P. Hubbell	Ely P. Hubbell	E. P. Hubbell	T. T. Todd	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie
1924 Erle L. Wirt	Erle L. Wirt	E. L. Shear	E. L. Shear	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie
1925 T. T. Todd	T. T. Todd	E. L. Shear	Cary B. Fish	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie
1926 E. L. Shear	Cary B. Fish	Cary B. Fish	R. J. McMaster	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie
1927 Cary B. Fish	R. J. McMaster	R. J. McMaster	Stafford Caldwell	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie
1928 R. J. McMaster	Stafford Caldwell	John Pasco	John Pasco	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie
1929 John Pasco	Stafford Caldwell	Alex. B. Steuart	Alex. B. Steuart	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	Dorsey H. Rutter

\*Deceased

DIRECTORY OF CHAPTERS

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

## CHAPTER DIRECTORY

CHAPTER	NO.	HIGH PRIEST	KING	SCRIBE	TREASURER	SECRETARY	SECRETARY'S ADDRESS
Florida	1	B. Jay Owen	Wm. A. Perkins	R. W. Erwin	W. H. Markham	T. E. Andrews	Tallahassee, Box 100
Gainesville	2	K. H. Graham	W. S. Taylor	W. C. Mathews	H. E. Taylor	C. W. Mathews	Gainesville.
Tampa	3	Gyp. Hudspeth	F. H. Spaulding	E. C. Austin	Riley J. McMaster	Herbert S. Chiles	Tampa, 508 East Lafayette Street.
St. Johns	4	J. C. Polley	H. A. Windhorst	J. L. Mooty	W. B. Gleason	Chas. L. Heath	DeLand.
Halifax	5	Robert A. Miller	L. B. Berkebile	H. M. Force	Wm. G. Hobbs	E. L. Shear	Daytona Beach, Box 2023 Main office.
Mt. Horeb	6	B. D. Howe	E. P. Wilson	J. R. Hall	J. S. Reese	W. E. Acosta	Pensacola, 1902 N. 10th Ave.
Eureka	7	C. R. Lott	A. H. Willet	H. W. Sharrock	T. Picton Warlow	Bert L. Blair	Orlando, Box 1538.
Dade City	8	W. W. Stone	J. A. Peak, Sr.	W. A. LeHeup	J. A. Peak, Jr.	C. A. Lock	Dade City.
Putnam	9	J. O. Keene	N. A. Stumpe	L. P. Hale	W. C. Allen	Lewis A. Smith	Palatka, Box 54.
Kissimmee	10	Wm. H. Dobbs	S. L. Bergert	H. A. Shafer	R. E. Griffin	Sam L. Lupfer	Kissimmee.
Jericho	11	Geo. Mack Chambers	Robt. Carr Booth	Albert Green Perry	Jno. P. Knight	Robt. M. Adams	Miami, 3117 N. W. 7th Ave.
Jacksonville	12	Joseph E. Herring	J. O. Walton	Hamilton Baluss	J. S. B. Moyer	J. Lloyd Head	Jacksonville, Bx 887
Ocala	13	C. A. Bangert	J. D. Robertson, Jr.	Earl Shively	F. W. Cook	B. L. Adams	Ocala.
Inverness	14	M. C. Scofield	Jesse Montague	Ellis C. May	Allen MacFarlan	W. H. Warnock	Inverness.
Monroe	15	J. K. Smith	Geo. W. Huff	A. L. Betts	John D. Gove	Chas. J. Rumph	Sanford.
Plant City	16	F. E. Cummins	J. E. Phillips, Jr.	B. E. Sappington	T. C. Calmes	R. A. Daniel	Plant City.
St. Augustine	17	Clay A. Toney	C. M. McCormick	S. J. Masters	P. J. Beachem	C. G. Oldfather	St. Augustine, Drawer T.
Manatee River	18	James F. Valdes	Robt. C. Trimble, Jr.	Fred W. Luffman	John T. Campbell	P. J. Hampton	Bradenton.
Lake Butler	19	Chas. H. Register	W. M. Graham	N. B. Rosler	D. T. McGill	A. D. Zacharias	Lake Butler.
Keystone	20	W. E. Daniel	M. T. Carpenter	C. W. Ten Eich	J. N. Morris	J. G. Ewing	Ft. Lauderdale, Box 864.
Thomas Brown	22	Nat. J. Patterson	E. H. Webster	E. T. Embrey	R. M. Oglesby	J. A. Parramore	Bartow, Box 309.
Chipley	23						
Lake Worth	24	A. C. Jordahn	LeRoy J. Shellburg	F. F. Ahrens	Geo. W. Brown	R. J. Kishpaugh	West Palm Beach, Drawer B-39.
Live Oak	25	W. N. Creekmore	D. W. Henry	Geo. D. Long	J. H. Hildreth	B. W. Helvenston, Jr.	Live Oak.
Jefferson	26	Jacob Tarlowski	E. B. Bailey	J. D. Martin	F. J. Sattler	D. B. Palmer	Monticello
Indian River	27	Robt. Donaldson	Oscar H. Baggett	Roy H. Wall	Geo. W. Scobie	Arch W. Donaldson	Titusville.
Joppa	28	Wm. H. Wollen	R. V. Ankeney	Orris Nobles	Leon F. Collier	Frank B. Goodwin	Fort Pierce.
Lakeland	29	E. W. Black	C. K. Hanner	E. C. Dahl	F. H. Thompson	H. S. Cole	Lakeland, Box 411.
Gadsden	30	Chas. H. Gray	F. S. Chamberlin	E. C. Mahaffey	W. B. Greer	A. L. Hinson	Quincy.
St. Petersburg	31	L. E. Muirhead	A. A. Russell	Wm. Pfromer	W. M. Brinker	Chas. H. Bon	St. Petersburg, Masonic Temple.
Jackson	32	C. W. Davis	J. F. Simms	G. A. Lambe	F. M. Golson	L. L. MacKinnon	Marianna
Eustis	33	R. H. Hoyt	J. B. Booth, Jr.	W. D. Hoyt	A. C. Carraway	J. R. Ashmore	Eustis.
Leesburg	34	C. E. Schaeffer	J. L. Wilson	W. A. Ames	G. G. Ware	Chas. B. Gamble	Leesburg.
Sarasota	35	J. Sam Hall	F. H. Walpole	C. Constantine	J. E. Battle	F. A. Riegel	Sarasota.
Arcadia	36	C. A. Parker	Zack Russ	Carl Smith	C. A. Roe	R. F. Saxon, Jr.	Arcadia.
Providence	38	A. Russell Hackney	C. H. Cox	C. Roberts	H. P. Cason	Addis Mathis	Lake City.
Bay County	39	J. M. Sapp	J. L. Kersey	Dan Gillis	J. E. Churchwell	Carl G. Varlin	Panama City.
Crestview	40	Jas. L. Clary	J. W. Kierce	D. H. McCallum	E. A. Fleming	Lloyd C. Powell	Crestview.
Winter Haven	41	S. C. Smithers	W. V. Schock	A. D. Yonally	S. E. Page	L. B. Spaun	Winter Haven.
Highlands	42	L. T. Farmer	C. R. Ginn, Jr.	L. Allmeyer	Fred M. Smith	W. R. England	Avon Park.
Union	43	Claude M. Beaujean	E. E. Macy	W. M. Christen	S. S. Lichty	Chas. H. Stewart	Melbourne.
Perry	44	E. V. Davis	D. H. Lowe	F. S. Scott	E. S. Gaston	B. K. King	Perry.
Clearwater	45	N. A. Anderson	J. M. Gove	G. C. Woodall	L. N. Russell	Charlie Shaw	Clearwater, Bx 741
Okeechobee	46	C. R. Bibb	B. F. Baro	H. C. Adams	A. W. Davis	O. J. Price	Okeechobee.
Duval	48	C. R. Leavitt	R. H. Johnson	J. E. Bryant	Jas. De Bartolomeis	Frank W. Jay	So. Jacksonville, 513 E. Landon Ave.
Nassau	49	S. H. Swearingen	Robert B. Lockwood	Harry D. Lohman	Walter S. Whitney	Frederick C. Winton	Fernandina.
Poinciana	50	John R. Guthrie	M. M. Tillis	N. G. Stout	John M. Boring	L. C. Stewart	Fort Myers.
New Smyrna	51	H. G. Putnam	J. E. Morris	M. A. Brunson	A. H. LeRoy	W. G. Blair	New Smyrna.
Delray	53						
M. D. Cushing	54	H. L. Tolbert	H. S. Weber	F. R. Hamlett	John F. Vaughan	Samuel C. McConnell	Tampa, Box 222.
Hill City	55	N. C. Roe	C. C. Kirk	C. H. Rickerson	W. M. McKethan	A. Keathley	Brooksville.

# STATISTICS

## CHAPTERS

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	211	0	0	1	212	3	2	11,000	0	136	
Gainesville	2	177	0	0	1	184	2	1	17,000	0	164	
Tampa	3	523	3	1	1	534	13	8	87,000	0	426	
St. Johns	4	142	0	0	0	142	0	1	20,000	0	121	
Haltax	5	239	1	1	1	245	2	2	25,000	0	216	
Mt. Horeb	6	185	3	0	1	189	2	2	11,000	0	174	
Eureka	7	308	8	1	16	333	3	5	24,100	0	300	
Dade City	8	308	0	0	0	308	0	0	0	0	50	
Putnam	9	162	2	0	0	164	0	0	23,000	0	89	
Kissimmee	10	114	0	0	0	114	0	0	74,000	0	350	
Jericho	11	407	19	8	1	435	5	6	74,000	0	674	
Jacksonville	12	635	0	1	3	639	11	3	51,000	0	674	
Ocala	13	172	18	0	2	192	6	1	13,000	0	172	
Inverness	14	49	1	0	0	50	1	0	10,000	0	48	
Montro	15	220	5	6	1	232	2	0	33,000	0	195	
Plant City	16	99	1	0	0	100	0	0	5,000	0	95	
St. Augustine	17	159	0	0	0	159	1	3	15,000	0	140	
Manatee River	18	184	0	1	0	185	1	1	24,000	0	159	
Lake Butler	19	55	0	0	0	55	2	1	4,000	0	48	
Keystone	20	150	4	0	0	154	0	1	8,000	0	145	
Thomas Brown	21	235	5	1	1	242	3	3	30,000	0	216	
*Chimley	22	65	0	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	65	
Lake Worth	23	337	8	2	1	348	3	2	38,000	0	305	
Jefferson	24	339	5	5	0	349	5	3	34,000	0	307	
Indian River	25	87	1	0	0	88	2	3	8,000	0	80	
Joppa	26	209	3	3	0	215	0	3	43,000	0	167	
Lakeland	27	145	0	0	0	145	0	0	8,000	0	137	
Gadsden	28	178	2	9	3	192	2	2	18,000	0	170	
St. Petersburg	29	166	8	0	1	175	3	2	1,000	0	169	
Jackson	30	454	5	1	5	465	5	2	20,000	0	438	
Eustis	31	202	3	0	1	206	4	1	12,000	0	189	
Leesburg	32	119	3	0	1	123	0	0	26,000	0	97	
Sarasota	33	134	9	0	2	145	1	2	5,000	0	137	
Arcadia	34	156	5	0	1	162	4	3	16,000	0	139	
Providence	35	59	4	2	1	66	0	0	4,000	0	62	
Bay County	36	77	3	0	1	80	1	1	12,000	0	66	
Crestview	37	145	3	0	1	149	1	0	0	0	148	
Winter Haven	38	85	2	2	1	90	1	0	10,000	0	79	
Highlands	39	177	4	1	11	193	1	1	13,000	0	178	
Union	40	128	1	0	1	130	1	2	42,000	0	86	
Perry	41	70	0	0	0	70	0	1	13,000	0	56	
Clearwater	42	68	0	1	0	69	0	4	19,000	0	46	
Okechobee	43	98	2	0	0	100	0	3	44,000	0	53	
Duval	44	38	6	0	1	45	0	0	0	0	43	
Nassau	45	75	2	0	0	77	2	0	6,000	0	69	
Poinciana	46	78	1	0	0	79	0	0	4,000	0	75	
New Smyrna	47	82	6	2	1	91	2	1	10,000	0	78	
*Delray	48	116	3	0	0	119	2	2	22,000	0	93	
M. D. Cushing	49	36	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	36	
Hill City	50	83	16	0	1	100	1	2	3,000	0	94	
Hill City	51	55	6	0	0	61	1	0	12,000	0	48	

\* No return.

## SUMMARY

Exalted	187
Reinstated	48
Affiliated	65
Died	101
Dimitted	82
Suspended for non-payment of dues	931
Suspended for un-Masonic conduct	2
Expelled	1
Members Chapters surrendering	160
Charters	7734
Present membership	977
Net Loss	



# 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)

## BUSINESS

6. No business shall be transacted at a special or called Convocation other than that for which the meeting was called. This regulation does not permit the receiving of petitions or balloting upon candidates at a Special or Called Convocation.

## 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 provide for "Life Memberships" in their By-laws, but no "Life Membership" shall be granted for less than fifty dollars (\$50.00).

