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The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Jacksonville, on the 3rd Tuesday in May 1933.



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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

M. . E. . Grand Chapter of Florida

EIGHTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

1932

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida assembled in its Eighty-Sixth Annual Convocation in the Hall of Hillsborough Lodge, No. 25, F. & A. M. in the City of Tampa at 10:00 A. M. Tuesday, May 17, A. D. 1932 A. I. 2462.

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

Alex B. Steuart	M. . E. . Grand High Priest
William B. Greer	R. . E. . Dep. Gr. High Priest
R. P. Buckmaster	R. . E. . Grand King
Archie Aitchison	R. . E. . Grand Scribe
R. J. McMaster	R. . E. . Grand Treasurer
Wilber P. Webster	R. . E. . Grand Secretary
Dorsey H. Rutter	R. . E. . Grand Chaplain
George A. Dame	E. . Grand Capt. of the Host
Cleveland R. Horne	E. . Grand Prin. Sojourner
J. Lloyd Head	E. . Grand Royal Arch Capt.
John B. Phelps	E. . Grand Master Third Veil
J. C. Clark	E. . Grand Master Second Veil
Richard B. Lovett	E. . Grand Master First Veil
Jos. P. Dorella	as E. . Grand Guard
Dorsey H. Rutter	E. . Grand Lecturer

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

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

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

Frederic A. Riegel,	H. J. Dame,
Frank O'Berry,	Geo. J. Tolson,
C. A. Bangert,	T. P. Robinson,
Hamilton Baluss,	Lewis E. Berkebile,
F. S. Hartsfield,	W. S. Perry,
W. C. Winans,	J. C. Clark,

REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

Florida No. 1	Richard W. Ervin, H. P.
Gainesville No. 2	W. C. Mathews, H. P.
Tampa No. 3.....	C. C. Parker, H. P.; S. C. Clark, K.; J. Y. Alonzo, S.
St. Johns No. 4.....	Bradford C. Gleason, proxy for H. P.
Halifax No. 5.....	H. S. Benson, H. P.; E. L. Shear, K.
Mt. Horeb No. 6	John R. Hall, H. P.
Eureka No. 7.....	F. R. Thornton, H. P.; Bert L. Blair, proxy for K.; A. H. Willett, proxy for S.
Dade City No. 8.....	W. A. LeHeup, K. and proxy for H. P.
Putnam No. 9.....	L. A. Kalbfield, H. P.
Kissimmee No. 10	J. L. Aldrich, proxy for H. P.; Geo. E. Summers, proxy for K.

Jericho No. 11.....	Robt M. Adams, proxy for H. P. Joel A. Fite, K.
Jacksonville No. 12.....	Hamilton Baluss, H. P.; J. E. Herring, proxy for K.
Ocala No. 13.....	J. D. Robertson, Jr., H. P.
Inverness No. 14.....	E. C. May, H. P.
Monroe No. 15.....	A. L. Betts, H. P.
Plant City No. 16.....	F. E. Cummins, H. P.
St. Augustine No. 17.....	S. S. Masters, H. P.
Keystone No. 20.....	W. B. Baker, proxy for H. P.
Thomas Brown No. 22.....	Ira B. Putnam, S., and proxy for H. P.
Lake Worth No. 24.....	F. F. Ahrens, H. P.; J. Fred Wood, K.
Live Oak No. 25.....	W. Boyd Greer, H. P.
Jefferson No. 26.....	J. K. Hutchins, H. P.
Indian River No. 27.....	E. E. Ranck, H. P.
Joppa No. 28.....	R. V. Ankeny, proxy for H. P.
Lakeland No. 29.....	E. C. Dahl, H. P.
Gadsden No. 30.....	E. C. Mahaffy, H. P.
St. Petersburg No. 31.....	L. D. Buie, K., and proxy for H. P.
Jackson No. 32.....	G. A. Lambe, H. P.
Eustis No. 33.....	W. D. Hoyt, H. P.
Leesburg No. 34.....	Wm. Dunston, proxy for H. P.
Sarasota No. 35.....	C. Constantine, H. P.; Robt. S. Givins, K.; Tom Crisp, S.
Providence No. 38.....	C. Roberts, S, and proxy for H. P.
Crestview No. 40.....	Jas. L. Clary, H. P.
Winter Haven No. 41.....	A. D. Yonally, H. P.
Highland No. 42.....	L. G. Hill, H. P.
Union No. 43.....	Wm. M. Christen, H. P.
Clearwater No. 45.....	G. C. Wooddell, proxy for H. P. L. A. Morgan, proxy for K.
Poinciana No. 50.....	L. C. Stewart, proxy for H. P.
M. D. Cushing No. 54.....	F. R. Hamlett, H. P.; V. M. Douglas, K.; F. J. Chan- cey, S.
Hill City No. 55.....	W. E. Oxley, proxy for officers.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Alabama	R. J. Kishpaugh
Arizona	R. B. Lovett
British Columbia	E. L. Wirt
California	Robert H. Brown
Canada	Chester DeRocher
Colorado	B. C. Webb
Delaware	W. P. Webster
Georgia	E. E. Macy
Illinois	Archie Aitchison
Kansas	Alex B. Steuart
Kentucky	E. L. Shear
Maine	Elmer E. Haskell
Manitoba	R. L. Gillett
Maryland	Henry O. Snow
Massachusetts	Walter J. Bennett
Michigan	F. Wm. Schultz
Mississippi	Dabney B. Palmer
Missouri	Cary B. Fish
New Jersey	John B. Phelps
New Zealand	Max Sirkin
North Dakota	R. J. McMaster
Nova Scotia	T. Picton Warlow
Ohio	Ely P. Hubbell
Oklahoma	W. B. Greer
Oregon	F. H. Thompson
Queensland	John B. Phelps
Scotland	Alex B. Steuart
Texas	R. P. Buckmaster
West Virginia	Geo. J. Tolson
Wisconsin	George A. Dame

The following letter was received from the M. E. Grand High Priest of Texas:

Mr. Alex B. Steuart, Grand High Priest, Tampa, Fla.

Mr. Wilbur P. Webster, Grand Secretary, Jacksonville.

M. E. Companions:

Please convey to the Grand Chapter of Florida at its next annual Convocation fraternal greetings and best wishes from the Grand Chapter of Texas for a profitable and harmonious Convocation.

We will also thank you to advise the Companions of the Grand Chapter of Florida that the Grand Chapter of Texas is in happy fraternal relationship with other sister Grand Jurisdictions.

Fraternally yours,

W. H. PETTY,
Grand High Priest.

Greetings were also received from the representatives of the Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapters of Maine and Canada.

The following telegram was received from Past Grand High Priest O'Neal:

W. P. Webster, Grand Secretary:

Expected to be with you this morning. Unforeseen and unexpected conditions prevent. Express my sincere regret to the Companions.

W. R. O'NEAL.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following committee on Returns and Credentials:

Bert L. Blair

Vincent Brice,

H. D. Gilmore

M. E. Companion John William Neilson, Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, was introduced and received with Grand Honors.

The following distinguished Companions were also introduced and received:

Past Grand High Priest Cary B. Fish, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Permanent Fund of the General Grand Chapter.

M. E. Thomas G. Lee, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Minnesota.

M. I. Henry O. Snow, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Florida.

Upon motion of Companion Rutter 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 duly carried, all Royal Arch Masons in good standing were invited to seats in this Grand Chapter as visitors.

The Committee on Returns and Credentials made a verbal report that the list of officers and members present was correct as given by the Grand Secretary at roll call and asked for further time to make final report which was granted.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Frank H. Thompson,
W. A. Goodman, Hamilton Baluss,

PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES

B. W. Helvenston,
C. C. Parker, Frank Hamlett,

DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS

John R. Hall
Louis Kalbfield, George A. Dame,

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

T. Picton Warlow,
R. J. McMaster, E. L. Shear,

THANKS

Frank O'Berry,
Geo. J. Tolson, J. E. Herring,

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

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Companions:

In submitting the annual report of the activities of the Grand High Priest for the year just ended, I recognize the wisdom of this Grand Chapter in establishing the offices of Grand Lecturer and District Deputies. On their shoulders, during the year, has fallen the responsibility of keeping contact between the subordinate Chapters and this Grand Body.

Only the highest praise has come from the Chapters which have had the good fortune to have a visit from the Grand Lecturer, and through his office much good has been accomplished for capitular and all other branches of Masonry.

DISPENSATIONS

On November 15th, 1931, due to the fact that their regular meeting fell upon Armistice Day, dispensation was granted to Lakeland Chapter to hold a special convocation on Wednesday, November 18th, for the purpose of receiving and acting upon petitions for the chapter degrees.

On January 11th, 1932, dispensation was granted to Halifax Chapter No. 5, to hold a special meeting on January 14th for the purpose of holding a special election in the office of King and such other offices as were vacated due to the holding of the special election.

On March 7th dispensation was granted to Halifax Chapter, No. 5, to hold a special convocation on March 11th for the transaction of business and the conferring of degrees. The regular meeting having been postponed due to a Lodge of Instruction being held on the regular convocation date.

On March 16th dispensation was granted to Monroe D. Cushing Chapter, No. 54, Tampa, for the holding of a special convocation on March 19th for the purpose of transacting any business that might come before the Chapter, and the conferring of any or all of the ritualistic work.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

On October 26th, 1931, I approved a Change in the by-laws of Tampa Chapter, No. 3, providing for a change in meeting nights from the first and third Thursdays to the first and third Fridays, which change was, by resolution, adopted on October 17th of said Chapter.

On November 24th I approved a change in the by-laws of Inverness Chapter, No. 14, providing for a change in meeting nights to the first Monday night in each month.

On April 19th, 1932, I approved a change in the by-laws of Jackson Chapter, No. 3, providing for holding the regular convocation on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

On March 7th I approved a change in the by-laws of St. Petersburg Chapter, No. 31, providing for the holding of the stated convocations on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

On March 7th I approved a change in the by-laws of Gainesville Chapter, No. 2, R. A. M., providing that the initiation fee should be \$20.00.

RULINGS

On January 18th, 1932, I advised the Grand Secretary that if the members of Delray Chapter had voted to surrender their Charter at a meeting sometime during 1931, that the members of Delray Chapter should pay, in addition to the Grand Chapter fee of \$1.00, the unpaid dues to and including the calendar year 1931 before a certificate of membership was issued.

On February 17th I advised Halifax Chapter, No. 5, that a brother who had been regularly elected and had not taken the degrees could not expect a return of the paid fees unless the Chapter, in regular session, should vote to make the refund, which action by Chapter is unlikely.

APPOINTMENTS AND COMMISSIONS

On May 25th, 1931, I signed a commission appointing Companion Scott B. Dunlop as representative of our Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Utah.

On November 11th, on the recommendation of the Grand High Priest of Oregon, I signed a commission appointing Companion C. M. Houston, of Medford, Oregon, as representative of our Grand Chapter in that jurisdiction.

On March 25th, 1932, I signed a commission appointing Companion Frank E. Murphy representative of our Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Nevada.

On April 2nd I signed a commission appointing Companion Newton A. Lale representative of our Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.

On April 6th I notified the Grand Secretary that I had appointed Companion R. J. McMaster, of Tampa, to the office of Grand Treasurer, Pro. Tem., to fill the vacancy created by the death of Companion Endel.

ABSENCE FROM JURISDICTION

On July 11th, 1931, I notified Deputy Grand High Priest, W. B. Greer, that I would be absent from the jurisdiction until about September 1st following and requested that he assume the duties and responsibilities of the office of Grand High Priest pending my return.

On July 25th Companion Greer, on the recommendation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of West Virginia, commissioned Companion W. McKendree Wilson, of Davis, West Virginia, as representative of our Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of West Virginia.

On the same date he signed Warrant No. 11, issued by the Grand Secretary.

Companion Greer notified Companion Hodson, of Homestead, Florida, on October 21st, that he was unable to grant him permission to collect \$50.00 from delinquent companions, former members of Dade Chapter, for the purpose of holding a get-together dinner with the officers of Jericho Chapter.

This constituted the business handled by the Deputy Grand High Priest during my absence.

VISITATIONS

Due to the fact that it was necessary for me to make a visit to my former home in Scotland, the time necessary for this trip, coupled with the fact that other circumstances in my own personal affairs interfered, I was able to make but few visits to subordinate Chapters during the year.

NECROLOGY

On January 13th, 1932, I received a telegram from the Grand Secretary notifying me of the death of Past Grand High Priest Wm. V. Carter. I asked Past Grand High Priest Stafford Caldwell to represent the Grand Chapter at the funeral on January 17th, 1932.

On March 28th I received a telegram from the Grand Secretary notifying me of the death of Past Grand High Priest Endel, who, as you all know, served as Grand Treasurer for the Grand Chapter for a long period of years. I again asked Past Grand High Priest Stafford Caldwell to represent the Grand Chapter at the funeral which was held on Wednesday, March 30th.

Past Grand High Priest Caldwell delivered an eloquent Eulogy, as a tribute to the memory of Companion Endel, before the Grand Lodge, which held a special convocation for the purpose of officiating at the funeral.

FINANCE

During the year, with the exception of Warrant No. 11, I signed Warrants, upon the Treasurer, Nos. 1 to 32 inclusive, in payment of Grand Chapter expenses.

On May 25th, 1931, I notified the Grand Treasurer that he should deliver to the Masonic Home Delray Lodge Bonds, in the principal amount of \$1,000.00 in keeping with the action of the Grand Chapter at the last Grand Convocation.

On May 27th the Grand Treasurer advised me that the transfer had been made.

GENERAL

On November 23rd, 1931, I approved the sending of circulars, received from the General Grand Chapter Educational Bureau, to subordinate Chapters.

I received an invitation from the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association to attend the dedication of the Washington Memorial on May 12th. Being unable to be present on this memorable occasion, and believing that the Grand Chapter should be represented, I delegated Past Grand High Priest Snow to represent me and the Grand Chapter.

On March 30th I received a communication from the General Grand High Priest, Companion John W. Neilson, advising that he contemplated visiting some of the Grand Chapters in the South, and on April 6th I notified Companion Neilson that since the Grand Chapter and the Grand Council would hold their annual session in Tampa on May 16th, 17th and 18th that if he could arrange his visit to conform with these dates his visit would be deeply appreciated.

I am referring to the incoming Grand High Priest the request of Companion B. S. Preston, and other companions, of Cross City, Florida, for dispensation to organize a Chapter at Cross City. Due to the difficulty that most of the Chapters in the state are experiencing in maintaining themselves, I personally am not disposed to grant a new charter in a territory that is being served by existing Chapters.

Masonry, like all other institutions, during these troublesome days, is passing through a period of trial. In the language of current events, "a period of liquidation," finding out that genuine progress is really something more than a mere multiplication of numbers, slowly learning of the enormity of the mistakes of the recent past, and learning too the wisdom of conserving, in days of plenty, against the day of adversity, which comes as certain as the changing of the tide.

Discontent and dissatisfaction, is the order of the day. Individuals and groups are at variance one with the other, distress and poverty is prevalent, minds are easily inflamed, and men actuated by stress and stark necessity are sometimes

prone to do the things, which ordinarily, calm judgment would prevent.

Radicals, seeking to take advantage of the prevailing condition, advocate and propose changes utterly at variance with American principles, or the principles inculcated in Masonic ritual. But for every condition and calamity there is some underlying and fundamental cause and a tremendous burden of responsibility rests upon the shoulders of the members of this fraternity and its leaders, in helping to find the cause of the present condition, and having done so, with all the strength and influence of the fraternity, set about to remedy the situation lest it become much more aggravated and disturbing.

But first we must put our own house in order, and to do so, we must recognize and return to first principles. We must give more consideration to the idea that, as members of Chapters and Lodges owe a duty to Lodge and Chapters, so too has the Lodge and Chapter a duty to the membership.

Too many Masonic Bodies, in days but recently passed, have spent for non-essentials the means which should now have been available to help, aid, and assist the worthy distressed, of whom, unfortunately, there are far too many at the present time.

Masonic Bodies, more or less everywhere, hypnotized by the prevailing influence of wild extravagance have succeeded in mortgaging, not only the income, but the Spirit of the fraternity, in the providing of imposing edifices far in excess of their needs and frequently unsuited for their purposes.

If subordinate Lodges and Chapters continue to fail to conserve from their incomes the means of helping the worthy distressed, in times such as we are now experiencing, it may become necessary for Grand Bodies to fix the maximum amount which may be charged for annual dues and exact an additional amount from each subordinate group for the purpose of establishing a general relief fund.

What we all need to do is to cultivate a little more closely the simplicity of thought and habit of the early founders of the order; and if the period of stress, through which we are passing, helps to steer us in that direction, the experience, bad as it is, will be worth while after all.

History, the great and practical teacher, records alongside the fall of civilizations and nations a cruel story of unjust and unbearable taxation, and shows that empires and republics established by the sacrifice of inspired patriots, have frequently fallen as victims of avarice and corruption.

During this year, particularly, dedicated as it is by Masonry and the nation to the memory of George Washington, it is well to remember that the question of taxation first brought the name of Washington into prominence and gave birth to our republic; and that the American Mason, of this day, owes a great debt of gratitude to the memory of George Washington and the Masonic patriots of his time, a debt which can be repaid only if we succeed in preserving for posterity the principles, the institutions, and the republic, which patriotism, sacrifice, and Masonic principle founded.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEX B. STEUART,
Grand High Priest.

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

The R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest appointed Past Grand High Priests Wirt, Palmer and Keller 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 report matters pertaining to your Secretary's office for the past year as follows:

On January 4th I received a package containing the books of Delray Chapter, No. 53 and four rituals, also a check for \$49.23 from Companion W. A. Brannon, acting Secretary of that Chapter, who stated that they were sent at the request of the High Priest. The charter was also received later. This Chapter was chartered in 1927. The return was made

and dues paid for that year. No return has been made since that time, and nothing paid except as stated above,

There is no record in the minute book of any Convocation at which action was taken in regard to surrendering charter.

RETURNS

No returns have been received from Chipley Chapter No. 23 for the years 1928 to date or any report of officers or work

No. returns have been received from Okeechobee Chapter, No. 46 since 1929 and no dues paid since 1928.

No returns have been received from Arcadia Chapter, No. 36 nor Bay County Chapter No. 39.

Halifax Chapter No. 5 has overpaid the sum of four dollars.

All other Chapters have made returns but the following amounts are due:

Eureka No. 7	\$139.00
Jericho No. 11	347.00
Inverness No. 14	1.00
Plant City No. 16	10.00
St. Augustine No. 17	5.00
Lake Butler No. 19	54.00
Thomas Brown No. 22	76.00
Joppa No. 28	353.00
St. Petersburg No. 31	97.00
Jackson No. 32	415.00
Leesburg No. 34	128.00
Winter Haven No. 41	155.00
Poinciana No. 50	14.00

It is impossible to give an accurate summary of our work and losses as there are still four Chapters to be heard from, but as far as reported, our Chapters have exalted during the past year only about two-thirds as many as were exalted in 1930 and the number of suspensions for non-payment of dues bears about the same ratio to the number suspended in that year.

Fraternally submitted,

W. P. WEBSTER,
Grand Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

W. P. Webster, Grand Secretary,

In account with the Grand Chapter of Florida:

Dr.

Interest Delray Lodge Bonds	\$ 46.66
To Amt. Coll. by Com. on Ret. and Cred.	875.00
Dues Member of Walton Chap. No. 37 Dft.	12.50
Monroe Chapter No. 15, Dues 1930	50.00
Thomas Brown Chap. No. 22, Dues 1930	100.00
Indian River Chap. No. 27, Dues 1930	205.00
St. Petersburg Chap. No. 31, Dues 1930	101.00
Sarasota Chap. No. 35, Dues 1930	75.00
Nassau Chapter No. 49, Dues 1930	70.00
Annual Dues 1931:	
Florida No. 1	\$179.00
Gainesville No. 2	133.00
Tampa No. 3	368.00
St. Johns No. 4	99.00
Halifax No. 5	176.00
Mt. Horeb No. 6	181.00
Eureka No. 7	150.00
Dade City No. 8	55.00
Putnam No. 9	129.00
Kissimmee No. 10	90.00
Jacksonville No. 12	510.00
Ocala No. 13	160.00
Inverness No. 14	39.00
Monroe No. 15	106.00
Plant City No. 16	63.00
St. Augustine No. 17	114.00
Manatee River No. 18	127.00
Keystone No. 20	132.00
Thomas Brown No. 22	100.00
Lake Worth No. 24	285.00
Live Oak No. 25	252.00
Jefferson No. 26	64.00
Indian River No. 27	120.00
Lakeland No. 29	160.00
Gadsden No. 30	160.00
St. Petersburg No. 31	250.00
Eustis No. 33	86.00
Sarasota No. 35	21.00
Arcadia No. 36	65.00
Providence No. 38	60.00
Crestview No. 40	79.00
Highlands No. 42	82.00
Union No. 43	54.00

Perry No. 44	46.00
Clearwater No. 45	47.00
Duval No. 48	64.00
Nassau No. 49	74.00
Poinciana No. 50	52.00
New Smyrna No. 51	176.00
Delray No. 53	49.23
M. D. Cushing No. 54	106.00
Hill City No. 55	58.00
	<u>\$5,321.23</u>
	<u>\$6,856.39</u>

1931	Cr.
May 19, Paid M. Endel, Grand Treas.	\$875.00
July 8, Paid M. Endel, Grand Treas.	70.00
July 18, Paid M. Endel, Grand Treas.	50.00
Oct. 10, Paid M. Endel, Grand Treas.	50.00
Oct. 26, Paid M. Endel, Grand Treas.	75.00
Dec. 28, Paid M. Endel, Grand Treas.	55.00
Dec. 29, Paid M. Endel, Grand Treas.	65.00

1932	
Jan. 4, Paid M. Endel, Grand Treas.	49.23
Jan. 8, Paid M. Endel, Grand Treas.	99.00
Jan. 11, Paid M. Endel, Grand Treas.	101.00
Jan. 14, Paid M. Endel, Grand Treas.	46.00
Jan. 18, Paid M. Endel, Grand Treas.	205.00
Jan. 20, Paid M. Endel, Grand Treas.	12.00
Jan. 22, Paid M. Endel, Grand Treas.	181.00
Jan. 26, Paid M. Endel, Grand Treas.	127.00
Jan. 27, Paid M. Endel, Grand Treas.	142.00
Feb. 2, Paid M. Endel, Grand Treas.	90.00
Feb. 3, Paid M. Endel, Grand Treas.	21.00
Feb. 5, Paid M. Endel, Grand Treas.	129.00
Feb. 11, Paid M. Endel, Grand Treas.	106.00
Feb. 13, Paid M. Endel, Grand Treas.	58.00
Feb. 23, Paid M. Endel, Grand Treas.	99.00
Feb. 26, Paid M. Endel, Grand Treas.	133.00
Feb. 29, Paid M. Endel, Grand Treas.	18.00
Mch. 2, Paid M. Endel, Grand Treas.	18.00
Mch. 9, Paid M. Endel, Grand Treas.	464.00
Mch. 26, Paid M. Endel, Grand Treas.	125.00
Mch. 28, Paid R. J. McMaster, Grand Treas.	120.00
Mch. 29, Paid R. J. McMaster, Grand Treas.	106.00
Mch. 31, Paid R. J. McMaster, Grand Treas.	47.00
Apr. 1, Paid R. J. McMaster, Grand Treas.	339.00
Apr. 2, Paid R. J. McMaster, Grand Treas.	186.00
Apr. 12, Paid R. J. McMaster, Grand Treas.	90.00
Apr. 15, Paid R. J. McMaster, Grand Treas.	109.16
Apr. 22, Paid R. J. McMaster, Grand Treas.	114.00
	82.00
	<u>\$3,583.23</u>

Apr. 25, Paid R. J. McMaster, Grand Treas.	368.00
May 5, Paid R. J. McMaster, Grand Treas.	21.00
May 7, Paid R. J. McMaster, Grand Treas.	426.00
May 9, Paid R. J. McMaster, Grand Treas.	347.00
May 12, Paid R. J. McMaster, Grand Treas.	826.00
May 13, Paid R. J. McMaster, Grand Treas.	160.00
	<u>\$3,221.16</u>
	<u>\$6,804.39</u>

Books and vouchers are herewith submitted for examination and approval.

Fraternally submitted,

W. P. WEBSTER,
Grand Secretary.

The following report of Companion Endel as Grand Treasurer was received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts:

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT
(M. ENDEL)

Marcus Endel, Grand Treasurer

In Account with the Grand Chapter, R. A. M.

Dr.

To balance as per last report, Barnett Natl. Bank	\$6,802.01
Grand Lodge Bonds	3,000.00
Delray Lodge Bonds	1,000.00
	<u>\$10,802.01</u>

May 19, 1931, Received from Grand Secretary	\$ 875.00
July 8, 1931, Received from Grand Secretary	70.00
July 18, 1931, Received from Grand Secretary	50.00
Oct. 1, 1931, Received from Grand Secretary	50.00
Oct. 26, 1931, Received from Grand Secretary	75.00
Dec. 28, 1931, Received from Grand Secretary	55.00
Dec. 29, 1931, Received from Grand Secretary	65.00
Jan. 4, 1932, Received from Grand Secretary	49.23
Jan. 8, 1932, Received from Grand Secretary	99.00
Jan. 11, 1932, Received from Grand Secretary	101.00
Jan. 14, 1932, Received from Grand Secretary	46.00
Jan. 18, 1932, Received from Grand Secretary	205.00
Jan. 20, 1932, Received from Grand Secretary	12.00
Jan. 22, 1932, Received from Grand Secretary	181.00
Jan. 26, 1932, Received from Grand Secretary	127.00
Jan. 27, 1932, Received from Grand Secretary	142.00
Feb. 2, 1932, Received from Grand Secretary	90.00
Feb. 3, 1932, Received from Grand Secretary	21.00
Feb. 5, 1932, Received from Grand Secretary	129.00
Feb. 11, 1932, Received from Grand Secretary	106.00

Feb. 13, 1932, Received from Grand Secretary	58.00	
Feb. 23, 1932, Received from Grand Secretary	99.00	
Feb. 26, 1932, Received from Grand Secretary	133.00	
Feb. 29, 1932, Received from Grand Secretary	18.00	
Mch. 2, 1932, Received from Grand Secretary	18.00	
Mch. 9, 1932, Received from Grand Secretary	464.00	
Feb. 26, 1932, Received from Grand Secretary	245.00	\$ 3,583.23
Interest Grand Lodge Bonds		75.00
July 1, 1931, Interest Savings Account Bank		58.72
Jan. 1, 1932, Interest Savings Account Bank		36.63
		<u>\$14,555.59</u>

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By Paid Vouchers 1 to 26 inclusive	\$6,828.28	
Masonic Home, Delray Lodge Bonds	1,000.00	\$ 7,828.28
Balance on hand		<u>\$ 6,727.31</u>

Distributed as follows:

Barnett National Bank	\$3,727.31	
Grand Lodge Bonds	3,000.00	\$ 6,727.31

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

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

(R. J. McMASTER)

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

1932

April 5, Balance—Barnett National Bank	\$ 4,495.31	
April 5, Warrants—Numbers 27 to 32 inclusive	779.12	
May 14, Balance		<u>3,716.19</u>
April 14, Received from Grand Secretary	\$ 109.16	
April 23, Received from Grand Secretary	82.00	
April 27, Received from Grand Secretary	114.00	
April 27, Received from Grand Secretary	368.00	
May 7, Received from Grand Secretary	21.00	
May 9, Received from Grand Secretary	426.00	
May 10, Received from Grand Secretary	347.00	
May 13, Received from Grand Secretary	826.00	
May 14, Received from Grand Secretary	160.00	\$ 2,453.16
		<u>\$ 6,169.35</u>
Grand Lodge Bonds with Grand Secretary		3,000.00
		<u>\$ 9,169.35</u>

Balance Barnett National Bank	\$ 3,716.19
Balance First National Bank	2,453.16
Grand Lodge Bonds with W. P. Webster	3,000.00
	<u>\$ 9,169.35</u>

Fraternally submitted,

RILEY J. McMASTER,
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

For the Year Ending May 1, 1932

To the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons:

Your Educational Committee herewith presents its sixth annual report for your approval.

During the past year we have made seven loans. All were for attendance within the State of Florida:

Three to male students for attendance at University of Florida.

Four to female students for attendance at Florida State College.

Average amount loaned to each student has been \$171.00.

A total of twenty-nine loans have been made during the six years.

During this year one loan has been paid in full.

Total repayments from students this year amount to \$290.00.

RECEIPTS

Forward from last year	\$ 612.34
May 27, 1931, From Grand Recorder	\$400.00
Interest from bank	15.67
Interest from students	17.50
Repayment from students	290.00
	<u>\$ 723.17</u>
Total receipts	\$1,335.51
Total Loans made	1,200.00
Bank balance as of May 1, 1932	<u>\$ 135.51</u>

GRAND TOTALS

Year	Total Loans Made	No. Loans	Amount Paid Back	Now Outstanding
1926	\$ 200.00	2	\$100.00	\$ 100.00
1927	500.00	2	50.00	450.00
1928	1,525.00	8	485.00	1,040.00
1929	1,000.00	5	20.00	980.00
1930	900.00	5	-----	900.00
1931	1,200.00	7	100.00	1,100.00
	<u>\$5,325.00</u>	29	<u>\$755.00</u>	<u>\$4,570.00</u>

Received from all assessments since fund started	\$4,600.00
Received from interest on loans since fund started	70.00
Received from interest on bank since fund started	48.41
Total present revolving fund	\$4,718.41

PRESENT FINANCIAL STATUS

Total Loans Outstanding	\$4,570.00
Total office expense	12.90
Cash on hand	135.51
Total revolving fund	\$4,718.41

ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES

Annual salaries of Executives—*None*.
Item of \$12.90 office expenses for the six years, or \$2.15 per year.

PERSONNEL TABLE

	Boys	Girls	Total
Students granted loans since fund started	17	12	29
Students now in college	3	4	7

These twenty-nine loans have been made to twenty-one students, hence there are twenty-one accounts.

Sixteen students have received only one loan.
Two students have received only two loans.
Three students have received only three loans.
Making a total of twenty-nine loans and twenty-one accounts.

PAYMENT RECORD OF BORROWERS

Number of students who have paid loans in full	3
Number of students who have paid loans in part and on time	2
Number of students who are delinquent one payment	5
Number of students who are delinquent more than one payment	3
Number of students who have made no remittance on a matured payment	1
Number of students whose first payment not yet due	15
Total amount past due \$532.50 (still an asset in revolving fund)	
Total amount charged off <i>none</i> .	

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. O'NEAL,
JOHN L. HALL,
T. T. TODD,
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 submits the following report:

We thank our God that the active line of our official family remains unbroken. However, during the past year, many of our Companions, from the General Grand Chapter to the humblest Subordinate Chapters, have been summoned to meet the Great I Am in the Tabernacle on High.

Conspicuous for their manhood were these Companions. Their lives were marked by unselfish service to their fellow men. Their vocations were as varied as the multiple demands of the complex conditions in which they lived. They were men of sterling character and were leaders in every walk of life. Living, they acquitted themselves like men. When we consider all that they did, the good names they bore, and the influence for righteousness they exerted, we can but acclaim this a better world because these Companions passed this way.

Our Order can mean nothing to us, and our profession in its beliefs would be but hollow mockery unless we can say with assurance that these deceased Companions made great discoveries at the Mercy-seat of God and that they knew that Jehovah God was their never-failing Friend.

These departed Companions have flung back to us the lighted torch they held aloft so long and today they challenge us to carry on in the name of the Royal Craft.

During the year death invaded the ranks of our Subordinate Chapters and called away ninety-three of our Companions. Their names will appear in our Proceedings.

THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

The General Grand Chapter sustained a great loss in the passing away of Past General Grand High Priest, Charles Clark Davis, who died at his home in Centralia, Illinois, November 12, 1931. M. E. Companion Davis was born in Belleview, Illinois, April 2, 1855. But few men in the state of Illinois had as remarkable a Masonic career as he.

He belonged to all the York Rite bodies, filled the offices of each with great efficiency and was also very active in the Scottish Rite bodies. He was crowned an Inspector General, thirty-third degree, September 15, 1903. But his outstanding work was done in the Chapter. Beginning in Centralia Chapter No. 93, he filled those offices and in 1911, was elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Illinois. At the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter at Indianapolis in 1912, he was elected to the office of General Grand Master of the First Veil, and advancing through the various offices, was finally elected General Grand High Priest. His crowning work was done at the General Grand Convocation at Tacoma, 1930, where he presided in a masterful manner. "As a man, as a Mason and as a broad minded citizen he ranked high by those who knew him best." Many Companions of Florida knew him

well and loved him sincerely because of his genial disposition and many qualifications.

GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA

William Vernon Carter, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Florida, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., November 25, 1846, and died in Palatka, Florida, January 13, 1932. In very young childhood, he was taken by his parents to live near Richmond, Virginia, where he was reared and educated.

In September, 1879, Companion Carter was united in marriage to Miss Susan B. Paleske, in Richmond, Va. Three daughters were born to them.

When the Civil War broke out, Companion Carter enlisted in Company D, Third Battalion Virginia Troops. Later, he was transferred to Sturdivant's Battery, Anderson's Corps, A. N. V. He was Ordinance Sergeant of the Corps during the siege of Petersburg and was with the Field Artillery at Appomattox, C. H., at the time of the surrender. Companion Carter came to Volusia County, Florida, December 21, 1881, and for many years lived in Barberville, but in his later years, he made his home in Daytona Beach.

He was made a Master Mason in Volusia Lodge No. 77 at Barberville, Florida, November 29, 1883.

He was made a Royal Arch Mason in Halifax Chapter No. 5, in Daytona, Florida, October 8, 1903, and received the Order of the Temple, December 26, 1907, in Oriental Commandery No. 9, at Daytona.

He served as Worshipful Master of Volusia Lodge No. 77, 1886-1888, and of Halifax Lodge No. 81, 1909 and 1917. Was T. I. M., Halifax Council No. 1, R. & S. M., 1916 and 1917. He was Commander of Oriental Commandery No. 9, K. T., 1911. Companion Carter was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter R. A. M., of Florida, during the year 1919.

Companion Carter died at the home of his daughter in Palatka, Florida. The funeral services were conducted by the Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter R. A. M. in Daytona Beach, and his body was laid to rest by his Masonic Brethren who were in charge of the services in the cemetery at Port Orange. Companion Carter was a kindly man, a zealous Mason and a member of the Methodist Church from his boyhood.

Companion Marcus Endel, Past Grand High Priest, died at his late residence in Jacksonville, Florida, March 28, 1932. He was born in Richmond, Va., July 23, 1854, and moved to Gainesville, Florida, July 23, 1868, later coming to Jacksonville where he remained until his death.

On November 14, 1894, Companion Endel was united in marriage to Miss Millie Burkheim who, with their son, Marcus, Jr., remain to mourn his departure. The funeral services were conducted at his residence by Brother Rabbi Israel Kaplan. He was laid to rest in Temple Cemetery, Jacksonville. The services at the grave were in charge of the Grand Lodge of Florida where a large number of Masonic officials and hundreds of Brethren and friends had come to pay him homage.

His Masonic career proves the high esteem in which he was held

by his Companions and Brethren. He was initiated, passed and raised in Gainesville Lodge No. 41, receiving the Master's degree March 8, 1876, and was elected Worshipful Master of this Lodge December 27, 1877.

He was exalted in Gainesville Chapter No. 2, and on December 27, 1878, was elected its High Priest. After having passed through the other offices of the Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Florida, he was elected the Grand High Priest in 1888. At the Convocation of 1898, he was chosen Grand Treasurer, which office he continuously held until his death. He was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M., 1893. He was appointed a member of the Board of Trustees of our Masonic Home and since 1904 served continuously as the Treasurer of that body. In 1912 he became a member of the Board of Trustees of the Grand Lodge Temple and was immediately elected Treasurer which office he filled until his death. He received the degrees of the Lodge of Perfection A. & A. S. R. in Gainesville Lodge of Perfection, 1882, and was given the thirty-second degree in Florida Consistory No. 2 in Jacksonville, 1912.

Brother Endel was one of the original members of the Grand Lodge Committee on Work, he being appointed at the time of the organization of the Grand Lodge, 1880, serving continuously in this capacity, and at the time of his death, was the last remaining member of the original committee.

Companion Endel was noted for his genial, cordial and brotherly love. Truly, a Master in Israel is gone from us, but like Moses, his leadership shall ever remain with us inspiring his Companions to nobler ideals of manhood and loftier Masonic conduct.

SISTER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Our Sister Grand Jurisdictions have, during this year, sustained sad losses as the following list will show.

Alberta—James Norris Rankin, Past Grand First Principal Z, was born January 9, 1847, at Lower Island Cove, Newfoundland, and died June 3, 1931.

Arizona—Max Fiedler, Past Grand High Priest, born June 30, 1873, in Sacramento, California, died in Sacramento, September 12, 1931.

Arkansas—Joseph H. Byers, Grand Sentinel, was born in Greenville, Ohio, June 27, 1872, and died at Little Rock, Arkansas, July 3, 1931.

Arkansas—David Isaac Mills, Past Grand High Priest, born near Pine Bluff, Arkansas, September 29, 1857, and died at Pine Bluff, July 6, 1931.

Colorado—Alderson Arvell, Grand Scribe, was born in Doniphan County, Kansas, March 17, 1859, and died in Denver, Colorado, July 11, 1931.

District of Columbia—Delos W. Thayer, Past Grand High Priest, was born September 8, 1858, and died August 3, 1931.

Georgia—William B. Graham, Past Grand High Priest, was born April 30, 1866, and died July 3, 1931.

Indiana—Vestal Warren Woodward, Grand Treasurer, born at Fountain City, Indiana, October 22, 1848, and died in Indianapolis, April 21, 1931.

Iowa—Amos Norris Albertson, Past Grand High Priest, was born at Orange, Ohio, September 4, 1849, and died in Monrovia, California, August 17, 1931.

Louisiana—George M. Bolton, Past Grand High Priest, born in Griffin, Georgia, September 15, 1841, and died at Alexandria, Louisiana, August 2, 1931. George M. King, Grand Master of the Third Veil, born March 26, 1887, in Lecti, Kansas, and died August 15, 1931, at Kinder, Louisiana.

Maine—Charles Boardman Davis, Grand Recorder, was born in Norridgewock, Maine, August 25, 1864, and died December 17, 1931. George W. Goulding, Past Grand High Priest, was born in North Wayne, Maine, February 20, 1841, and died at Brookline, Massachusetts, February 29, 1932.

Michigan—Frank Pomeroy Wilcox, Past Grand High Priest, was born in Eddyville, Iowa, July 5, 1854, and died at Detroit, Michigan, July 1, 1931. Warner Kingsley McSween, Past Grand High Priest, born at Reed City, Michigan, April 1, 1886, and died at Grand Rapids, August 21, 1931. James F. McGregor, Grand Sentinel, was born in Detroit, Michigan, July 3, 1860, and died in Detroit, October 2, 1931.

Minnesota—William Preston Roberts, Past Grand High Priest, born at Gwynedd, Pa., June 16, 1845, and died near Winnipeg, Manitoba, July 21, 1931.

Minnesota—William Todd, Past Grand High Priest, born near Glasgow, Scotland, September 1, 1857, and died at Austin, Minnesota, October 13, 1931.

Missouri—George Tegard Burnham, Past Grand High Priest, born in Mason County, Illinois, August 20, 1860, and died at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, March 14, 1932.

Mississippi—Thomas Blewett Franklin, Past Grand High Priest, was born June, 1848, and died November 9, 1931.

New Jersey—Daniel Cory Adams, Past Grand High Priest, was born in Warrenville, New Jersey, November 20, 1865, and died at Plainfield, New Jersey, June 6, 1931.

New York—Frederick L. Dutcher, Past Grand High Priest, born at Lone Tree, Iowa, October 1, 1870, and died in Rochester, New York, February 28, 1932.

North Carolina—George S. Norfleet, Past Grand High Priest, was born July 22, 1879, and died January 1, 1932.

Oregon—David Patterson Mason, Past Grand High Priest, was born in Warren County, Missouri, August 15, 1846, and died at Albany, Oregon, October 13, 1931.

South Carolina—Francis Eugene Harrison, Past Grand High Priest, born in Abbeville, South Carolina, February 9, 1863, and died in Abbeville, June 15, 1931.

South Dakota—Jacob T. Nissen, Past Grand High Priest, born in Denmark, January 6, 1853, and died at Yankton, South Dakota, October 8, 1931.

Tennessee—Samuel W. Williams, Past Grand High Priest, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., October 21, 1851, and died in Harriman, Tennessee, May 31, 1931. Alfred Cookman Morgan, Past Grand High Priest, was born in Sussex County, Delaware, January 19, 1876, and died at Clarks-

ville, Tennessee, July 28, 1931. John Greenway Greer, Past Grand High Priest, was born in Maryville, Tennessee, November 27, 1868, and died at Loudon, Tennessee, March 13, 1932.

Utah—William John Lynch, Past Grand High Priest, born in Salt Lake City, Utah, March 1, 1862, and died in Salt Lake City, July 22, 1931.

Vermont—George Farnham Leland, Deputy Grand High Priest, was born January 25, 1858, and died February 12, 1932.

West Virginia—Harry Stoeber Cushwa, Past Grand High Priest, was born near Martinsburg, West Virginia, April 10, 1858, and died in Martinsburg, May 16, 1931. Charles M. Lamar, Past Grand High Priest, was born in Martinsburg, West Virginia, June 7, 1860, and died in Martinsburg, March 10, 1932.

Wyoming—Samuel Corson, Past Grand High Priest, was born in Girvan, Scotland, June 15, 1857, and died in Cheyenne, Wyoming, August 17, 1931.

These Companions having sought for greater light, have entered the land of fadeless day to be forever with the Supreme Grand High Priest of the Universe.

"It is not death to die,
To leave this weary world,
And with the Brotherhood on high,
To be at home with God."

D. H. RUTTER,
ELY P. HUBBELL,
Committee.

Past Grand High Priest Hubbell presented his report on Correspondence which was received and ordered printed with the proceedings.

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

DISTRIBUTION

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

We, your Committee on Distribution, to whom was referred the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest and the report of the R. E. Grand Secretary, would respectfully recommend that such matters in the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest as refers to Necrology, be referred to the Committee on Memorials.

That by-laws approved and charters surrendered, be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

That rulings, decisions and dispensations be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

That that portion of the report of the R. E. Grand Secretary which refers to Returns, be referred to the Committee on Returns and Credentials.

That that portion referring to financial statements, be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

That the other matters referred to in the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest do not require reference to any committee.

Fraternally submitted,

E. L. WIRT,
D. B. PALMER,
JOS. R. KELLER,
Committee.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment to be reconvened at 10:00 o'clock A. M. Wednesday.

Tuesday, May 17th.

A motorcade was formed at 12:00 o'clock and proceeded to the Masonic Home at St. Petersburg where a bountiful lunch was served to all members and visitors, after which the motorcade proceeded to Tarpon Springs via the Gulf Coast where the Companions were given an opportunity to see the beautiful Inness paintings in the Church of the Good Shepherd. The motorcade then returned to Tampa via the Inland route.

At 6:30 P. M. a bountiful dinner was served all members, visitors and ladies in the dining room of Hillsborough Lodge, No. 25.

At 7:30 P. M. a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened and the Royal Arch Degree was exemplified by a team composed of the following Companions:

Ernest V. Reed, Tampa Chapter No. 3, High Priest.

Shields E. Clark, Tampa Chapter No. 3, King.

Victor M. Douglas, Monroe D. Cushing Chapter No. 54, Scribe.

W. Bennett, Tampa Chapter No. 3, Chaplain.

W. Paul Thomas, Tampa Chapter No. 3, Captain of Host.

Sam G. Richardson, Monroe D. Cushing Chapter No. 54, Principal Sojourner.

James Stuart, Monroe D. Cushing Chapter No. 54, Royal Arch Captain.

Wm. B. Stuart, Monroe D. Cushing Chapter No. 54, Master Third Veil.

James L. King, Tampa Chapter No. 3, Master Second Veil.

W. A. Crosby, Tampa Chapter No. 3, Master First Veil.

The following Companions were Exalted for Tampa Chapter No. 3:

Thomas Jackson Flipping
George J. Searjeant

The Chapter was closed in due form.

IN GRAND CHAPTER

Wednesday, May 18, 10 A. M.

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

The minutes of the previous session were read and adopted.

The M. E. General Grand High Priest thanked the Grand Chapter for courtesies received and extended greetings and best wishes from the General Grand Chapter in a very interesting and inspiring address.

Companion George T. Taylor, member of Grey Buchanan Chapter No. 502, Scotland, was introduced and received by the M. E. Grand High Priest.

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

RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

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

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

Jericho No. 11	\$247.00
Joppa No. 28	35.00
Jackson No. 32	135.00

Leesburg No. 34	128.00
Winter Haven No. 41	155.00
Poinciana No. 50	52.00
Total	\$752.00

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

The following Chapters have made correct returns, but owe dues as follows:

Eureka No. 7	\$139.00
Jericho No. 11	100.00
Inverness No. 14	1.00
Plant City No. 16	10.00
St. Augustine No. 17	5.00
Lake Butler No. 19	54.00
Thomas Brown No. 22	76.00
Joppa No. 28	318.00
St. Petersburg No. 31	97.00
Jackson No. 32	280.00
Poinciana No. 50	14.00

Thirty-nine of the fifty Chapters are represented at this Grand Convocation. The following Chapters are not represented:

Manatee River No. 18	Bay County No. 39
Lake Butler No. 19	Perry No. 44
Chipley No. 23	Okeechobee No. 46
Indian River No. 27	Duval No. 48
Arcadia No. 36	Nassau No. 49
New Smyrna No. 51	

We recommend that the \$5.00 fine of St. Augustine Chapter No. 17, be remitted and that the unpaid dues be referred to the Grand Secretary for collection.

That Halifax Chapter No. 5 be refunded \$4.00 which they have overpaid.

We recommend that the Representatives of all Chapters present be placed on the pay roll.

Chipley Chapter No. 23 and Okeechobee Chapter No. 46 have made no returns in three years; and Arcadia Chapter No. 36 has made no returns for two years. We recommend that the charters of these Chapters be arrested.

Fraternally submitted,

BERT L. BLAIR,
VINCENT BRICE,
H. D. GILMORE,
Committee.

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

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

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

We have examined the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary and find them correct with a balance on hand of \$9,169.35.

We have a report from the Educational Loan Fund Committee which is attached hereto showing receipts and disbursements of 1926 to the present date. Not having received the books and bank statements from this committee, we are unable to give them audit and report on same.

The balance of \$9,169.35 is distributed as follows:

Cash in Barnett Nat. Bank Savings Acct.	\$3,716.19
Cash in First Nat. Bank, Tampa, Checking Acct.	2,453.16
Grand Lodge Bonds	3,000.00
Total	\$9,169.35

From which we recommend the following appropriations:

Foreign Correspondence Committee	\$ 300.00
Grand Treasurer's Salary	200.00
Grand Secretary's Salary	1,500.00
Extra Clerical Help	240.00
Pay Roll Attached	2,377.95
Grand Lecturer	750.00
Expense of Dist. Dep. Gr. High Priests	200.00
To Host Chapters	200.00
For Memorial to Past Gr. High Priest Carter	200.00
For Memorial to Past Gr. High Priest Marcus Endel	200.00
	\$6,167.95
Balance on hand	3,001.40
	\$9,169.35

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, Grand Treasurer and for the expense of the Grand Chapter Officers, other than the District Deputy Grand High Priests, making official visitations and for the purchase of General Grand Chapter Rituals, and the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay the same.

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

Fraternally submitted,

H. O. SNOW,
R. J. KISHPAUGH,
RALPH GILLET,
Committee.

PAY-ROLL

Name	Mileage	Per Diem	Total
Alex B. Steuart, G. H. P.	\$	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
W. B. Greer, D. G. H. P.	40.00	10.00	50.00
R. P. Buckmaster, G. K.	9.20	10.00	19.20
Archie Aitchison, G. S.	5.40	10.00	15.40
Riley J. McMaster, Gr. Treas. ....	.....	15.00	15.00
Wilber P. Webster, G. Sec.	21.20	15.00	36.20
Dorsey H. Rutter, G. Chap. & G. Lec.	24.90	10.00	34.90
Geo. A. Dame, G. C. of H.	7.00	10.00	17.00
Cleveland R. Horne, G. P. S.	50.20	10.00	60.20
J. Lloyd Head, G. R. A. C.	21.20	10.00	31.20
John B. Phelps, G. M. Third Veil	25.80	10.00	35.80
J. C. Clark, G. M. Second Veil	58.00	10.00	68.00
Richard B. Lovett, G. M. First Veil ....	.....	10.00	10.00
Jos. P. Dorella, Gr. Guard ....	.....	10.00	10.00
E. E. Haskell, P. G. H. P.	18.40	15.00	33.40
J. R. Keller, P. G. H. P.	58.00	15.00	73.00
D. B. Palmer, P. G. H. P.	23.40	15.00	38.40
Ely P. Hubbell, P. G. H. P.	4.00	15.00	19.00
Cary B. Fish, P. G. H. P.	5.20	15.00	20.20
T. Picton Warlow, P. G. H. P.	9.20	15.00	24.20
H. O. Snow, P. G. H. P. ....	.....	15.00	15.00
R. J. Kishpaugh, P. G. H. P.	18.90	15.00	33.90
Erle L. Wirt, P. G. H. P.	7.50	15.00	22.50
E. L. Shear, P. G. H. P.	16.90	15.00	31.90
Frederic A. Riegel, D. D. G. H. P.	5.20	10.00	15.20
Frank O'Berry, D. D. G. H. P. ....	.....	10.00	10.00
C. A. Bangert, D. D. G. H. P.	11.30	10.00	21.30
Hamilton Baluss, D. D. G. H. P.	21.20	10.00	31.20
F. S. Hartsfield, D. D. G. H. P.	37.60	10.00	47.60
H. J. Dame, D. D. G. H. P.	24.60	10.00	34.60
Geo. J. Tolson, D. D. G. H. P.	3.10	10.00	13.10

Name	Mileage	Per Diem	Total
T. P. Robinson, D. D. G. H. P.	9.20	10.00	19.20
Lewis E. Berkebile, D. D. G. H. P.	16.90	10.00	26.90
W. S. Perry, D. D. G. H. P.	14.20	10.00	24.20
W. C. Winans, D. D. G. H. P.	40.00	10.00	50.00
Richard W. Ervin, Chapter No. 1	37.60	10.00	47.60
W. C. Mathews, Chapter No. 2	14.20	10.00	24.20
C. C. Parker, Chapter No. 3 ....	.....	10.00	10.00
Bradford C. Gleason, Chapter No. 4	13.20	10.00	23.20
H. S. Benson, Chapter No. 5	16.90	10.00	26.90
John R. Hall, Chapter No. 6	58.00	10.00	68.00
F. R. Thornton, Chapter No. 7	9.20	10.00	19.20
W. A. LeHeup, Chapter No. 8	3.80	10.00	13.80
L. H. Kalbfield, Chapter No. 9	18.40	10.00	28.40
J. L. Aldrich, Chapter No. 10	7.40	10.00	17.40
R. M. Adams, Chapter No. 11	25.80	10.00	35.80
J. E. Herring, Chapter No. 12	21.20	10.00	31.20
J. D. Robertson, Jr., Chapter No. 13	11.30	10.00	21.30
E. C. Moy, Chapter No. 14	7.00	10.00	17.00
A. L. Betts, Chapter No. 15	11.40	10.00	21.40
F. E. Cummins, Chapter No. 16	2.00	10.00	12.00
S. S. Masters, Chapter No. 17	24.90	10.00	34.90
W. B. Baker, Chapter No. 20	23.10	10.00	33.10
J. B. Putnam, Chapter No. 22	4.50	10.00	14.50
F. F. Ahrens, Chapter No. 24	18.90	10.00	28.90
W. B. Greer, Chapter No. 25	21.50	10.00	31.50
J. K. Hutchings, Chapter No. 26	23.40	10.00	33.40
E. E. Ranck, Chapter No. 27	18.40	10.00	28.40
R. W. Ankeny, Chapter No. 28	24.60	10.00	34.60
E. C. Dohl, Chapter No. 29	3.10	10.00	13.10
E. C. Mahaffy, Chapter No. 30	40.00	10.00	50.00
L. D. Buie, Chapter No. 31	5.40	10.00	15.40
G. A. Lambe, Chapter No. 32	44.50	10.00	54.50
W. D. Hoyt, Chapter No. 33	14.70	10.00	24.70
Wm. Dunston, Chapter No. 34	9.50	10.00	19.50
C. Constantine, Chapter No. 35	5.20	10.00	15.20
C. Roberts, Chapter No. 38	27.00	10.00	37.00
Jas. L. Clary, Chapter No. 40	52.90	10.00	62.90
A. D. Gonally, Chapter No. 41	6.10	10.00	16.10
L. G. Hill, Chapter No. 42	6.70	10.00	16.70
Wm. M. Christen, Chapter No. 43	22.40	10.00	32.40
W. C. Wooddell, Chapter No. 45	3.20	10.00	13.20
L. C. Stewart, Chapter No. 50	15.50	10.00	25.50
F. R. Hamlett, Chapter No. 54 ....	.....	10.00	10.00
W. E. Oxley, Chapter No. 55	4.80	10.00	14.80
Bert L. Blair, Com. on Returns and Cre.	9.20	15.00	24.20
Vincent Brice, Com. on Returns and Cre.	25.80	10.00	35.80
H. D. Gilmore, Com. on Returns and Cre.	16.90	15.00	31.90

Name	Mileage	Per Diem	Total
Frank O'Berry, Com. on Thanks .....	.....	10.00	10.00
Frank Thompson, Com. on Unfin. Bus.	3.10	10.00	13.10
W. A. Goodman, Com. on Unfin. Bus.	18.90	10.00	28.90
B. W. Helvenston, Com. on Prop. & Griev.	21.50	10.00	31.50
Chester DeRocher, Com. on Ritual	4.00	10.00	14.00
R. L. Gillett, Com. on Finance & Ac. ....	.....	15.00	15.00
	<u>\$1,384.80</u>	<u>\$920.00</u>	<u>\$2,304.80</u>
Expenses D. D. G. H. Priests—			
T. P. Robinson		\$14.00	
W. C. Winans		17.80	
Frederick Riegel		11.25	
John B. Phelps		15.00	
W. S. Perry		15.10	73.15
Grand Total			<u>\$2,377.95</u>

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

DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your Committee on Dispensations and By-laws, begs to report that nothing has been reported to them that requires their attention.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN R. HALL,
LOUIS KALBFELD,
GEORGE A. DAME,
Committee.

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

THANKS

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your Committee on Thanks wishes to acknowledge its sincere gratitude to those persons and organizations who have so graciously contributed to the success of this Grand Convocation.

1. To Hillsborough Lodge No. 25, F. & A. M., and to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Tampa, we are most grateful for the spacious and commodious quarters which they have furnished the

Grand Chapter during this Convocation. Nothing has been left undone by them to make our stay both pleasing and comfortable.

2. To the Motorcade Committee, Companions Frank P. Townsend, Wallace R. Springer and Richard B. Lovett, which arranged and executed one of the most interesting trips in the history of the Grand Chapter, and we also extend our thanks to those Companions who so graciously furnished the automobiles which made this pleasant journey possible.

3. To the officers of the Masonic Home for the hospitable manner in which we were received and entertained at the Home; to the ladies of Bethlehem Chapter O. E. S., for their pleasing service of luncheon at the Home and to the Selana Grotto Band for the beautiful music which was rendered during the luncheon.

4. To the Police Departments of Tampa and St. Petersburg for the efficient escorts furnished us on the motorcade, thus making possible our uninterrupted journey.

5. To the ladies of the Eastern Star Chapters of Tampa for their efficient and most pleasing service of supper in Hillsborough Lodge dining room.

6. To the "Bandettes," that marvelous organization of entertainers; we concur in all that Companion Dorsey H. Rutter said to and about them; and we are agreed that mere words are inadequate to express our gratitude to them for the most enjoyable entertainment ever given in the memory of Royal Arch Masons present.

7. To Tampa Chapter No. 3, R. A. M., and Monroe D. Cushing Chapter No. 54, R. A. M., for the proficient exemplification of the Royal Arch Degree; we are agreed that the work done by this composite team sets a standard of excellency of which the Grand Chapter can be justly proud.

8. To the local press, the Tampa Terrace Hotel, the Committee on Arrangements and to all those who contributed in any way to the success of this Grand Convocation we are highly appreciative and express our profound gratitude and assure them that every moment of our time has been so pleasantly occupied that it is with regret that we look forward to the time when we will say "Adios."

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK O'BERRY,
G. J. TOLSON,
J. E. HERRING,
Committee.

The Grand Lecturer made the following report which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF THE GRAND LECTURER

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

M. E. Grand High Priest and Companions:

I herein submit my second report as Grand Lecturer for your consideration. During this Capitular year, I have traveled the length and breadth of this Grand Jurisdiction, being in all sections of the State except in the Miami District. Careful observations have been made which shall be brought to your attention. The Grand Secretary's report will show a slight decrease but this need not alarm us.

During the period of prosperity, we seemed to lay stress on large membership in our Masonic bodies but in these recent years which try men's souls, we are realizing that the building of the spiritual house of man is infinitely more important than mere numbers.

Our Companions are being aroused and there is manifestly a greater interest actually being exerted now than has been for many years.

Men are turning back to the ancient landmarks and are beginning to realize the value of the true ideals which this significant Brotherhood has been promulgating throughout the ages.

I have met with the officers of many Chapters and together we have planned programs which have borne results. Twice I lectured in Palatka to large numbers of Masons. In St. Augustine our rally was a real success. A District Rally was held in Winter Haven, November 19th, which was most enthusiastic; seventy-eight men were present. A District Convention was conducted in Sarasota at which place three candidates received the degrees of the Chapter. The Companions seemed to be inspired and they expressed their determination to return to their several Chapters for more aggressive work. During the month of February, T. P. Robinson, District Deputy Grand High Priest, arranged for a District meeting in Orlando which was largely attended by Companions from many Chapters. The Tampa rally was held January 12th, and while the attendance was not large, due to many conflicting meetings, yet there was manifested the true Masonic spirit.

During the month of March, as profitable a rally as I have attended anywhere was conducted in Avon Park. A beautiful program had been prepared, eighty-three Masons were present who covenanted to practice more perfectly the precepts of our Royal Craft and work more ardently for its interests.

On March 18th, I lectured to about 175 Masons in Pensacola. Never have I seen a more enthusiastic group of determined men than I met there. I assure you, Companions, Masonry is much alive in that region of our state. Since being there, I have heard much which would cause one to believe that real results accrued from that rally.

On March 29th, 102 scholarly Masons assembled in Gainesville for a rally. I shall never forget the zeal of these Companions and Brethren. This is a District over which no Grand High Priest need worry. They are doing excellent work. I know worthwhile things were accomplished there.

On March 22nd, I lectured to the Hastings Lodge, endeavoring to show the real value of Masonry to our civilization and especially as it relates to Capitular work.

I have gone every place it was possible to arrange for these group meetings. My experience convinces me that the group gatherings are more productive of real results than could be had by meeting with single Chapters. In some instances men came a distance of seventy-five miles to attend.

As I see it, the task confronting our Chapters is not so much to enlarge our membership as it is to create and inspire greater interest in our Companions and to hold the ground already won. The work and the lessons taught in Capitular Masonry are comprehensive enough to absorb all the time and talent any man has to devote to it.