Chapters must pay annual dues to the Grand Chapter for "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:

"Section. 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

1930

The Annual Convention of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood of the State of Florida, was held in the City of Jacksonville, on Wednesday, May 21, A. D. 1930, at 8:00 o'clock A. M., the following officers being present:

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. William B. Greer, Herald.  
E. George A. Dame, Steward.  
E. Dabney B. Palmer, 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:

B. Jay Owen ..... H. P. Florida Chapter No. 1.  
Kline H. Graham ..... H. P. Gainesville Chapter No. 2.

- J. Clarence Polley .....H. P. St. Johns Chapter No. 4.  
 Benjamin D. Howe ....H. P. Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 6.  
 Ralph G. Reynolds .....P. H. P. Eureka Chapter No. 7.  
 George M. Chambers..H. P. Jericho Chapter No. 11.  
 Joseph E. Herring .....H. P. Jacksonville Chapter No.  
 12.  
 Mannie C. Scofield ....H. P. Inverness Chapter No. 14.  
 Frank E. Cummins ....H. P. Plant City Chapter No. 16.  
 James F. Valdes .....H. P. Manatee River Chapter No.  
 18.  
 Adolph C. Jordahn.....H. P. Lake Worth Chapter No.  
 24.  
 William H. Wollen ....H. P. Joppa Chapter No. 28.  
 Enoch W. Black .....H. P. Lakeland Chapter No. 29.  
 Charles H. Gray .....H. P. Gadsden Chapter No. 30.  
 David E. Muirhead ....H. P. St. Petersburg Chapter No.  
 31.  
 Robert H. Hoyt .....H. P. Eustis Chapter No. 33.  
 C. Earl Schaeffer .....H. P. Leesburg Chapter No. 34.  
 Charles B. Gamble .....P. H. P. Leesburg Chapter No.  
 34.  
 Claude A. Parker .....H. P. Arcadia Chapter No. 36.  
 Sydney C. Smithers ....H. P. Winter Haven Chapter No.  
 41.  
 Americus P. Hoagland P. H. P. Duval Chapter No. 49.  
 Norman C. Edwards....P. H. P. Duval Chapter No. 49.  
 Horace L. Tolbert .....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 .....	\$143.97	
To Fees .....	69.00	
		\$212.97
Cr.		
By Paid Bibles .....	\$ 81.42	
Expense .....	.48	\$ 81.90
Balance on Hand .....		\$131.07

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.*

## Members Consecrated

MAY 21, 1930

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**Report of Committee**

ON

**Fraternal Correspondence**

BY

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

# Report of Committee

ON

## Fraternal Correspondence

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

Complying with previous instructions ye scribe has endeavored to condense the reviews of proceedings as much as seems advisable and still make them "readable," as one has kindly put it. And in so doing the "essentials" and "non-essentials" may have been not wisely considered, for the great query confronting the reviewers is what to leave out, how to "boil down," also to avoid repetitions and yet present something besides mere statistics of facts. The reader is the judge and court of last resort.

The outstanding problem confronting the Royal Craft today is the great loss for suspensions of non-payment of dues. The reasons assigned for these conditions are about as numerous as the remedies suggested for the cure. Lasting reputation for wisdom will be accorded to the one who may be able to prescribe a procedure which will be really effective. Ye scribe has given this condition much consideration but does not feel competent to offer a real solution. However, he has "ideas," as have many others, but this is "neither the time nor place" to present them.

As the first part of this report will undoubtedly be printed before all the proceedings will be reviewed, a brief summary of the gains and losses in membership for the year will appear on the last printed page.

## ALABAMA—1929

Chapters, 84. Members, 12,866. Exalted, 303. Net Loss, 1,015.

WOOLSEY FINNELL, Grand High Priest

All the Masonic Bodies in Alabama were represented at the One Hundred and Third Annual, held in Montgomery, December 23, 1929. Florida's Grand Representative as well as three others were absent by reason of illness, and the commissions of two others were revoked for non-attendance for three successive years. As ye scribe looks at it, absence without excuse is discourteous to the Grand Chapter represented.

Without warning came the inexorable summons to M. .E. .Comp. Jacob Bley, Grand High Priest in 1922, and his seat is vacant.

Although noting a material net loss in membership, the suspensions alone far exceeding all other losses, yet the committee is "gratified that, under the conditions, it has not been larger," and unites with the Grand High Priest in his prophecy "of better times and a brighter future."

Grand High Priest Finnell contrasted the "real sacrifices" Companions made in attending Grand Chapter when it took "six days," and which now can be made in "six hours." His necessary activities did not appear to be over burdensome. His civic duties caused him to visit all parts of the flooded area, which he designated as the "most disastrous flood ever known in Alabama," when 500 homes were washed away and 5,000 families made homeless. So generous were the contributions and so carefully were they administered that a small balance was left, which will be used for relief work should another

disaster occur. Two Chapters were consolidated. He was gratified that no decisions were required.

Sixteen Companions were formally set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

E. .Comp. William B. Clemmons presented his first report on correspondence and from one who, as he states, "with no experience," gives evidence of being that of a workman "who needeth not to be ashamed." He found comparatively little to interest him in Florida.

Next Annual in Montgomery, Dec. 1-2, 1930.

James M. Frazer, Opelika, Grand High Priest; George A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, Grand Secretary; William B. Clemmons, Fairfield, Correspondent.

## ALBERTA—1929

Chapters, 28. Members, 2,809. Admissions, 100. Net Loss, 15.

FREDERICK S. SELWOOD, Grand First Principal Z.

Particularly notable was the Fifteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, held in Alberta, March 20 and 21, 1929; because for the first time in its history have the First Grand Principals of the four Western Grand Chapters in Canada been in attendance at any one Annual Convocation. The distinguished visitors were: M. .E. .Comp. Donald A. Adams, of British Columbia; M. .E. .Comp. J. C. Walker Reid, of Manitoba, and M. .E. .Comp. J. R. Yorke, of Saskatchewan.

Inspiring, helpful and of a high order was the address of Grand First Principal Selwood, whose great aim seems to have been to create an earnest desire for a "richer and fuller experience of the spiritual values" to

be found in the history and development of Royal Arch Masonry, also its close connection with Craft Masonry.

Comparative freedom from minor activities, all of which were approved, gave him more time for visitations outside as well as inside the Grand Jurisdiction and must have been of great value to the Craft at large. His contact with the smaller Chapters convinced him that "the principle that large numbers and expansive territory are not essential to the existence of a Royal Arch Chapter, but that the main thing is the maintenance of a strong feeling of companionship among the members."

He outlined a feasible procedure by which Grand Representatives, without interfering with the "prerogatives of the Grand High Priest," could be of real value outside of perfunctorily responding to roll call.

He chronicled the appointment of R. E. Comp. George E. Cruickshank, of Hillcrest, as Grand Representative, to succeed the revered late M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, who had represented Florida from the beginning, and which was one of the first Grand Chapters to recognize the sovereignty of the Grand Chapter of Alberta and its right to exist.

There is much in the address of Grand Principal Selwood that is constructive and could well be read with profit by Grand High Priests as well as the Craft generally.

Adopted constitutional amendments provide that any officer of a Chapter can resign but must serve twelve months to be entitled to Past Rank; also for transfer of membership by Certificate of Good Standing, but it must be used within three months or it becomes null and void. Other matters considered and acted upon were largely of little importance to outsiders.

There appears to be no Order of High Priesthood.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is a partnership affair, in which Florida is particularly honored by being reviewed the First Grand Principal, M. E. Comp. F. B. Selwood. His work is quite satisfactory, and passes inspection at this station. He found much of interest and apparently all was approved. He has learned before this time, no doubt, that there are no clandestine Chapters in Florida. It is hoped that Florida again falls to Companion Selwood.

Next Annual in Edmonton, March 19-20, 1930.

James R. Flan, Grand Z.; Clifford R. Wentzell, 809-9½ St. N. W., Grand Scribe E.; both of Calgary; S. H. Middleton, Cardston, Chairman Correspondence Committee.

#### ARIZONA—1929

Chapters, 12. Members, 1,269. Exalted, 72. Net Gain, 4.

HEDRICK D. AITKEN, Grand High Priest

Both the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council were represented by M. E. Comp. Mattison B. Jones, General Grand Scribe, at the Thirty-ninth Annual held in Prescott, February 12, 1929. Florida was not represented, but it is safe to assume that Arizona will hereafter not be neglected, for among the Representatives commissioned was E. Comp. R. B. (Dick) Lovett for Arizona near Florida.

This terse statement by Grand High Priest Aitken, in his address, may be taken to indicate Craft conditions: "The intelligence of those Companions to whom was intrusted the helm, indicate such a knowledge of Capitular

law that only one matter was referred to me for decision," and that was local in nature. This is also the alibi of ye scribe for failing to find little of interest to outlanders.

Each Chapter received an official visitation from the Grand High Priest, one of which was a joint visitation by reason of the absence of one High Priest.

Masonry sustained a great loss during the year in the death of M. E. Comp. George W. Roskrue. Companion Roskrue was known as the "Father of Masonry" in Arizona, for at the formation of Grand Lodge in 1882 he was elected Grand Secretary. As Proxy for the General Grand High Priest he instituted the Grand Chapter in 1890, and with the exception of 1892 when he was Grand High Priest, he was also its Grand Secretary from the first. Likewise having the proxy of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment he instituted the Grand Commandery in 1892, acting from the first as its Grand Recorder.

There seems to be no Order of High Priesthood, nor is there a report on correspondence.

Next Annual in Douglas, Feb. 11, 1930.

Joseph A. E. Ivey, Tombstone, Grand High Priest;  
Harry A. Drachman, Tuscon, Grand Secretary.

#### ARKANSAS—1929

Chapters, 73. Members, 7,921. Exalted, 453. Net Loss, 365.

W. W. MOORE, Grand High Priest

Somewhat uneventful was the Capitular year recorded in the Proceedings of the Eightieth Annual, held in Helena, March 5, 1929, with Florida not represented.

Although brief were the recorded activities of Grand High Priest Moore, yet they met requirements. He caused two charters to be arrested and there were two requests for courtesy work. He was courteously received at the few visitations he made, but was disappointed to find others "not at home." Most of his recommendations did not find favor with the powers that be.

Twenty qualified Companions were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood and M. E. Companion N. C. McCrary was re-elected President, though not present on account of illness.

The report of the Fraternal Correspondent, M. E. Comp. Mark P. Olney, contains much that is helpful and encouraging. He found that the reasons for the growing depletion of Grand Chapter ranks are "most as varied as the people who seek to discuss it." Ye scribe recently had the pleasure of meeting Companion Olney in his own balliwick and it is hoped that the pleasant acquaintance thus formed may be continued another year at Tacoma.

Under Florida he noted particularly that Grand High Priest Fish "rounded out the honors as the head of all the State York Grand Bodies."

Next Annual in Eureka Springs, March 4, 1930.

Andrew J. Russell, Little Rock, Grand High Priest;  
John C. Bone, Batesville, Grand Secretary; Mark P. Olney, Mena, Correspondent.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA—1929

Chapters, 21. Members, 2,817. Exalted, 132. Net Gain, 212.

DONALD ADAMS, Grand Z.

Substantial progress in growth was reported at the Eleventh Annual Convocation, held in Victoria, June 19, 1929. But Florida was not represented. During the year two new Chapter halls were consecrated.

Activity and devotion to the Craft characterized the address of the Grand Z., who stated he traveled over 13,000 miles in the performance of his official duties, and even then he did not personally visit every subordinate Chapter. He also attended the Grand Chapters of Alberta, Canada, District of Columbia and Saskatchewan.

Grand Chapter did not look with favor upon his recommendation to adopt the ritual and ceremonies of the Grand Chapter of Canada, but it did approve all his other acts and recommendations. He strongly recommended doing "all in its power" to make a success of the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter in Tacoma, in April.

Much valuable information of the activities of the subordinate Chapters are to be found in the reports of the visitations of the Grand Council Officers and Grand Superintendents, in which no Chapter seems to have been overlooked. Particularly interesting is the story of Keystone Chapter at Nanaimo, as told by the Grand Registrar (Historian). Originally it was No. 235 on the Registry of the Grand Chapter of Scotland; later as No. 127 on the Registry of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and when the Grand Chapter of British Columbia was formed, still retaining the name of Keystone, it became No. 8.

Resolutions of sympathy were sent to the Grand Chapter of Canada pertaining to the death of R. E. Comp. Edwin T. Smith, Grand Scribe E. Much of the correspondence of the Grand Z. is reproduced, including a communication from the Earl of Cassillis, who states that he had the pleasure of proposing Comp. Thomas S. Cook, of Manitoba, and who attended the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, for the 30th degree.

A distinguished visitor was M. E. Comp. R. E. Sullivan, Grand High Priest of Washington, and who expressed appreciation of the Grand Chapter's interest in the coming Triennial at Tacoma in August.

There seems to be no Order of High Priesthood.

Once again R. E. Comp. John W. Prescott, the Grand Scribe E., presents a very interesting report on Correspondence, in which he stated that many prominent members are making arrangements to attend the General Grand Chapter Triennial. And that "Snow for Florida" will be Florida Grand Chapter's "battle cry." He is quite complimentary of the Florida proceedings for which ye scribe is grateful. He expressed the opinion that a material condensation of reviews would "destroy much of the value."

Next Annual will be June 11, 1930, with place to be decided later.