I take this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation to our M. E. Grand High Priest for his fine co-operation unstintingly given me. And without the work done by our District Deputy Grand High Priests, my work could not have been accomplished.

Fraternally submitted,

D. H. RUTTER,
Grand Lecturer.

The following communications were received:

Alex B. Stuart, Grand High Priest:

Please present fraternal regards to the Grand Chapter and my regret that pressing engagement prevents attendance upon the Grand Chapter.

Fraternally,

STAFFORD CALDWELL,
Past Grand High Priest.

Alex B. Stuart, Grand High Priest:

I greatly regret that it will be impossible for me to attend this Eighty-sixth Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Florida on account of pressing business matters that I cannot leave.

Please extend my sincere regards and fraternal greetings to the members of the Grand Chapter with the hope that you will enjoy a most successful Convocation.

Fraternally,

JOHN PASCO,
Past Grand High Priest.

Companion Webb presented a resolution in regard to suspensions for non-payments of dues which was received and referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

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, beg leave to report that after careful investigation, we find there is no unfinished business to bring before this Grand Body.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK H. THOMPSON,
HAMILTON BALUSS,
WM. A. GOODMAN,
Committee.

Upon motion the Grand Secretary was directed to send a wire to Past Grand High Priest Massey expressing the sympathy of the Grand Chapter at his illness and regrets at his inability to be present.

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:

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances is very pleased to be able to report that nothing has been presented to them requiring attention.

Peace and harmony prevails throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

B. W. HELVENSTON,
F. P. HAMLETT,
C. C. PARKER,
Committee.

Upon motion the M. E. Grand High Priest was requested to have such unwritten portions of his address as may be thought desirable, printed in pamphlet form for distribution to our Chapters in such manner as may be deemed best.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Companions F. H. Thompson, Ralph Gillett and John B. Phelps as Tellers and the Grand Chapter proceeded with the annual election of Officers with the following result:

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

Williams B. GreerM. E. Grand High Priest
R. P. BuckmasterR. E. Dep. Grand High Priest
Archie AitchisonR. E. Grand King
George A. DameR. E. Grand Scribe
Riley J. McMasterR. E. Grand Treasurer
Wilber P. WebsterR. E. Grand Secretary
Dorsey H. RutterR. E. Grand Chaplain

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

JURISPRUDENCE

To the M. E. Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Florida:

Companions:

Your Jurisprudence Committee have carefully considered the several matters referred to them and in reference thereto report as follows:

1. The Grand High Priest in his annual address has reported four dispensations granted, all of which being in accord with our laws and procedure, we recommend be approved;
2. The Grand High Priest has also reported one ruling made by him which decision we recommend be approved;

This committee for the first time in many years has been deprived of the presence and valuable aid of one of its most distinguished members in the passing of Past M. E. Grand High Priest Marcus Endel, who since about the year 1890 has been continuously present with us in our deliberations and as its chairman, we have sustained an irreparable loss; we sadly miss his genial companionship, his unwearied zeal for our welfare and which through the year has never lessened; Companion Endel was always present, his many virtues may well be emulated, for he was able and zealous, and his attachment to Capitular Masonry sincere, continuous and conspicuous.

In the matter referring to "Suspension for Non-payment of Dues," we recommend the adoption of the following regulation, viz.:

Regulation..... "It is recommended that the High Priest of each subordinate Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction immediately upon assuming the duties of his office, shall annually appoint a committee consisting of five (5) or more of the Companions of the Chapter of which the High Priest and Secretary shall form two of its constituent members:

"It shall be the duty of this committee to enquire into, consider and report to the Chapter its recommendations in reference to members of the Chapter, who under its by-laws are subject to suspension for non-payment of dues;

"It shall be the duty of the Chapter before determining and ordering the suspension of any of its members for non-payment of dues, first to consider the report of this committee in reference thereto and the minutes of the Chapter in each individual case shall show affirmatively that the report of this committee had been considered before passing the sentence of suspension for non-payment of dues."

Fraternally submitted,

E. E. HASKELL,
 JOS R. KELLER,
 T. PICTON WARLOW,
 DABNEY B. PALMER,
 H. O. SNOW,
 R. J. KISHPAUGH,
 ELY P. HUBBELL,
 ERLE L. WIRT,
 E. L. SHEAR,
 CARY B. FISH,
 R. J. McMASTER,
Committee.

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

GRAND OFFICERS APPOINTED

Cleveland R. Horne	E. .Grand Capt. of the Host
J. Lloyd Head	E. .Grand Prin. Sojourner
John B. Phelps	E. .Grand Royal Arch Capt.
J. C. Clark	E. .Grand Master 3rd Veil
Richard B. Lovett	E. .Grand Master 2nd Veil
Frank S. Hartsfield	E. .Grand Master 1st Veil
John W. Capper	E. .Grand Guard
Dorsey H. Rutter	E. .Grand Lecturer

Past Grand High Priest Hubbell assisted by Past Grand High Priest Snow as Grand Marshal installed all of the above named officers with the exception of the Grand Secretary and Grand Chaplain, they having been re-elected and the Grand Guard reappointed, their installation was not necessary at this time.

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

PRINTING

W. P. Webster
 J. Lloyd Head Stafford Caldwell

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE
 All Past Grand High Priests

EDUCATIONAL LOAN

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

MEMORIALS

Dorsey H. Rutter B. W. Helvenston
 Ely P. Hubbell

CORRESPONDENCE

Ely P. Hubbell E. L. Shear
 Cary B. Fish

INVESTMENT

E. L. Wirt J. R. Keller
 John L. Hall

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

Alex B. Steuart, Three Years
 Henry O. Snow, Two Years
 R. L. Gillett, One Year

WELFARE

J. Lloyd Head J. C. Clark
 John B. Phelps

EDUCATION

Hamilton Baluss
Dorsey H. Rutter

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

District No. 1

Adolph Jordahn, Palm Beach

Jericho No. 11 Lake Worth No. 24
 Keystone No. 20

District No. 2

H. J. Dame, Ft. Pierce

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

District No. 3

Frederic A. Riegel, Sarasota

Manatee River No. 18 Arcadia No. 36
Sarasota No. 35 Poinciana No. 50

District No. 4

S. E. Smithers, Winter Haven

Plant City No. 16 Lakeland No. 29
Thomas Brown No. 22 Winter Haven No. 41
 Highlands No. 42

District No. 5

Ernest Reed, Tampa

Tampa No. 3 St. Petersburg No. 31
Dade City No. 8 Clearwater No. 45
 M. D. Cushing No. 54

District No. 6

T. P. Robinson, Orlando, Box 397

Eureka No. 7 Monroe No. 15
Kissimmee No. 10 Eustis No. 33

District No. 7

C. A. Bangert, Ocala

Ocala No. 13 Leesburg No. 34
Inverness No. 14 Hill City No. 55

District No. 8

Lewis E. Berkebile, Daytona Beach, Box 12

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

District No. 9

Hamilton Baluss, Jacksonville, 3630 Main St.

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

District No. 10

W. S. Perry, Gainesville

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

District No. 11

Wm. L. Marshall, Tallahassee

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

District No. 12

J. Marvin Rowan, Quincy

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

District No. 13

John H. Dieckman, Pensacola

Mt. Horeb No. 6

Crestview No. 40

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

The M. E. Grand High Priest thanked the Grand Chapter for the honor conferred upon him and in a very earnest manner requested the co-operation of the Companions during the coming year.

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.

WILLIAM B. GREER,
Grand High Priest.

Attest:


Grand Secretary.

William Vernon Carter

Grand High Priest
1919



Born
Philadelphia, Penn.
Nov. 25, 1846

Died
Palatka, Fla.
Jan. 13, 1932

Marcus Endel

Grand High Priest
1888-1889

Grand Treasurer
1898 to Date



Born
Richmond, Va.
July 23, 1854

Died
Jacksonville, Fla.
March 28, 1932

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

Who have passed away during the year 1931
 These pages are fraternally dedicated

NAME	CHAPTER	No.	DATE OF DEATH
Robert L. Eaton	Florida	1	Mch. 18, 1931
George E. Eubanks	Florida	1	Nov. 28, 1931
Geo. H. Gwynn, Sr.	Florida	1	June 8, 1931
Ross K. Mullikin	Florida	1	Dec. 28, 1930
Roy T. Rhodes	Florida	1	Dec. 14, 1931
Carl L. Sheppard	Florida	1	Dec. 18, 1931
Thomas F. West, Sr.	Florida	1	Feb. 22, 1931
Alexander H. Williams	Florida	1	Jan. 30, 1931
H. W. Donnally	Gainesville	2	June, 1931
Edwin B. Hampton	Gainesville	2	Aug., 1931
Henry Leiman	Tampa	3	Dec. 5, 1931
Arthur C. Webb	Tampa	3	June 10, 1931
Robt. J. Bishop	St. Johns	4	Oct. 31, 1931
Roy L. Cook	St. Johns	4	May 10, 1931
Charles M. Bingham	Halifax	5	Nov. 30, 1931
John M. Dickinson	Halifax	5	Aug. 1, 1931
Joseph T. Fray	Halifax	5	Oct. 16, 1931
Richard Gibbons	Halifax	5	Mch. 23, 1931
Ed C. Nutt	Mt. Horeb	6	Dec. 31, 1930
Gustav Grund	Mt. Horeb	6	May 27, 1931
John J. Lee	Eureka	7	May 23, 1931
Edward G. Martin	Eureka	7	Sept. 6, 1931
Thomas J. Blich	Dade City	8	May 31, 1931
P. W. Corr	Dade City	8	Feb. 20, 1931
Carl Gordon Land	Putnam	9	June 7, 1931
Robt. G. Browning	Putnam	9	June 8, 1931
E. E. Livermore	Kissimmee	10	Jan. 3, 1931
Clay Johnson	Kissimmee	10	Oct. 23, 1931
George A. Treat	Kissimmee	10	Mch. 10, 1931
George Walton Ellis	Jericho	11	
Maurey E. Bishop	Jacksonville	12	Feb. 23, 1931
Gilbert H. Cantrell	Jacksonville	12	May 20, 1931
J. A. Dekle	Jacksonville	12	June 10, 1931
Charles W. Frazer	Jacksonville	12	Jan. 23, 1931
Daniel T. Gerow	Jacksonville	12	Dec. 26, 1931
James W. Ingram	Jacksonville	12	Aug. 29, 1931
David C. Means	Jacksonville	12	July 16, 1931
Edward H. Mote	Jacksonville	12	Jan. 19, 1931
George C. Pritchard	Jacksonville	12	Mch. 24, 1931
Leon S. Smith	Jacksonville	12	Sept. 9, 1931

NAME	CHAPTER	No.	DATE OF DEATH
William E. Sweney	Jacksonville	12	Feb. 10, 1931
R. E. Yonge	Ocala	13	Jan. 16, 1931
John D. Robertson	Ocala	13	Apr. 17, 1931
Wm. M. Mallory	Inverness	14	Dec. 4, 1931
Chas. L. Brooks	Inverness	14	Oct., 1931
Horace C. Reaves	Inverness	14	Dec., 1931
Charles F. Haskins	Monroe	15	Aug. 29, 1931
Frank H. Braymer	Manatee River	18	June 8, 1931
Wm. F. Howe	Manatee River	18	Mch. 16, 1931
M. Loadholtz	Lake Butler	19	Mch. 27, 1931
J. B. Crews	Lake Butler	19	1931
Charles S. Hill	Lake Butler	19	June 10, 1931
L. W. Kirklichter	Lake Butler	19	1931
William P. Brobeck	Keystone	20	1931
Wiley B. McLindon	Thomas Brown	22	May, 1931
Jno. J. Swearingen	Thomas Brown	22	Aug. 19, 1931
John Tonkin	Thomas Brown	22	Mch. 26, 1931
Ned G. Miner	Lake Worth	24	Dec. 15, 1931
Clarence E. Humphreys	Live Oak	25	May 29, 1931
Henry Crill Merryday	Live Oak	25	July 11, 1931
Charles R. O'Cain	Live Oak	25	May 18, 1931
Wm. H. McFarland	Indian River	27	Oct. 27, 1931
W. J. Murdock	Indian River	27	Feb. 27, 1931
George T. Beckman	Joppa	28	1929
Thomas W. Getzen	Lakeland	29	Sept. 25, 1931
W. E. Reid Robson	Lakeland	29	Mch. 6, 1931
J. Quitman Folinar	Gadsden	30	Aug. 8, 1931
Thos. L. Morris	Gadsden	30	Feb. 22, 1931
Robt. Allen McBrayer	Gadsden	30	Apr. 10, 1931
H. C. Case	St. Petersburg	31	Apr. 25, 1931
C. E. Nippert	St. Petersburg	31	Sept. 2, 1931
Bob C. Smalley	St. Petersburg	31	Jan. 9, 1931
Emerson M. Wood	St. Petersburg	31	Jan. 23, 1931
Sam J. Webb	St. Petersburg	31	Aug. 2, 1931
F. W. Savage	Eustis	33	Feb. 19, 1931
Charles B. Gamble	Leesburg	34	Feb. 17, 1931
Fred H. Meyer	Sarasota	35	Aug. 18, 1931
William E. Whiteside	Sarasota	35	June 28, 1931
George O. Adicks	Providence	38	Oct. 15, 1931
Maurice Bettis	Winter Haven	41	June 7, 1931
Walter W. Taylor	Winter Haven	41	Aug. 3, 1931
Calvin J. Runkle	Winter Haven	41	Oct. 20, 1931
Lisle L. Davis	Winter Haven	41	Nov. 28, 1931
F. Heacock	Highland	42	Feb. 14, 1929
J. A. Hendry	Perry	44	1927
B. W. Whitfield	Perry	44	Mch. 22, 1931
N. A. Hammon	Clearwater	45	Jan. 30, 1931
Harry C. Paeglow	Duval	48	June, 1931
Harmon C. Willis	Poinciana	50	Oct. 17, 1931
Anthony Bonavaries	New Smyrna	51	Feb. 13, 1931
Wm. Smith Gregory	M. D. Cushing	54	Sept. 10, 1931
William H. Ingham	M. D. Cushing	54	Jan. 25, 1931
John Allen Lovelace	M. D. Cushing	54	Oct. 13, 1931
John F. Vaughan	M. D. Cushing	54	Jan. 7, 1931

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1847	Thos. Douglas*	John P. DuVal*	Harry R. Taylor*	Geo. W. Macrae*	Edwin D. Nash*	John B. Taylor*	Edwin L. T. Blake*
1848	John P. DuVal*	Isaac H. Bronson*	Geo. W. Macrae*	D. S. Graham*	Thomas Brown*	John B. Taylor*	Edwin L. T. Blake*
1849	Isaac H. Bronson*	Harry R. Taylor*	D. S. Graham*	R. A. Shine*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	Charles E. Dyke*
1850	Harry R. Taylor*	D. S. Graham*	R. A. Shine*	Gad Humphreys*	David C. Wilson*	John B. Taylor*	Edwin L. T. Blake*
1851	Thomas Brown*	Gad Humphreys*	Alfred A. Fisher*	Benj. Sawyer*	David C. Wilson*	John B. Taylor*	Geo. M. McDonald*
1852	R. A. Shine*	Samuel B. Stephens*	Samuel Boardman*	D. G. McLean*	David C. Wilson*	John B. Taylor*	Charles E. Dyke*
1853	Sam'l Boardman*	J. M. W. Davidson*	C. A. M. Mitchell*	James S. Rust*	David C. Wilson*	John B. Taylor*	E. G. Asay
1854	J. Wayles Baker*	Thomas Y. Henry*	James Ellenwood*	John L. McKinnon*	David C. Wilson*	John B. Taylor*	Homer Hendee
1855	J. Wayles Baker*	Edward R. Ives*	Joseph S. May*	James Ellenwood*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	Homer Hendee
1856	Thomas Hayward*	Edward R. Ives*	John L. McKinnon*	David S. Walker*	R. A. Shine*	John B. Taylor*	Charles E. Dyke*
1857	Gad Humphreys*	James Ellenwood*	John L. McKinnon*	David S. Walker*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	J. R. Plummer
1858	Thomas Hayward*	James Ellenwood*	D. P. Holland*	Charles E. Dyke*	John S. Bond*	John B. Taylor*	John Penny*
1859	D. P. Holland*		Geo. F. Baltzell*	Calvin Davis*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	John Penny*
1860	Thomas Y. Henry*	Geo. F. Baltzell*	Geo. D. Fisher*	Josiah Payne*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	John Penny*
1861	Geo. F. Baltzell*	James Ellenwood*	Franklin Branch*	Charles Slager*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	Edwin L. T. Blake*
1862	Geo. F. Baltzell*	James Ellenwood*	Charles Slager*	D. C. Dawkins*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	John Penny*
1863	Geo. F. Baltzell*	James Ellenwood*	Green H. Hunter*	Wm. H. Arendell*	Thomas Hayward*	Hugh A. Corley*	Thomas A. Carruth*
1864	Geo. F. Baltzell*	James Ellenwood*	Thos. K. Leonard*	Wm. H. Arendell*	Thomas Hayward*	Hugh A. Corley*	Columbus Smith*
1865	David Jones*	D. C. Dawkins*	E. S. Fuller*	Elias Earle*	T. Preston Tatum*	Hugh A. Corley*	Columbus Smith*
1866	David Jones*	D. C. Dawkins*	Elias Earle*	A. J. Lea*	T. Preston Tatum*	Hugh A. Corley*	Columbus Smith*
1867	David Jones*	Wm. Morrill*	Charles Slager*	Chas. K. Sparhawk*	T. Preston Tatum*	Hugh A. Corley*	Samuel C. Craft
1868	James Ellenwood*	Wm. Morrill*	Charles Slager*	M. M. T. Hutchinson*	T. Preston Tatum*	Hugh A. Corley*	Wm. A. McLean*
1869	D. C. Dawkins*	M. M. T. Hutchinson*	H. H. Berry*	Michael Bowes*	T. Preston Tatum*	Edw. Bradford, Jr.*	Thomas A. Carruth*
1870	D. C. Dawkins*	Chas. Slager*	Charles Mundee*	Samuel Pasco*	T. Preston Tatum*	Edw. Bradford, Jr.*	Thomas A. Carruth*
1871	D. C. Dawkins*	James Ellenwood*	Wm. Morrill*	Theodore Ball*	T. Preston Tatum*	W. M. McIntosh*	Edwin L. T. Blake*
1872	Wm. Morrill*	Hugh A. Corley*	John S. Ley*	James L. Taylor*	T. Preston Tatum*	W. M. McIntosh*	Thomas A. Carruth*
1873	Michael Bowes*	Samuel Pasco*	John S. Ley*	Ben G. Alderman*	D. L. Oakley*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
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1875	Henry W. Long*	Edmund P. Jordan*	Wm. T. Weeks*	W. W. Tucker*	D. L. Oakley*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1876	John S. Driggs*	Charles J. Allred*	W. W. Tucker*	John T. Miller*	D. L. Oakley*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1877	John S. Driggs*	George R. Jones*	W. W. Tucker*	John T. Miller*	L. McConihe*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1878	Enos Wasgate*	Robert J. Perry*	G. E. Wentworth*	Geo. S. Hallmark*	L. McConihe*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1879	Robert J. Perry*	G. E. Wentworth*	Geo. S. Hallmark*	Hugh A. Corley*	L. McConihe*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1880	Robert J. Perry*	Geo. S. Hallmark*	Wm. E. Anderson*	Wm. A. McLean*	L. McConihe*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1881	W. A. McLean*	Wm. E. Anderson*	Warren F. Scott*	John G. Ellis*	L. McConihe*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1882	W. A. McLean*	Wm. E. Anderson*	Warren F. Scott*	G. S. Hallmark*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1883	Geo. S. Hallmark*	Wm. E. Anderson*	Warren F. Scott*	J. W. V. R. Plummer*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1884	Wm. E. Anderson*	Warren F. Scott*	J. W. V. R. Plummer*	Angus Paterson*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
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1886	Angus Paterson*	Marcus Endel*	F. S. Goodrich*	John G. Ellis*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
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1888	Marcus Endel*	Fred S. Goodrich*	Wm. M. McIntosh*	Chas. H. Munger*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
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1890	J. W. Boyd*	T. S. Wilmarth*	F. P. Mersereau*	Silas B. Wright*	Henry S. Ely*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
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1893	Silas B. Wright*	Wm. M. McIntosh*	J. H. Stevens*	Henry S. Ely*	Warren Tyler*	W. A. McLean*	Irving E. Webster*
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1895	John H. Stephens*	Wm. H. Jewell*	Warren Tyler*	Wilber P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster*	W. A. McLean*	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1896	Wm. H. Jewell*	Warren Tyler*	W. P. Webster*	Olin S. Wright*	Irving E. Webster*	W. A. McLean*	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1897	Warren Tyler*	W. P. Webster*	James Carnell*	E. E. Haskell*	Irving E. Webster*	W. A. McLean*	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1898	Wilber P. Webster*	James Carnell*	E. E. Haskell*	A. M. Cushman*	Marcus Endel*	T. G. Hutchinson*	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1899	James Carnell*	E. E. Haskell*	A. M. Cushman*	J. R. Wetherell*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Wm. M. McIntosh*
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1908	John H. Weddell*	Samuel Pasco*	T. Picton Warlow*	F. B. Stoneman*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster*
1909	Samuel Pasco*	T. Picton Warlow*	F. B. Stoneman*	Robert McClellan*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster*
1910	T. Picton Warlow*	F. B. Stoneman*	Robert McClellan*	H. N. Sweeting*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster*
1911	F. B. Stoneman*	Robert McClellan*	H. N. Sweeting*	John M. Caldwell*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster*
1912	Robert McClellan*	John M. Caldwell*	Will C. Andress*	Wm. R. O'Neal*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster*
1913	H. N. Sweeting*	John M. Caldwell*	Will C. Andress*	Wm. R. O'Neal*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster*
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1915	Will C. Andress*	Wm. R. O'Neal	D. B. Palmer		Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster	Irving E. Webster*
1916	Wm. R. O'Neal	D. B. Palmer		L. F. Blalock	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster	Irving E. Webster*
1917	D. B. Palmer		L. F. Blalock	W. V. Carter*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster	Irving E. Webster*
1918		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. P. Hubbell	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie.
1921	John L. Hall	R. J. Kishpaugh	E. P. Hubbell	Erle L. Wirt	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie.
1922	R. J. Kishpaugh	Ely P. Hubbell	Erle L. Wirt	T. T. Todd	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie.
1923	Ely P. Hubbell	Erle L. Wirt	T. T. Todd	E. L. Shear	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie.
1924	Erle L. Wirt	T. T. Todd	E. L. Shear	Cary B. Fish	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie.
1925	T. T. Todd	E. L. Shear	Cary B. Fish	R. J. McMaster	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie.
1926	E. L. Shear	Cary B. Fish	R. J. McMaster	Stafford Caldwell	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie.
1927	Cary B. Fish	R. J. McMaster	Stafford Caldwell	John Pasco	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie.
1928	R. J. McMaster	Stafford Caldwell	John Pasco	Alex. B. Steuart	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie.
1929	John Pasco	Stafford Caldwell	Alex. B. Steuart	Wm. B. Greer	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster	Dorsey H. Rutter
1930	Stafford Caldwell	Alex. B. Steuart	Wm. B. Greer	R. P. Buckmaster	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster	Dorsey H. Rutter
1931	Alex. B. Steuart	Wm. B. Greer	R. P. Buckmaster	Archie Aitchison	{ Marcus Endel* } { R. J. McMaster }	W. P. Webster	Dorsey H. Rutter

*Deceased

DIRECTORY OF CHAPTERS

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

STATISTICS

CHAPTERS	Number	Membership Last Year	Exalted	Reinstated	Affiliated	Total	Died	Dimitted	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended U. M. C.	Expelled	Rejected	Present Membership
Florida	1	183	1	0	1	185	8	3	23	0	0	0	161
Gainesville	21	145	0	0	0	145	2	4	16	0	0	1	123
Tampa	3	380	0	1	2	383	2	4	54	1	0	0	322
St. Johns	4	109	1	1	0	111	2	1	14	0	0	0	94
Hallfax	5	190	1	1	0	191	4	2	3	0	0	1	182
Mt. Horeb	6	170	6	3	0	179	2	1	7	0	0	0	169
Bureka	7	279	9	2	0	290	2	11	23	0	0	0	254
Dade City	8	56	1	0	1	57	2	0	3	0	0	0	52
Putnam	9	135	1	0	1	137	3	2	0	0	0	0	113
Kissimmee	10	87	4	1	0	92	1	5	0	0	0	0	87
Jenicho	11	324	13	5	12	354	1	6	33	0	0	0	318
Jacksonville	12	522	0	5	1	528	11	6	33	0	0	0	478
Ocala	13	167	0	1	4	172	2	0	13	0	0	0	157
Inverness	14	40	1	0	1	42	3	0	0	0	0	0	39
Monroe	15	137	3	26	1	167	1	0	15	0	0	0	151
Plant City	16	84	0	0	0	84	0	1	15	0	1	0	65
St. Augustine	17	121	0	0	0	121	0	3	10	0	0	0	104
Manatee River	18	139	1	0	0	141	4	2	0	0	0	0	126
Lake Butler	19	41	0	0	1	41	2	3	10	0	0	0	35
Keystone	20	133	3	2	0	138	1	1	0	0	0	0	137
Thomas Brown	22	190	0	1	1	192	3	0	26	0	0	0	163
*Chipley	23	65	5	4	1	66	1	4	29	0	0	0	65
Lake Worth	24	276	5	4	1	286	1	10	45	0	0	0	254
Live Oak	25	278	1	2	1	282	3	1	15	0	0	0	264
Jefferson	26	71	0	1	0	72	0	1	30	0	0	0	98
Indian River	27	130	0	2	0	132	2	2	0	0	0	0	127
Joppa	28	128	1	0	0	129	1	1	0	0	0	0	130
Lakeland	29	154	4	3	3	164	2	5	27	0	0	0	139
Gadsden	30	167	2	0	0	171	3	1	16	0	0	0	151
St. Petersburg	31	348	2	4	0	354	5	6	32	0	0	0	311
Jackson	32	139	3	3	1	146	0	1	6	0	0	0	139
Dustis	33	82	3	1	1	87	1	2	18	0	0	0	78
Leesburg	34	126	0	1	3	130	1	2	10	0	0	0	111
Sarasota	35	87	7	3	0	97	2	2	0	0	0	0	83
*Arcadia	36	62	2	0	0	65	1	0	0	0	0	0	64
Providence	38	63	2	0	0	65	1	0	0	0	0	0	64
*Bay County	39	83	2	0	0	83	1	0	0	0	0	0	82
Crestview	40	76	3	1	1	81	0	0	7	0	0	0	74
Winter Haven	41	150	3	1	2	156	4	0	24	0	0	0	129
Highland	42	79	3	1	2	85	1	0	5	0	0	0	79
Union	43	54	0	0	0	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	54
Perry	44	51	0	0	0	51	2	0	0	0	0	0	44
Clearwater	45	44	1	0	1	46	1	1	20	0	0	0	24
*Okeechobee	46	43	1	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	43
Duval	48	65	1	1	1	67	1	1	13	0	0	0	52
Nassau	49	70	0	0	0	70	0	2	9	0	0	0	59
Poinciana	50	65	2	1	0	68	1	1	9	0	0	0	57
New Smyrna	51	87	0	0	0	87	1	0	12	0	0	0	74
M. D. Cushing	54	103	3	0	2	108	4	4	7	0	0	0	95
Hill City	55	47	6	0	0	53	0	0	9	0	0	0	44
		6,825	98	77	44	7,044	94	92	645	1	1	2	6,211

*No Returns.

SUMMARY

Exalted	98
Reinstated	77
Affiliated	44
Died	94
Dimitted	92
Suspended for non-payment of dues	645
Suspended for unmasonic conduct	1
Expelled	1
Present membership	6211
Net Loss	614

Order of High Priesthood

ANNUAL CONVENTION

1932

The Annual Convention of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood of the State of Florida, was held in the City of Tampa on Wednesday, May 18, A. D. 1932, at 8:30 o'clock A. M., the following officers being present:

M. E. Ely P. Hubbell, 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. Dane, Steward
E. Dabney B. Palmer, Guard

Past Grand High Priests Fish and McMaster introduced M. E. Companion John William Neilson, General Grand High Priest, who extended greetings and best wishes from the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

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

Petitions for the Order were received from the following Companions:

William C. MathewsH. P. Gainesville Chapter No. 2
Colon C. ParkerH. P. Tampa Chapter No. 3
John R. HallH. P. Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 6
Frank R. ThorntonH. P. Eureka Chapter No. 7
Robert M. AdamsP. H. P. Jericho Chapter No. 11
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 George Albert LambeH. P. Jackson Chapter No. 32
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 Louis G. HillH. P. Highland Chapter No. 42
 William M. ChristenH. P. Union Chapter No. 43
 Frank R. HamlettH. 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		\$143.69	
To Fees		54.00	\$197.69
	Cr.		
By Paid Bibles			50.99
Balance on hand			<u>\$146.70</u>

Fraternally submitted,

W. P. WEBSTER,
 Secretary and Treasurer.

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 with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

ELY P. HUBBELL,
 President.

Attest:

W. P. WEBSTER,
 Secretary and Treasurer.

Members Consecrated

May 18, 1932

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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 ap-

point 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 de-

sirable 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)

PETITION 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 Rituals; and that the Grand Secretary shall obtain and furnish copies of the Ritual, for the price of one dollar each to such Companions as shall obtain the recommendation therefor from the High Priest of the Chapter to which they belong. (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)

SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES

Regulation It is recommended that the High Priest of each subordinate Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction immediately upon assuming the duties of his office, shall annually appoint a committee consisting of five (5) or more of the Companions of the Chapter of which the High Priest and Secretary shall form two of its constituent members:

It shall be the duty of this committee to inquire into, consider and report to the Chapter its recommendations in reference to members of the Chapter who under its by-laws are subject to suspension for non-payment of dues.

It shall be the duty of the Chapter before determining and ordering the suspension of any of its members for non-payment of dues, first to consider the report of this committee in reference thereto and the minutes of the Chapter in each individual case shall show affirmatively that the report of this committee has been considered before passing the sentence of suspension for non-payment of dues. (1932)

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.

APPENDIX--PART II

Report of Committee on Correspondence

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

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

Another Masonic year has come to a close, and the Reviews of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapters which have been received follow in alphabetical order, except possibly an arrival or so after it seemed advisable to begin the printing of this, and they, if such there be, will be found on the last pages of this report; and which will also include summaries of gains and losses and whatever else may be deemed of interest.

ALABAMA—1931

Chapters, 73. Members, 9,581. Exalted, 55. Net Loss, 1,829

JULIAN T. SPEARMAN, Grand High Priest

Particularly noticeable are the small number of exaltations in comparison with the net loss in membership reported at the One Hundred and Fifth Annual Convocation, held in Montgomery, Nov. 30, 1931, with no vacancies in Grand Officers, and many Past Grands, heads of other Masonic Bodies and Florida's Grand Representative, M. E. Comp. Robert T. Ward, were among those in attendance.

Tributes of respect were paid to the memory of M. E. Comp. George F. Moore, Grand High Priest in 1900 and in 1901, also for several years Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction.

The address of Grand High Priest Spearman was a concise account of the activities of the year, in which he regretted to report that "the condition of Capitular Masonry is not so satisfactory as it should be;" and he added, "I am unable to give any concrete reason for this distressing condition." In passing, it might be stated, neither are the scores of others who are still seeking a reason and a remedy.

The Grand High Priest issued an appeal for donations for the Masonic Home, and which presumably was well heeded. Comparatively few official visitations are reported. His two decisions were local in nature. His recommendations include that there be an annual audit of all accounts by a certified public accountant as well as the designation of an official depository for the funds.

Grand Chapter did not approve the publishing of the official audits of the accounts, but stated they were on file in the office of the Grand Secretary, and were open for inspection by any interested Royal Arch Mason. A committee was appointed to adjust financial matters with the other Grand Bodies.

Sometime during the year a change seems to have been made in the personnel of the Grand Secretary, but there is nothing in the Proceedings to indicate when the change was made or the reason for so doing.

Action on adopting the General Grand Chapter Ritual was postponed a year, and in the meantime it will be given intensive study by a special committee.

Eight Companions were admitted into the Order of High Priesthood in due and ample form. R. E. Comp. Guy T. Smith, Grand Secretary and Grand Recorder of all the Bodies, was elected President.

E. Comp. Wm. B. Clemmons, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented his review of other Grand Chapters, and which was filed with the Grand Secretary, but it was not printed. However, Comp. Clemmons was reappointed. So apparently a report may be expected another year.

Next Annual in Montgomery, Dec. 5, 1932.

Charles O. Rolfe, Huntsville, Grand High Priest; Guy T. Smith, Masonic Temple, Montgomery, Grand Secretary; Wm. B. Clemmons, Geneva, Correspondent.

ALBERTA—1931

Chapters, 30. Members, 2,813. Admitted, 96. Net Loss, 24

JOHN W. G. MORRISON, Grand First Principal

Favored sons from Manitoba and Saskatchewan as well as Florida's Representative were in attendance at the Seventeenth Annual Communication held in Calgary, March 18-19, 1931. Every Chapter was reported as being represented.

Generally encouraging was the address of First Grand Principal Morrison who during the year, by personal visitations and otherwise, established contact with each of the subordinate Chapters. The general theme of his "talks" on these occasions was that the public reputation of the Order will be measured "by the way we conduct ourselves as Royal Arch Masons." He stressed the appointment of a committee in each Chapter to assist the officers in interviewing the delinquent and neglectful members and thus inspire interest in Chapter

work generally. This he believed would largely eliminate suspensions for non-payment of dues, and which he found did not come about "because of inability to pay so much as from neglect or forgetfulness on the part of the Companions."

He strongly favored the establishment of a General Grand Chapter for Canada. Although Grand Chapter favored a close co-ordination among the Canadian Grand Chapters, yet it was "not convinced" that such an organization would bring about that result. He refused a dispensation to wear Chapter sashes at a social gathering. They would be very uncomfortable, to say the least, in sunny Florida. He recommended establishing an official headquarters in Calgary, or some other city, but on account of limited finances no action was taken.

One ruling was to the effect that while an Emergent Convocation can be called at any time, by sending out the necessary notices, to confer the Mark Master and Most Excellent Master degrees (there is no Past Master degree), but they could not be conferred after a regular convocation had been closed. This causes one to wonder why the query, when they can be conferred during the same Convocation, and are, by "suspending work" or "calling off" in the Royal Arch degree? Grand Chapter approved. But it did not approve a recommendation to establish a specific period for holding all Chapter elections and another for installations. Florida elects the first convocation in December and installs in both Lodge and Chapter, December 27th, which is the close of the Lodge and Capitular year, or as soon thereafter as practical.

A request to form a new Chapter was not granted. Much business, largely of a local nature, was considered. The committee reports were brief and were adopted as presented. Fraternal recognition was given to the amalgamated Grand Chapters in New South Wales.

Past Grand First Principal Samuel H. Middleton presented the "foreword" to the report of the Committee on Correspondence, in which his observations convinced him of a "concerted demand for leadership, and with a strong compelling driving force to place the individual Chapters in the category to which they belong," and which he stated "is tantamount to admitting that leadership in the past has been ineffective." Rather a

sweeping assertion, but perhaps justified, in his opinion. The reviews of the several Grand Chapters are by some one member of the committee, of which there are six. But Florida is missing; probably not received in time.

Next Annual in Edmonton, March 16-17, 1931.

James A. McGhee, Didsbury, Grand First Principal Z.; Clifford R. Wentzel, 809 9½ St., Calgary, Grand Scribe E.; Samuel H. Middleton, Chmn., Cardston, Correspondent.

ARIZONA—1931

Chapters, 12. Members, 1,400. Exalted, 73. Net Gain, 30

JAMES CLAFFEY, Grand High Priest

Good figuring or a peculiar coincidence resulted in even hundreds in membership, a result seldom observable, which was reported at the Forty-fourth Annual Convocation, held in the City of Globe, Feb. 10, 1931, with one Chapter and Florida's representative among the missing.

Death exacted excessive toll during the year in the passing of R. E. Charles W. Conway, Deputy Grand High Priest, which occurred only a few days before the opening of Grand Chapter; also M. E. Henry M. Woods, Grand High Priest in 1910; M. E. Harry H. Hughart, Grand High Priest in 1913, and M. E. David Benshimol, Grand High Priest in 1927.

Much of the activities of Grand High Priest Claffey consisted of visitations to each Chapter, and also to the Tacoma Triennial, requiring traveling about 6,500 miles. Fortunately he was not called upon to render any decisions, nor were there requests for dispensations of any kind. Few other activities are recorded, a somewhat remarkable year in this respect. The committee reports were the confirmations of the matters referred to them. This included the appointments and commissions of Grand Representatives by the Grand High Priest and referred to the Committee on Correspondence for approval. There is no review of other Grand Chapters.

At the previous Annual, on account of seeming lack of interest, the Companions of Jerome Chapter No. 11 desired to surrender their charter. But that did not appeal to the Grand High Priest, who suggested that instead they return and endeavor to revive interest, which they did. Ritualistic enthusiasm followed with substantial gains in membership, which Grand Chapter appreciated by passing a resolution of thanks and congratulations.

Owing to the conflict of meetings of other Grand Bodies, necessitating the absence of several important personages, the ceremonies of the Order of High Priesthood were postponed until the next annual Convocation.

Next Annual in Tucson, March 8, 1932.

George E. McMillan, Jerome, Grand High Priest; Harry A. Drachman, Box 229, Tucson, Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS—1931

Chapters, 89. Members, 7,384. Exalted, 282. Net Loss, 252

OSCAR E. WILLIAMS, Grand High Priest

Both the General Grand Chapter and the General Grand Council were represented by their respective heads as well as the other Masonic Bodies in the State at the Eighty-second Annual Grand Convocation, held in Little Rock, March 3, 1931. A noticeable omission was Florida's Grand Representative.

The address of M. E. Comp. John W. Neilson, General Grand High Priest, was as instructive as it was dignified. He quoted Past General Grand High Priest Wm. F. Kuhn, who so truthfully stated:

Royal Arch Masonry is not a higher degree but the last volume of the series in a sublime story revealed through symbolism—the climax of Ancient Craft Masonry. The Master's Degree without the Royal Arch is a story half told, a song half sung, and a promise unfulfilled.

In giving an account of his stewardship, Grand High Priest Williams modestly stated: "I do not claim I have done my best—few do—however, I believe I have made a move in the right direction." There is nothing to indicate that he failed to meet every requirement with wisdom, for approval was given to his administration. If anything was omitted neither Grand Chapter nor the membership appeared to have knowledge. Although facing a net loss in membership, as many other Grand Chapters do, he correctly stated that "Masonry is a progressive science and will never lose its appeal to those who are Masons at heart."

His visitations were necessarily limited by reason of serious illness in his family. His reported activities were not numerous. His decisions were limited to one, and that not of material importance. He gave an interesting and informative account of his visit to the Tacoma Triennial.

Grand Chapter approved a plan for the organization of the Order of High Priesthood, which undoubtedly will be formed another year, and Past Most Puissant General Grand Master Fay Hempstead has been requested to write a ritual for the Order. Congratulations.

An interesting feature of the Grand Chapter Proceedings is a biographical sketch of M. E. Comp. John C. Bone, who was appointed Grand Secretary, April 27, 1899, a remarkable record in Masonic service. This splendid tribute is from the sketch of his life which appeared in his home city paper:

"John C. Bone is a noble specimen of a large class of splendid men in Arkansas who have come to honorable manhood by economy, temperate habits and honest effort."

Add to the above tribute twenty-seven years of distinguished Masonic service and you will realize in some measure what John C. Bone has meant to Arkansas Masonry for over a quarter of a century.

It is a peculiar coincidence that M. E. Comp. Wilber P. Webster was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Florida, May 9-10, 1899.

Somewhat compact is the Correspondence Review of Past Grand High Priest Mark P. Olney, who uses no unnecessary words in expressing his trenchant conclusions. It ought to be read by every Arkansas Royal Arch Mason.

Having met Comp. Olney in his home surroundings, it was a disappointment not to have seen him at Tacoma. Here's hoping for different results at Washington, in 1933.

Next Annual in Little Rock, March 1, 1932.

J. Fred Parish, Newport, Grand High Priest; John C. Bone, Batesville, Grand Secretary; Mark P. Olney, Mena, Correspondent.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—1931

Chapters, 28. Members, 2,841. Exalted, 114. Net Loss, 6

ERNEST P. ALLEN, Grand Z.

During the year Mission Chapter No. 28, at Mission City, was consecrated at an Emergent Communication of Grand Chapter.

One member from the Grand Chapter of England and one from the Grand Chapter of Canada as well as Florida's Grand Representative were in attendance at the Thirteenth Annual Convocation, held in New Westminster, June 17, 1931. Appropriate tributes were paid to the memory of the late M. .E. . Charles F. Sherwin, Grand Z. in 1922.

The address of the Grand Z. was a business document, in which reports of official visitations were a large part. His one ruling was that a dimitted Mason from a Craft Lodge could retain his membership in the Chapter, and which was in conformity to a previous accepted ruling; though the Grand Z. added: "I do not agree with that myself." Grand Chapter again approved the ruling. This differs from Florida laws, and probably in most if not all U. S. A. Grand Chapters.

He also granted a dispensation to a Chapter to change the date of holding a regular convocation and for the election of officers. Referring to this action the committee reported and Grand Chapter approved: "We are of the opinion that it is not within the power of a Grand First Principal to give a dispensation for that purpose." It has always seemed to ye scribe not necessary, to say the least, to anticipate a failure

to meet, for usually such requests are not so *all important* that it is necessary to disregard law and authority.

This suggestion from the report of R. .E. .Comp. J. W. Prescott, Grand Scribe E., is worthy of serious consideration:

A fraternal organization based on the principles of *Freemasonry* should abolish the elimination of members by suspension. It wounds the feelings of Companions already sorely distressed and destroys their confidence in the principles of brotherly love and truth. Methods of arranging these financial matters more in consonance with the teachings of the Order can be developed and should receive the earnest consideration of every true Freemason.

So smoothly in this Grand Jurisdiction, apparently, do matters Capitular move that the committee reports are mere formalities and are approved as presented.

Of course there is no Order of High Priesthood.

Readable and constructive is the Report on Correspondence by R. .E. .Comp. J. W. Prescott, who is also the Grand Scribe E., and who found two features prominently mentioned in other Grand Chapter Proceedings: "Strong leadership and the necessity for correction of loss of members," and with this comment: "Neither of these problems will prove a serious obstacle to an organization with initiative."

Considerable attention is given to the 1930 Florida Proceedings by Comp. Prescott which draw out some comments which, possibly, would have been somewhat modified had Comp. Prescott more closely considered the report of the Jurisprudence Committee on the same, and which was approved by Grand Chapter. As a matter of fact only *one dispensation* was granted to "ballot on candidates and for the transaction of any other business which should regularly come before it," and this was under a somewhat debatable understanding of a then existing law, and which Grand Chapter corrected by an amended regulation. Neither did Grand Chapter fully approve a continuation of Chapters throughout the State competing for the opportunity to confer degrees before Grand Chapter. The above is for information, not a criticism.

Referring to the General Grand Convocation at Tacoma, Comp. Prescott also commented: "The Triennial Inter-

Visitation may entail the expenditure of a large amount of money—said to be over a quarter of a million dollars—but it is well worth the outlay in educational results.”

Next Annual in Vancouver, June 22, 1932.

Donald A. Stewart, North Vancouver, Grand Z.; John W. Prescott, Masonic Temple, Vancouver, Grand Scribe E. and Correspondent.

CALIFORNIA—1931

Chapters, 130. Members, 26,501. Exalted, 995. Net Loss, 255

SAMUEL A. CLARKE, Grand High Priest

Representatives of the General Grand Chapter, the General Grand Council, and the Grand Chapter of Nevada, besides many other highly honored Companions, attended the Seventy-ninth Annual Convocation, held in the City of San Francisco, April 21-22, 1931, as well as three survivors of the earthquake and fire of 1906, but Florida was not represented.

In the midst of life's duties the imperative summons came to R. E. John H. Sheridan, Grand Scribe; R. E. Arthur W. Willoughby, District Deputy Grand High Priest and Fraternal Correspondent; and M. E. Comp. Thomas O. Hydenfeldt, Grand High Priest in 1914.

During the year Grand High Priest Clarke put into effect many of his ideas for the advancement of Capitular Masonry, as they occurred to him, with the result that his address contained no specific recommendations requiring reference or action.

Many of his minor but necessary activities appear in an Addenda, and record nothing out of the ordinary. All received the approval of the Grand Chapter. He made personal visitations, accompanied by many of the other Grand Officers, to half of the Chapters, and the other Chapters, with the exception of two, were visited by other Grand Officers. This is a commendable record.

“We have no grievance committee, neither have we any grievances,” was the optimistic report of the Grand Lecturer. Several amendments, all of local nature, were adopted. Grand Chapter decided to make no appropriation for Capitular education. The observance of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the birth of George Washington was endorsed. A full-time Grand Lecturer, while desirable, owing to financial conditions, was not approved.

Seventy-four candidates were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood, and the former officers were re-elected.

A cordial welcome is extended to E. Comp. William T. Paullin, who efficiently has taken up the work of fraternal correspondence, succeeding E. Comp. Arthur A. Willoughby. Comp. Paullin's comments, though somewhat terse, are constructive and inspiring.

Approval seems to be given to the activities recorded under Florida. Like some others, Comp. Paullin seems to gauge a review by the number of pages it makes, regardless of the number of words to a page, which latter is really the determining factor.

Next Annual in the City of Long Beach, April 19-20, 1932.

Ray R. Woodward, Whittier, Grand High Priest; Thomas A. Davies, Masonic Temple, San Francisco, Grand Secretary; Wm. T. Paullin, 710 Oakland Bank Building, Oakland, Correspondent.

CANADA (In Ontario)—1931

Chapters, 158. Members, 25,904. Registrations, 884. Net Loss, 237

WALTER G. PRICE, Grand Z.

Favored sons from several Grand Chapters and also M. E. Comp. John W. Neilson, General Grand High Priest, were among the distinguished guests at the Seventy-third Annual Convocation, held in the City of Niagara Falls, Feb. 25-26, 1931; Florida being represented by R. E. Comp. Alex. Cowan, Grand J., also most of the warranted Chapters.

Cheering and encouraging was the address of the Grand Z., who seemed to have a sympathetic understanding of Grand Chapter conditions. His visitations, somewhat limited, but all that he could make, strongly impressed him with the "seriousness and dignity" which uniformly prevailed as well as the "absence of levity," all of which, he stressed, will materially tend to "make the convocations more inviting and attractive to the members."

Nothing that could be said here could add to the excellent literary qualities of his address, and mention will only be made of a few of his more practical suggestions. He attached much importance to an annual audit of every Chapter, giving particular attention to the prompt and regular payment of annual dues. Among his suggested economies was "to spend less money on entertainment" and thus "keep the treasuries in first class shape;" and with the added suggestion that "the more simple the collation the greater will be the good fellowship and enjoyment."

He attached much importance to Masonic education, and which should include the publication of an occasional bulletin. Grand Chapter considered this of so much importance that a committee will give it consideration and report a year later. His two rulings were local in nature. Two dispensations were granted to form new Chapters and for which warrants were issued. He recommended the observance of the Seventy-fifth anniversary of the formation of the Grand Chapter, which would occur in 1933. This was also referred to a committee to report another year.

Astounding irregularities were reported from one Chapter, and are thus summarized from the Proceedings, names and numbers being omitted:

It appears that a person applied for initiation into a Lodge. After a satisfactory investigation he was accepted and received his first degree on the 25th of February, and his second on the 1st of April following. He apparently had some intention of making application to have the third degree conferred within the time limit, but he was told that the application would not be granted, and in the ordinary course of events he would have received his third degree on the 6th of May. A notice was sent out by the Lodge Secretary instructing him to appear on the 6th of May for his third degree. In the meantime circumstances came

to light to the effect that the Lodge was instructed to withhold the degree which never was conferred.

On the 14th of April the candidate's application was balloted on in a Chapter and accepted. The M. M. M. degree was communicated to him in the ante-room, if not on the instructions, at least with the consent of the First Principal of the Chapter. That same evening the candidate received the M. E. M. degree in the Chapter along with some other candidates in the presence of the District Superintendent. He received his Royal Arch degree on the 18th of April, by courtesy, in another Chapter.

The candidate's application was dated the 24th of April, which was ten days after the application had been balloted on and six days after he had received his Royal Arch degree. There is a reference to the application in the minutes of the Chapter held on the 10th of March, two weeks after he received his first degree; and another reference to the application is in the report of the Executive Committee to the Chapter, held March 24th, and that it was presented at the regular meeting of the Chapter on April 14th.

It was brought out in the evidence before the Executive Committee on Grievances and Appeals that the candidate later applied for and received his degree in the Preceptory and also in the Shrine, the apparent object, stated the Proceedings, being to rush the candidate through as rapidly as possible so as to allow him to get his Shrine degree before the June meeting. After carefully reviewing the evidence the committee recommended, and Grand Chapter approved:

"That it be declared by Grand Chapter that the conferring of the Mark Master, Most Excellent and Royal Arch degrees upon the candidate in so far as they purport to admit him into Capitular Masonry, are and always have been null and void and of no effect, and that he did not thereby become, and is not, a member of said Chapter, and has never been entitled to any Grand Chapter right or privilege."

Having complied with all requirements, fraternal recognition was given to the recently amalgamated Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland. A constitutional Amendment prevailed to change the word "janitor" to "Sentinel," and later it was changed to read "Outer Guard." The reported disbursed benevolences for the year was given as \$5,355.00.

Naturally there is no Order of High Priesthood.

Without head or tail, but beginning with Alabama and concluding with Wyoming, M. E. Comp. William N. Ponton, P. G. Z., presented an entertaining and instructive review of the proceedings of other Grand Chapters, in which he quoted freely, but with rare discrimination; but there being no reference to Florida it lacks that much of being 100%

perfect. Of course the Florida Proceedings did not reach him in time. It is to be hoped it does not occur often, as the comments of Comp. Ponton are always worth while.

Next Annual in Hamilton, Feb. 24-25, 1932.

Walter G. Price, Port Credit, Grand Z.; Edmund Smith, 708 Temple Building, Toronto, Grand Scribe E.; W. N. Ponton, Belleville, Correspondent.

COLORADO—1931

Chapters, 51. Members, 7,612. Exalted, 121. Net Loss, 208

L. D. CRAIN, Grand High Priest

Truly "death is no respecter of persons," for during the year its blighting power was felt by five members of the Official and Permanent Family: R. E. Alderson A. Blakely, Grand Scribe; E. Frank J. Reinhard, Grand Sentinel; M. E. Wm. D. Peirce, Grand High Priest in 1897; M. E. H. Wadsworth Woodward, Grand High Priest in 1910; M. E. James R. Killian, Grand High Priest in 1916.

Two Chapters, quite remotely located, and Florida's Representative did not report at the Fifty-seventh Annual Convocation, held at Denver, nor are any distinguished inter-jurisdictional Craftsmen recorded.

Somewhat disheartening appears to be the address of Grand High Priest Crain, who reported that some of the Chapters "have had no work for several years," and also that there was a "great need of leadership." Continuing, he added:

Chapters will not progress by themselves. They require leaders among them who have enthusiasm enough to permeate the entire membership and instill into it an appreciation of the importance and beauty of Capitular Masonry. * * *

It is not a pleasant duty to inform the Grand Chapter that some of the officers of Chapters have indicated, by their action, that they either failed to be impressed with their responsibilities, or do not have the welfare of their Chapters at heart. They seem to fail to inform themselves of the duties prescribed by our laws. Some Secretaries are the greatest offenders as measured by negligence in discharge of duties.

The Grand High Priest disapproved a Chapter amendment providing for the fee for the degrees to be less than the minimum. No requests for decisions are recorded. About a third of the Chapters were officially visited. His other official duties do not appear to have been overly burdensome. The Amalgamated Grand Chapter of Queensland was given fraternal recognition. The minimum fees for the degrees were reduced from \$50.00 to \$35.00.

Early in the Capitular year M. E. Comp. H. Wadsworth Woodward, member of the Correspondence Committee and most of the time writer of the able reviews since 1922, received the final summons, and E. Comp. Edwin H. Snyder was appointed to the vacant station. And if ye scribe mistakes not, Comp. Snyder was a personal acquaintance of ye scribe nearly a third of a century ago. His work being good, true and square, it passed inspection at all stations and he will receive a cordial welcome into The Guild. His "Afterthought" is comprehensive and evidences the wisdom of his appointment. He seemed to find little in the Florida Proceedings to attract his attention.

Next Annual in Denver, Sept. 22, 1932.

Harry E. Hedlund, Pueblo, Grand High Priest; William W. Cooper, Masonic Temple, Denver, Grand Secretary; Edwin H. Snyder, Denver, Correspondent.

CONNECTICUT—1931

Chapters, 46. Members, 16,463. Exalted, 302. Net Loss, 179

ARTHUR F. LEWIS, Grand High Priest

Running true to form, a Special Communication of Grand Chapter was held May 11, 1931, which, after being opened in Ample Form, was called "from labor to refreshment," for the purpose of opening a Lodge of Mark Master Masons and the exemplification of that degree. Florida uses a little different wording, but probably a "distinction without a difference."

It would seem from the list of dignitaries in attendance that every Grand Chapter which could do so, sent favored sons to the One Hundred and Thirty-first Annual, held in Hartford, May 12, 1931. Every Chapter (omitting the superfluous (?) words, "subordinate" and "constituent," as some seem to think) was represented, Florida's Grand Representative being about the only noticeable omission. Then, too, there are also some who would eliminate "Grand Representatives." But there are, as well, "some" who appreciate that as an honor, so why deprive them of that which costs nothing?

Much attention is given to recording visitations, official and unofficial, by all the Grand Council Officers—not so difficult in a Grand Jurisdiction of comparatively small and compact domain; while Florida by rail from tip to tip is something like 800 miles, and its meandering shore line is nearly four times that distance.

The other official duties of Grand High Priest Lewis did not appear to have been overly onerous, but that did not prevent Grand Chapter from tendering him and his associates a resolution of thanks "for the efficient manner in which they have discharged the duties of their respective offices."

Among the few decisions of the Grand High Priest: "You cannot remove a man from the Chairs during the execution of the degree," a state of affairs which ye scribe does not recall having previously been raised. Nearly all the special dispensations were to anticipate the failure of a Chapter to meet according to the time specified in its by-laws. But as they were all approved they must conform to Connecticut law, and therefore must be correct, however much jurisconsults may differ.

Among the recommendations of the Grand High Priest was one to increase the per capita tax from forty cents to fifty cents, but which Grand Chapter did not approve. And this pertaining to life membership is worth seriously considering:

I have found one Chapter where the entire financial structure had been ruined by life membership rules. A life membership is not a fair method of procedure. The value of a dollar changes tremendously from decade to decade and in addition it is impossible to depend upon those who have paid a life membership for assistance in an emergency. In

the Chapter of which I speak nearly thirty-three per cent of the members are life members, having paid a total of \$15.00 each for dues in a few years.

An approved constitutional amendment changes the Committee on Appropriation, appointed at each annual, to a Standing Committee on Budget. This "innovation," if it may be so called, is gaining in favor in Masonic Bodies, and is worthy of encouragement.

These pertinent suggestions are taken from the Report of the Custodians:

The number of candidates in some of the Chapters during the year has been so small that some of the officers have seemed to think it hardly worth while to learn the parts assigned to them. And yet we can hardly expect prospective candidates or members to be wildly enthusiastic about joining or attending a lifeless organization.

We recommend that the High Priest open and close the Chapter instead of the Captain of the Host, as is now the practice in many Chapters.

We recommend that all signs and grips of the Capitular degrees be exemplified by qualified persons at each Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

We recommend that, so far as possible, elected and appointed officers of Chapters be formally installed by an officer of the Grand Chapter.

Grand Chapter did not approve the proposal to make the Order of High Priesthood compulsory. Twenty-five Companions were consecrated and set apart to this Holy Order. The officers appear to be advanced each year, which causes one to wonder if that is as desirable in an organization which performs its work but once a year?

While of much interest to every member of The Guild are the reports of the Correspondence Committees, yet this particularly applies to the "Review of Other Grand Bodies" by Past Grand High Priest George A. Kies. Conditions will not permit anything like a reproduction of his worthwhile comments, for that would mean substantially doubling the number of pages in this report, and also would be rank injustice to the other three score, more or less, gifted members of the Masonic Fourth Estate. But this in his introductory is well worth considering by any Masonic Body:

For nearly forty years, the Norwich, Connecticut, Masonic bodies have each had a Committee on Dues consisting of the presiding officer, a past ditto appointed by him, and the Secretary. They are empowered to remit dues in deserving cases, without reporting them. On the other hand, they are expected to report flagrant cases for action. We formerly served for years on some of these committees and can testify from personal knowledge that they saved numberless delinquents, discouraged and otherwise.

His courteous references to Florida, accompanied by approving quotations, are much appreciated, coming as they do from one who has now become of legal Masonic age (twenty-one years) and therefore is an actual citizen in the commonwealth of Masonry.

Next Annual in Hartford, May 10, 1931.

Clinton G. Nichols, Box 896, Hartford, Grand High Priest; Geo. A. Kies, Masonic Temple, Hartford, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

DELAWARE—1931

Chapters, 5. Members, 1,860. Exalted, 33. Net Loss, 27

WILLIAM O. WINGATE, Grand High Priest

Half a dozen Grand Chapters sent favored sons to the Sixty-third Annual Convocation, which was held in the City of Wilmington, Jan. 21, 1931. Several representatives from each Chapter, a whole bunch of Past, both Grand and ordinary, besides the heads of the other Masonic Bodies and Florida's Grand Representative, were present to complete the arch.

The Permanent Members who responded to the last roll call included M. E. Francis L. Carpenter, Grand High Priest in 1892, and M. E. Charles E. Willin, Grand High Priest in 1923.

Matters in this Grand Jurisdiction move along smoothly. Grand High Priest Wingate with the majority of his staff officially visited each Chapter, and some of whom accompanied him to other Grand Chapters. His observations were that "apathy and disinterestedness" were everywhere more or less

prevalent; "indifference" seems to prevail, which he divided into two classes, "passive indifference and indifference with a cause," and which he thus described:

The class of men who are passively indifferent are those who for some reason or for no reason at all are not interested. It is not a question of finance with them but through a lack of knowledge or inclination, they are not impressed. The class who are indifferent with cause are those who have lost faith.

His other activities were somewhat nominal and local, and were generally approved by Grand Chapter, the one exception being largely a choice of words. The committee reports were "accepted and ordered recorded."

The High Priests of each Chapter were "advanced to the Order of High Priesthood," by being severally anointed and set apart. The records of this Order last year were on the last few pages in the Proceedings and in some way were overlooked.

By the use of a small type face and being set "solid," Past Deputy Grand High Priest Thos. J. Day is enabled to condense a whole lot of Masonic wisdom in his excellent correspondence report into a comparatively small space. One sometimes wonders if this compressed style of typography may not tend to defeat the purpose intended—the enlightenment of the Companions.