William T. Phillips, Esquimalt, Grand Z.; John W. Prescott, Vancouver, Grand Scribe E. and Correspondent.

## CALIFORNIA—1929

Chapters, 128. Members, 26,466. Exalted, 1,282. Net Gain, 479.

DAVID J. REESE, Grand High Priest

Officials were present from the General Grand Chapter, the General Grand Council, the Grand Chapters of Kansas, Nevada, North Dakota, Michigan, Washington, the other California Grand Bodies, besides all the Grand Chapter Officers, many Past Grands, Florida's Grand Representative, half a dozen survivors of the 1906 earthquake and fire, besides lesser notables galore, and which characterized the Seventy-fifth Annual Convocation, held in San Francisco, April 17 and 18, 1929, making altogether a Masonic representation seldom equalled at State gatherings.

Much thought and real constructive ability are found in the address of Grand High Priest Reese who, though handicapped by much illness, demonstrated loyalty and service to Capitular Masonry. This is epitomized largely in his recommendations, all of which passed favorable inspection at the Jurisprudence stations, and those involving finance by the watchdogs of the treasury as well. The more important include: Memorial buttons to those whose records show half a century or more of continuous service; saving of time by eliminating calling of the roll at Annual Convocations; additional new standing committees on New Chapters, By-Laws, and on General Policy and Purposes; revised methods of appointing Grand Officers and installation of absentees.

No requests for rulings or decisions appear. Three Chapters were constituted during the year, and the Grand High Priest submitted to the Grand Lecturer an institut-

ing ceremony. He appears to have the authority of appointing District Deputy Grand High Priests. Their reports hereafter will be made in duplicate and one copy will be sent to the Grand High Priest.

Eighty-four candidates were elected and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

For the second time E. Comp. Arthur A. Willoughby presented a most readable and instructive report on correspondence which bears all the earmarks of the real newspaper editor, who is always the dependable part of any community. May their shadows never grow less.

Although Companion Willoughby finds but little of interest under Florida, yet that little seems to be commendatory, which of course is appreciated.

Next Annual in Oakland, April 8-9, 1930.

Angus L. Cavanagh, Sawtelle, Grand High Priest; Thomas A. Davies, 423 Masonic Temple, San Francisco, Grand Secretary; Arthur A. Willoughby, Nevada City, Correspondent.

## CANADA (ONTARIO)—1929

Chapters, 156. Members, 26,135. Registrations, 1,030. Net Gain, 58.

EDWIN SMITH, Grand First Principal Z.

Wonderfully rich in old historic facts is the City of Kingston, where on February 27 and 28, 1929, was held the Seventy-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada. It was in this city that the first Provincial Grand Chapter was formed, and the titles of its officers were designated according to the American System, it was stated. Also that the Master Mason, (?) Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal

Arch degrees were worked; that the Past Master's degree was eliminated in 1891; and the Royal Arch degree as then worked is very similar to that degree in the Chapters working under the Supreme Grand Chapter of England. But now there is a new ritual which is being adopted by Canadian Chapters.

The Grand Z. in his address stated that he had covered over 16,000 miles in visiting eastern and southern Chapters, and he urged that the incoming incumbent give special attention to those in the north and west.

He approved the action of a Grand Superintendent who declined to install an officer-elect because the Examining Board had not reported favorable. And refused to grant a dispensation to receive a petition from a person who less than twelve days previous had received the Master's degree, because, he said, "it seemed to be hurrying things too much." One dispensation for a new Chapter was issued. He urged great care in the choice and selection of officers, for, he truly said, "the world will judge our Order chiefly by those who are known to hold high positions among them. Simply because a Companion is a 'hail fellow well met' is not sufficient today to warrant his elevation."

He approved Chapters attending Divine service, presumably in a body, when these services are under "instructions and proper guidance from the Grand Scribe E." This custom in the States is quite common by Commanderies of Knights Templar; is gradually growing into disuse by the Lodges, but ye scribe has never seen Chapter Masons, clothed as such, in public processions of any nature.

If there be any reference to reception of Grand Representatives, it has been overlooked. But Canada is not without representation at the court of Florida, for there

is no more regular attendant or one more widely known throughout Florida than E. Comp. Chester DeRocher, Florida's Ambassador.

Once again M. E. Comp. William N. Ponton, Past Grand Z., presented his review of *Sister Jurisdictions*, and which has been truly designated "a yearly Masonic History." Companion Ponton comments intelligently and his quotations give a vista of Masonic laws and customs that ought to be read by all Royal Craftsmen seeking further light.

Florida is given generous and commendatory consideration, noting particularly that this is one of the States that erect monuments to Past Grand High Priests, and that "this duty is carefully looked after." The numerous quotations from the report of ye scribe is appreciated, who is specially hoping that Companion Ponton can make it convenient to meet The Guild at Tacoma in August, 1930, and he can be assured that he will receive a very cordial reception from this part of the Masonic Fourth Estate.

Next Annual in Toronto, Feb. 26-27, 1930.

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

#### COLORADO—1929

Chapters, 51. Members, 7,969. Exalted, 204. Net Loss, 155.

CORBIN E. ROBISON, Grand High Priest

Only two Chapters were missing when the gavel sounded for the formal opening of the Fifty-fifth Annual Convocation in Denver, September 19, 1929, with Masonic dignitaries present from the General Grand



Council, Nebraska, District of Columbia and Wyoming and many lesser lights, but Florida's representative was among the missing.

Unquestionably the real "wages" of the conscientious presiding officer is well expressed by Grand High Priest Robison in his address: "The friendships I have made, the fraternal relations I have enjoyed and the brotherly love I have received will ever remain with me." Nearly every Chapter was visited by himself or the Deputy Grand High Priest and generally "addresses and refreshments" seem to have been the work delineated on the trestle board. His official duties do not appear to have been burdensome. His one reported decision was that a Companion should pay that proportion of a year's dues up to the time he applies for a dimit, which presumably should at least be the equivalent of Grand Chapter per capita. All his official acts were approved.

Tribute was paid to the memory of M. E. Comp. William A. Campbell, Grand High Priest in 1915.

Twenty-five Companions were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood in Due and Solemn Form.

For the sixth time Past Grand High Priest H. W. Woodward presented an admirable and concise review of other Grand Chapters, and he reached this conclusion of the unsatisfactory condition of Capitular Masonry:

About all we can do, in the writer's opinion, is to sit still and not rock the boat, and above all things to remember that we are members of the oldest and greatest fraternity known to mankind, and it behooves us to conduct its affairs with dignity. That means, when boiled down, that jazz does not get us anywhere and modern advertising methods are not for us.

Florida is generously considered and with apparent approval. Thank you.

Next Annual in Denver, Sept. 18, 1930.

Sidney A. Knill, Grand High Priest; Wm. W. Cooper, Grand Secretary; H. W. Woodward, Correspondent; all Masonic Temple, Denver.

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### CONNECTICUT—1929

Chapters, 46. Members, 16,800. Exalted, 479. Net Gain, 38.

COLIN S. BUELL, Grand High Priest

During the year two Special Convocations of Grand Chapter were held to constitute new Chapters and one, the day previous, for a subordinate Chapter to confer the Most Excellent Masters degree, under the supervision of the Ritual Committee.

At the One Hundred and Thirty-first Annual Convocation, May 14th, at Hartford, every Chapter was represented. These with all the Grand Officers, twenty of the twenty-three living Past Grand High Priests, officials from the General Grand Chapter and from several near-by Grand Chapters, also Past High Priests galore, including Florida's representative, made it a red-letter day in Capitular Masonry in the Nutmeg State. A discordant note was the reporting of the death during the year of M. E. Comp. Edward W. Avery, Grand High Priest in 1917.

Strictly business was the account of stewardship recorded in the address of Grand High Priest Buell, with wise and helpful admonitions for good measure. Summarizing his official visitations, while he was not prepared to state "that the Chapters are improving in the conferring of the degrees," but he was sure "all of

them feel the impulse toward the best that can be done;" and he commended "having refreshments before rather than after the work." So does ye scribe.

Among his dispensations was one to remove equipment for the purpose of exemplifying degrees before other Chapters. It was his opinion that Grand Chapter should not make this necessary by dispensation, but rather encourage friendly visits. In these days of radios and other outside attraction, he truly said, "Men are not going many miles to see work with which they are familiar unless there can be injected into that work something that will hold them."

Hereafter all Companions set apart to the Order of High Priesthood will receive the Book of the Law, in order of seniority, not to exceed twenty-five copies per year. Ye scribe had supposed that such presentation was usually made at time of consecration.

Past Grand High Priest George W. Kies rejoices in having reached full legal Masonic age. This year he submitted his twenty-first consecutive correspondence report. Congratulation, George. That you may prepare as many more is the wish of every member of The Guild.

His review of Florida is commendatory, and although he may not agree with ye scribe in all things, yet he compliments him by quoting liberally. There is much of value in his comments and we would if we could pass them on to our readers.

Next Annual in Hartford, May 13, 1930.

Lewis C. Hull, Derby, Grand High Priest; George A. Kies, Hartford, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

## DELAWARE—1929

Chapters, 5. Members, 1,984. Exalted, 34. Net Loss, 39.

FRANK L. LONG, Grand High Priest

There was a large attendance at the Sixty-first Annual Convocation, held in Wilmington, January 16, 1929, with many distinguished visitors from New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Connecticut, but Florida was not represented.

Routine matters, and but few of them, are mentioned in the address of Grand High Priest Long. He was commended for his faithfulness in administering his official duties. The income from all sources not equaling the expenditures, Grand Chapter increased the per capita assessment twenty-five cents. For this reason Grand Chapter did not deem it wise at this time to increase the appropriation to Past Deputy Grand High Priest Thomas J. Day, who for many years has prepared the report on correspondence. But it did appropriate more than double his salary for the annual Convocation dinner, which at this distance causes one to wonder which was the greater benefit to the Royal Craft in the State?

The approval of the necessary committee reports was largely a formality. There appears to be no Order of High Priesthood.

The most interesting part of the proceedings, to ye scribe at least, is the annual review of Grand Chapters by R. E. Comp. Thomas J. Day who has acquired an enviable reputation for conciseness. Under Florida he quotes liberally from the address of Grand High Priest Fish; also noting the supposed Clandestine Chapters in Florida. And for the information of Companion Day, investigations show "there ain't no such animal."

Next Annual in Wilmington, Jan. 15, 1930.

Obadiah Clark, Grand High Priest; John W. Macklem, Box 94, Grand Secretary; Thos. J. Day, Masonic Temple, Correspondent; all of Wilmington.

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### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—1929

Chapters, 16. Members, 6,138. Exalted, 161. Net Loss, 172.

RAYMOND B. DICKEY, Grand High Priest

Matters Capitular move along at the Nation's Capital with accustomed regularity and precision. Most of the Masonic dignitaries of the District attended the Sixty-second Annual, February 13, 1929, for an evening Communication only. Florida's Grand Representative is about the only noteworthy personage missing.

Optimistic is the address of Grand High Priest Dickey, being a comprehensive summary of his work of the year, and which was unqualifiedly endorsed. Tributes are paid to the memories of Past Grand High Priests Matthew Trimble (1879-80) and William Barnum (1900), and Grand Secretary Emeritus Arvine W. Johnston (1897-1928).

All Chapters received official visitations, at some of which donations were made to the Masonic and Eastern Star Home "in lieu of expenditures for decorations." Among the commissions issued for Grand Representatives was one to E. Comp. John C. Mattocks for Florida. Referring to the large numbers dropped for n. p. d., he called special attention to the fact that the direct responsibility for the management of the Chapter affairs as well as its progress in lines of endeavor "rests upon

the High Priest, but that the responsibility should be shared by the officers."

The "Foreword" of the Doings of the Capitular World by Past Grand High Priest W. W. Jermayne discussed the questions of dimits and suspensions and approved the action taken by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar regarding the appointment of a committee to assist each local recorder in the collection of dues. Some of the other Bodies have taken this up in a sort of half-hearted way. Perhaps it is worthy of more serious consideration.

Under Florida Companion Jermayne insists that the question of net losses or net gains is in the hands of the Chapters, and emphatically adds: "In States where they (Chapters) are hard at work, losses do not appear." This is worth seriously considering.

Next Annual in Washington, August 27, 1930.

Wm. F. Smith, Grand High Priest; J. Claude Keiper, Grand Secretary; W. W. Jermayne, Correspondent; all of Masonic Temple, Washington.

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### ENGLAND—MARK MASTER MASONS

Merely formal is the installation and investiture of Grand Lodge Officers at the June Quarterly. Warrants for four Lodges were granted, also for two Royal Ark Mariner Lodges. The attendance at the Quarterly Communications was so great that it was found necessary to secure larger accommodations in Freemason's Hall. Four additional Warrants were granted at the September Quarterly, as well as two more warrants for Ark Mariner Lodges.

## ENGLAND—ROYAL ARCH MASONS

At the February Quarterly, recognition was granted to the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Western Australia, as a consequence of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, which was established in 1900, but no reason appears why the long delay unless it be by inference. The adopted report of the Committee on General Purposes recites in part:

Communications passed between your Committee and those who are seeking for recognition, and the Committee agreed that recognition should be recommended on two conditions: First, that Royal Arch Masons under the English Constitutions should have the right to enter Chapters under the Western Australia Constitution, although they do not possess all the qualifications required by that Constitution, whenever a Royal Arch Ceremony being performed, and this was agreed to by the Western Australian Grand Chapter. Secondly, that this Supreme Grand Chapter should keep to themselves the right to grant a Charter for a new Chapter to be attached to any existing Lodge remaining under the English Constitution, thereby reserving to Craft Masons under the English Constitution the right to complete the third degree by being exalted in a Royal Arch Chapter under the English Constitution.

The Committee on General Purposes strongly recommended, but did not insist on a new regulation, that not more than three candidates be exalted at the same ceremony.

It was reported at the August Quarterly of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England that a new District Grand Chapter had been formed in Japan, there being four Royal Arch Chapters in that country. Petitions were received and warrants issued for seven new Chapters, all of which were located in Great Britain.

There are two sides to every question, and quite often one side is little understood. Perhaps this may be so in the attitude taken by the Grand Chapter of England in chartering Chapters in many if not all of the States in the Commonwealth of Australia, and which is presented at length in the report of the Committee on General Purposes in presenting its reasons for the recent chartering of Chapters in New Zealand. This sentence reply to the objections raised by the Grand Scribe E., seems to outline one side of the controversy:

I venture to think that the Grand Scribe E. of New Zealand did not understand that under our Constitution a Craft Mason completes his third degree as a Master Mason by being exalted into the Supreme Order of the Royal Arch; it is not a separate degree; also a Chapter is attached to a Lodge and takes its number, and if I may say so is complementary to the Lodge, and therefore if Chapters are not formed under our own Supreme Grand Chapter, the reasonable desires and wishes of a large number of Craft Masons under the Grand Lodge of England to be exalted and to complete their third degree in accordance with our Constitution, would not be satisfied.

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 GEORGIA—1929

Chapters, 158. Members, 16,130. Exalted, 429. Net Loss, 873.

REV. JOHN SWAIN, Grand High Priest

All Grand Officers were present when the One Hundred and Seventh Annual Convocation was opened in ample form in Macon, April 17, 1929, as were also the governing heads of the General Grand Chapter, General Grand Council, Grand Lodge of Georgia and Florida's representative.

Appreciative tribute was paid to the monumental work of E. Comp. Edgar A. McHan, Grand Secretary and Lecturer in each of the York Rite Bodies, and whose light was extinguished during the year and while in the performance of duty. Another to "cross the bar" was M. E. Comp. J. Luther Gable, Grand High Priest in 1906.

Matchless service excellently rendered is well portrayed in the address of Grand High Priest Swain, who seems to have given freely in an honest effort to advance Capitular Masonry during his year of administration.

He reported conditions which evidenced a seemingly inexcusable lack of understanding by some of the Chapters of the laws, rules and regulations governing Royal Arch Masonry. One Chapter was arrested for conferring the degrees for a less than the required constitutional amount. According to the correspondence, "no one had paid more since the Chapter was instituted." The excuse offered by the High Priest was that he had "never studied the Code, because we did not have one." This causes ye scribe to believe that in the educational work more attention should be given to a better knowledge of Masonic laws.

The Order of High Priesthood was conferred upon thirty-two petitioners. The class presented each of the officers a gift, in token of appreciation of the ceremonies.

Excellent Companion P. T. McCutchen again presented the correspondence report, somewhat abbreviated this time, caused by a fire which destroyed his newspaper plant and library containing much of the data which he had prepared. The result is that several of the Proceedings do not appear. However, we are thankful that Florida was saved from the wreck.

Next Annual in Macon, April 30-May 1, 1930.

Wm. B. Graham, Ft. Gaines, Grand High Priest;  
A. G. Miller, Macon, Grand Secretary-Lecturer; P. T.  
McCutchen, Franklin, Correspondent.

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IDAHO—1929

Chapters, 24. Members, 2,685. Exalted, 105. Net Gain, 6.

HOMER G. BROWN, Grand High Priest

This is one of the comparatively few Grand Chapters which show a net gain in membership. Congratulations.

Only two subordinate Chapters failed to respond to roll call at the Twenty-first Annual Convocation, held in Lewiston, May 14-15, 1929. This is equally commendable, for Florida Companions not acquainted with the rugged condition of Idaho can scarcely appreciate what it means to attend even the regular convocations of the subordinate Chapters.

This is emphasized in the sacrifice and devotion to duty by Grand High Priest Brown, and which seemed to have borne fruits in increased membership and a revival of interest. Many of his visitations were largely in the northern part of the State, some of which Chapters are seldom permitted to be host to the presiding Grand High Priest.

His official acts were largely routine, and were approved. One of his decisions shows that automatic reinstatement follows automatic suspension for non-payment of dues, differing from Florida in that the latter's regulations require election for re-instatement. It was also brought out that while Grand Chapters approved of education, yet the assistance of organizations, charitable

or otherwise not Masonic, are not encouraged and Chapter funds are not to be used "to carry out the purposes of non-Masonic organizations." Grand Chapter Constitution and By-laws are to be read in each open Chapter at least once each year. Florida's Grand Representative was not among those welcomed by the Grand High Priest. Approval was given to the consolidation of two subordinate Chapters.

Idaho seems to get along very nicely without an Order of High Priesthood.

Once again E. Comp. George E. Knepper presented a readable and instructive report on correspondence but without either Foreword or Afterword. Florida is given generous consideration and the work of Grand High Priest McMaster is commended. Reference is also made to the list of so-called clandestine Chapters in Florida and which upon investigation proved to have been without foundation, as was explained in this report last year. The error grew out in one instance of reference to a Chapter which some years ago had surrendered its charter and in the other to a probable negro organization which of course had no connection whatever with Florida Masonry.

Next Annual in Blackfoot, May 13-14, 1930.

Alonzo Cone, Blackfoot, Grand High Priest; Edward H. Way, Boise, Grand Secretary; G. E. Knepper, Boise, Correspondent.

## ILLINOIS—1929

Chapters, 242. Members, 89,396. Exalted, 2,282. Net Loss, 1,565.

EDWARD E. CORE, Grand High Priest

Half a dozen Grand Chapters sent Masonic dignitaries, including the General Grand High Priest, to the Eightieth Annual Convocation, held in Chicago, October 24-25, 1929, Florida being represented by E. Comp. H. H. Kester.

Approval by Grand Chapter appeared to be the "wages" received by Grand High Priest Core, and the record of many minor activities characterized his address. Appropriate tribute is paid to M. E. Comp. Alfred A. Whipple, Grand High Priest in 1902; R. E. Comp. Owen Scott, for many years Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, and many others.

He strongly favored the Schools of Instruction and believed them to be "superior to all other methods of ritualistic instruction." He was particularly pleased to report that peace and harmony so prevailed that it "was unnecessary to discipline any Chapter or member during the year." Neither was it necessary for him to render any decisions.

A note in the Proceedings by the Grand Secretary stated that the day following the close of the Annual Convocation, E. Comp. William F. Lockwood, Grand Master of the Second Vail, was killed in an automobile accident, and from another source it was learned that his Companion, Past Grand High Priest J. C. Ferrin, was seriously injured.

Two special conventions of the Order of High Priesthood during the year preceded the Annual, and were held

in connection with Grand Chapter; the total number of Companions set apart and anointed were 118; \$200.00 was donated to the Illinois Masonic Hospital Association.

"A feast of fat things" aptly designates the valuable report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations by Past Grand High Priest Everett R. Turnbull, in which the matter of suspensions for n. p. d. is uppermost. A notable fact in connection, is that while about three-quarters of the American Chapters show a net loss for the year, with scarcely an exception, Chapters throughout the British Empire continue to show a gain, and seem to justify the conclusion of Companion Everett. "Either they are more careful in taking in members during the war or else all their material was over seas."

Florida is favorably considered with an exception or two, commenting on which he says, "I hav' me doots."

Next Annual in Chicago, Oct. 30-31, 1930.

David S. Davidson, Chicago, Grand High Priest;  
James E. Jeffers, Decatur, Grand Secretary; E. R. Turnbull, Carlinville, Correspondent.

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#### INDIANA—1929

Chapters, 117. Members, 32,476. Exalted, 730. Net Loss, 516.

FREDERICK L. CLARKE, Grand High Priest

More than commonly constructive is the Proceedings of the Eighty-fourth Annual Convocation, held in Logansport, Oct. 22, 1929. It could well be read with profit by every Companion, and those who do not have

access to it are really missing something worth while. Many distinguished dignitaries were present, Florida being represented. All's well.

Replete with suggestions for improving the work in the Capitular Quarries was the address of Grand High Priest Clarke, who truly says: "The success or failure of a Chapter *depends absolutely upon effective leadership*" (the *italics* being added by ye scribe). And he further advises how this "extremely important feature" can be acquired:

The selection of a Companion to be started in line of office should be attended with the greatest care and consideration. He should not only be a lover of and devoted to the proper and effective exemplification of the degrees, but he should also be weighed in the balance as a potential High Priest—as one, who, through the years of his preparatory officership, may become the kind of a High Priest who, enthused with the true principles of our art and with a trained ability for leadership, will radiate that personality that will qualify him to carry the Chapter to great heights. A due respect for the selection of such men will find your Chapter and its line of officers an ideal model for those less fortunate, and will stimulate a most healthy growth.

There are many other equally practical admonitions that could well be passed on did conditions permit.

Numerous were the minor but necessary demands made of him, and his acts had the approval of the powers that be. Very commendable is the Indiana law that no dispensations anticipating failure to hold convocations can be granted. Dispensations were refused to permit Chapters from other Grand Jurisdictions to visit and confer degrees.

Over half a hundred Companions were received into the Order of High Priesthood, and a traveling card in lieu of a diploma may be issued to each Companion. Flor-

ida issues no card and the diploma is in the copy of the Book of the Law presented to each anointed Companion. Attention was directed to our misstatement last year relative to the Order of High Priesthood, and which was first conferred in Indiana in 1825, and upon Lorenzo Dow, presumably a noted evangelist of that time.

Past Grand High Priest as well as Grand Secretary Robert A. Woods, in his eleventh Annual Capitular Review, further emphasizes the necessity of *Leadership* in Capitular work, when he stated that the appeal from the rostrum to live up to the principles of the Institution "gets us nowhere with the luke-warm and indifferent member who does not come around any more; it's too tame." And then he adds:

Get a Leader, a General, who can fill his army with fire and zeal, who can lead the assault, who can do things worth while, and watch him *bring home the bacon*. Get rid of your figure-head officers, the fellows that "just want to be a Past High Priest," and install the fellow that knows how, who itches to get into the fight, and who can carry his Companions along with him to victory.

Florida is given favorable consideration, and for the information of Companion Woods in re. Pennsylvania and the Past Master degree, refer you to pages 54 and 55 of the 1927 Florida Proceedings. Companion Woods also informs us that Indiana does not permit a Chapter to surrender its charter, "but we put them in another Chapter, and thereby hold some members that we would naturally lose under surrender." Surely, an excellent plan, and one which seems to be growing in favor with Grand Chapters.

Next Annual in Richmond, Oct. 22, 1930.

Wm. H. Baugh, Terre Haute, Grand High Priest;  
Robert A. Woods, Masonic Temple, Princeton, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

## IOWA—1929

Chapters, 123. Members, 2,905. Exalted, 528. Net Loss, 614.

CHESTER H. ECKLES, Grand High Priest

It could well have been said that the Diamond Jubilee Observance in connection with the Seventy-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, held in Cedar Rapids, Oct. 17-18, 1929, would come under what our ancient Brethren called a "feast of fat things." The General Grand Chapter was represented by the General Grand High Priest himself, M.·E.·Comp. Charles C. Davis, and in a dual manner as well, by his personal representative, M.·E.·Comp. Walter L. Stockwell, of North Dakota, an official in the General Grand Council, as well as by its presiding officer in person, M.·E.·Comp. O. Frank Hart, together with high dignitaries from half a dozen other Grand Jurisdictions and lesser lights too numerous to mention, also Florida's Grand Representative, E.·Comp. Orie H. Miller, which made it complete.

The shadow of sorrow came with the calling to the Celestial Grand Chapter many of the faithful, including M.·E.·Comp. Arthur D. Meeker, Grand High Priest in 1925, and R.·E.·Comp. Martin R. Ansbach, for ten years Grand Treasurer.

Careful regard for law and customs of the Royal Craft are notable in the well prepared address of Grand High Priest Eckles whose official acts passed the test of the "unerring square," and while numerous were largely local.

No decisions are reported, the queries being of the common variety, and would have been answered, he stated, had the officers consulted the Code. Visitations



made and reports received indicated two extremes; one Chapter where the officers knew their work and delighted in doing it, with nearly a hundred exaltations in the past half dozen years; the other extreme was a Chapter which controlled a large territory where, he stated, the officers of that Chapter "could not give any of the degrees." However, the leading event in his visitations was the York Rite Festival, one day each being given to Chapter, Council and Commandery, and he urged that they be kept up throughout the State because, he added, "they drive away depression, create good fellowship and form 'team work'."

Forty-three Companions were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

Well prepared and instructive is the report on correspondence by Past Grand High Priest Edward M. Willard, whose foreword alone should be read by every Iowa Craftsman. Florida is carefully considered, and he found much to attract his attention, with no unfavorable comment. His approval is appreciated.