Ye scribe greatly regrets that it was not so that he could have had a "chat" with Companion Day on the occasion of his annual winter pilgrimage to the land where the shoveling of snow and incidentally the paying of big fuel bills are unknown. He hopes it will not occur again.

Companions of The Guild unite in extending congratulations and best wishes to Comp. and Mrs. Thomas J. Day on having recently observed the Golden Anniversary of their wedding. That happiness and prosperity may continue with them for many years to come is the wish of all.

Next Annual in Wilmington, Jan. 20, 1932.

Harold W. T. Purnell, Georgetown, Grand High Priest;
John W. Macklem, Box 94, Wilmington, Grand Secretary;
Thos. J. Day, Wilmington, Correspondent.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—1931

Chapters, 16. Members, 6,041. Exalted, 251. Net Gain, 38

L. WHITING ESTES, Grand High Priest

For the first time in six years this Grand Chapter shows a net gain in membership, not large, but it is an indication that the Capitular pendulum is again swinging the right way. This was reported at the Sixty-fourth Annual Convocation held in the Capital City, Feb. 11, 1931. Very few Grand Chapters can show such a large attendance of Representatives and Past High Priests from every Chapter as was present on this occasion; the advantage of a small domain and mostly in one large city.

It is gratifying to note that Florida's Grand Representative, Past High Priest C. Fred Cook, is also Chairman of the Correspondence Committee and likewise of the Committee reviewing the Address of the Grand High Priest, and most important of all, he is Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia, of which there can be no higher Masonic station than to be Grand Master of a Grand Lodge. Congratulations from Florida.

Real energy and real efficiency as well as close and thoughtful attention to the needs of Capitular Masonry characterize the administration of Grand High Priest Estes. This is particularly brought out in his ten "Suggestions to Chapters," which might well engage the attention of every Grand High Priest, and with necessary changes would be equally applicable in any other Masonic Body. All that is here possible to present is an enumeration of the headings: Bulletins; High Priests' Association; Good Fellowship and Sociability; Chapter Visitations; Quiet; Schools of Instruction; Committee on Suspensions and N. P. D.; Petitions; Committees; Business Organization, with the elective and appointive Chapter officials assigned to specific duties as officers in the business organization of each Chapter. To this add the suggestions made in his review of the "Condition of the Fraternity."

Only one decision is reported; that a Brother suffering an amputation of his leg above the knee and having an artificial

limb which he uses without a crutch or cane, complies with the requirements. Other matters considered in the address were local, and all his acts met the approval of Grand Chapter. Altogether it was a statesman-like production, such as would naturally be expected from the Nation's capital.

Each Chapter received an official visitation from the Grand High Priest, accompanied by many of the other Grand Officers. In his "talks" he emphasized that the visitations were "a matter of business administration," and that the "social features were more or less an incident and an after thought."

Of course recognition was granted the amalgamated Grand Chapters of Queensland. All committee reports were "received and ordered spread on the minutes," and recommendations whenever needed were adopted.

At the Annual Convention of Anointed High Priests sixteen candidates were elected, as well as officers for the ensuing year, which was practically an advancement. Another Convention was held a month later for the conferring of the Holy Order and followed by a banquet.

The Guild will be pleased to welcome E. Comp. C. Fred Cook, as the able and satisfactory successor to Past Grand High Priest Wm. W. Jermane, and who presented a concise and excellent review of the Capitular World, which will entitle him to a seat at The Round Table. He found little in Florida to attract his attention, but with apparent approval.

Next Annual in Washington, Feb. 10, 1932.

Luther H. Waring, Grand High Priest; J. Claude Keiper, Grand Secretary; C. Fred Cooke, Correspondent; all Masonic Temple, Washington.

 ENGLAND (ROYAL ARCH)—1931

All Proceedings of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England, which are held quarterly, are in pamphlet form and not stitched, and are quite largely a record of the officials present, including something over a hundred Honorary Past Ranks, conferred at the May Quarterly, besides quite a number of promotions, and as there is a specific monetary value attached to each Certificate, varying according to rank, this in itself must be quite a revenue producer.

Warrants were granted to fifteen new Chapters at the February Quarterly, and to nine at the May Quarterly, which included one each in East Africa, one in South Africa, and one in New Zealand. This latter is somewhat regrettable, for that State is working so persistently for exclusive jurisdiction, but this, it appears, cannot take place as long as England and Scotland continue to charter new Lodges in that country. The Grand Lodges of both England and Scotland claim that the Master Mason degree is not completed until the Brother receives the Royal Arch degree, and (seemingly justly so) according to the Trestle Boards or Working Charts of those Grand Lodges. And there are more or less in our Grand Lodges who claim that receiving the Master's degree in a Master Mason Lodge makes them only a virtual Master Mason, and that they are not an actual Master Mason until they have regularly received the Royal Arch degree, according to the designs originally laid down on the Master's Trestle Board.

Charters were granted thirteen new Chapters in England, one in Shanghai, China, and one in Natal, South Africa.

A hearty welcome was extended to Companions The Lord Cornwallis, Sir Colville Smith and Sir George Boughey who had returned from an important mission from the Grand Lodge of England to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

M. E. Comp. Rt. Hon. Lord Amptill called attention to "a public-spirited and self-denying act" of the M. W. Grand Duke of Connaught, stating in part:

His Worshipful Highness has been obliged to spend the winter abroad for a good many years past, and, acting under medical advice, he has resided from October to May at his own beautiful home on the south coast of France. But this year his royal highness is taking the risk of spending the winter in England, in order to set an example to his fellow countrymen in the matter of public duty. As soon as the government had disclosed the critical state of our national finance and trade, and had indicated the measures which will be required to remedy that alarming situation, the Duke of Connaught resolved to stand by and do everything that was expected of the ordinary citizen.

One of the particular things recommended by the government was, as you will remember, that English people should not go abroad for health or pleasure but should stay at home and spend their money in England. Without hesitation our Grand Master determined to do this, in spite of the sunshine, the blue skies and the lovely scenery of the Riviera.

GEORGIA—1931

Chapters, 151. Members, 13,984. Exalted, 198. Net Loss, 1,454

CHARLES L. BASS, Grand High Priest

Visitors from Pennsylvania, Alabama and Georgia assisted in the formal opening of the One Hundred and Ninth Annual Communication, held in Macon, April 29, 1931, with Past Grand High Priest Wm. A. Sims for Florida as a balance wheel.

None of the Permanent members received the final summons during the year. The address of Grand High Priest Bass indicated what could be done with a handicap of sacrifice and physical discomforts.

His address teemed with admonitions which if observed and put into operation would have brought the Grand Chapter of Georgia into the forefront. Too often words of wisdom become as "sweetness wasted on the desert air."

None of the activities of the Grand High Priest appear to have been outside the normal and naturally to be expected. However, his was a sane and safe administration and received the plaudit of the "well done." His influence will live after him. A detailed account would only be a repetition of the previous efforts of predecessors; and the more closely they may be followed will be the future results. To particularize would not strengthen. Georgia has a future which needs careful consideration, he stated, and also close attention.

Hereafter Grand Council will convene on the afternoon of the first day, perhaps a good idea, but Florida prefers to complete the business of one Grand Body before opening another. In fact there is little such opportunity, for the Constitutions provide that the Grand Commandery be held in March, the Grand Lodge in April and the Grand Council in May, the Monday before Grand Chapter, which is the third Tuesday in May. In fact they each convene the third Tuesday of their respective months. It has worked well here and there appears to be no desire for a change.

Grand Chapter is doing "its bit" for the Home, of which it is justly proud. Apparently its beneficences for the year for all recorded sources is nearly \$3,000.

Approval was given to the re-establishment of the office of Grand Lecturer, which had been permitted more or less to lapse and \$500 was appropriated toward the continuance of the Educational Fund in the Home. Committee reports were adopted and there is nothing appearing to disturb the peace and harmony of Grand Chapter. So mote it be.

Activity was noticed in the Order of High Priesthood by the introducing and consecrating of over two dozen applicants, including the Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania and the Grand Master of the Grand Council of Alabama. Quite a gala event.

The correspondence report of E. Comp. Pleasant T. McCutcheon is largely a summary of statistical information. A little freer use of comment, not critical, might induce a more careful and thoughtful perusal by those for whom originally intended. However, he does his best under present limitations. To ye scribe it always seems that which is worth doing at all is worth doing well, otherwise not at all. And this surely applies to reviews of Grand Masonic Bodies.

Next Annual in Macon (?), April 27, 1932.

C. P. Taylor, Box 272, Atlanta, Grand High Priest;
Augustus G. Miller, Macon, Grand Secretary; Pleasant T. McCutcheon, Franklin, Correspondent.

(Note—It would materially aid the reviewers if somewhere in each Proceedings it were convenient to find definitely stated, some facts which are desired to be given—notably the number of active Chapters and the addresses of fraternal correspondents. This would take but little additional space and would materially add to the convenience of the reviewer.)

IDAHO—1931

Chapters, 23. Members, 2,469. Exalted, 67. Net Loss, 122

EDWARD R. CHRISMAN, Grand High Priest

Only one Chapter failed to be represented at the Twenty-third Annual Convocation, held in Sandpoint, May 19-20, 1931, and which is located in the extreme northwest corner of the State, which somewhat resembles Florida, only in reverse position. This is a commendable showing, considering

the mountainous surface of the State, and with the limited transportation facilities and lack of a good road system, as compared with level Florida, with its highest elevation above tidewater being something like 300 feet.

Montana and Washington sent highly favored sons, but Florida's representative, living almost diametrically across the state in the southeast corner, did not find it convenient to be present; neither did Idaho's Representative in Florida, for that matter, so honors (?) were about even.

Much deserved tribute was paid to the memory of E. Comp. Henry Heimburger, who had continuously and excellently served as Grand Lecturer since 1915.

More inspirational than constructive reads the address of Grand High Priest Chrisman, and little of a controversial nature is evidenced; there being no decisions nor questions recorded, and it was further stated, "no appeals or grievances come to notice." By reason of disbursements exceeding current incomes, the Grand High Priest "thought it best to deny himself the privilege and pleasure of greeting in person each Chapter," hence but few visitations were made.

Grand Chapter approved the inauguration of a Royal Arch Educational Bureau, which in a general way outlined the work, but apparently leaving details to the subordinate Chapters to formulate the specific work. An appropriation of \$300 was made to carry it on under the direction of the Grand Lecturer, Past Grand High Priest Alonzo Cone.

The minimum fee for the degrees was reduced from fifty dollars to forty dollars. The Roster of Members was omitted, and the number of printed Proceedings was reduced. Hereafter each Chapter can have nine rituals, but will pay for all over five. The retiring Grand High Priest was presented with a watch, instead of an apron; certainly more useful, even if less ostentatious.

There seems to be no reference to an Order of High Priesthood.

For the second time the report on correspondence was prepared and presented by E. Comp. Frank S. Burroughs, who is also Grand Principal Sojourner. In his "foreword," he intimated finding a growing "conviction" among some of the

higher officials, although disclaiming "no desire for horse-play," yet the inference is that the absence of the "kick" in the ritual may be the "cause of some of the loss of interest;" and Comp. Burroughs adds: "The writer confesses to a slight leaning toward this view."

When the several degrees of Royal Arch Masonry are presented as they are capable of being, according to the General Grand Chapter ritual, there will be, as ye scribe looks at it, and as he has seen it, little if any disposition to return to the more or less "crude" activities of the past, which at times demonstrated that "it was but a step from the sublime to the ridiculous." If Royal Arch Masonry is not deserving and worthy of the best, there is something wrong somewhere.

There is no review of Florida; probably the Proceedings were not received in time. This, of course, is regrettable.

Next Annual in Boise, May 17-18, 1932.

Charles W. Craney, St. Maries, Grand High Priest; Edward H. Way, Boise, Grand Secretary; Frank G. Burroughs, Boise, Correspondent.

ILLINOIS—1931

Chapters, 241. Members, 83,731. Raised, 1,100. Net Loss, 3,234

HARRY L. KELLY, Grand High Priest

Four other Grand Chapters, also the General Grand Chapter, and heads of other Illinois Grand Bodies, took part in the formal opening of the Eighty-second Annual Communication, in the City of Chicago, Oct. 29, 1931, for a two-day session, and with Florida's Grand Representative in addition to give requisite effectiveness. During the year the Death Angel called M. E. George F. Henthorne, Grand High Priest in 1905.

Grand High Priest Kelly in a comprehensive address gave a constructive and helpful account of his stewardship for the Capitular year, being devoid of unnecessary ornate flourishes.

He emphasized the value of schools of instruction and the necessity of an intelligent and impressive rendering of the ritual. So fully did the Code, he stated, answer all questions that no decisions were required, and nothing referring to discipline was brought to his attention. He advised that the Chapters unite with the Lodges in appropriate ceremonies in commemorating the Washington Bi-Centennial Observances. He reported that the Royal Arch Memorial Hospital which is connected with the Illinois Masonic Home has over 230 members, and he recommended a continuation of the annual appropriation of \$5,000.00.

The Grand High Priest recommended a ten per cent reduction on the 1932 dues to those Chapters which have paid their 1931 dues, but Grand Chapter, realizing the difficulty of establishing a general policy of equitable relief, advised that each case of distress be treated as an individual matter. He also approved Plural Membership, and Grand Chapter enacted such a law, but to apply only to Grand Chapters having similar provisions.

The great problem confronting the Fraternity today, stated the Grand High Priest, "is the task of conserving our membership, and trying to save that portion worth saving," and which can only be done, he continued, "by creating real interest in the fraternity, particularly the new members, and who will not maintain membership unless an interest is created in their own minds."

He also stressed that many Chapters are suffering from lack of efficient leadership, further adding: "Where we find Chapter officers who possess character, interest and ability, we find Chapters are prospering even under adverse general conditions." This cannot be too strongly emphasized.

Earlier in the year there was held a special Convention of the Order of High Priesthood, to accommodate seventeen candidates, in addition to the Annual at time of Grand Chapter with eighty-one candidates, all of whom were set apart after the Order of Melchizedek.

Few Grand Chapters are omitted in the admirable and comprehensive report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations, by Past Grand High Priest Everett R. Turnbull, in

which he emphasizes that the only remedy which appears feasible to check membership losses: "Is to have committees that are actively, eternally and persistently after delinquents and planning always to make the convocations interesting enough to compete with outside entertainments."

Comp. Turnbull found much in Florida worthy of favorable consideration. He quoted freely from the report of the Educational Committee, E. Comp. Hamilton Baluss, chairman, with this comment: "Contains something to think about." Referring to the query of Comp. Turnbull, Grand Chapter does have a law pertaining to the reinstatement of a suspended member, and it would seem that the query made of a Grand High Priest might not have been necessary had the High Priest more closely studied Grand Chapter Regulations. As one of our late Most Excellent Grand High Priests once stated: "It seems easier to write a letter of inquiry to the Grand High Priest than it is to look up the law." The courteous approval of Comp. Turnbull is much appreciated.

Next Annual in Chicago, Oct. 27-28, 1932.

J. Cyril Begg, 1811 College St., Mt. Vernon, Grand High Priest; Richard C. Davenport, Harrisburg, Grand Secretary; Everett R. Turnbull, Carlinville, Correspondent.

INDIANA—1931

Chapters, 116. Members, 31,088. Exalted, 897. Net Loss, 476

TROY L. PUCKETT, Grand High Priest

Apparently the membership pendulum is now swinging the other way, for the net loss in 1930 was only about half that of 1929, and was considered quite encouraging by Grand High Priest Puckett in his address at the Eighty-sixth Annual Convocation, held in South Bend, Oct. 21-22, 1931, with all stations properly filled, though the appointive officers are announced at the time of serving and "for that convocation only." This, however, was changed by amendments which now make these officials elective and also abolishes the office of Deputy Grand High Priest.

It would take much of the space allocated to a review to fully classify the Masonic dignitaries present on this occasion, for the General Grand Chapter, General Grand Council, Grand Chapters of Michigan, Ohio, Utah, the other Indiana Masonic Bodies and Florida's Grand representative as well were among the galaxy of notables in attendance.

Tributes of respect memorialized M. E. Thomas F. Spink, Grand High Priest in 1920, and R. W. Vestal W. Woodward, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council since 1909, and of the Grand Commandery since 1918.

Inspiring and constructive was the address of Grand High Priest Puckett who, in his review of the year's business, stated that his enjoyment in mingling with the Companions made it "the very happiest year of my life;" and whom the Grand Lecturer designated "a Grand High Priest who considered his office a sacred trust."

Among the multiplicity of details requiring his attention were the approving of many Chapter by-laws reducing the fees from \$30.00 to \$20.00, and which Grand Chapter has now established as the minimum. Two dispensations were granted "to journey" to another Lodge Hall within its jurisdiction, and two others to permit intervisitation between Chapters in Indiana and Illinois, but it will be necessary for Chapters to take their charters when going outside the Chapter's jurisdiction.

He ruled that it was lawful to hold a called communication to hear charges for non-payment of dues. An uncommon illegal action reported was electing petitioners something like a month before the dimit was granted, and which caused the arrest of the charters, and further an amendment prohibiting the transfer of membership by certificate before a dimit was granted.

Grand Chapter not being a "political organization," stated the Grand High Priest, it is unlawful to solicit votes for official stations. Also a Companion can hold only one ceremonial office in a Chapter.

Much importance was attached to an Interstate Convocation in which Indiana Companions conferred the Past Master

and the Most Excellent Master degrees, the latter in very elaborate form; while the Mark Master Mason degree was conferred by an Illinois Chapter, and the Royal Arch degree by a Missouri Chapter, and before many hundreds of interested Companions. Unless the General Grand Chapter ritual was used, and apparently it was not, ye scribe still wonders at the examination one of those candidates would pass in visiting a strange Chapter? However, Grand Secretary and Grand Reviewer Robert A. Woods have promised to make this clear. Here's hoping.

There are numerous other "high lights" and inspirational features in the Proceedings that ye scribe has greatly enjoyed and who regrets he cannot pass them on to his lesser informed Companions. Another illustration of where "the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak."

Grand Chapter approved employing a certified public accountant to audit the financial accounts, but disapproved a further donation to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. It also disapproved printing for distribution at Grand Chapter advance copies of the report of the Grand Reviewer. Many of the Companions attending Grand Chapter will read the reviews in that form who perhaps will neither read nor have a chance to read after being included in the printed Proceedings. It looks to ye scribe that if the report is worth the preparation and printing at all, it ought to be worth the extra nominal cost of being available at Grand Chapter.

To afford temporary financial relief the per capita tax was reduced from fifty cents to thirty cents "for the coming fiscal year only." The Grand Secretary was instructed to withhold the credentials of a Chapter representative until all Chapter rituals had been returned or payment made for same. A "Condensed History of the Grand Chapter of Indiana," compiled by Grand Secretary Robert A. Woods, appears in the Proceedings.

Hereafter it will be known as the "Grand Council of High Priesthood of the State of Indiana." Forty-six candidates were duly consecrated. Several distinguished visitors were in attendance.

Past Grand High Priest Robert A. Woods, who is also Grand Secretary as well as Grand Reviewer, presented a review which is the admiration as well as the pattern of we lesser lights. It is a Capitular classic of the year.

Little of importance in the Florida Proceedings escaped his notice, and no criticisms appear, which indicate approval. Thank you.

Next Annual Oct. 19-20, place to be announced later.

Allen Van Buskirk, 421 No. Park Ave., Bloomington, Grand High Priest; Robert A. Woods, Grand Secretary and Reviewer, Princeton.

IOWA—1931

Chapters, 120. Members, 20,551. Exalted, 559. Net Loss, 546

CHARLES H. HANEY, Grand High Priest

Named after a mighty Indian tribe of the long ago, Sioux City was the host to the Seventy-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, which was held in that city, Oct. 8-9, 1931. Four other Grand Chapters, the General Grand Chapter, the General Grand Council, and other Masonic Grand Bodies as well as Florida were represented. Fitting tribute was paid to the memory of M. E. Amos N. Alberson, Grand High Priest in 1894. He was also a Past Presiding Officer in each of the other York Rite Bodies.

Faithfulness and efficiency were prominent factors in the address of Grand High Priest Haney, who seems to have overlooked nothing he could do to advance Capitular Masonry. Special emphasis was given to the formation of Triple Tau Clubs; usually several Chapters meeting monthly and uniting in the holding of a banquet with the conferring of degrees, and concerning which he further stated:

The Triple Tau Clubs we have organized have proven a boon to many of the weaker Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction, and by continuing the organization of these Clubs we will get the Royal Arch Chapters out of their present low ebb.

Under the heading "Requests," he ruled: Examination in the Master's degree was a necessary prerequisite for petitioning for the Chapter degrees; that a Chapter could sponsor the Order of DeMolay, but it would not "be in good form to sponsor Boy Scouts;" although he had ruled that all elected officers should be installed, Grand Chapter decided that it was not necessary for those who were re-elected.

He reported that two Chapters had consolidated. He urged each subordinate Chapter to send its Secretary each year to the Secretaries' Guild; and he tritely added: "If you are so good that you do not need any one to show you, then you are the one we want at these meetings to show us, so in either event you should attend these meetings." Over \$2,000 was disbursed during the year by the Grand Chapter Relief Fund.

Grand Chapter did not approve making the members of committees members of Grand Chapters and entitled to vote. But it did provide for transfer of membership by certificate. The Committee on Chartered Chapters recommended reducing the dues of members after twenty years of continuous membership; but excepting the approving of the entire report no specific action seems to have been taken.

Only thirty-two Companions were set apart to High Priesthood after the Order of Melchizedek. President C. Huttenlocher and the other old officers were re-elected.

Past Grand High Priest Edward M. Willard again presented, "as a labor of love," his report on foreign correspondence, and coupled with it "a message of good cheer." His readings induced this query: "Are we accomplishing what we should in our labor in Capitular Masonry?" and to which he answered: "The true worship of God does not consist in words, as many think, but in deeds." He quoted freely and comments somewhat sparingly.

This is particularly noticeable under Florida, being largely reproductions from the address of Grand High Priest Stafford Caldwell and from the report of the Educational Committee. For his approval of this and other reports, thank you.

Next Annual, DesMoines, Oct. 13-14, 1932.

O. J. Kirketeg, Bedford, Grand High Priest; O. F. Graves, Harlan, Grand Secretary; E. M. Willard, Atlantic, Correspondent.

KANSAS—1931

Chapters, 96. Members, 19,381. Exalted, 334. Net Loss, 773

OTTO R. SOUDERS, Grand High Priest

Somewhat perfunctory, the Proceedings indicate, was the Sixty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas, which was held in Wichita, Feb. 16-17, 1931. It was signally honored by having as its most distinguished guest, M. E. John W. Neilson, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, as well as Past Grand in all other York Rite Bodies; another notable was R. P. Charles N. Fowler, General Grand Treasurer of the General Grand Council, while Florida's Grand Representative, E. Comp. Richard W. Evans, completed the trio.

During the year the roll was called the last time for M. E. Comp. Frank Davis, Grand High Priest in 1903, and who has also been highly honored in the other Bodies.

Practical and conducive to self-searching was the address of Grand High Priest Souders, who regretted the necessary expulsion from the ranks of Companions because of the violations of their duty to their government; continuing, he added:

There is a foolish sentiment abroad in the land that love of our fellow man requires us to ignore wrongs that are committed and to pity the wrongdoer. Justice is the main support of love and the man who violates his vows and duties does not secure true love when false ideas of mercy are extended him. We should not expect unwarmed mercy from a just God whom we have deliberately wronged and neither should we look for support and protection from a nation which we undermine.

Economy was stressed by Grand High Priest Souders, particularly in the office of Grand Lecturer, whom he stated he found impossible to reappoint, "for he had never been elected and installed a High Priest of any Chapter in this Jurisdiction." Although the Grand High Priest did find it desirable to send the Lecturer out on a general visitation tour.

The Grand High Priest made as many official visitations as he well could, but invitations from other Grand Chapters, "in line with the policy of saving expense, he declined them all," he stated. Although he regretted the large loss in mem-

1901, and E.:Comp. H. A. Swasey, Grand Master of the Third Vail. So sudden must have been their passings that the Grand High Priest was not informed until after the last solemn rites had been observed.

The address of Grand High Priest Milliken was a brief business document, indicating that little had come to his attention. His few personal official visitations are recorded, and dividing the Chapters into "zones" seemed to have largely covered the required official visitations. One Chapter was constituted, and a few necessary dispensations were granted, apparently none of them anticipated a violation of Chapter by-laws. Incidentally he stated a truth: "It appears that before Chapter Masonry will build in this State, the officers of their duties are when they accept the office to which they are elected." Would this were more general.

Meritorious work was reported by the Louisiana Relief Lodge, which has been in existence over a score of years, and the benefits that have come from it would undoubtedly fill volumes. As ye scribe understands it, there is nothing else quite its equivalent in this country.

Recognition was granted the newly united Grand Chapters of Queensland, as seems proper, and certain other matters which were referred to the Committee on Correspondence might be. All the acts of the Grand High Priest received were approved, and which causes one to wonder what they might be. Perhaps a little more animation to the okey of the Jurisconsults and matters Capitular appear to be moving along smoothly. This applies to no one Grand Chapter any more than it does to another. As ye scribe looks at it, Royal Arch Masonry is either worth while, or else it is not. We believe the former.

A fairly goodly number, less than a score, were accepted and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood. Many others do not know what they are missing, and perhaps never will. Regrettable.

A splendid review of other Grand Chapters is the work of E.:Comp. Herman J. Duncan, whose work closely resembles

The Proceedings state that E.:Comp. Wm. E. Jameson, "Grand Representative of the State of Florida near the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, was introduced and received with Grand Honors." The New York Grand Chapter honors all its Grand Representatives with the title of Right Excellent, and also a special memorial tribute is paid them at their deaths.

There was added to the list of Past Grand High Priests who passed the Vails for the last time the name of M.:E.: David W. Gray, who wore the purple in 1911-1912.

There is no report of an Order of High Priesthood, which evidently is a separate Order in Kentucky and is not recorded in the Grand Chapter Proceedings.

More than twice as many pages are given to "Returns of Subordinate Chapters" (roster of membership), than to the report of the Committee on "Doings of Other Grand Chapters," by Past Grand High Priest Wm. W. Clarke, and which raises the query, if the Returns is of that much value to Kentucky Royal Craftsmen.

Comp. Clarke quoted freely and commented sparingly, giving special consideration in Florida to portions of the reports of Grand High Priest Stafford Caldwell, also from the reports of the Educational Committee and the Correspondence Committee. Thank you.

Next Annual in Louisville, Oct. 18-19, 1932.
John L. Rees, Covington, Grand High Priest; G. Allison Holland, Lexington, Grand Secretary; Wm. W. Clarke, Owensboro, Correspondent.

LOUISIANA—1931

Chapters, 59. Members, 7,754. Exalted, 160. Net Loss, 531
FRANK M. MILLIKEN, Grand High Priest

Following an invocation, the Eighty-fourth Annual Convocation was "declared opened in due and ancient form." Florida was represented.
Among those who passed to the Great Beyond during the year were: James F. Pierson, Grand High Priest in 1900.

bles the work of an experienced newspaper writer who knows what is news and also how to express it. His reviews are as entertaining as they are instructive, and we older in service can well pattern. There is not a "dry" paragraph, and each has an appropriate heading, which gives one the feeling that he is reading his local paper. He made this truthful assertion, referring to the various forms of "Masonic Education" being now so commonly tried:

The only conclusion is that the one saving thing is "Leadership." It is evident this leadership must be developed from within our own ranks, and to the one who discovers how to develop leaders will credit be due for the solution of this problem of how to save our membership. The writer has some ideas on this subject, but this is probably not the place to express them.

It is possible, however, that Companions really interested might get something really worthwhile through personal correspondence. It would be worth trying.

While he approved the administration of Grand High Priest John Pasco, yet he opines some of his suggested plans "smack somewhat of the luncheon clubs." However, they suggested plans which were put into execution and which produced results. Companion Duncan is a welcome addition to The Guild.

Next Annual in New Orleans, Feb. 2-3, 1932.

Bradley Waelder, Monroe, Grand High Priest; John A. Davilla, 1801 Masonic Temple, New Orleans, Grand Secretary; Herman J. Duncan, Alexandria, Correspondent.

MAINE—1931

Chapters, 68 (?). Members, 17,057. Exalted, 295. Net Loss, 387

HENRY R. GILLIS, Deputy Grand High Priest, Presiding

By reason of an unavoidable business engagement, Grand High Priest Perley C. Dresser was absent from the One Hundred and Sixth Annual Convocation, which was held in Portland, May 5-6, 1931, and the presiding officer was the Deputy Grand High Priest. Grand Officers from half a dozen

adjacent Grand Chapters added to the importance of the occasion, Florida being also represented.

During the year the imperative summons came to M. E. Comp. George H. Bangs, Grand High Priest in 1923-24, and to R. E. Harold C. Smith, Grand Scribe in 1927. Rotation in office not being commonly followed, Past Honors are accorded the elective officers.

The address of Grand High Priest Dresser, a concise business document, was read by the Deputy Grand High Priest, the major portion being an account of official visitations, several being to other Grand Chapters. The Grand High Priest pertinently suggested: "Our Companions should remember that it is just as important to pay their dues as to receive the degrees."

His only recorded ruling was that honorary membership "should be voted only to Royal Arch Masons eminently useful to the Craft," and they should be "exempt only from annual dues and not from special assessments." He quite properly refused to grant a "hurry up" dispensation account the Shrine, believing that "candidates would receive much better conception of the degrees if taken in the regular course with proper time to understand the same."

The official visitations were so divided up among the other elective and appointive officers that apparently every Chapter was visited, and their reports indicate good work, true work, square work.

Grand Secretary Charles B. Davis has completed a personal record card index in both Grand Lodge and Grand Commandery and is now beginning similar work in Grand Chapter. This, apparently, has been done while otherwise "resting," and has required no additional office help. It is astonishing how much can be done "between times," when there is a "will to work," as did our ancient Brethren.

Efforts are being made, and with much apparent success, to induce each Chapter to prepare a history, and to keep it up to date. Why not include a Historian as a regular appointive Chapter officer? In the years to come these records would have a value beyond price.

An effort was made to adopt "Daylight Time," but Grand Lodge decided that "only Eastern Standard Time could be lawfully recognized," but it would permit Lodges to amend their by-laws, "that during the period of so-called Daylight Time, the stated meetings may, by vote of the Lodge, be opened at 6:30 o'clock," and by inference the other Bodies could do so likewise.

There being no Masonic Home, relief cases are cared for by the Trustees of the Charity Fund, \$1,300 being set aside for that purpose.

The Order of High Priesthood, in addition to anointing and setting apart thirty-one Companions, partakes also somewhat of the social order, for the expenditures indicate a goodly sum for entertainment. As this Body has several thousand dollars to its credit, one might wonder what may be the ultimate purpose. However, that is their own affair. But another year something special is to be prepared, and each attending will "be on his own."

An adjunct which appears to be accomplishing much is the Maine Masonic Secretaries' Association, which works out well because all Bodies meet the same week. Arrangements appear to be about completed to issue a Masonic publication for Maine. Its appearance will be watched for, and ye scribe hopes his name will be on the mailing list.

A really important part of the Maine Proceedings is the Report on Correspondence by Past Grand High Priest Thomas H. Bodge. By a somewhat strange coincidence, the first appointment of Comp. Bodge as Correspondent antedates that of ye scribe by something like a dozen days, hence we always look to him as our "elder brother."

Comp. Bodge seems to look askance at a Statewide attendance contest and the resultant conferring of degrees at Grand Chapter. As a matter of fact there was no "mess to untangle." It was Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, that was in charge throughout, and the visiting Companions were invited to confer the degrees. All the candidates had been previously regularly elected by their respective Chapters, and it was "courtesy work" on those not belonging to Jacksonville Chapter.

There seems to be other matters which Comp. Bodge is "at a loss to understand." However, it is quite probable that

a personal visit, and investigation, if convenient, would convince him that in all Florida Bodies there is a very close adherence to recognized Masonic jurisprudence, even though details sometimes may be lacking.

Next Annual in Portland, May 3-4, 1931.

Henry R. Gillis, Box 571, Portland, Grand High Priest; Charles B. Davis, Masonic Temple, Grand Secretary; Thomas H. Bodge, Augusta, Correspondent.

MANITOBA—1931

Chapters, 10. Members, 1,820. Admitted, 62. Net Loss, 8

WM. W. BENTLEY, Grand Z.

Grand Chapter, at its Eighth Annual Convocation, held in Winnipeg, Feb. 4, 1931, entertained as a distinguished guest, M. E. Comp. John W. Neilson, General Grand High Priest, and who was also the first representative of the General Grand Chapter to visit that Grand Jurisdiction. North Dakota and Minnesota also sent favored sons, but Florida was not in evidence.

Among the Companions who responded to the final summons was R. E. Comp. J. J. Jackson, who had been the Grand Treasurer since the Grand Chapter was formed.

The Grand Z., in his review of the activities of the year, called attention to the small percentage of Craft Masons who were Capitular Masons and believed that would be changed when the "beauties of Capitular Masonry were better known," and he might also have added, when the members realized the desirability of completing their Masonic education according to the plans laid down on their first Masonic trestle board.

His recorded acts, most of which do not particularly concern us outlanders, were fully approved. He recommended the creation of a special fund for some "particular branch of philanthropic work," which was approved but was not acted upon at this time.

Once again R. E. Comp. John Parton submitted the Report on Fraternal Correspondence which, though somewhat brief, touched many of the important activities. His consensus of opinion seemed to be that "in some places the bars were lowered to some extent during and immediately after the World War and that the reaction is now taking place."

For the information of Comp. Parton, labor is "dispensed with" when it is desirable to change from one degree to another, or from and to Grand Chapter. Then a designated Chapter is opened in full form, the labor in whatever degree is performed, and then closed again in full form. After which labor is again "resumed" in Grand Chapter, as though there had been no interruption. Each Grand Body has a similar law calling for the putting on of the degrees of that Body by the Committee on Work.

Next Annual in Winnipeg, Feb. 3, 1932.

Stanley H. Fahrni, Gladstone, Grand Z.; Geo. Syme, Masonic Temple, Winnipeg, Grand Scribe E.; John Parton, Winnipeg, Correspondent.

MARYLAND—1930

Chapters, 27. Members, 9,602. Exalted, 176. Net Loss, 238

ERNEST GREEN, Grand High Priest

Beginning at 4:30 o'clock p. m., the One Hundred and Thirty-third Annual Convocation, held in Baltimore, Dec. 9, 1930, was apparently a continuous session until it was closed the same evening. Must have some sort of a steam roller process, for Florida uses two days to advantage.

Maryland Masonry suffered a great loss in the passing of M. E. Comp. Warren S. Seipp, Grand High Priest in 1927. He was serving his tenth term as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, and was also General Grand Deputy Master of the General Grand Council, besides being prominently identified with other Masonic activities.

Another severe loss was the death of R. E. Comp. Robert M. Rother, which occurred three days previous to the Annual Convocation. He had been Grand Treasurer since 1907.

Carefully prepared was the address of Grand High Priest Ernest Green, which he stated brought to a close a Masonic career extending over a period of twenty-nine years, also that "the last year was perhaps the most pleasant." He was elected Grand Treasurer, which means perhaps another quarter of a century of continuous service.

One of the visitations of Grand High Priest Green was to Concordia Chapter No. 1, and he stated that it was a "source of regret" that he "was only able to recall two Companions who were present when he was exalted in that Chapter, March 4, 1902." Another interesting event was attending the breaking of the ground for the Temple of Chesapeake Consistory, at which time "the spade which was used in removing the first earth was also used at the laying of the First Stone of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, conducted by the Grand Lodge of Masons of Maryland, on July 4, 1828."

Looking to the establishment of a magnificent Masonic Home on a site known as Bonnie Blink, in which all the Masonic Bodies are participating, Grand Chapter has set aside \$40,000.00 to be used when needed for the construction of a unit, "as a Memorial to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland."

No decisions were required and but few dispensations were issued. All the acts of the Grand High Priest were approved. The various committee reports were accepted and appear in the Proceedings.

Largely attended was the Annual Council of M. E. High Priests, which was held immediately preceding Grand Chapter, and about a score of Companions were duly anointed and set apart.

E. Comp. Howard M. Emmons presented his second report on correspondence, which he designates as "reviewing Proceedings rather than reviewing Reviews," whatever that may mean. However, nothing of importance appears to have been overlooked. All subjects are clearly presented, and the

reviews deserve a more careful reading than they may receive. Florida was carefully considered. Ye scribe considers the time well spent in reading the report, and like Comp. Emmons, "we have enjoyed our job immensely."

Next Annual in Baltimore, Dec. 8, 1931.

Irving B. Jackson, Cambridge, Grand High Priest; Gustav A. Eitel, Masonic Temple, Grand Treasurer; Howard M. Emmons, cor. Charles and Chase Sts., Baltimore, Correspondent.

MASSACHUSETTS—1931

Chapters, 97. Members, 38,864. Exalted, 422. Net Gain, 248

JESSE E. AMES, Grand High Priest

Conforming to early customs, Massachusetts Grand Bodies still hold Quarterly Communications and Convocations, apparently largely for the purpose of transacting routine business and acting on committee reports presented at the previous Annuals. Under Florida practices they would have been disposed of at the times presented and before the Companions would have forgotten or lost the connections. It would be interesting to know the actual value of Quarterly Convocations.

Florida was represented at the March Quarterly only. Emphasis was given at the September Quarterly that the Past Master degree as there conferred is not recognizable in Symbolic Lodges. Also the words, "inferior degrees," pertaining to Symbolic Masonry, was changed to read "preceding degrees;" and reference to the "Constitution of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of the United States of America" was eliminated from the obligations. The Paul Revere medal, highly prized, was presented to Grand High Priest Jesse R. Ames.

The daylight sessions of the Annual Convocation, December 8th, were given to the exemplifications of the Capitular degrees, and the time in hours and minutes of each degree

are noted. At the evening session the distinguished guests from several of the adjacent Grand Chapters, as well as other Grand Bodies, were welcomed.

Conforming to constitutional requirements at this time, Grand High Priest Ames presented a record of his official acts, in which he emphasized the spirit of Masonry and the putting into practice the principles for which it stands.

He was gratified over the increasing attendance and interest manifested in District Exemplifications. Nearly a half of the subordinate Chapters were officially visited. He stressed the benefits accruing from the work of the Welfare Committee. One of the rulings was that after five years of suspension a Companion forfeited all rights to previous membership.

Thirty-eight petitioners were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood, and the deaths of twenty-three Companions during the year were reported.

Somewhat concise is the Capitular Review by R. E. Raymond T. Sewall who referred to the salient features in each Proceedings, Florida being included. He noted that Grand High Priest Stafford Caldwell had somewhat curtailed his visitations in order that more importance could be given to the activities of the Grand Lecturer and the District Deputies.

All Convocations are held in Masonic Temple, Boston.

Jesse G. Ames, 403 Masonic Temple, Grand High Priest;
Raymond T. Sewall, 209 Masonic Temple, Grand Secretary
and Correspondent; both of Boston.

MICHIGAN—1931

Chapters 166. Members, 44,629. Exalted, 835. Net Loss, 1,532

WARNER K. McSWEEN, Grand High Priest

"Distinguished Guests," from without as well as within, were an important feature of the Eighty-third Annual Convocation held in Saginaw, May 20-21, 1931. The "Guests" included General Grand Principal Sojourner William E. Goff as the personal representative of General Grand High Priest

winter was so limited that he failed to visit the West Coast and the home city of ye scribe. Trust it does not occur again.

Next Annual in Lansing, May 18-19, 1932.

Francis M. Lambie, Midland, Grand High Priest; Chas. A. Conover, Coldwater, Grand Secretary; Harry L. Izor, Durand, Correspondent.

MINNESOTA—1931

Chapters, 87. Members, 16,464. Exalted, 493. Net Loss, 289

A. ARTHUR JENSEN, Grand High Priest

Nearly a quarter of the Chapters failed to respond to roll call at the Seventieth Annual Convocation held in the City of St. Paul, Oct. 13, 1931. However, Grand Officers were present from Manitoba and Utah, besides from other Grand Bodies within the State, and Florida's Representative to preserve the balance. Tribute was paid to the memory of M. E. Comp. William P. Roberts, Grand High Priest in 1918.

Closer contact among the membership, with a desire to seek out and put to practical use the best that is in them, appears to have been the dominating purpose of the administration of Grand High Priest Jensen.

He refused to set aside a law, claiming that the Grand High Priest "has no authority to legalize any action contrary to Grand or Subordinate Chapter law." He emphasized that the chief assets of a Chapter are: first, a High Priest endued with "real leadership;" and second, an "alert and competent Secretary." These are of vastly greater importance than "being in line."

He believed that the interests of Capitular Masonry would be better served by concurrent territorial jurisdiction within the State, and he recommended the appointment of a committee to present its findings a year hence. He strongly urged the appointment of a committee in every Chapter to assist in

"detering Companions from withdrawing their membership for any cause, financial or otherwise."

So smoothly do matters Capitular seem to move along in this Zenith State that the committee reports are largely formalities, and the acts of the Grand High Priest were fully approved.

Once again E. Comp. Charles S. Schurman presented a well and thoughtfully written report on Foreign Correspondence. He emphasized this thought in his "foreword."

Because we ride in automobiles and airplanes, and listen to radio programs from all over the world, makes no difference in the principles of honor and honesty. The changed conditions do not change the laws governing virtue. Changed conditions do not interfere with our acting on the square and loving our Brother. Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth are not changed by the hectic times in which we live. Love radiates the heart just as it did thousands of years ago, and changes of times do not affect it at all. Changes will occur in the things that can be changed, and we cannot resist or impede that. It is the law of progress.

Masonry is all right. If we live it, there need be no other worries. Where it falls down in these days is because so many are false to their professions, and misrepresent them in their lives. If only a tenth of the Masons were only Masons in their every day activities the institution, in spite of the depressed times, would flourish like a green bay tree.

It is the individual Mason that holds the fate of the institution in his hands. But if he fails it will sprout again, and flourish, because it is an essential part of the moral and spiritual life of the world upon which all rectitude of character is founded, and rectitude of character needs nothing to improve it to make it fit into our lives.

Generous treatment was given to Florida. Comp. Schurman quoted freely and with approval from the report of the Grand Lecturer. He also gave in full the report of the Educational Committee, with the comment, "in the belief that it may be good seed sown in fertile ground." Referring to the large attendance of Florida Past Grand High Priests at the Tacoma Triennial, he continued, "the frank incentive of which seems to have been to get some Florida Companion in line." And he further added:

At least this seems to have been the burden of the report, and the regret expressed that the campaign had not been successful was sincere. Some solace seems to have been gained from the fact that my friend,

Comp. Ely P. Hubbell, was made chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Relations—an excellent appointment—and that Comp. Cary B. Fish was made president of the Trustees of the Permanent Fund of the General Grand Chapter, quite a fine recognition of Florida, and perhaps quite as much good to the institution as if they had “landed their man.”

Thank you.

Next Annual in St. Paul, Oct. 11, 1932.

A. E. Cantelon, Warroad, Grand High Priest; John Fishel, St. Paul, Grand Secretary; Chas. S. Schurman, St. Paul, Correspondent.

MISSISSIPPI—1931

Chapters, 63. Members, 6,683. Exalted, 188. Net Loss, 473

I. J. SCHARFF, Grand High Priest

Much interest was added to the Eighty-third Annual Convocation, held in the City of Oxford, March 17-18, 1931, by the somewhat unexpected attendance of M. E. Comp. John W. Neilson, General Grand High Priest, he having previously advised that probably he would not be able to accept at this time the invitation extended him. Another welcome guest was Past Grand High Priest C. Fred Bunbury, of Tennessee. For some reason Florida was not represented.

Many matters were carefully considered in the well prepared record of the year's work by Grand High Priest Scharff, who seemed to have constantly in mind the best interests of the Royal Craft. Although not burdensome in detail were his official visitations, yet he stated that “rarely a week passed that he was not in a Lodge or Chapter room from one to three times. These visitations are my greatest delight and pastime.”

He attached much importance to the reunions conducted by the Grand Lecturer, and the exchange of degree work on these occasions, he stated, “seemed to arouse greater interest and promote good fellowship.”

However, in the judgment of the Grand High Priest, “the brightest jewels in the diadem of Masonry” are the Meridian

Home for Girls, whose occupants number nearly a hundred. Also the Columbus Home for Boys, numbering over seventy, where, he stated, “much of the food for the Homes is raised on the farm of nearly 350 acres, the labor being performed by the boys.” Also, he further added, “the work of the De-Molay for Boys and the Rainbow for Girls has a strong appeal to my mind.”

He was pleased to note that Mississippi “had over subscribed her quota” towards the George Washington National Masonic Memorial. Although over \$6,000 of the Grand Chapter funds were tied up in a bank suspension, yet the final settlement indicated that the net loss was only \$119.65.

Nearly a score of Companions were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood, and retiring Grand High Priest Scharff was elected President.

For the sixth time Past Grand High Priest Henry C. Yawn presented the Annual Capitular Review. Ye scribe fully agrees with Companion Yawn: “While each review entails labor and time, yet it yields a harvest of rich fruitage and delightful experience that largely compensates for the effort.”

Little of interest appears to have been found in the Florida Proceedings. However, Companion Yawn made this comment: “The Grand High Priest records one visitation during the year—not much mingling with the Companions, this.” Which, however, is somewhat misleading, for Grand High Priest Pasco made many visitations, unofficial, just “dropped in,” and which he did not deem it necessary to report.

Next Annual in Biloxi, March 22-23, 1932.

Alfred H. Jones, McComb City, Grand High Priest; Edward L. Faucette, Meridian, Grand Secretary; Henry C. Yawn, Lumberton, Correspondent.

MISSOURI—1931

Chapters, 110. Members, 30,207. Exalted, 652. Net Loss, 2,010

FRED O. WOOD, Grand High Priest

It was a distinguished galaxy of Masonic dignitaries which graced the Eighty-first Annual Convocation, held in Booneville, April 28-29, 1931. This aggregation was headed by M. E. Comp. John W. Neilson, General Grand High Priest, with notables from numerous Grand Bodies, including Florida's Grand Representative. The address of M. E. Comp. Neilson was a masterpiece, and it is regrettable that this, with the other addresses made during the Convocation, will not become more available to the Craft at large.

Many constructive suggestions and worthwhile admonitions were brought out in the address of Grand High Priest Wood. Noting that the exaltations (652) had been comparatively few, while the suspensions (2,039) continue to be large, he quite properly emphasized:

Where does the fault lie? Where can it lie, except with ourselves? Are we making a serious, practical effort to relieve this condition in our various Chapters? Or, are we sliding along with the popular excuse that these are times of depression, and let it go at that?

The responsibility is largely an individual one, but it particularly applies to those who are called upon to lead. No Companion should accept the office of High Priest, and the honor of leadership, unless he firmly resolves, in some way, to better his Chapter during his term of office. No Chapter *happens* to be successful. It requires careful planning and ability, as well as willingness, to lead.

His minor, but none the less important, acts conformed to Missouri Masonic laws and were approved. Replying to the query, is there such a process known in Grand Chapter law as "automatic suspensions," Grand High Priest Wood ruled:

There is no such thing in Chapter law as "automatic suspension." No Royal Arch Mason may be deprived of his rights of membership by the arbitrary action of a Secretary, or other member of the Chapter, without an opportunity being given to be heard in his own behalf.

This procedure, being not quite clear, it will be clarified by a proposed amendment which will come up for final action a year hence.

Referring to some of the recommendations of the Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter went on record as favoring a policy requiring annual audits of the accounts of subordinate Chapters; that it is not necessary to procure a dispensation to hold a special election for officers, where no election of officers has been held; that Chapter dues can only be remitted for "*pecuniary inability to pay*," that no Chapter or other Masonic body, for its own good, should be placed at "the mercy of Building Associations."

A somewhat peculiar complaint of invasion of jurisdiction came from the Grand Chapter of New York, growing out of Chapter Secretaries conducting correspondence which should have been through the Grand Chapters, and which resulted in a St. Louis Chapter conferring by courtesy the first three Chapter degrees illegally upon one who had been elected in a New York Chapter, but which then refused to have any further connection with the matter and returned the fee. This seems to have been adjusted by the St. Louis Chapter waiting until it should acquire jurisdiction, when the party involved will regularly petition for the degrees.

The suggestion of the Grand High Priest that an invitation be extended to hold the 1936 Triennial within the jurisdiction of Missouri met with hearty approval. It is to take definite form at the 1933 Triennial.

Nearly half a hundred qualified Companions were anointed and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood and the present officers were continued.

Past Grand High Priest Corona H. Briggs presented a somewhat concise but quite informative Capitular review. He found little of special interest in the Florida Proceedings. Companion Briggs is the dean of the Past Grands, having worn the purple in 1894, and his activities are such that he has the appearance of approaching the three score and ten period. His hosts of Capitular and other co-workers predict he will eventually come into the centenary class. Here's hoping.

Next Annual in Cape Girardeau, April 26-27, 1931.
Leroi Beck, King Hill Building, St. Joseph, Grand High Priest; Ray V. Denslow, Trenton, Grand Secretary; Corona H. Briggs, 1332 Cherry St., Springfield, Correspondent.

MONTANA—1931

Chapters, 36. Members, 4,483. Exalted, 120. Net Loss, 158.

ALFRED J. ROWLAND, Grand High Priest

For the first time Grand Chapter's most distinguished attendant was its own Past Grand High Priest, M. W. Edward W. Spottswood, who is also the General Grand Master of the First Veil. The Forty-second Annual Convocation was held in Billings (the "Sugar City"), June 16, 1931. Florida was not represented; neither was Montana at Florida's Eighty-fifth Annual. Possibly the list of Grand Representatives needs revision.

Reports of Official Visitations consume the major portion of the address of Grand High Priest Rowland, who regretted that other matters prevented a greater number of Chapter visitations. Nevertheless it is a good record, indicating many-sided activities, thus making practical application of the teachings of the first working tool in Craft Masonry.

An approved, and the only decision, was that there being a Grand Chapter regulation which requires dues to be paid in advance to entitle a member to vote at election, therefore a member whose dues are not paid in advance is not in good standing under that law and he can neither vote nor hold office. Under Florida laws, a member is in good standing until formally suspended by vote of the Chapter for non-payment of dues or other causes, and therefore he is entitled to vote and hold office, regardless of payment of dues, until suspended.

All the official acts of the Grand High Priest, not numerous, however, were approved. Approval was given the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association, but no provisions were made for official representation at the dedication and other services.

Approval was given to the Educational program of the General Grand Chapter and a movement was inaugurated to put the same into practical operation.

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

Inspiring and optimistic is the Correspondence Report by Past Grand High Priest H. S. Hepner, and which of course

was up to standard. It occurs to ye scribe that Comp. Hepner could have put to very good use the half hundred pages which as now used enables the Companions to see their names in print.

Ye scribe regrets that the Tacoma trip did not include the "Gates of the Mountains;" but it has left something to look forward to. Here's hoping.

Next Annual the third Tuesday in June, 1932, at a place later to be determined.

Ernest M. Hutchinson, Whitefish, Grand High Priest; Luther T. Hauberg, Helena, Grand Secretary; H. S. Hepner, Helena, Correspondent.

NEBRASKA—1931

Chapters, 55. Members, 7,973. Exalted, 164. Net Loss, 145

EMMETT I. ELLIS, Grand High Priest

Masonic dignitaries galore, representing all the General Grand Bodies, several other Grand Chapters and the various State Grand Bodies besides Florida's Grand Representative as well, were honored guests at the Sixty-seventh Annual Convocation, held in Omaha, Dec. 2-3, 1931. During the year the final summons came to M. E. Lucius D. Richards, Grand High Priest in 1887, and Grand Treasurer and Grand Treasurer Emeritus, since 1892; also to M. E. John Harper, Grand High Priest in 1911, and for several years Grand Lecturer.

Business efficiency seems to have been stressed throughout the administration of Grand High Priest Ellis, whose visitations and investigations made it apparent to him that the depressing Craft conditions are the results of "too rapid expansion of the past rather than loss of interest," and he looked to the Chapters for a solution, which he believed will be overcome by a more careful selection of officers as well as securing the right kind of candidates.

He recommended the same kind of reciprocal arrangements with adjoining Grand Chapters regulating the reception

of petitions as has long prevailed in Grand Lodge, and Grand Chapter adopted the necessary legislation. Similar conditions prevail in Florida. The acts, rulings and other activities of the Grand High Priest, apparently not overly burdensome, were fully approved. Grand Chapter did not look with approval on making the recently adopted ritual "obligatory," on the Chapters.

The Masonic Eastern Star Home at Fremont has cared for fifty-five children during the year at a per capita cost per day, per child, of \$1.08. And there were ninety-nine adults in the Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, the cost of maintenance being given as \$409.59 per annum per person.

Well attended was the Annual Convention of the Order of High Priesthood, at which time sixty-six qualified Companions were set apart to that Holy Order, a larger percentage in comparison with most Grand Chapters. M. E. Comp. Herbert A. Senter was re-elected President, and but few changes in minor appointments appear.

Past Grand High Priest N. R. Browne again presented a commendable and instructive correspondence report, in which he does not seem to enthuse over the General Grand Chapter in which the reported "visitations of all save one Jurisdiction * * * was, in our opinion, an outstanding feature of the year's work;" and which he concluded with this comment:

The great question in our mind is whether the General Grand Chapter remains worth while; or has it served its purpose? Every attempt to form a similar organization of the Grand Lodges has resulted in utter failure.

Florida's 1931 Proceedings are quite concisely considered, the reviewer apparently finding but little to attract attention. Comp. Browns is one of the comparatively few reviewers who do not find it necessary to provide either a "prelude" or an "afterthought." However, he added: "Maybe we will surprise them some day, eh?" When he does it will, no doubt, be something really worth while.

Next Annual in Omaha, Dec. 7-8, 1932.

Arthur C. Stem, Chadron, Grand High Priest; Lewis E. Smith, Omaha, Grand Secretary; George N. R. Browne, Hastings, Correspondent.

NEVADA—1931

Chapters, 9. Members, 676. Exalted, 46. Net Gain, 7

JMAES D. WALLACE, Grand High Priest

Grand Honors were given to the presiding officers of the other Masonic Grand Bodies and to three Past Grand High Priests, Past Grand Masters as well, who were in attendance at the Fifty-eighth Annual Convocation, held in the City of Ely (also the given name of ye scribe who thus feels highly honored), June 8, 1931, with Grand Secretary Frank R. King necessarily absent.

So smoothly do matters Capitular move along in the Sage Brush State of broad and mountainous domain that the address of Grand High Priest Wallace was little more than a record of minor matters and official visitations, with no decisions requested, and apparently nothing to disturb its peace and harmony.

Likewise the several committee reports were mostly "nothing requiring action," and with the added notation "duly adopted." The Committee on Revision of Code repealed several "obsolete" Regulations. The address of the Grand Orator was commendable for brevity, the theme being to study and practice the truths of the Great Master, "so that at the end we may pass to the Great Beyond with the assurance of His commendation."

Nothing apparently doing in the Order of High Priesthood, and no fraternal review.

Next Annual in Reno, June 14, 1932.

Elwood H. Beemer, Courthouse, Reno, Grand High Priest; Frank R. King, Box 595, Reno, Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK—1931

Chapters, 10. Members, 1,597. Exalted, 64. Net Gain, 3

ALBERT E. PEARSON, Grand High Priest

One Chapter was not represented at the Forty-third Annual Convocation, which was held in the City of Moncton, June 26, 1931; but Florida's representative appears to have been absent.

Somewhat brief was the address of Grand High Priest Pearson. Two dispensations were granted to change dates of Convocations, but nothing to indicate that the members were to be notified. Tribute was paid to the memory of M. E. Comp. Farris S. Sawaya, Grand High Priest in 1926 and in 1927.

A matter which had previously been considered, was to adopt the ritual of the Grand Chapter of Canada and which most of the other Canadian Grand Chapters were using. This met the approval of the Grand High Priest, believing that it would be beneficial; but the Committee recommended, and Grand Chapter approved, that the matter be held in abeyance, pending a demonstration of the work in the several degrees.

A charter was granted to one new Chapter. Recognition was given to the recently amalgamated Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland. The reports from the District Grand Superintendents indicated much interest and activities in the several Chapters.

There is no reference to an Order of High Priesthood; neither is there a fraternal review.

Next Annual in St. John, June 25, 1932.

Samuel J. Parkhill, St. John, Grand High Priest; J. Twinning Hart, Masonic Temple, St. John, Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1931

Chapters, 26. Members, 5,393. Exalted, 76. Net Loss, 210

JOHN M. KENDALL, Grand High Priest

Running true to form, high dignitaries from all the Grand Chapters who could get there were present at the single session of the One Hundred and Twelfth Annual Convocation, held in the City of Concord, May 19, 1931; but Florida was not represented.

Two of the Permanent Members of the Board received their imperative summons during the year: M. E. Comp. Nathan P. Hunt, Grand High Priest in 1889, 1890, also Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in 1895, and chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee for many years; and M. E. Comp. Charles G. Shedd, Grand High Priest in 1910, and Grand Treasurer from 1920.

So smoothly do matters Capitular appear to move along in this Grand Jurisdiction that the address of Grand High Priest Kendall was largely a record of official visitations, including several to adjacent Grand Chapters. In the assignments to the other elective Council Officers every subordinate Chapter was host some time during the year to one or more of the Grand Officers. Approval was given to all the official acts of the Grand High Priest. Recognition was extended to the united Grand Chapters of Queensland.

Owing to the financial condition of Grand Chapter, applied economy was evidenced by not printing the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and by also ordering that a report be not written and published until otherwise ordered. There is such a thing as "skimping at the spigot and leaking at the bung-hole." The informative annual reports of E. Comp. Charles B. Spofford will be greatly missed by the members of The Guild.

One petitioner was "elected, introduced, obligated and instructed" in the Order of High Priesthood.

Next Annual in Concord, May 17, 1932.

George A. Milette, Lakeport, Grand High Priest; Harry M. Cheney, Concord, Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY—1931

Chapters, 57. Members, 19,651. Exalted, 437. Net Loss, 501

ROBERT McCORMICK, Grand High Priest

Three-quarters of a century of continuously active Capitular Masonry was appropriately recognized at the Seventy-fifth Annual Convocation, held in Trenton, May 13, 1931. Florida was represented by Past Grand High Priest Wm. H. Lowe, and delegations from several of the contiguous Grand Jurisdictions were also present, with M. E. Comp. Wilbur A. Scott, of Rhode Island, General Grand Master of the First Veil as the personal representative of the General Grand High Priest.

Sincerity and the desire to be of real service to Capitular Masonry were outstanding features in the address of Grand High Priest McCormick in his review of the work of the year. Numerous and varied were the demands made, and so wisely the actions taken that "we approve" was the official dictum of Grand Chapter.

One dispensation was refused to a Chapter to reduce its initiation fee for a specified time; also one to confer missing degrees on a "distinguished Companion," a temporary visitor, and hailing from a Foreign Jurisdiction where those degrees were not conferred; but he was given the privilege of visitation.

Approval was not given to an amended Chapter by-law to establish two distinct exaltation fees. Numerous were his reported Official Visitations, and his "talks" indicated his affection for the Craft. Approval was given to the recommendation for a uniformity of design for an apron. The official emblem is to be the Tau Cross within the triangle within the circle, already officially recognized by the General Grand and many of the Grand Chapters.

Apparently all Chapter by-law amendments are first passed upon by the Committee on Constitution before being approved by the Grand High Priest. Approval was given to a Grand Chapter Historian, and an amendment was submitted which will make that one of the Standing Committees.