Next Annual at Council Bluffs, Oct. 16-17, 1930.

Chas. E. Schlichter, Burlington, Grand High Priest;  
O. F. Graves, Harlan, Grand Secretary; E. M. Willard, Atlantic, Correspondent.

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#### IRELAND—1929

COL. SIR WILLIAM TAYLOR, Grand King

All available information pertaining to this Grand Chapter is found in the communication of the Grand King to the Grand Registrar; and in the Grand Registrar's report of the activities of the year, and which is

apparently reported to the Quarterly Communication held in February.

The outstanding event of the year was the passing of Lord Muskeery, who was head of the Order for fifteen years, and who gave of his best to the advancement of Royal Arch Masonry.

He was succeeded by Sir William Taylor, who was elected at the November Quarterly and was installed at the February Quarterly of this year. As a fitting preparation for his work, he, with Lady Taylor, paid a visit to the Chapters in South Africa where he found the Companions enthusiastic and with a great desire to extend Royal Arch Masonry under the Irish Constitution. He stated that he found many men "who think nothing of traveling hundreds of miles to take part in a Masonic function such as an installation or the giving of a degree."

During the year warrants were granted to two new Chapters and the Chapters of two others were "resuscitated." The reports from the District Grand Chapters to the Grand Registrar indicate progress in Royal Arch Masonry, but there is nothing to show the actual gain in membership. In the list of suspensions for non-payment of dues the larger number come from the Chapters in Belfast. And it is creditable to the standing of the Royal Craft that it became necessary to expell but two Companions during the year.

H. C. Shellard, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, is the Grand Registrar.

## KANSAS—1929

Chapters, 96. Members, 21,308. Exalted, 532. Net Loss, 384.

ROBERT H. MONTGOMERY, Grand High Priest

For the first time in its history suspensions for n. p. d. exceeded exaltations in Kansas Royal Craft Masonry and emphasized the fact, stated one in authority, "that some change must be made in considering the business side of Capitular Masonry; also that Chapters are needing something that has not been afforded them." This condition, unfortunately, is not confined exclusively to the Sunflower State, and to the one who can provide the remedy Masonry will accord Solomonic honors.

Both the General Grand Chapter and Florida were represented at the Sixty-fourth Annual, held in Wichita, February 18 and 19, 1929. Tribute was paid to the memory of M. E. Comp. Joseph D. Fell, who was Grand High Priest in 1920.

Sincerity of purpose and devotion to duty characterize the address of Grand High Priest Montgomery, whose admiration for the Craft is thus expressed:

Studying Masonry is like looking at the sunrise—it dazzles us with its splendor. It started in the gray dawn of the world's morning, and has grown almost in every land. It holds no aristocracy except brains and heart and service. It spreads no crime, but writes a Brother's faults in the sand and his virtues in marble. It lends a helping hand to widows and orphans and covers the mistakes of mankind with the cloak of charity.

With the idea of informing the Companions who did not attend Grand Chapter, immediately after the proceedings were mailed, each High Priest was directed to read in open Chapter the Grand High Priest's address,

the Grand Secretary's report and the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence; and at Convocations when no work was waiting, to read portions of the report of the Committee on Correspondence, for in that way he said, "we may get acquainted with what is going on in the other Grand Jurisdictions."

This significant statement appears in the report of the committee on Chartered and U. D. Chapters:

The use of certificates for Transfer of Membership has always been the source of more or less confusion among the secretaries of the subordinate Chapters, and the cause of more errors in their reports and remittances than any other one thing.

The proceedings of the Order of High Priesthood state, two score Companions "were duly elected by ballot and received the Order."

The Report on Correspondence is again the work of that veteran, R. E. Comp. Albert K. Wilson, who makes this thought provoking comment:

The great number of suspensions would lead one to believe that this is brought about on account of lack of interest and love for Royal Arch Masonry. On the other hand it might be attributed to the small number of petitioners for the degrees. No one can deny that the Scottish Rite is not looking well after their own interests. Without doubt this enters very largely into the question, as in most cases Brethren who subscribe to this Rite do not seek advancement in the Chapter. We have a sufficient membership from which both Rites could secure all the material necessary to keep up the interest in their Bodies, and this condition would exist if each were to conform to the requirements of Symbolic Masonry—that one must come of his own free will and accord. Substitution for any of the degrees based on Ancient Craft is reprehensible and it will be for the betterment of all concerned when this practice ceases.

Companion Wilson quoted from the address of Grand High Priest Fish and also from the Ritual Committee, and in referring to our custom of erecting monuments at the resting places of Past Grand High Priests, adds: "This is a splendid custom and other Grand Jurisdictions might well imitate it."

Next Annual in Topeka, Feb. 17-18, 1930.

Fred T. Nye, Leavenworth, Grand High Priest; Elmer F. Strain, Topeka, Grand Secretary; Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, Correspondent.

#### KENTUCKY—1929

Chapters, 125. Members, 16,692. Advanced, 379. Net Loss, 851.

W. O. RIGNEY, Grand High Priest

Besides all Grand Officers, twenty-six Past Grand High Priests (only one missing) and almost a hundred Past High Priests registered, besides Committees and all Inspectors, at the One Hundred and Twelfth Annual, held in Louisville, October 15-16, 1929, and only half a dozen Chapters were not represented, an excellent showing. No reference to Grand Representatives.

Nation-wide Freemasonry sustained a great loss in the passing of M. E. Comp. Bernard G. Witt, Grand High Priest in 1885, and General Grand High Priest 1912-15, Past Presiding Officer of the other York Rite Bodies and the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment.

Grand High Priest Rigney, in his address, admitted that he took his official work seriously, and added:

I bow gratefully to you and accept the compliment. I have always understood that the one holding this office should be obedient to the Constitution and the law, and with such understanding I have kept myself advised of all conditions in the Capitular Field and have labored to assist in the upholding of the Royal Craft and maintaining harmony among the Chapters and Companions.

His recorded official acts bear out his modest admissions, as all were approved by Grand Chapter. Realizing that most of the uses formerly ascribed to the moon in former days have passed, he recommended that all Chapters set a specific time for holding their regular Convocations. Grand Chapter could not command but did fully endorse.

He ruled that while a Chapter had the inherent right to dispose of its funds as it desired, after providing for all necessary obligations, yet he strongly advised that such funds rather be appropriated to one of the Homes or other Masonic activities.

Past Grand High Priest William W. Clarke, as usual, presented an informative and comprehensive report on correspondence, in which he seems to prefer the actual readings, and with comparatively little comment. Under Florida he reproduces from the address of Grand High Priest R. J. McMaster and the resolution of M. E. Comp. Cary B. Fish relative to the appointment of a joint committee in re. remedying "unsatisfactory conditions."

The Order of High Priesthood is a separate Body and no report is given.

Next Annual in Louisville, Oct. 21-22, 1930.

Hugh Moore, Danville, Grand High Priest; G. Allison Holland, Louisville, Grand Secretary; W. W. Clarke, Owensboro, Correspondent.

## LOUISIANA—1929

Chapters, 60. Members, 8,932. Exalted, 320. Net Loss, 203.

WYNNE G. ROGERS, Grand High Priest

With no distinguished out-of-state visitors, Grand Chapter convened in New Orleans, February 5th, in its Eighty-second Annual Convocation, and after invocation, "was declared opened in due and ancient form." Florida was represented.

Among those who departed during the year to "solve the mystery of all mysteries" were M. .E. .Comp. Harry F. Grimm. Grand High Priest in 1915 and Grand Lecturer at the time of his death; also M. .E. .Comp. Solomon Levy, Grand High Priest in 1916.

Grand High Priest Rogers, in his concise address, in referring to the numerical loss by suspensions, says that an indifferent member is a liability, not an asset, and further truly states, "The strength of our Order is in the enthusiasm and activity displayed by the few faithful Companions and not in the large number of Masonic drones carried on the rolls." He looks for a "Masonic renaissance," although during the year no Chapter was instituted nor constituted, neither was a charter forfeited.

The report of Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1 showed that it had given Masonic burial to twelve sojourning Brethren and had extended relief to nearly five hundred cases "in dire need."

A baker's dozen Companions were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood and tributes were paid to the memory of M. .E. .Companions H. F. Grimm and Sol Levy.

Grand Secretary John A. Davilla quotes freely in his review of the proceedings of other Grand Chapters, but

declines to comment, for he thinks their own Committees "are often too ready to criticise;" and also "at this distance, we have always felt that we might as well be barking at the moon." However, there is quite a difference between constructive criticism and destructive criticism; besides, a constructive comment is educational, and that is the real object of reviews.

Next Annual in New Orleans, Feb. 4-5, 1930.

Guy W. Hopkins, Lafayette, Grand High Priest;  
John A. Davilla, New Orleans, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

## MAINE—1929

Chapters, 68. Members, 17,626. Exalted, 421. Net Loss, 182.

CONVERS E. LEACH, Grand High Priest

Distinguished dignitaries from seven other Grand Jurisdictions, all Grand Officers, many Permanent Members, representatives from nearly every subordinate Chapter, also from Florida, and hosts of others were present when the One Hundred and Fourth Annual Convocation convened in Portland, May 7th. Tribute was paid to the memory of M. .E. .Howard D. Smith, Grand High Priest 1902-1903.

Grand High Priest Leach in his address expressed the great pleasure it was to welcome the visitors from neighboring Quarries as well as the many home members that were able to be present.

He was gratified to report that more than forty per cent of the Master Masons in the Grand Jurisdiction were members of the Royal Craft, and that a considerable larger percentage of these were Knights Templar,

thus refuting the claim, so far as Maine is concerned, that the Capitular degrees are a "stepping stone to other bodies." Unfortunately this does not hold good in all Grand Jurisdictions, and there must be a reason. This brings up the query, are Chapter Masons generally making these degrees as attractive as they are intended to be?

This admonition from the Grand High Priest regarding by-laws is worthy of general consideration: "Any committee appointed to prepare or revise by-laws should acquaint themselves with the Constitution before undertaking the task. A little more careful preparation would save much time and correspondence." A further pertinent admonition was that every person who undertakes to preside over a Chapter ought to familiarize himself with Grand Chapter laws and regulations.

Twenty-nine candidates were accepted for the Order of High Priesthood. The supply of engraved diplomas being exhausted and no other form being available, the new members hereafter will receive only the Book of the Law with its certificate of membership.

This statement by Past Grand High Priest Thomas H. Bodge, the correspondent for the Grand Chapter of Maine, in its 1929 proceedings, "that Comp. Ely P. Hubbell, Past Grand High Priest, commenced writing for Florida soon after I took up the pen for Maine," sent ye scribe to his files of other Grand Chapter Proceedings which are nearly complete. Beginning with 1916, I find there seems to have been no appointment of correspondent at Maine's 1916 Annual, but the name of Thomas H. Bodge appears on the cover as correspondent. The former correspondent, Companion Patterson, apparently passed away soon after Grand Chapter, for he was reported ill at the time. It is a matter of record that Companion Bodge presented his initial report at the Annual

Convocation held May 1 and 2, 1917; and ye scribe presented his initial report at Florida's Annual Convocation held May 16 and 17, 1917. Companion Bodge is therefore correct in claiming priority. Congratulations.

Florida is courteously reviewed, although it seems a strange procedure to him that it should have been necessary to issue a dispensation to receive and ballot "where a Chapter holds stated Convocations twice a month." Persons often get in a hurry at the eleventh hour.

Next Annual in Portland, May 6, 1930.

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

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#### MANITOBA—1929

Chapters, 16. Members, 1,791. Admissions, 102. Net Gain, 40.

FRANK E. SIMMONS, Grand Z.

Minnesota, North Dakota and Saskatchewan were represented at the Sixth Annual Convocation, held in Winnipeg, February 6, 1929, but Florida's Grand Representative was not present. Inspiring was the address at this time by M. E. Comp. Walter L. Stockwell, the Grand Secretary from North Dakota, whose subject was "Freemasonry and International Relations," represented he stated, by the three tenets of Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love. These translated into International Relations signify, as he puts it:

- 1st. Courtesy and Good Manners.
- 2nd. Personal and Business Honesty and Integrity.
- 3rd. Tolerance and a desire to understand the point of view of men of other nations.

Little outside of local matters seemed to require the attention of the Grand Z. during the year, and comparatively little at that. His visitations included nearly every subordinate Chapter and a few Grand Chapters on the outside. He recommended that a committee investigate the matter of territorial jurisdiction, taking into account access by motor and rail. No requests for rulings were reported. He reproduced a letter from a Companion who was visiting in Scotland, and who made the suggestion that sometime Grand Chapter send a team across to that Supreme Grand Chapter "to show the workings of the degrees as done in Manitoba." No action appears to have been taken at this time.

Among the Notices of Motions to come up a year hence was one that certain named officers should "be elected by vote of one representative of each Chapter," and the others by vote of all the representatives. And another was that all nominations should be announced "previous to the luncheon recess." No reasons are given. Looks as though this might be an opportunity for "politic-ticking."

Of course there is no order of High Priesthood.

Somewhat concise but withal informative is the Fraternal Correspondence Report by R. E. Comp. John Parton. For some reason Florida is omitted, probably did not reach him.

Next Annual presumably in Winnipeg, Feb. 5, 1930. J. C. Walker Reid, Underhill, Grand Z.; Geo. Syme, Winnipeg, Grand Scribe E.; John Parton, Winnipeg, Correspondent.

## MARYLAND—1928

Chapters, 27. Members, 9,923. Exalted, 292. Net Loss, 57.

JAMES M. RAWLINGS, Grand High Priest

Well attended was the One Hundred and Thirty-first Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, held in Baltimore, December 11, 1929, all the business being transacted in one session. Florida was represented by Past Grand High Priest L. Dorsey Gassaway. There was one vacant seat—M. E. Comp. Oliver C. Warehime, Grand High Priest in 1918.

About four pages of the proceedings were required to record the reported activities of Grand High Priest Rawlings, and most of those were routine. No decisions were required, and no official visitations are noted.

He accepted the resignation of Rev. Henry Branch as chairman of the committee on correspondence, a work he has handled so ably for many years, and the mantle has fallen on E. Comp. Howard M. Emmons. His initial work is shown in the current proceedings and indicates that an excellent choice was made. He writes with the ease of a journalist and the smoothness of an adept. Welcome, Companion Howard

Past Grand High Priest Warren S. Seipp, Grand Lecturer, said that he had kept in close touch with all the Chapters and most of them were "working along splendidly," and that a few others needed encouragement.

A thousand dollars was donated to the United Patriotic Home for orphan children of Maryland, which apparently covers the relief work.

Nineteen High Priests-elect were anointed and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood and no change was made in the official roster.

In the "Foreword" of the report on Correspondence by E. Comp. Howard M. Emmons, he stressed the importance of official visitations, which he says, cannot be exaggerated, "especially when made to weaker Chapters and when the objects of these visitations are to help in improving the rendition of the ritual, reviving dormant Chapters to activity and enthusing members in Capitular Masonry by instructive lecturers on its object." He found but little of interest in the Florida proceedings.

Next Annual in Baltimore, December 10, 1929.

Roy Danzer, Hagerstown, Grand High Priest; Gustav A. Eitel, Baltimore, Grand Secretary; Howard M. Emmons, Baltimore, Correspondent.

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#### MASSACHUSETTS—1929

Chapters, 97. Members, 40,932. Exalted, 795. Net Loss, 609.

WINTHROP J. CUSHING, Grand High Priest

It is somewhat perplexing to clearly and concisely review and correlate three Quarterly and one Annual Communication. Florida was represented at the Annual only, with distinguished visitors present from nine nearby Grand Chapters besides the other Bodies in the State. The reports of the standing committees covering the work of the previous year were presented at the Quarterlies, including that of revision and adoption of the Constitution and Digest of Grand Chapter. Realizing that Masonic service is an important factor in the activities of the Grand Chapter, a plan was presented which will provide for further advancement in the education of children of deceased or dependent Masons. It was referred

to a committee for consideration and which reported at the Annual Convocation, \$1,500 being appropriated for that purpose for the first year.

At the Annual Convocation the morning and afternoon sessions are given to the exemplification of the four degrees, the time consumed being recorded in hours and minutes, no reference being made to seconds.

Much of the annual address of Grand High Priest Winthrop, given at the evening session pertained to visitations, both home and inter-jurisdictional.

Special consideration was given to the schools of instruction conducted by the District Deputy Grand High Priests, one Chapter being recorded "Perfect" in work for eleven consecutive years, with one exception, a wonderful record.

Forty-six Companions were elected and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood. A memorial to M. Comp. Frederick T. Comee was read, M. E. Comps. Arthur G. Pollard and Harry G. Pollard, the Senior and Junior Past Grand High Priests were formally presented.

A well prepared and instructive report on correspondence was presented by R. E. Comp. Raymond T. Sewall, the very efficient Grand Secretary. Florida is given concise consideration.

All Convocations are held in Masonic Temple, Boston.

Winthrop J. Cushing, Hingham, Grand High Priest; Raymond T. Sewall, 209 Masonic Temple, Boston, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

## MICHIGAN—1929

Chapters, 166. Members, 46,887. Exalted, 1,460. Net Loss, 245.

ELGIN MIFFLIN, Grand High Priest

Both General Grand Bodies and many Grand Chapters were represented by Grand Officers at the Eighty-first Annual, held in Lansing, May 15 and 16, 1929. Florida's representative, E. .Comp. James A. Thompson, being a permanent resident of that State, has at all times a perfect alibi for absence.

Constructive as well as helpful was the address of Grand High Priest Mifflin, who seemed prodigal in dispensing his services wherever needed or desired. Naturally he deplored the net loss in membership the past year, and for which he attributed three reasons: Lack of effective leadership, unintelligent rendition of the ritual, and too much time consumed in conferring the degrees. Wonder how these handicaps would fit in other Grand Chapters?

Nearly 11,000 miles were traveled by the Grand High Priest in visiting some three score subordinate Chapters besides several outside the State. Surely a commendable record. The few dispensations granted and the one decision made bring out nothing particularly new and were of course approved, as were also his other official acts.

Two Chapters were consolidated and he believed other consolidations would be for the "good of the Order."

He favored an automatic suspension law and he considered the per capita tax "notoriously low," compared with other Grand Jurisdictions. Grand Chapter being like minded, the incoming administration was requested to appoint a committee to consider the matter of suspen-

sions for non-payment of dues, and another to provide for increasing the revenue of Grand Chapter.

Comprehensive as well as interesting is the report on correspondence by Past Grand High Priest Harry L. Izor. He firmly believes that the collection of dues should be given to a special committee, "instead of relying upon the Secretaries."

He says Cary B. Fish won the distinction of "being an alert and efficient Grand High Priest," and congratulated him on his "signal victory" in securing the practically unanimous adoption of the General Grand Chapter ritual.

Next Annual in Kalamazoo, May 20-21, 1930.

Albert Trebilcock, Ishpeming, Grand High Priest; Charles A. Conover, Coldwater, Grand Secretary, Harry L. Izor, Durand, Correspondent.

## MINNESOTA—1930

Chapters, 88. Members, 16,908. Exalted, 404. Net Loss, 172.

WILLIAM E. POOL, Grand High Priest

Largely routine business characterized the proceedings of the Sixty-eighth Annual, held in St. Paul, October 8, 1929, with little of major importance. The General Grand Chapter was represented by M. .E. .Comp. Ray V. Denslow, General Grand Master of the Third Veil and the personal representative of the General Grand High Priest. Other distinguished guests were from Wisconsin, North Dakota and Manitoba.

At one of the official visitations of Grand High Priest Pool several of the visitors were District officials from



the Grand Chapter of Canada in Ontario, and referring to the flags displayed, he expressed a wish to which all can agree:

Both are emblems of dominant and powerful nations. What power on earth is there that shall ever break this spirit of good will and happy trust and friendship and peaceful relationship existing between us?

Seventeen Companions were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood, and previous officers re-elected.

It is always a pleasure as well as instructive to read the correspondence report of E. Comp. Charles S. Schurman, and it is regrettable that his comprehensive comments and conclusions can not be passed on to our readers. This under Florida, though it be somewhat personal, is nevertheless illuminating:

The Committee on Finance and Accounts had an economical streak on, and recommended that the printing of separate copies of the Correspondence Report for distribution at Grand Chapter 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." It is funny that Companions whenever they feel the urge for retrenchment should hit at the place where the members get their information. The Correspondence Report for Florida is an able one and the book would be very poor reading without it. But that is their business.

Next Annual in St. Paul, October 14, 1930.

W. R. VanHousen, Grand High Priest; John Fishel, Grand Secretary; Chas. S. Schurman, Correspondent; all of St. Paul.

## MISSISSIPPI—1929

Chapters, 63. Members, 7,349. Exalted, 479. Net Loss, 63.

LOUIS A. BENOIST, Grand High Priest

There being a constitutional number present Grand Chapter was opened in ample form in its Eighty-first Annual Convocation in Grenada, March 14, 1929, with distinguished visitors from Tennessee, but Florida was not represented.

It must have been an easy year for Grand High Priest Benoist, as he found little to present in his address. He believed the net loss of the year would have been greater had it not been for the large number of special dispensations granted, "in accordance with the policy previously adopted by Grand Chapter."

One Chapter found it necessary to ask an extension of time for paying its annual dues, the reason given being: "Our membership liable for dues this year is 128. Our annual dues are \$2.50 per member, of which Grand Chapter receives \$1.50 per capita, leaving the Chapter \$1.00 to take care of our expenses." It looks to ye scribe, if Royal Arch Masonry is not worth more than \$2.50 per year to a Companion, it is not worth anything.

Grand Chapter did not look with favor upon holding its Annual Convocation the same week as Grand Lodge. Florida divorced this condition years ago. It has proved so satisfactory there is no thought of changing.

About the customary proportion of available Companions were consecrated and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

Past Grand High Priest Henry C. Yawn again presented a very readable and informative review of other

Grand Chapters, and notwithstanding a noted "general decrease in membership," yet he finds that "on the whole a spirit of optimism seems prevalent, and good times are just ahead." That is the kind of prophet ye scribe admires. He has little sympathy for those who are always looking for clouds when there is so much sunshine in the world—at least in Florida.

Florida is pleasingly reviewed. He notes, as have many others, that General Grand Secretary Conover reported two clandestine Chapters in this fair State. However, I presume our readers have noted our comment in the 1929 Proceedings that there "ain't any such animal" in Florida, and never has been. Faulty and imperfect records were responsible for the statement.

Next Annual in Clarksdale, date to be selected.

Robert W. Hinton, Jr., Lumberton, Grand High Priest; Edward L. Faucette, Meridian, Grand Secretary; Henry C. Yawn, Lumberton, Correspondent.

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#### MISSOURI—1929

Chapters, 110. Members, 33,441. Exalted, 889. Net Loss, 1,215.

BION L. WALDRON, Grand High Priest

Several distinguished Royal Craftsmen from other Grand Chapters, including General Grand High Priest Charles C. Davis, graced the opening of the Eighty-third Annual Convocation in Hannibal, April 23, 1929. But Florida was not represented. Tribute was paid to the memory of M. E. Comp. Olaf A. Lucas, Grand High Priest in 1915. A sad event of the year was the untimely passing of R. E. Comp. Joseph E. Davidson, Grand

King, less than two weeks previous to the opening of Grand Chapter.

Much attention was given in the address of Grand High Priest Waldron to considering the problems confronting Royal Arch Masonry, and other branches of the Craft were not entirely overlooked. It was constructive and helpful. The great object seemed to be, as he put it, "to devise means of improving our condition and thereby helping to make this old world a better place to live in, and may God Almighty guide us in these deliberations." So mote it be.

He recommended the publishing of a complete roster membership every twenty-five years, but Grand Chapter thought that the changes are so rapid that such a list would soon be of little use.

The committee reported progress on the Royal Arch History of Missouri and that eventually a complete story of the Royal Craft in that State will be presented.

The committee reported that the booklet on the life of that wonderful Mason and great man, Doctor William H. Kuhn, had been prepared and was ready for distribution.

Several years ago a committee was appointed for the purpose of commemorating the life and memory of Dr. Kuhn. It recommended the erection of a centrally located building to house the Capitular, Cryptic and Templar activities. This was not approved by Grand Chapter. Later it compromised on a series of booklets entitled "Masonic Degrees and How to Improve Them." These are being sent to Chapter officers and prominent members of the Craft, outside as well as inside the State.

A goodly class of more than half a hundred Companions were elected and set apart to the Holy Order of

High Priesthood. Ex. Companion James R. McLachlan was elected President to succeed Ex. Companion Corona H. Briggs. There is only one other ex-President living, Ex. Companion Alfred H. White, and he was not present on account of illness.

For the second time M. E. Comp. Corona H. Briggs presented his report on Fraternal correspondence. It is a concise summary of the essential activities of each Grand Chapter, with pertinent extracts. Florida is given discriminatory attention and apparent approval. Thank you, Companion. Last fall ye scribe was privileged to spend a night in Springfield, when he met Companion Briggs and quite a number other Royal Craftsmen, but the time allotted was far too short.

Next Annual in Monett, April 22 and 23, 1930.

Edward F. Von Gunden, St. Louis, Grand High Priest; Ray V. Denslow, Trenton, Grand Secretary; Corona H. Briggs, Springfield, Correspondent.

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#### MONTANA—1929

Chapters, 36. Members, 4,694. Raised, 119. Net Loss, 94.

RAY M. ARMOUR, Grand High Priest

Strictly business would seem to aptly describe the Fortieth Annual Convocation, held in Helena, July 23, 1929, for it began its session at 9:00 o'clock a. m., and closed at 4:00 p. m., with an hour and a half intermission, and which included addresses by M. E. Comp. Charles C. Davis, General Grand High Priest; M. E. Comp. O. Frank Hart, General Grand Master R. & S. M., and R. E. Comp. George W. Sommers, Grand

Captain of the Host, of Washington, with many other Masonic notables also in attendance. This "high speed" was necessary because there was to be a pilgrimage to the Masonic Home at 4:00 o'clock, and at 5:00 o'clock a boat ride through the "Gates of the Mountains of the Missouri River." Wonder how many of the committees obtained "leave to print" their reports?

Constructive as well as concise was the address of Grand High Priest Armour, all of whose official acts were approved. All Chapters appear to have received official visitations, about two-thirds of them being by the Grand High Priest, and with one exception, were "doing splendid work."