An elaborate dinner and program fittingly celebrated the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey. The historian stated that the first Royal Arch Chapter in that State was organized in 1805; also that there were a few Mark Lodges attached to Royal Arch Chapters at that time. A Grand Chapter was formed in 1825, but succumbed during the anti-Masonic storm a few years later. The present Grand Chapter was organized in 1856. At that time there were forty-nine Symbolic Lodges in the State with about 1,900 members.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood dates back to 1861. In 1916 the title was changed to The Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests of the State of New Jersey. At the Seventieth Grand Convention, held May 12, 1931, sixty-three Companions were admitted and anointed.

For the seventh time R. E. Comp. A. Boyland Fitz-Gerald presented the fraternal review, in which little seemed to escape his notice.

Under Florida this is not quite clear: "Subordinate Chapters shall be exempt from payment of dues on members suspended for non-payment of dues." That is and always has been the law in all Florida Masonic Bodies. Comp. Fitz-Gerald's comment probably arises from a hasty reading of a decision that a Companion paying dues before December 27th, the end of the Capitular year, and requesting a dimit, cannot be chargeable for dues the following year "for want of action by the Chapter, as action should have been taken on, or before, December 27th of that year."

Next Annual in Trenton, May 11, 1932.

George W. Kite, Atlantic City, Grand High Priest; Chas. D. McCracken, Lambertville, Grand Secretary; (Rev.) A. Boyland Fitz-Gerald, Bayonne, Correspondent.

NEW MEXICO—1931

Chapters, 15. Members, 1,968. Exalted, 82. Net Loss, 40

PETER CAMERON, Grand High Priest

M. . E. . Comp. Walter L. Stockwell, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota and M. . P. . General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, was an honored guest at the Thirty-second Annual Convocation, held March 19, 1931, at Carlsbad, whose wonderful nearby caverns are attracting nation-wide interest. Other welcome visitors were Grand Secretary Thomas M. Bartley and his efficient side-partner, Past Grand High Priest Sam Helm, of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Only eight of the fourteen living Past Grand High Priests were in attendance. Grand Representatives are not considered a necessity in New Mexico.

Worthy of serious consideration is the thought advanced by Grand High Priest Cameron in his address, "that it is necessary to look much further than to any theory which has been advanced" for the cause of the apparent apathy of the Capitular branch of the Order; and he suggests that "perhaps the remedy will be found in a reorganization of the entire fabric of Masonry as practiced in America at this time." A somewhat analogous thought has been in the mind of ye scribe for sometime, although he would not have expressed it quite as does M. . E. . Comp. Cameron:

What we designate as Symbolic Masonry is the substructure of the entire organization and must continue to be so. We need Capitular Masonry; we need Cryptic Masonry and the various branches of the Order into which we are divided for their beautiful teachings in rounding out the story of the building of the Temple of the soul, but do we need them as separate organizations? Can they and should they continue to exist as separate bodies?

The answer would seem to be a complete reorganization of the entire structure, with a close affiliation of the many jurisdictions at present existing as separate entities, under one grand organization of the Symbolic branch of the Order, and with the divisions that we now call the higher degrees retained as degrees of instruction for advancement toward "more light," and the abandonment of the effort to maintain separate organizations in this day of multiplicity of Fraternal and social organizations and the numerous calls to pleasure into which the world has become divided.

Grand Chapter considered "this theory worthy of careful study by those best versed in Masonic thought, * * * and may be in a way responsible for the conditions existing in Masonry today."

The Grand High Priest regretted that "owing to physical disability which has continued in a more or less restrictive form during the entire year," visits were confined to his own home Chapter.

He held that it was the duty of the Chapter to determine the physical qualifications of a candidate and that it had the right to confer the degrees upon a regularly elected petitioner who had lost a hand, which was in accordance with a previous ruling, even though another Chapter had refused to do this as courtesy work.

An adopted amendment will permit a candidate to receive more than one degree at the same convocation, but he cannot be exalted until "he has selected a Mark and it is recorded in the Chapter Book of Marks." The twenty-five cents per capita for the Triennial Fund has been suspended for two years.

There is no Order of High Priesthood.

Past Grand High Priest Reuben Perry presented his second report on Foreign Correspondence, somewhat brief but it gives the salient facts, just what is needed. Florida is missing, probably was not received in time.

Next Annual in Las Cruces (The Crosses), March 29, 1932.

William H. Duckworth, Clovis, Grand High Priest; Alpheus Keen, Albuquerque, Grand Secretary; Reuben Perry, Albuquerque, Correspondent.

NEW SOUTH WALES—1931

Chapters, 76. Members, 3,725. Net Loss, 106. Exaltations Not Given

ALBERT CHANDLER, Grand First Principal

Four Convocations (Quarterly), besides a Special for Installation and Investiture, are the year's record. There is an address each time by the First Grand Principal, which is largely a record of visitations, as are also the reports of the other Grand Officers. Florida was represented at the Special Convocation only.

Grand Chapter, for the first time, "went a visiting," holding the February Quarterly in Newcastle; and so acceptable seems to have been the change that it is considering "doing so some more times."

In a brief historical presentation, the Grand First Principal stated that the Grand Chapter of New South Wales was formed in 1889, a little over a year after the inauguration of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and mostly from Chapters attached to English Lodges. But when the Lodge Charters were surrendered these Chapters were for the time practically disfranchised and ceased to work. However, these Chapters, with those holding under Irish and Scottish Constitutions, immediately took steps to form a Grand Chapter. A basis of union was arranged, but it did not meet with the approval of the Scottish Chapters, and some of them withdrew and have since continued as a District Grand Chapter under the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, thus preventing inter-visitations. Concerning this the Grand First Principal stated:

Our quarrel is with the Grand Chapter of Scotland, and not with the Companions of the District Grand Chapter in New South Wales. Our position today is this: We do not desire an amalgamation of the two bodies, but what we ask is that Scotland should fully recognize our supremacy and cease opening new Chapters in this State. If this were done, we could all then meet in the bond of peace, love and harmony, the great foundation of our Masonic structure. We stand as the Supreme Grand Body in New South Wales, and our duty is to form Chapters throughout the length and breadth of this State, in order that every Brother of good repute can have the opportunity to complete his Masonic knowledge by becoming a Royal Arch Mason.

During the year one Chapter was consecrated and another formed. Recognition was granted to the Amalgamated Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland. Stress is given to correct regalia, particularly to the jewel to be worn by the Companions, and which is thus described:

The Companion's jewel of the Royal Arch is a double triangle, sometimes called the Arch of Solomon, within a circle of gold; at the bottom is a scroll bearing the words (English translations being used) "Nothing is wanted but the key." On the circle appears the legend: "If thou canst comprehend these things, thou knowest." On the triangle is inscribed: "We have found the knowledge of God, O citizen of the world." On the reverse of the circle are engraven: "For God, King and the Brethren; honor, fidelity and benevolence." on the reverse of the triangles: "Wisdom, strength, beauty, peace, concord, truth." Within these is another triangle, with the sun in the center, irradiated; a pair of compasses issue from the sun, suspending a globe representing the earth; beneath these is the Triple Tau, signifying, among other occult things, "Templum Hierosolyma," the Temple of Jerusalem. It also means: "A key to a treasure," "A place where a precious thing is concealed," or "The precious thing itself." It is usual to add on the scroll the date of the exaltation of the wearer to the Companionship of the Holy Royal Arch.

Seven Companions prepared the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the "foreword" being by M. .E. . Comp. Moginie, in which he favorably commends Florida's plan of "selecting the most worthy Chapter to exemplify the degree work." In referring to the action of the Grand Chapter of England in granting a charter for a Chapter to meet in New Zealand, he is quite emphatic: "It was similar action, flouting the moral rights and claims of others, that lost to England those colonies that have now grown to be the great United States of America."

Florida is happily reviewed by M. .E. . Comp. J. A. Faulks, in which he noted that "American Chapters generally pride themselves in educational service among the boys and girls." Noting the gains and losses reported last year he tersely inquired: "Why should the losses be restricted mostly to the land of 'Old Glory'?" His complimentary comments are appreciated.

F. R. Sinden, 160 Castlereagh Street, Sydney, Grand Scribe E.

NEW YORK—1931

Chapters, 229. Members, 69,087. Exalted, 1,333. Net Loss, 1,871

CHAUNCEY B. HAMMOND, Grand High Priest

Nearly eight pages (small type face) were used in recording the reception of invited guests to the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Annual Convocation, held in the city of Albany, Feb. 3-4, 1931. This is only one of the many factors which go to make New York the Empire State. Florida's Grand Representative shared in a minor way in the recognitions accorded.

M. E. Comp. Frederick W. Culler, Grand High Priest in 1913, during the year, received the "white stone with the new name." For many years he conscientiously served the Fraternity. This is one of the comparatively few Grand Chapters which specially recognizes the passing of its Grand Representatives.

Having come in frequent personal contact with Grand High Priest Hammond at the time of the Tacoma Triennial, his address measures up to expectations, and the mind's eye still visualizes his ever present smile. Numerous were the official visitations and other general activities of M. E. Comp. Hammond, and wherever the occasion offered, his popular and inspiring "talks" contributed much to the occasion, but which unfortunately are not available to the reader.

To overcome the issuing of special dispensations to Chapters, occasioned by failure to hold annual convocations for the election of officers during the holiday season, he recommended that Chapters amend their by-laws to hold but one convocation in December. Florida recently changed its regulations so that election in all Masonic bodies is the first meeting in the month and the installation is December 27th or as soon thereafter as possible, thus doing away with the necessity for so many special dispensations. It works well here.

Having adopted a ritual which the Grand High Priest considered "sane, dignified and constructive," he recommended "that any further effort to modify, change, revert, add to or take from any of the degrees as they now stand shall

meet with hearty disapproval." This Grand Chapter emphasized by adding "that no changes should be made." There appears to be nothing to prevent other Grand Chapters, if so disposed, from being like minded.

All the minor activities of the Grand High Priest, fully complying with law, were approved. His one recorded decision was that when a Chapter by-law called for payment of dues in advance on a specified date, a Companion was in arrears after that date and the second year the Chapter "technically" had a right to suspend; but "morally ought not to exercise that right" until it had "exhausted every available means for collecting dues." Grand Chapter fully approved. All committee reports conformed to law, when there was anything to report, and they likewise were approved.

The amalgamation of the two Grand Chapters in Queensland were acknowledged and an exchange of representatives directed. Instead of presenting a Past Grand High Priest jewel, which is so seldom used, Grand Chapter was authorized to present "an appropriate testimonial."

The Order of High Priesthood, being obligatory, was conferred upon the newly elected High Priests at two different conventions.

Past Grand High Priest George E. Briggs, who has pronounced opinions when necessary, and who also has the happy faculty of "sugar coating" them so that they become constructive rather than destructive, again presented a Capitular review which seemed to touch all the "high spots," and some others. He appears to somewhat estimate the value of reviews by the number of pages they make. This would be fair enough were all the pages the same size and the same type faces used, but it does not work out that way. For instance, the printed report of Companion Briggs averages nearly 500 words to a printed page, while in the Florida report they average only a little over 300 words. Comp. Briggs being an experienced newspaper man will readily appreciate the comparison.

Under Florida, referring to the Triennial, he stated, "neither was their candidate chosen General Grand Master of the First Veil nor Miami selected for the 1933 session," and

then added, "*Felix ille tamen corvo quoque rarior albo,*" whatever that means. Too bad this was not known to ye scribe at Tacoma, or it would no doubt have been made clear. However, Comp. Briggs will tell us all about it during his next visit to this fair Southland State.

Incidentally, it might be added, that Bradenton is the home of ye scribe, and has been a score of years, except for a little over a year when business took him to Tampa; paraphrasing, "not that we love Tampa less, but Bradenton more."

Next Annual in Albany, Feb. 2-3, 1932.

Roy B. Davis, Bay Shore, Grand High Priest; Charles C. Hunt, Masonic Hall, New York, Grand Secretary; George E. Briggs, Peekskill, Correspondent.

NEW ZEALAND—1931

Chapters, 70. Members, 4,118. Exalted, 279. Net Gain, 38

C. H. CRITCHLEY, First Grand Principal

One new Chapter consecrated and another formed during the year were reported at the Thirty-ninth Annual Convocation, held in Wellington, Feb. 25, 1931. Most of the Chapters were represented as well as Florida.

The First Grand Principal in his address, in referring to the awful disaster which overwhelmed a portion of the Hawkes Bay section, stated:

From personal experience I can say that words cannot adequately describe nor can pictures illustrate the calamitous effects of the earthquake and fire which destroyed great portions of Napier and Hastings on February 3rd. The visitation was appalling in its suddenness, and in the widespread devastation caused in a few minutes. Many of our Companions in the stricken area suffered very heavy losses, one Chapter losing the whole of its equipment.

All business brought before Grand Chapter is through the report of the Supreme Committee and was mostly local in nature. The disagreement between the Grand Chapter of Scot-

land and the Grand Chapter of New Zealand, which has long existed, appears to have been finally adjusted by this arrangement:

1. The Grand Chapter of Scotland to recognize the Grand Chapter of New Zealand.
2. The Grand Chapter of New Zealand to recognize the sovereignty of the Grand Chapter of Scotland over the latter's Chapters in New Zealand.
3. The Grand Chapter of Scotland not to charter any further Chapters in New Zealand, except in connection with an existing Scottish Lodge not having a Chapter formed in connection with it.
4. Scottish Chapters in New Zealand to be at liberty to work without restriction as to membership.

Assistance was rendered the Hawkes Bay sufferers by a grant approximating \$1,250, to be administered under the direction of the Supreme Committee. This was augmented by cancelling the entertainment provided for the visitors and applying the funds thus appropriated by the Chapters to the relief purposes.

The installation and investiture of Grand Officers was followed by an address by the newly installed First Grand Principal, M. .E. .Comp. C. Dacre Dunn in which he stated that he believed the present number of Chapters were about enough to serve the 300 Lodges, and "the times are hardly propitious for forming new ones."

There appears to be no Order of High Priesthood, nor a Report on Correspondence.

Chas. W. Neilson, Past Grand Z., Wellington, Grand Scribe E.

NORTH CAROLINA—1931

Chapters, 52. Members, 6,734. Exalted, 82. Net Loss, 526

CLAUD S. CHAMBERLAIN, Grand High Priest

Visitors galore, including M. .E. .Comp. O. Frank Hart and others from South Carolina, General Grand Scribe John H. Anderson, heads of the North Carolina Bodies and Florida's Grand Representative were present when the Eighty-third Annual Convocation was formally opened in Asheville, May 12, 1931.

The Craft mourns the passing of M. E. Comp. James K. Norfleet, Grand High Priest in 1900, and Grand Commander in 1903; and R. E. John S. Wood, Grand Chaplain for many years.

The address of Grand High Priest Chamberlain was a thoughtful presentation of his major activities of the year. His main purpose during the year, he stated, was not to show an increasing membership in the subordinate degrees, but to "show an increase of activity and interest," and this he believed "has been accomplished." For these reasons his labors were largely with the weaker and dormant Chapters, and he was pleased to report "there are more of these Chapters now holding Stated Convocations with interest revived than for several years past."

An outstanding event was the granting of "permission from the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, under the authority of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, to confer the Excellent Master's degree," and which was granted. Apparently it was put on under the direction of E. Comp. J. Ray Shute, Jr., Grand Master of the First Veil.

Another out of the ordinary was the reading of the report made by a committee previously appointed to consider the establishing of a Mark Mason Grand Lodge, and which stated in part:

That it has studied the question of Grand Lodges and believes that it will not only be prudent but practical for the Grand Body to remove the Degrees of Past Master and Mark Master Mason from within the subordinate Chapters and place them in Lodges of Mark Master Masons, which Lodges shall be created by and under full and direct authority and obedience of this Grand Chapter.

The report was "adopted as read," but if there was further action taken ye scribe has overlooked it.

Grand Chapter did not favor the plan of rotating in an established order from district to district "the naming of new Companions for the starting in line of office," because it would restrict the powers of Grand Chapter "to choose its officers by fixing arbitrary territorial lines."

An approved decision of the Grand High Priest was that a convocation of a Chapter cannot be held other than at the

usual place of meeting. Another was that a Chapter member expelled from his Lodge for unmasonic conduct was automatically dropped from his Chapter, and that on being reinstated to membership in his Lodge he was likewise automatically reinstated to Chapter membership; but had he been tried by his Chapter and expelled he would have to petition and abide the ballot.

Grand Chapter did not deem it advisable to employ a Field Man, a part of whose duties it would be to collect Chapter dues. Neither did it deem it necessary to provide District Deputy Grand High Priests with a special "insignia of office."

Appropriations were made to the Oxford Orphanage, the Carson York Rite Library Fund, the Oxford Orphanage Educational Fund and to the Masonic and Eastern Star Home.

A baker's dozen (13) Companions were consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

E. Comp. J. Edward Allen, in his introductory "Reviewer's Greeting," to his tenth Capitular report, refers to the proposed establishment of a Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons in North Carolina, which the "proponents" believe will be a panacea for the present lack of interest in Capitular Masonry. Comp. Allen writes in part:

It is quite certain there will be much skepticism about the real value of a Mark Lodge plan, and it is quite certain that many of the members of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina have yet to be caused to see that it is to be expected to do what is hoped for. One thing is quite certain, these younger Companions who have become enthusiastic about the idea, are perfectly sincere in their belief that this plan will accomplish the end. The plan should be studied on its merits and its fate so decided. All possible consideration should be given these Companions. Ere long our Grand Chapter will have to depend upon them rather than upon those their seniors, for the preservation and the propagation of the Royal Craft.

Companion Allen seems to question some of the "rulings" of the Florida Grand High Priest. Referring to these, the Jurisprudence Committee reported, "all of which we recommend be approved," and Grand Chapter adopted. They

must therefore conform to Florida laws, which is really all that matters.

Next Annual in the City of Rocky Mount, May 24, 1932.

John R. McCracken, Waynesville, Grand High Priest; John B. Griggs, P. O. Box 365, Elizabeth City, Grand Secretary; J. Edward Allen, Warrenton, Correspondent.

NORTH DAKOTA—1931

Chapters, 26. Members, 3,675. Exalted, 71. Net Loss, 179

WILLIAM HALL, Grand High Priest

It is heartening to note the large number of annual inter-visitations between the Grand Jurisdictions "abutting" on either side the "invisible boundary line," and this year was no exception, for representatives were present from most of these Grand Chapters, as well as from the General Grand Council and the General Grand Chapter, which latter was headed by M. E. Comp. John W. Neilson, and also Florida's Grand Representative, Past Grand High Priest Otto F. Hennings.

Something like half of the address of Grand High Priest Hall was given to accounts of official visitations, and particularly descriptive was that to the Tacoma Triennial. Another important feature in several instances are the so-called "York Rite Festivals," where all the degrees are given, and which firmly convinced the Grand High Priest "is the proper way to encourage and enthuse the Companions in Capitular Masonry," and he urged all subordinate Chapters "to give this matter serious attention."

No decisions were required and the issuing of a few Grand Representative Commissions seem to about cover the recorded activities of the Grand High Priest, an evidence of smooth running conditions in Capitular Masonry. Congratulations.

The report of the Educational Foundations shows that much is being accomplished in making higher education pos-

sible for many, and that loans totalling \$43,800 were made between Sept. 14, 1925, (evidently the date of the first loan) and Dec. 31, 1930. The loans paid during that time amounted to \$29,425.05, and the loans charged off were given as \$245.00. The report further stated, "we believe that our losses will continue to be very small in comparison to the amount of money involved." Most of the other business was routine, interspersed with inspiring addresses by the distinguished visitors in attendance.

Grand Chapter directed that a special sum be set aside to be known as the Reserve Fund, to be added to yearly, and "not to be expended without the consent of the Grand Chapter," an excellent plan that could be well copied. A consolidation of two Chapters was made. Several Honorary Memberships were bestowed, the list now numbering over a score.

The customary annual dinner was served, following which "the Companions adjourned to the auditorium where there were three boxing bouts and two wrestling matches."

Another important event was the annual luncheon and meeting of the Circle of Elders. Our long-time side partner, M. E. Comp. E. George Guthrie, as regent, was master of ceremonies. 'Nuf ced. Perhaps this takes the place of the Order of High Priesthood, as there appears to be no reference to the latter.

In the submitting of the report of the Fraternal Correspondent, by the inimitable M. E. Comp. E. George Guthrie, he moved that "it be printed if the financial condition of Grand Chapter warranted," which of course it did, for the North Dakota Grand Chapter Proceedings without Comp. Guthrie's report would be like Hamlet without the "Ghost."

Under Florida he noted that the Past Grand High Priests "who adorned the Convocation was headed by Dean Marcus Endel, whom the Lord long preserve." Being so far removed, Companion Guthrie does not always see as we here in the fold do of the propriety of *conferring* degrees during Grand Chapter, however he graciously admits that "the various degrees as exemplified [but they are *conferred*] by picked teams were probably put on in such good taste that the objectors

were silenced." Thank you. But down here we do not know what "objectors" look like. A personal visitation might bring about a change of mind. Come and see. It ought to be worth trying once.

Next Annual in Fargo, Jan. 26-27, 1932.

Arthur P. Guy, Oakes, Grand High Priest; Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo, Grand Secretary; E. Geo. Guthrie, Fargo, Correspondent.

NOVA SCOTIA—1931

Chapters, 21. Members, 2,473. Exalted, 92. Net Loss, 85

L. M. MacKINNON, Grand High Priest

New Brunswick sent three of its favored Companions to lend importance to the Sixty-second Annual Convocation, held in the City of Halifax, June 9-10, 1931, with every Chapter represented, an excellent record.

Two alarms were sounded at the Outer Door and two Companions laid down their working tools of life: M. E. Comp. Angus G. McLean, Grand High Priest in 1900, and M. E. Comp. Herbert A. Creelman, Grand High Priest in 1920. Both were active workers in the several branches of the Craft.

Grand High Priest MacKinnon in his address indicating a year of Capitular service conscientiously performed, made this informative statement:

In this Jurisdiction we occupy perhaps the most unique position in the Masonic world. The Provinces of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and the ancient Dominion of Newfoundland, united in one Jurisdiction, enables us to enjoy Masonic intercourse that would not otherwise be available. And regardless of our geographical position, we form a union far better than any political union that could be arranged. We have had Grand High Priests from different sections of the Jurisdiction; the Grand Master of Nova Scotia for 1928-29 was a native son of Prince Edward Island; the last Grand Master of Prince Edward Island, who passed away during his term of office, was, I believe, a native of Nova Scotia; and the three sections of the Jurisdiction, working together in perfect harmony, form a complete Maritime Jurisdiction, of which we are all proud to form a part.

Quite a number of dispensations were issued, all necessary, apparently, and all were approved; some of which, however, would not have been needed under Florida laws.

One of the decisions of the Grand High Priest was that as the Constitution does not prohibit dual membership, and the Constitution of the Grand Lodge does, it should govern, and he ruled accordingly. The committee to which the address was referred pointed out that dual membership in Grand Lodge was effected in the regular way, by motion to amend the Constitution; and that the only proper way it could be established in Grand Chapter would be by a similar amendment. This was approved.

Permission was granted by the Grand High Priest for a Chapter to meet in another town for six months. It appearing that the interests of Capitular Masonry would be better served by being permanently located in the new place, Grand Chapter made the change permanent.

One Chapter was dedicated, and the charter was granted another Chapter which was instituted during the year. It became necessary during the year to hold six Special Conventions of the Order of High Priesthood, in addition to the Annual Convention, which was held June 9, 1931. At this time eleven candidates were duly consecrated.

The report of Foreign Correspondence was again presented by Grand Secretary Brenton F. Porter, and which was up to its usual high standard. He stated that the ritual used in Nova Scotia is older than the Grand Chapter itself. He pleaded "ignorance" as to how degrees can be conferred in "short form."

Florida was carefully considered. He approved a Regulation allowing Subordinate Chapters to create "Emeritus Members," such as from old age, infirmity or misfortune have become incapacitated and unable to pay dues; adding: "Nothing indicates less Masonic spirit, than to see a Brother or Companion who in advancing years finds himself less able to keep up his Masonic payments than in his more prosperous manhood, suspended for non-payment of dues."

Next Annual in Charlottetown, P. E. I., at a date to be decided.

William Boyd, Yarmouth, Grand High Priest; Brenton F. Porter, Truro, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

OHIO—1931

Chapters, 209. Members, 76,175. Exalted, 1,035. Net Loss, 2,383

EMMIT E. EVERETT, Grand High Priest

Members of both the General Grand Bodies as well as distinguished guests from New York, Pennsylvania, Kansas, Indiana and Michigan added dignity to the One Hundred and Fifteenth Annual Convocation, held in Lima, Sept. 30 to Oct. 1, 1931, besides nearly a score of Past Grands; and yet no one to represent Florida.

A Masonic companionship of nearly a third of a century was broken in the passing of M. E. Comp. Benjamin F. Perry, Grand High Priest 1922-1923; others called from the Permanent Family included M. E. Comp. Charles L. Harrod, Grand High Priest 1914-1915, and a Florida visitor for several winters; also M. E. Comp. Samuel R. Jones, Grand High Priest 1920-1921, and Rt. Rev. Frank G. Mitchell, Grand Chaplain 1897-1929.

Instructive and inspiring was the address of Grand High Priest Everett, who stated he had "given much of my time and such ability as I possessed," and his record of visitations and other activities which were approved bears that out.

As ye scribe recalls it, the Past Master's degree is obligatory in Ohio before a Master Mason can preside over his Lodge. One decision of the Grand High Priest, which would seem strange in Florida, was in reply to a request "to confer the Past Master's degree in the Chapter on a Master-elect in a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons and who was not a Mark Master," and to which the Grand High Priest replied:

Suppose that you are a Past Master of your Lodge and wanted to attend the conferring of such a degree. You could not do so, being a Chapter Mason, without violating your obligation unless a [specified] particular provision was included in the obligation. This provision being in the obligation permits you as a Royal Arch Mason and a Past Master to attend the conferring of the Past Master degree when conferred as provided by the Grand Lodge.

Another decision was that a non-affiliated member residing in another Grand Jurisdiction may present his dimit to the

Ohio Chapter from which he dimitted, and it can be acted upon in the same manner as any petition for membership.

Grand Chapter approved the Grand High Priest's declaration that it would not be practical to require a Chapter member "to show his Lodge receipt to the Secretary of the Chapter," at stated intervals. But Grand Chapter did not approve a Chapter by-law amendment which would include in its list of Chapter officers the election and installation of Chapter Trustees, but a separate by-law could provide for the election or appointment of Trustees.

Several of the distinguished visitors attended the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests, at which time 119 Companions were consecrated and set apart to this Holy Order. The retiring officers were re-elected, and the treasury shows a balance of nearly \$2,000.00. Wonder what use is to be made of it?

Somewhat concise is the initial Capitular Review of Past Grand High Priest Carl W. Sperling, the worthy successor of Past Grand High Priest Orion P. Sperra, another long-time acquaintance of ye scribe, and who has become almost a landmark in Buckeye Freemasonry, but whose ill health prevents further labors in the Capitular Quarries. His words of wisdom are greatly missed.

Comp. Sperling urged "a return to the old Masonic spirit," and further emphasized the "necessity of placing men in Masonic office who are not only capable and good ritualists, but also men of outstanding character with love of Masonry in their hearts, leaders of men."

His review would have ranked nearer one hundred per cent had it included Florida. Probably not received in time. The printing of this report has been somewhat held up as well, owing to a delay in receiving Ohio Proceedings.

Next Annual in Columbus, Oct. 5-6, 1932.

Lyle S. Evans, Chillicothe, Grand High Priest; Mont C. Hambright, Springfield, Secretary; Carl L. Sperling, Oak Harbor, Correspondent.

OKLAHOMA—1931

Chapters, 72. Members, 11,787. Exalted, 376. Net Loss, 828

JOHN W. RACKLEY, Grand High Priest

Something to be remembered will be the Forty-second Annual Convocation, held at Shawnee, April 22-23, 1931, for there were present the heads of the General Grand Chapter, the Grand Encampment, an official of the General Grand Council, and many others, but no one to represent Florida.

Somewhat self-searching was the address of Grand High Priest Rackley, who emphasized that special endeavors should be made to prevent suspensions as well as showing "leniency on reinstatements." He truly comments that "many costly edifices attended by few members becomes a burden too much to bear," and he trenchantly adds, "Can we show the membership where they are getting the worth of their money and their time?" Answering his own query, he tersely stated, "Masonry needs a revival of Lodge attendance and a re-dedication of its members to the high purpose for which the Order stands." To bring this about three general letters were sent; one to the Officers and Companions generally, one to District Deputy Grand High Priests, and one to the High Priests.

The special dispensations of the Grand High Priest pertained to ballotings and elections. The one to ballot on an application at a special convocation and receive the "work" at the same time was not approved, while it may be that some of the others came dangerously close to the dividing line. No decisions were required. One of his visitations was at a joint installation with "as many installing officers as there were officers to be installed," and each installing officer was a Past High Priest.

During the time the Educational Loan Fund has been functioning, something over \$71,000.00 has been disbursed, and the loans made during the year closing exceeded previous years. Although the collections have been somewhat slow, yet the committee realizes the trust that has been committed to them and are governing themselves accordingly.

Two High Priests of other Jurisdictions were elected members of Grand Chapter. The ritual of the General Grand Chapter was adopted. The manuscript of "An Outline of the History of Freemasonry in Oklahoma" was approved, and the copyrighting and publishing of it will be considered. Hereafter the High Priest, King, Scribe and Secretary of each Chapter will receive a copy of the Annual Proceedings.

Twenty-seven Companions received the Order of High Priesthood "in due form." Inspirational seems to have been the Sixth Annual Assembly of the Secretaries' Association, and apparently is producing satisfactory results.