Another year Grand Chapter will consider the other Masonic Bodies meeting the same week. Several years ago Florida Bodies separated and it has been so satisfactory there appears to be no disposition to reunite.

The committee to which was referred the Pennsylvania situation reported that the action taken in 1928 "provides a homeopathic dose for the healing of Pennsylvania visitors to our Chapters."

After the Companions of the Convention of Anointed High Priests had "broke bread together" at noon, half a dozen Companions were set apart to that Holy Order.

E. Comp. H. S. Hepner found "no pessimistic thoughts to dim our vision" after coming to the end of "our annual journey through the Capitular quarries," even though many of them showed small losses in membership; and he found Craftsmen all over the world "zealously laboring to rebuild the symbolic Temple of Truth." Florida is given sympathetic consideration. Thank you.

The time and place of the next Annual to be announced after consultation with the Grand Council and Grand Commandery officials.

Frank W. Haskins, Butte, Grand High Priest; Luther T. Hauberg, Helena, Grand Secretary; H. S. Hepner, Helena, Correspondent.

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### NEBRASKA—1929

Chapters, 57. Members, 8,336. Exalted, 278. Net Loss, 49.

HARRY S. VILLARS, Grand High Priest

Noticeably prominent in the Sixty-third Annual Convocation held in Omaha, December 4-5, 1929, was the large number of Capitular dignitaries in attendance, which included M. .E. .Comp. John W. Neilsen, Deputy Grand High Priest; M. .P. .Comp. O. Frank Hart, Past Grand High Priest of South Carolina and General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, besides lesser luminaries from Colorado and Iowa as well as the presiding heads of other Grand Bodies and allied organizations, Florida being represented by Past Grand High Priest Walter L. Spear. There were no vacancies in the Grand Officer line-up. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity."

Grand Chapter was saddened by the passing of two of its beloved Permanent Members; M. .E. .Comps. Samuel P. Davidson, Grand High Priest in 1881, and James Dinsmore, Grand High Priest in 1899.

Considerable of the activity of Grand High Priest Villars during the year were visitations to the Annual Convocations of Grand Chapters in Kansas, Missouri,

Michigan, Colorado, Iowa, Indiana and Illinois, as well as to as many subordinate Chapters in his Grand Jurisdiction "as possible during the year," a commendable record. Largely routine were the other official requirements, all of his acts being approved. It is pleasing to note that in the removals of Chapters from one quarters to another, even if temporary, the rooms must "be inspected and approved," but which is not required in all Grand Jurisdictions.

He stated in his address that "Capitular Masonry in Nebraska is on a solid rock," and that the spirit in most of the Chapters "is good." And he truly said "the outstanding need today is Leadership—Leadership that enthuses, leads and inspires." He found one Chapter that had done no work in several years, and that the principal reason the Companions had for retaining its Charter was "that the Chapter is sponsoring the DeMolay boys." Grand Chapter extended its lease on life another year.

Seemingly the Order of High Priesthood may be requisite to presiding as High Priest, for the Companions set apart to that Holy Order conform substantially to the names reported by the Grand Chapter Credential Committee. A tribute was paid to the memory of M. .E. .Comp. Samuel P. Davidson, who was President of the Order from 1889 to 1928 inclusive, it being stated "there are probably a few members of the Order of High Priesthood in Nebraska whom our M. .E. .Companion did not annoint, consecrate and set apart to this Holy Order."

A valuable contribution to the Masonic literature of the year is the report on Foreign Correspondence by Past Grand High Priest George N. Browne and it is regrettable that some of his "nuggets of wisdom" can not be reproduced.

Referring to what he considers the incompleteness of the verbal committee report last year pertaining to the candidacy M.·E.·Comp. Henry O. Snow for election into a General Grand Chapter station, Companion Brown makes this rather enigmatical comment:

We hope that it does not have anything to do with the spending of any such sum as was spent to secure recognition by a certain Jurisdiction at Denver. Personally, we would not accept recognition on any other basis than merit. We do not mean that any Companion in the line of office of the General Grand Chapter does not merit his station, but we do not approve of the politics employed.

It is hoped to meet Companion Browne at Tacoma when other queries raised can be considered in person, much the better way than through the use of "printers' ink." His approval is greatly appreciated.

Next Annual in Omaha, Dec. 3-4, 1930.

Fred G. Bosshammer, Auburn, Grand High Priest;  
Lewis E. Smith, Omaha, Grand Secretary; Geo. N. R.  
Browne, Hastings, Correspondent.

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#### NEVADA—1929

Chapters, 9. Members, 646. Exalted, 29. Net Gain, 6.

L. WILLIAM SEMENZA, Grand High Priest

Every Chapter was represented and most of the Past Grands and many other notables were present at the Fifty-second Annual Convocation, held in Reno, June 11, 1929. R.·E.·Comp. Albert L. McGinty, Deputy Grand High Priest, was not present by reason of illness,

neither was Florida's Grand Representative. Tributes were paid to the memories of M.·E.·Comp. Pearris B. Ellis, Grand High Priest in 1908, and to E.·Comp. Wm. L. Semenza, Grand Guard and father of the Grand High Priest.

Other duties being comparatively light, considerable attention was given by Grand High Priest Semenza to visitations. He strongly recommended frequent inter-Chapter visitations by officers and members. No decisions are recorded, indicating a desirable condition of peace and harmony. By reason of the comfortable balance of over \$1,000.00 in the Student Loan Fund, he recommended discontinuing the per capita assessment of fifty cents and that contributions be on a voluntary basis, which Grand Chapter approved.

An effort was made to establish a minimum charge of \$30.00 for the Chapter degrees, but was not successful by reason of a tie vote.

Three Companions were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood. A distinguished visitor was E.·Comp. A. A. Willoughby, Deputy Grand Lecturer and Fraternal Correspondent from the Grand Chapter of California. If Companion Willoughby spoke as well as he writes his remarks must have been well worth hearing.

R.·E.·Comp. Frank D. King, Grand Secretary, is also the Fraternal Correspondent, but there is no report. Judging by past specimens of work, Nevada as well as other readers are missing something really worth while.

Next Annual in Reno, June 10, 1930.

Horace J. Brown, Reno, Grand High Priest; Frank D. King, Box 595, Reno, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

## NEW BRUNSWICK—1929

Chapters, 10. Members, 1,597. Exalted, 45. Net Loss, 25.

ALBERT E. PEARSON, Grand High Priest

This year for the first time Grand Chapter met entirely independent from Grand Lodge, and by reason of the recent fire which destroyed the Masonic Temple the Forty-second Annual Convocation was held June 27, 1929, in the section which was stated "is playing an important part in the development of the City of St. John as the winter port of Canada." No reference seems to be made to Grand Representatives.

In his address the Grand High Priest expressed the hope that future Convocations, by reason of the limited attendance, will be held more frequently throughout the Province, for he believes that would give an added impetus to Capitular Masonry in the city and section where it may meet.

Much importance was given to dividing the Jurisdiction into five Districts to be under District Deputies. The most important visitations was that of himself and M. E. Comp. F. S. Sawaya to Montreal to witness the ritualistic work of the Grand Chapters of Canada and Quebec. So impressed was the Committee with the exemplification of the work of the three degrees that another year Grand Chapter will vote on a change of ritual, and which if adopted will go into effect three years later. This will give, it is claimed, substantially uniformity of Capitular work throughout the British Empire.

The first four years of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick,—1887, 1888, 1889 and 1890—the presiding officers represented Zerubbabel, Haggai and Joshua, and

were designated as Principals, and probably the ritualistic work was similar to that of the Grand Chapter of Quebec. But in 1891 the official titles were changed to conform to that in the States and naturally the work conformed as well.

There is no Order of High Priesthood nor report on correspondence.

Next Annual in the City of Moncton, June 26, 1930.

Albert E. Pearson, Sussex, Grand High Priest; J. Twining Hartt, Ritchie Building, St. John, Grand Secretary.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE—1929

Chapters, 26. Members, 5,669. Admitted, 104. Net Loss, 174.

RALPH W. JUNKINS, Grand High Priest

Somewhat perfunctory seemingly were the proceedings of the One Hundred and Tenth Annual Convocation, held in Concord, May 14, 1929, and made more so by the absence of R. E. Comp. Olin H. Chase, Deputy Grand High Priest, who received the unwelcome summons during the year; which also came to M. E. Comp. George W. Currier, Dean of the Past Grands, being Grand High Priest in 1879, and Grand Master in 1888. New York, Rhode Island and Massachusetts sent distinguished guests, but Florida was not represented.

Largely routine was the address of Grand High Priest Junkins, which included his visitations. His official acts do not appear to have been overly burdensome. No requests for decisions appear. One Chapter by-law amendment was approved changing a Chapter stated convocation from moon to calendar schedule.

Six Companions were obligated and instructed in the Order of High Priesthood.

For the twelfth time E. .Comp. Charles B. Spofford presents a thoughtful review, in which he propounds a query which in substance often comes to ye scribe: "Have I been a drone in the hive for the glorification of Masonry, or have I helped to store the honey that others might be sustained to further usefulness?"

Companion Spofford was a Florida visitor last winter and it was a pleasure to meet him at the Grand Commandery at Daytona. Hope he makes his pilgrimages here an annual affair. Florida is sympathetically reviewed. He states that further research is being made relative to the Order of High Priesthood and which may result in a revised ritual and more uniformity.

Next Annual in Concord, May 20, 1930.

Walter M. Hubbard, Keene, Grand High Priest; Harry M. Cheney, Concord, Grand Secretary; Charles B. Spofford, Claremont, Correspondent.

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#### NEW JERSEY—1929

Chapters, 58. Members, 20,511. Exalted, 748. Net Gain, 40.

VICTOR H. PUGH, Grand High Priest

Many Grand Jurisdictions were represented by their favored highlights including M. .E. .Comp. Charles C. Davis, the General Grand High Priest, when the gavel sounded for the formal convening of the Seventy-third Annual Convocation in Trenton, May 15, 1929, Florida being represented by Past Grand High Priest Wm. H. Lowe. But there was one vacant chair, so long occupied

by M. .E. .Comp. Wm. H. Grosscup, Grand High Priest in 1901.

With a vision broad as humanity itself, Grand High Priest Pugh, in his address, reverently refers to our great Institution which he well says is "founded on the eternal principles of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man;" and he continues with this positive declaration:

I am firmly convinced that our Craft has been guided by the hand of the Almighty God, just as surely as he guided and directed the journey of his chosen people through the wilderness and at length brought them to the promised land.

And no less true is his further statement:

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. That fact should be realized by every Companion Royal Arch Mason and by him made known to our less informed Brethren.

Visiting Masonic dignitaries witnessed the anointing and admitting into the Order of High Priesthood of nearly half a hundred qualified Companions, and which was followed by several inspiring addresses.

E. .Comp. A. Boyland Fitz-Gerald, Grand Chaplain and fraternal correspondent, again presented a well prepared report, the real object of which he stated "is not to criticise" anything that is done, but rather to "bring before our Companions the various ways the same things are accomplished, and thus enable them to have more ways from which to choose how they would like to function," and which can as well be applied to any correspondence report. Florida is generously and complimentarily considered. Thank you.

Next Annual in Trenton, May 14, 1930.

Mathew Armstrong, Rahway, Grand High Priest;  
Chas. D. McCracken, Lambertville, Grand Secretary; A.  
Boyland Fitz-Gerald, Woodbridge, Correspondent.

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#### NEW MEXICO—1929

Chapters, 16. Members, 2,004. Exalted, 84. Net Loss, 61.

WILBER L. ELSER, Grand High Priest

Two Chapters were without representation at the Thirty-first Annual Convocation, held in Gallup, Feb. 21, 1929. New Mexico is of broad domain and it is a long distance across State, as ye scribe happens to know. The absent Chapters had a good alibi.

In a real address Grand High Priest Elser recounted his activities, which were not numerous. It is to be hoped that it will be generally read by the Companions not present, for it certainly was an inspiration for better work. He reported only one decision, local in nature; as were also the few necessary dispensations. Conditions prevented him from making but a few visitations. Most of the District Deputy Grand High Priests reported officially visiting their own Chapter.

Referring to the losses in membership in so many Grand Jurisdictions, he was not overly optimistic that "times will soon be better," unless something is done to make the organization more attractive, and to which he pertinently added: "We must justify our existence by some visible example of constructive work that will be of benefit to society generally."

It became necessary to direct attention to the law that Chapters shall not confer more than one degree at any one special Convocation.

Grand Chapter did not look with favor upon establishing an Order of High Priesthood. The charter of Penasco Chapter at Artesia was arrested. Ye scribe recalls "making that town" when it was the center of a wonderful artesian section and with a population of probably 2,500.

The Grand High Priest strongly recommended a report on correspondence, "even though it be necessary to curtail appropriations to other most worthy causes." Grand Chapter adopted the committee report approving same. Past Grand High Priest Reuben Perry was made the committee chairman. We shall look for the report another year. As one means of "curtailment," permit ye scribe to suggest omitting the usual roster of members of subordinate Chapters.

Next Annual in Clayton, March 20, 1930.

John W. Turner, Silver City, Grand High Priest;  
Alpheus Keen, Albuquerque, Grand Secretary; Reuben  
A. Perry, Albuquerque, Correspondent (?).

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#### NEW SOUTH WALES—1928

Chapters, 74. Members, 3,728. Increase, 100.

NEVILLE W. MONTAGUE, Grand First Principal

There is very little in the proceedings of the Regular and Special Convocations of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales to interest the Companions in far-away Florida. The addresses of



the First Grand Principal are mostly a summary of his visitations which are largely for installation purposes. And the reports of the Grand Inspector of Workings are quite similar. Apparently most matters of a business nature come before the Grand Committee, whose reports are brief and give little or no information concerning the Order, and what may be its major and minor activities. Warrants were recommended for two new Chapters.

By reason of continued ill health R. E. Comp. D. R. Hutchison, resigned as Grand Scribe E. As an appreciation of his faithful service he was voted an Honorarium equivalent to a month's salary for each year of service, equivalent to something over \$500.00. The vacancy was filled by selection from a list of applicants through advertising. Wonder how our Grand Secretaries would look upon such procedure? Later R. E. Comp. Frederick R. Sinden was regularly elected to that station.

One Chapter having failed to meet in over two years its charter was declared forfeited and the Chapter erased.

The report of the committee on Foreign Correspondence is a joint production of which M. E. Comp. A. Chandler is apparently the chairman and who apparently reviewed Florida. He quotes somewhat freely and with seeming favor. In the Foreword appears this pertinent comment:

Many reports announce the patent fact that inefficiency in many of the Chapter Officers is a vital cause of falling off in membership, and reminds us that "merely being a good fellow does not fit a Companion for high office."

F. R. Sinden, 32 Elizabeth St., Sydney, Grand Scribe E.

## NEW YORK—1929

Chapters, 229. Members, 72,002. Exalted, 2,254. Net Loss, 421.

SAMUEL S. FORSTER, Grand High Priest

Representatives from all of the other York Rite Bodies, nine adjacent Grand Chapters and the General Grand Chapter were present when the One Hundred and Thirty-second Annual Convocation was opened in Ample Form at Albany, February 5th. Florida was also represented.

Only a few days previous, all that was mortal of M. E. Comp. J. William Prouse was consigned to the grave. He was Grand High Priest in 1918, and it was said of him that "his life covered many faithful years of service to the fraternity."

There are so many minor activities recorded in the address of Grand High Priest Forster that apparently he did not deem it necessary to dwell on generalities. He reported that his had been "a year of pleasant experiences." Continuing he further said:

Little troubles ruffled the surface, but after careful analysis they proved to be only human errors and the Companions who controlled the destinies of our Grand Chapter throughout its Jurisdiction were faithful to their trust, and whatever success we have had can be attributed to their zeal and fidelity to Royal Arch Masonry.

He paid a fitting tribute of respect to departed Past High Priests, in giving a separate paragraph to each, noting year of service and date of death.

His numerous acts were approved with a possible exception, and that was largely technical. He spread the broad mantle of Masonic charity over the very few District Lecturers who, after accepting responsible duties

## NEW ZEALAND—1929

Chapters, 67. Members, 4,031. Exaltations, 408. Net Gain, 246.

GENERAL SIR CHARLES FERGUSSON, Grand Z.

After the Grand Master of Ceremonies had assembled the Companions in the Chapter room, the Grand Z. and other officers entered, and the Thirty-ninth Annual Convocation was opened in Ample Form at Palmerston North, February 21, 1929, with only a few Chapters not represented, a splendid showing when it is considered that water transportation is an important feature in this country.

The Grand Z. being otherwise a very busy man his visitations, as recorded in his "valedictory" address, were only to those "lying in the path of his duties."

The Grand Z. greatly regretted that a petition had been sent to the Grand Chapter of England requesting the granting of a charter "for the Brethren of the English Constitution," apparently the first request of this kind in "many years." At that time it had not been granted;

however, he added:

There is no question of the perfect right of the Grand Chapter of England in the matter—no question at all. In our discussion of the subject with the leaders of English Freemasonry in this country, we have received nothing but courtesy, and I do sincerely trust that nothing in this connection will be allowed to interfere with the friendly relations which exist between ourselves and our English Brethren.

The long standing difference between the Grand Chapter of New Zealand and the Grand Chapter of Scotland was presented by the Grand Z., who urged a similar spirit of Masonic tolerance. He believed that in reality

overlooked performing them, by reminding them that "the true measure of your work will be governed by your own knowledge of the effort you gave to the work."

The Grand Secretary regretted to report that after forty-three years of steady growth, "we now have to record a net loss in membership, due to a decline in work done, rather than to an increase of suspensions, dismissions and deaths."

The Order of High Priesthood being a prerequisite for presiding, this Order was conferred on 189 at two regular Conventions, and specials were called when necessary.

Past Grand High Priest George E. Briggs again presented the correspondence report in a little over a hundred pages, but which if set in Florida size page and type would easily cover twice as many pages.

Nothing of importance appears to have been overlooked under Florida. He calls the receipt of a telegram of greetings from Miss Verna Bullard, Grand Matron O. E. S., "an innovation." Wonder what he would call the presence at Grand Lodge of the same Grand Matron with a full complement of Grand Officers and Past Grands, headed by two Past Grand Patrons who are also Past Grand Masters, when she presented the Grand Matron, who is also a Past Grand Patron, a check for \$25,000.00 for the Masonic Home?

Next Annual in Albany, Feb. 4-5, 1930.

William R. Condit, White Plains, Grand Master;  
Charles C. Hunt, Masonic Hall, New York, Grand Secretary; George E. Briggs, Peekskill, Correspondent.

it was largely an essential difference in viewpoint. He made it plain that Scotland had not definitely acknowledged the sovereignty of New Zealand in her own territory; but at the same time claimed the right of sovereignty over her own people in the same territory. However, the Grand Z. was hopeful that eventually, perhaps soon, the differences would be ironed out by a mutual recognition of sovereignty and an understanding that Scotland would open no more Chapters in New Zealand, except in Lodges under its own jurisdiction, which was stated to be three, and with no intention of developing others. If this can be brought about it would show a commendable magnanimity on the part of New Zealand.

The closing business of Grand Chapter was to give notice of an intention to move at the next Annual:

That Supreme Committee be and is hereby instructed to approach the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland and with an offer to withdraw the edict of non-intercourse and accept the basis of agreement outlined by the retiring First Grand Principal, M. E. Comp. Sir Charles Fergusson.

G. S. Gordon, Grand Z.; C. W. Nielson, Wellington, Grand Scribe E.

#### NORTH CAROLINA—1929

Chapters, 65. Members, 7,849. Exalted, 189. Net Loss, 216.

W. C. WICKER, Grand High Priest

There were no out-of-State notables present at the Eighty-first Annual Convocation, held in New Bern, May 14 and 15, 1929. However, it was honored by having General Grand Captain of the Host M. E. Comp.

Comp. John H. Anderson present, and Florida was represented by E. Comp. F. M. Pinnix who was requested to convey fraternal greetings. Wonder if he did?

It is indicated, in reading the address of Grand High Priest Wicker, that it became necessary to conduct much of his year of Capitular administration by correspondence, because he stated that "his full time was employed as Educational Field Secretary of Symbolic Masonry." In his address he advises:

I have found the condition of Capitular Masonry in the State of North Carolina generally fine. Some of the Chapters are inactive and some have failed to function during the year and all too many have neglected to make their annual reports to the Grand Secretary on time, but the majority of them are ready at all times to co-operate with the Grand Officers in any program undertaken for the good of the Craft.

This causes ye scribe to wonder to what extent it may have inspired this part of the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:

The Committee views with alarm the lack of interest manifested by many of the Subordinate Chapters. the unpaid dues, the absence of returns, and the general apathy in the ranks of Capitular Masonry in North Carolina. We lay this condition on the hearts of the incoming Grand Chapter Officers and call them to the task of leading the Subordinate Officers and the Companions generally to a revival of interest and work for Capitular Masonry. They are our leaders, and we look to them primarily for the inauguration and consummation of plans for that revival of interest so manifestly needed.

Grand Chapter did not approve the granting of a dispensation to hold a joint business session with the Council of Royal and Select Masters, nor the granting of dispensations to hold elections of officers at other times than

provided by Chapter by-laws. Otherwise the acts of the Grand High Priest appear to have been approved.

Tributes of respect were paid to the memories of M. . E. .Comp. James C. Braswell, Grand High Priest in 1908, and M. .E. .Comp. E. Rowley Hampton, in 1923. Companions Braswell and Hampton were also Past Presidents of the Order of High Priesthood.

Value seems to attach to the Order of High Priesthood, the required fee being \$10.00. Eighteen Companions were set apart to that Holy Order. Its officers seem to change annually, its present M. .E. .President being Comp. W. Hill Horne.

So entirely different is the excellent work of Comp. J. Edward Allen, the Committee on Correspondence, that nothing short of a reproduction can be satisfactory, the impossibility of which is obvious. It is a library of Masonic knowledge otherwise unobtainable.

Complimentary and commendatory is his reference to Florida in again starting her "favorite son," Henry O. Snow, in line in the General Grand Chapter, and to which he adds: "We hope he gets the place; there would have been a good opportunity for him last time, but for the lack of advance work."

Next Annual in Concord, May 13, 1930.

W. J. Roach, Lowell, Grand High Priest; John B. Griggs, Elizabeth City, Grand Secretary; J. Edward Allen, Warrenton, Correspondent.

## NORTH DAKOTA—1929

Chapters, 27. Members, 3,948. Exalted, 140. Net Loss, 72.

OTTO F. HENNINGS, Grand High Priest

Four Canadian Grand Chapters were represented at the Fortieth Annual Convocation, held in Fargo, January 22 and 23, 1929, but nothing to indicate that Florida was represented.

Tribute was paid to the memory of M. .E. .Comp. George H. Phelps, Grand High Priest in 1898-99, and who was an outstanding Mason in the State.

Among the regrets received was one from M. .E. .Comp. Peter Pickton, 98 years of age, and a Past Grand High Priest when it was Dakota Territory. He now lives at the Masonic Home in Zenith, Washington.

Stress is laid upon the holding of District Masonic "York Rite Festivals," for the purpose of conferring degrees, one being referred to as the "one great social event in Capitular Masonry," and that Companions drove a hundred miles to attend. The Grand High Priest in his address, referring to this, further stated:

I do not believe that there would be any cause to worry about attendance at Chapter meetings, if the ritual can be rendered in such a wonderful impressive manner as was given that evening. This was our first attendance at a York Rite Festival, and I must confess that I was somewhat skeptical as to the results that might be obtained, but now having been shown am one of its most ardent supporters.

On account of the serious illness of Mrs. Hennings, the Grand High Priest reported only one official visitation, outside of the one of which he was a member. Other invitations were of necessity declined. No deci-

sions were requested, in fact, he said, "none had been requested for several years."

Encouraging is the report of the Educational Foundation which indicates that during the year forty-seven old loans were settled and sixty-four new ones granted, and at the end of the year the loans in force exceeded seventeen thousand dollars.

Grand Chapter adopted a constitutional amendment placing the minimum annual dues at \$3.00, and also approved most if not all of the recommendations suggested in the report of the Committee on Survey.

Honorary membership in Grand Chapter was conferred on the distinguished visiting Canadian Royal Craftsmen.

A dozen qualified Companions were elected and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood, and M. E. Comp. Walter H. Murfin will serve another year as President.

It is always refreshing and inspiring to ye scribe when he comes to the annual review by our long-time side partner, Eben George Guthrie, who has the happy faculty of combining comment and quotation into something worth while. He is now beginning to offer apologies for not coming to Florida. What is that some one has said about first pity, then endure and then embrace?

The reference to "dear old Marcus Endel, Grand Treasurer," is appreciated. There are too few like him.

Next Annual in Fargo, January 28-29, 1929.

Blandin Fisher, Devil's Lake, Grand High Priest; Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo, Grand Secretary; E. Geo. Guthrie, Fargo, Correspondent.

## NOVA SCOTIA—1929

Chapters, 20. Members, 2,563. Exalted, 70. Net Loss, 70.

JOSEPH R. MURRAY, Grand High Priest

By a very peculiar coincidence the number exalted and the net loss are equal, as reported at the Sixtieth Annual Convocation, held in Sydney, June 11, 1929. Most of the Grand Officers, many Past Grand High Priests and visitors from Bermuda, Scotland and England were present but Florida was not represented. As Past Honors are given to each of the three elective officers reference was made to the passing of three Past Grands, and also to a Brother who had been Tyler of his Lodge over half a century and Sentinel of his Chapter more than a third of a century, a record seldom equalled.

Numerous necessary activities are reported by the Grand High Priest. One of the decisions in the case of a Chapter wanting to go "visiting," was that it could hold only one Emergent Convocation a year in any particular Lodge room. The other rulings probably would meet approval under Florida regulations.

The committee appointed the year previous to consider the advisability of changing the titles of the principal officers and consequent change of ritual to conform to the custom in other Canadian Grand Chapters, several members of which witnessed the work exemplified in Toronto reported, and which was adopted; the substance of which was:

Apart from the question as to whether or not the Past Master's degree is essential or desirable and should therefore be retained, the crux of the matter lies in the difference in Ritual between the R. A. degree in this jurisdiction and in Ontario; as