E. Comp. Eugene Hamilton again presents a readable report on Fraternal Correspondence, in which reproductions and comments are somewhat evenly balanced. His selections are timely.

Next Annual at Ponca, April 20-21, 1932.

Leslie H. Swan, Oklahoma City, Grand High Priest; Ira B. Kirkland, Muskogee, Grand Secretary; Eugene Hamilton, Chickasha, Correspondent.

OREGON—1931

Chapters, 50. Members, 6,761. Exalted, 180. Net Loss, 153

GEORGE E. COCHRAN, Grand High Priest

Among the distinguished guests at the Seventy-first Annual Convocation, held in Portland, the "City of Roses," April 13, 1931, was M. E. Comp. Walter L. Stockwell, who was not only the personal representative of General Grand High Priest John W. Neilson, but also in his own right the General Grand Master of the General Grand Council; Florida, however, was not in evidence.

The message of Grand High Priest Cochran indicated a year of harmony. His comparatively few activities record nothing out of the ordinary. One Chapter was granted a charter. No decisions were reported. A lone dispensation anticipated a failure to meet on Christmas, so the election of officers was called a week earlier.

A few Chapter by-law amendments reduced the initiation fee from \$50.00 to \$35.00. The resolution to fix the minimum initiation fee at \$10.00 was not adopted. It looks to ye scribe that if the Royal Arch Chapter degrees are not worth more than \$10.00 it is time they were "thrown among the rubbish." An additional fifty cents is to be collected annually from each Royal Arch Mason and to be set aside to form an Endowment Fund.

The Grand High Priest stated that he had "been unable to take the time" to make all the official visitations he had anticipated. Naturally the Chapters were the losers. However, he and the Oregon Companions were the gracious hosts to the many who spent a never-to-be-forgotten day in Portland on their way to the Tacoma Triennial.

It appears that Grand High Priest Geo. T. Cochran was not only Grand High Priest, but he was also a District Deputy Grand High Priest, a combination not previously noted.

M. E. Comp. Stockwell in his address before Grand Chapter, referring to the "trying readjustments" that we as a people are now passing through, pertinently added:

It seems to me that we, Freemasons, who are a select group, probably above the average, ought to give these problems much more consideration as men and citizens than we do. We can't simply shut our eyes to conditions and expect them to be changed for the better. It is a challenge, Companions, to our Americanism. It is a challenge to our Masonry, and I sincerely hope that the Freemasonry of America will not be unmindful of its duty to its country.

The Royal Arch Council Club is an organization of the elective officers of the Portland Chapters to promote and regulate interest in Capitular Masonry, not only among themselves, but also in the surrounding Chapters. In visiting different Chapters, the "work" is not to be by any particular team, but to be selected from those present.

Thirty-one Companions were set apart to Hodson Council, Order of High Priesthood. The officers were re-elected.

E. Comp. Walter O. Haines, in the "Introduction" to his Capitular Review, takes exception to a somewhat common statement that "those who have been dropped are dead-wood and the Order is better off without them," because it is "only

partly true." Whatever other causes may have helped to bring this about, the real trouble, in his opinion, "is lack of proper leadership."

He approved having the "definite line of Chapter work," urged by our Grand High Priest Pasco, for, he added, "the first duty of a Masonic Body is toward its own members," and the talk about doing things outside of Masonic Bodies is more or less "an appeal for doing something spectacular."

Next Annual at Salem, April 11, 1932.

Milton J. Meyers, 1055 Court St., Salem, Grand High Priest; D. Rufus Cheney, Masonic Temple, Portland, Grand Secretary; Walter O. Haines, Portland, Correspondent.

PENNSYLVANIA—1931

Chapters, 153. Members, 60,758. Marked, 1,381. Net Loss, 817
(For the year ending December 27, 1930)

THOMAS N. MCKEE, Grand High Priest

Clinging to ancient customs, four Quarterly Convocations were held during the year, principally to receive and act on reports, pass on submitted by-laws and transact other necessary routine business of the previous Annual. Florida was represented on each occasion by E. Comp. Wm. F. Goodwin, Grand Master of the Second Vail.

Unquestionably the outstanding Masonic event of the year was the Bi-Centenary Celebration commemorating two hundred years of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, and which concluded with a Special Convocation of the Grand Chapter, October 15th, with many distinguished guests in attendance, including M. E. Comp. Rt. Hon. Lord Cornwallis, C. B. E., Second Grand Principal; E. Comp. Sir P. Colville Smith, C. V. O., Grand Scribe E., and Sir George M. Boughey, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

At the same Convocation Grand High Priest McKee exercised his prerogative and made Brothers Andrew W. Mel-

lon, Secretary of the Treasury of the United States; his brother, Richard B. Mellon; J. Somers Smith, R. W. Grand Treasurer of Grand Lodge, and also his youngest son, Kenneth N. McKee, Royal Arch Masons at sight.

The address of Grand High Priest McKee at the Annual is a business document and largely a recital of official visitations within and without the Grand Jurisdiction. Several dispensations were issued to permit Past High Priests to open stated meetings in the absence of the three elective officers who were attending District Meetings. So well attended were the District Meetings that another year one meeting at least will be held in each of the districts in the State. Comparatively few other activities were reported.

Fraternal recognition, somewhat delayed, is to be established with the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand, and Representatives are to be exchanged.

After excluding all Companions who had not received the Order of High Priesthood, Comp. Thomas N. McKee was again installed Grand High Priest, after which those who had retired were re-admitted and the other officers, elected and appointed, were installed and received the salutations of the Craft.

Each of the Convocations are evening affairs. There are also two Mark Lodges with a membership of 174, and which are separate and distinct from the Mark Master Mason degree.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is the joint work of five Companions with Past Grand High Priest John M. Core the chairman. He is also the writer of the "foreword," in which he pertinently stated, and which is worthy of consideration:

Now, honestly, I would just like to know what the Chapter, or Royal Arch Masonry, has done for the thousands who have allowed themselves to be suspended. I fear you would find that outside of a dinner or two, the giving of a lot of obligations, and long-winded lectures, telling them you had conferred a great honor on them, there has been nothing done. No further explanation or instruction. No effort to get them back into the Chapter halls. I am not so certain that many of them have not been actually cheated.

We are of the opinion that too much stress has been placed on numbers and cash balances in Grand Chapters than in giving the petitioners the light which they had a right to expect and to receive.

While not exactly within our purview, we feel that this might be traced back to the Lodge. We feel reasonably sure that where the Lodge does its work well and gives the petitioner complete and full instruction, the work of the Chapter will be much better appreciated. We believe that a dignified, careful conferring of and thorough instruction in the E. A. would solve many problems of interest and retain the membership.

Florida is again carefully and discriminatingly reviewed by E. Comp. H. Franklin Brossman, who particularly refers approvingly to the administration of Grand High Priest Stafford Caldwell and also to the report of the Educational Committee. Other features are likewise commended. Thank you.

All Convocations are held in Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

Thomas N. McKee, Kittanning, Grand High Priest; Joseph E. Quinby, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Grand Secretary; H. Franklin Brossman, Reading, Correspondent.

QUEENSLAND—1931

J. A. FRASER, P. G. Z., Deputy First Grand Principal (in the Chair)

Quite modest are the Proceedings of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland. Conspicuously on the first page is the admonition, "For private circulation only." The regular Convocation held in Brisbane, April 17, 1931, chronicled the death of R. E. Comp. J. St. Clair Bernard, Grand Scribe E., who has been prominent in Masonic work in that state nearly two score of years. One of the first to urge the formation of a Grand Chapter in Queensland, he has been an untiring worker to that end ever since.

While there was a temporary appointment, "applications for this office were to be considered at the October Quarterly." Wonder how Grand Secretaries in this country would consider such political activities? It might work financial benefits, but how about Grand Secretaries being "the eyes and ears" of the Grand Presiding Officer? It might also affect

the work of the Jurisconsults. Such procedure does not appear to be needed in our Grand Bodies.

Owing to the illness of M. E. Comp. R. N. T. Quinn, the First Grand Principal, the Deputy First Grand Principal presided at the Annual Convocation of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland, held in Brisbane, Oct. 7, 1931. A communication from the First Grand Principal, substantially an address, was read by the Deputy, expressive of cheer and encouragement, in which he reminded the Companions that they were "never to under-estimate that their lives and actions exercise a power and an ever-widening influence on men and things."

The information was given out that at the time of the amalgamation of the two Grand Chapters—twelve from the one first formed—the union comprised a total of ninety-six Chapters, and that one additional Chapter was formed during the year; but there is nothing to indicate the total membership, nor the gains or losses.

The Territories of Papua and New Guinea are included in the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Queensland. Over twenty Grand Chapters were reported to have extended fraternal recognition, and this number is being continually increased. The Grand Chapter of Queensland is represented in Florida by E. Comp. John B. Phelps, Grand Master of the Third Veil; and our Grand Representative in Queensland is R. E. Comp. J. R. Kelly, P. G. H., and the present Grand Chaplain.

An elaborate revision of the Constitution and Laws indicates that the word "Subordinate" is no longer used in connection with a Chapter. A Royal Arch Chapter may have attached to it: A Royal Ark Mariner Lodge, a Red Cross Council, as well as the Cryptic degrees of Royal and Select Masters.

Mention is made of the establishment of Red Cross and Cryptic Councils in with one Chapter. Membership in this Branch does not appear to be compulsory, and little attention seems to be given them.

Outside of the statement that there are now over ninety Royal Arch Chapters in Queensland, there is nothing pertaining to membership.

Apparently there is little need for relief. The financial table indicates the expenditure of something like \$3,600 for current expenses, with only one grant of about \$125, being recorded.

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

R. W. T. Kendrick, Masonic Memorial Temple, Brisbane, Grand Scribe E. (Grand Secretary).

SASKATCHEWAN—1931

Chapters, 27. Members, 2,663. Admitted, 119. Net Gain, 120

G. F. BURGESS, Grand First Principal

Neighboring Grand Chapters sent favored Companions to represent them at the Eighth Annual Convocation, held in the City of Saskatoon, Feb. 18, 1931. Most of the subordinate Chapters were represented as was also Florida.

Being a railroad man of long experience, the address of the Grand First Principal ran true to form, evidencing preparation, watchfulness and efficiency, and also a close adherence to rules and regulations. His visitations, though not as numerous as he desired, convinced him that the "foundation and that its forces will continue to be "a factor for better citizenship and brotherhood." In the forty-one days he was "out on the road" he traveled nearly 10,000 miles. His work passed inspection at all stations.

All queries being covered by the constitution and rulings, no decisions were required. Three of the dispensations granted anticipated a failure to meet, and an earlier date was given. But little else was presented. He recommended a specific date for holding Chapter convocations rather than "moonlight time," but apparently no action was taken.

The committee reporting on the Condition of Capitular Masonry, confirmed the observations of ye scribe, that two perplexing problems confront every section of the North American Continent: lack of interest in Masonic gatherings,

with the natural corollary of suspensions and lapsing memberships; and diversion of interests from fundamental Masonry, with this surely worth considering comment: "We use the term fundamental Masonry advisedly, since no serious minded Companion regards the Royal Arch otherwise than that it is the fulfillment of the Master Mason degree."

Many other matters of a routine nature were formally considered in the numerous committee reports, all of which received Grand Chapter approval.

Naturally there is no separate Order of High Priesthood.

Only a few of the outstanding points are briefly touched in the report of Foreign Correspondence, probably by the chairman of the committee, R. E. Comp. F. B. Reilly, and which are thus summarized:

The chief interest to outsiders is the sayings and doings of the presiding officer. All take their office seriously and try to do their best. One group tries to do big things for the Order by suggesting new works and new methods; the other by endeavoring to have the basic principles of the Royal Craft working in the hearts of their Companions. Our opinion from reading the Proceedings is that the latter have the most enduring results.

The Companion reviewing Florida informs ye scribe that membership and dues begin at initiation, and that one fee covers all the degrees. Thank you. Also that from the Proceedings it is a hard job to decide "whether conditions are good or bad, and that real worth is often passed by in silence." A conclusion with which others will agree.

Next Annual in the City of Prince Albert, February (?), 1932.

Judge H. M. P. de Roche, Melville, Grand First Principal;
F. B. Reilly, 312 Westman Chambers, Regina, Grand Scribe
E. and Correspondent.

SCOTLAND—1931

All business is first presented at the Quarterly meetings of the Supreme Committee and then brought before the following Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, which jurisdiction includes nearly all parts of the world except North America. However, there are only about half a dozen Chapters under Scotland in South America.

While each Grand Chapter in the United States insists on exclusive jurisdiction within its Grand Chapter, yet some idea of how the lack of that works elsewhere, is found in the report of the Grand Superintendent of New South Wales, who stated that when he was appointed some ten years previous there were fifty-five Chapters in that State on the rolls of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, now there are 145, and that he had opened ninety-three Chapters; also that the membership had increased from 2,200 to 7,980. This is perhaps about half the Royal Arch membership outside of Scotland.

Reference was made at one of the Quarterlies to the death of M. E. Comp. Sir R. King Stewart, who was First Grand Principal from 1907 to 1913, and whose general Masonic activities were almost world-wide. M. E. Comp. Stewart was succeeded by The Earl of Cassillis, who was re-elected and re-installed at the Annual Convocation held March 31, 1931. At the banquet which followed, the occasion being the celebration of the Vernal Equinox, the Earl of Cassillis occupied the Chair. In his address, in response to the Toast, "Our First Grand Principal," he stated that there had been 2,793 exaltations during the year, about 300 less than the year previous. He also reported a loss in the Royal Ark Mariner Lodge, the Red Cross Council and in the Cryptic Council of Royal and Select Masters.

The most distinguished guest at the Denver Triennial in 1927 was the Earl of Cassillis, and the Florida Companions who met him at that time were hoping that he would be at Tacoma, and this tells why he was not:

It was with very great regret that I was unable to accept the very kind invitation of the General Grand Council and the General Grand Chapter of the United States to be present at their Triennial Conference. Lady Cassillis and I have very pleasant recollections of our last visit.

At the June Quarterly confirmation was given to the re-establishment of fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of New Zealand with the assertion: "Both Constitutions will now walk hand in hand harmoniously, striving to the fullest to help each other in the furtherance of the great aims and duties of Freemasonry." Let us hope they will.

Charters were granted to St. Andrew's Chapter in Cape Town, South Africa; Service Chapter in Burwood, New South Wales, and to Jordan Chapter in Jaffa, Palestine. The latter was granted permission to meet at Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Haifa, "so long as no Scottish Chapter is chartered at said places." One Chapter was constituted in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, assisted by officers from both English and Irish Constitutions, and with "the three Constitutions working harmoniously together."

Geo. A. Howell, 76 Queen St., Edinburgh, Grand Scribe E.

SOUTH CAROLINA—1931

Chapters, 38. Members, 4,562. Exalted, 72. Net Loss, 472

R. T. GOODALE, Grand High Priest

North Carolina Grand Chapter, the General Grand Chapter and the General Grand Council were in evidence at the One Hundred and Nineteenth Annual Convocation, held in the City of Columbia, April 22, 1931, Florida being specially honored in having as its Grand Representative the presiding Grand High Priest.

A distinct loss to Capitular Masonry was the passing of M. E. Comp. Richard C. Watts, Grand High Priest in 1883, and for several years the Chief Justice of the State of South Carolina.

Not having been overly burdensome, it did not take many pages to record the necessary activities of the administration of Grand High Priest Goodale, which in itself is complimentary to Capitular Masonry in the Palmetto State. No decisions were required, as all questions asked were "fully covered

by law." The charters of three Chapters were revoked, and two consolidations were reported. Other duties were responsible for official visitations not made, but this did not prevent M. E. Comp. Goodale from keeping closely in touch with the Royal Craft. Notwithstanding the reported net loss in membership, he fully believed "we are now entering a brighter day." So hope we all. All his official acts were approved.

For reasons of economy and until further notice all Grand Communications will be held in the City of Columbia, and will be "for business only." Theoretically and sentimentally it may be advisable to have a Masonic Grand Body "on wheels," but from a business standpoint Masonic Grand Bodies will be the gainer by meeting continuously in the most centrally located and most available city in the Grand Jurisdiction, as well as where the records are kept.

Half a dozen Companions were regularly anointed and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood. Little appears to have escaped the attention of M. W. Comp. Geo. T. Harmon in his mythical visitations to the several Grand Quarries, and his observations are pleasing and constructive. Although his predecessor, the beloved M. E. Comp. Jas. L. Michie, will long be remembered, yet Grand Chapter is fortunate in having the mantle fall on so worthy a successor, and we opine he has a long continuous "job" ahead of him.

For the information of Comp. Harmon, and others, perhaps, all Florida Masonic laws provide that the King or the equivalent shall preside in the absence of the High Priest or of that office; but in case of death or permanent removal from the Grand Jurisdiction, a "vacancy" occurs which may be filled by a dispensation for an election. However, the Scribe or equivalent, does not succeed to the King's station except by a regular election. What is lawful in one Grand Body may not be lawful in another. And the procedure in Florida Bodies conform to Florida laws.

Next Annual in Columbia, April 27, 1932.
W. W. Edgerton, Grand High Priest; O. Frank Hart, Columbia, Aiken, Grand Secretary; Geo. T. Harmon, Sumter, Correspondent.

SOUTH DAKOTA—1931

Chapters, 40. Members, 5,441. Exalted, 120. Net Loss, 183

ELDON W. CLARK, Grand High Priest

Both the General Grand presiding officers, Grand High Priests from four Grand Chapters and heads of the State Grand Bodies attended the Forty-second Annual Convocation, held in Yankton, June 11, 1931; but Florida was not represented.

Among those who "crossed the bar" during the year were: M. E. Cyrus B. Warne, Grand High Priest in 1923; E. (Rev.) Edward Ashley, Grand Chaplain, 1909-1931, and M. E. Peter Picton, Grand High Priest Dakota Territory in 1886, and who had lived a few days over a century.

Nearly every Chapter was visited by Grand High Priest Clark, an excellent record for a State of broad domain, and who stated he found his greatest pleasure in the "meeting and forming of new acquaintances." No decisions were required, he stated, and the other minor duties do not appear to have been overly burdensome. He derived valuable and helpful information from the "Work Cards" and "Rehearsal Cards" furnished by Chapter Secretaries and originated by his predecessor. He recommended and Grand Chapter approved concurrent jurisdiction over petitions from Master Masons adjacent to the Nebraska State line.

To facilitate Grand Chapter visitations, a committee was appointed to investigate and report some arrangement to change the date of regular Chapter meetings so as to avoid as far as possible special convocations. Grand Chapter approved the report of the Ritual Committee which favored:

The reinstatement of that portion of the journey where shoes are removed and candidates are required to pass over pebbles, which have been previously covered with canvas so as to not injure the candidate in any way.

At this distance it looks to ye scribe as being a step backward, for there is a gradually growing sentiment disapproving everything tending to lessen the dignity and solemnity of the Royal Arch ceremonies.

Grand High Priest-elect Robert S. Hart, following his installation addressed Grand Chapter, in which he urged the Chapters to "look well to their companions in difficulty before exercising the desperate remedy of suspension." Although realizing that the greatest hope for increase must lie in exaltations, yet he properly admonished:

No Chapter will endeavor earnestly to secure applicants for the Capitular light unless it is prepared to confer it, and no Chapter truly prepared will fail to find opportunity to work. Learn first, that you may be able to teach. There is work for the ready workman.

Next Annual in Huron, June 16, 1932.

Robt. R. Hart, Groton, Grand High Priest; George A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE—1931

Chapters, 90. Members, 10,020. Exalted, 221. Net Loss, 508

E. B. DUKE, Grand High Priest

Several Grand Bodies were represented at the One Hundred and Second Annual Convocation, held at Nashville, January 26, 1931. Florida's Grand Representative was included.

During the year Grand Chapter sustained grievous losses, the final summons coming to M. E. Comp. James H. McClister, who was the sixty-first Grand Master; the fifty-first Grand High Priest and the dean of that body; the fortieth Grand Master, R. & S. M., and the twenty-fourth Grand President, O. H. P., a remarkable record; also R. E. Stith M. Cain, Grand Secretary since 1916, and R. E. Walter B. Bell, who was Grand Scribe at the time of his death.

Many matters requiring careful attention was considered in the address of Grand High Priest Duke. He did not approve a by-law exempting a Companion from paying annual dues merely because he had "paid dues continuously" a specified time, because later such a by-law "might become burdensome;" Grand Chapter approved. Somewhat out of the ordi-

nary was a dispensation to elect a High Priest because the one elected "was a non-affiliating Master Mason." Another was to permit the installation of officers "with one ritual out." A decision was that "Transfer of Membership" adopted by Grand Lodge did not apply to Royal Arch Chapters. One request for courtesy work came from St. Petersburg Chapter No. 31.

The Grand High Priest is convinced that Royal Arch Reunions are "of untold value to the Royal Craft." He recommended the repeal of the law authorizing Official Visitors, which Grand Chapter ordered, but it did not favor an "Instructor," to devote his time as required.

After a conference with the presiding officers of Grand Lodge, Grand Council and Grand Commandery, E. Comp. E. T. Doss was appointed Grand Secretary to succeed R. E. Comp. Stith M. Cain who died during the year; but Grand Chapter did not approve the installation of officers to fill vacancies. Wonder why? It did approve the creation of Service Committees in Subordinate Chapters, whose duties should include:

To assist the Secretary in the collection of dues;

To make efforts to secure the reinstatement of Companions suspended for non-payment of dues;

To make, whenever possible, personal investigation of the cases of all Companions cited for suspension;

To use such influence as may be deemed expedient and reasonable to cause such delinquent Companions to see the value of regaining their good standing;

To make recommendations to the Chapter prior to the time set for final action on suspension.

The Historical Committee reported substantial progress and requested further time to amplify "what has been undertaken and accomplished by the devoted leaders of the Craft." A Companion was appointed to review this work. Much has been accomplished by the Rehabilitation Department in assisting in giving medical attention to maimed and deformed children, and an appropriation was made to purchase necessary appliances following the surgical operations.

For the second time Past Grand High Priest A. C. Morgan submitted an excellent and comprehensive Capitular Review,

in which he finds that the alarm over loss of membership "seems to be giving away to a rising tide of optimism." It looks that way. He opines that the setting aside of a Capitular law by the Grand High Priest "is a dangerous practice." So does ye scribe.

Comp. Morgan is inclined to disapprove the action of Grand High Priest Pasco in the "filling of a vacancy in the office of High Priest." Referring to the same, attention is directed to our comment under South Carolina in this review, even though it does not seem to conform to Tennessee Masonic law.

Companion Morgan also considers that the twenty-three High Priests anointed at our previous Order of High Priesthood is "not a very high percentage for fifty-one Chapters." May be not, but the Order is not compulsory in Florida. Tennessee seems to have ninety Chapters, and only thirty-five Excellent Companions were anointed and set apart. What is that about "glass houses" and "throwing stones?"

James H. Epps, Jr., Jonesboro, Grand High Priest; Thomas E. Doss, Nashville, Grand Secretary; A. C. Morgan, Clarksville, Correspondent.

TEXAS—1931

Chapters, 285. Members, 39,299. Exalted, 553. Net Loss, 1,279

E. C. COUCH, Grand High Priest

Well represented were the Subordinate Chapters at the convening of the Eighty-second Annual Convocation in Waco, Nov. 30, 1931, for a two-days session, with M. W. J. W. McClendon, Grand Master of Texas, a special visitor, and Florida represented by W. Bro. D. C. McCord.

Good work, true work, square work can truly be said of the year's administration of Grand High Priest Couch, who regretted that he could not have given the entire year to Capitular work. His great effort seems to have been "to lead the Companions into a feeling of contentment," and which he

further emphasized: "If there was ever a time in the history of Masonry when we should be tolerant, when we should spread the mantle of charity, when we should temper justice with mercy, that time is right now."

His duties, while many and varied, were largely confined to local necessities, some of which would not have arisen under Florida laws. He reported two mergings of Chapters, and a baker's dozen dispensations were given Chapters to resume labor. According to Texas laws, when a Chapter fails to convene for three successive months its charter is arrested, and the Chapter can only be set at work again upon "showing fruits meet for repentance," with a dispensation from the Grand High Priest. Some such a law in other Grand Chapters might have a salutary effect.

From time immemorial, almost, Grand Secretary T. M. Bartley and Past Grand High Priest Sam J. Helm have been devoting "time, ink and talk" in furthering education in Masonic philosophy and symbolism particularly, throughout the entire jurisdiction, and have even extended their labors into Foreign Quarries, the results of which can never be estimated. However, Grand Chapter, probably in the interests of economy, not only discontinued the educational work, but also ordered the sale of the "Lizzie" which for so many years had taken them from "Dan to Beersheba" and the way stations as well. At this distance it causes ye scribe to wonder if this may not be another case of "penny wise and pound foolish."

Grand Chapter did not look with favor upon the recommendation to reduce the minimum fees for initiation from \$50.00 to \$35.00, for under the law half of every initiation fee goes to Grand Chapter, in lieu of Grand Chapter dues and assessments, this being its main source of revenue. And also notwithstanding that, Grand Secretary Bartley voluntarily reduced his salary \$500.00, and the other salaries and many of the appropriations were reduced as well.

Neither did Grand Chapter look with favor upon a resolution that "none but Royal Arch Masons be employed in the office of the Grand Secretary;" and further added, "in our judgment the method is unwise, unsafe and impractical:" but it did adopt the special committee's report to which it had been

referred: "Merit and not membership alone should be and is the proper basis of controlling and the proper method of determining such matters."

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood is a "sunrise" assembly, always meeting at 6:00 o'clock A. M., on the second day of Grand Chapter. As only twenty-five Companions were consecrated and set apart, ye scribe wonders if this may have been caused by the early hour? The titles of the officers indicate a difference from Florida ceremonies.

There are reviewers and reviewers of Masonic Proceedings, but there is only one Sam J. Helm, who withal is also a Past Grand High Priest, and he combines words and wisdom as no other would attempt to imitate.

His prologue pertains to Scotland's Capitular activities in New Zealand, and which is continued in his review of the latter Grand Chapter. It is putting it mild to state that his reference to Scotland's attitude is anything but complimentary. His comments must be read to be understood, and a summary is impractical. Of course there are always two sides to every controversy, and one must give Scotland its right to its side, otherwise it would not be Masonic.

Following out Companion Helm's contentions to a final conclusion, every Grand Chapter should sever fraternal relations with the Supreme Royal Arch Grand Chapter of Scotland. If that were done, would that Grand Chapter recede from the stand it has taken? It has been well said that the best prophet of the future is the past. From this distant viewpoint one might even question the real and lasting good to be accomplished were such action taken. Time is a great lever, and it is sincerely hoped that whatever injustice, if such there be, may be speedily adjusted.

Florida is characteristically considered and generally approved, although Comp. Helm questions the judgment of ye scribe "in picking GGC candidates."

Next Annual in the City of Waco, Dec. 6-7, 1932.

Hardy Petty, Terrell, Grand High Priest; Thos. M. Bartley, Waco, Grand Secretary; Sam J. Helm, Corsicana, Correspondent.

UTAH—1931

Chapters, 8. Members, 1,266. Exalted, 51. Net Loss, 34

WILLIAM W. RAGER, Grand High Priest

Acting on the suggestion of the Grand Secretary, and in the interest of economy, the printing of the Proceedings of the Twentieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter was combined with the Proceedings of the Second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, both being held in Logan, May 11, 1931. It would be interesting to know the net savings, also how the cost was pro rated, as the pages were as eighty-eight to twenty-two, and with eight Chapters and three Councils. This procedure is a combination not previously recalled, and the practical workings might be worth considering in those Grand Jurisdictions where both Bodies meet about the same date.

All Grand Officers as well as the heads of the other Associated Bodies were in attendance, but Florida's Representative was among the missing. Little out of the usual seems to have been required of Grand High Priest Rager, whose official acts and visitations received approval, excepting a recommendation to adopt a "short form" of opening and closing Subordinate Chapters, for the purpose of conserving time. Neither was approval given to using more than one substitute.

Approved constructive legislation included: a repeal of a Regulation that the Blue Lodge Code governed Capitular Masonry in the absence of specific Capitular law; reducing per capita Grand Chapter dues from sixty cents to forty cents and establishing the minimum fee for Capitular degrees at \$50.00; also separating Grand Chapter from Grand Commandery, which former will continue to meet in May, and hereafter Grand Chapter and Grand Council in June. Florida made a similar change several years ago, and it has proven quite satisfactory. Approval was also given to using a motion picture film entitled "Babylon to Jerusalem," illustrating the Principal Sojourner's lecture in the R. A. Degree.

Six Companions were consecrated and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood and former officers were re-elected.

Constructive as well as concise was the Review of the Proceedings of other Grand Chapters by R. E. John M. Dunlap who is also Grand Secretary. He recommended the "many good suggestions for promoting interest in the Royal Craft," by Grand High Priest John Pasco, as well as quoting at length from his address, also from the report of the Committee on Correspondence. Thank you.

Next Annual in the City of Logan, June 13, 1932.

Percy N. Cook, Ogden, Grand High Priest; John M. Dunlap, Masonic Temple, Salt Lake City, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

VERMONT—1931

Chapters, 30. Members, 5,811. Exalted, 129. Net Loss, 59

CADY L. EARLE, Grand High Priest

Every Grand Chapter which conveniently could seems to have sent favored sons to chaperon the One Hundred Fourteenth Annual Convocation, which was held in the City of Burlington, June 9, 1931; Florida being represented by E. Comp. J. Harold Stacey.

Among those who departed for the "Undiscovered Country" during the year was M. E. Comp. Henry S. Root, Grand High Priest in 1910, and who faithfully served the Craft nearly the allotted age of man, have first seen "light" in 1865, five years after ye scribe first saw light of day.

Zeal, earnestness and dignity are reflected in the comprehensive address of Grand High Priest Earle, and which is a worthy contribution to the year's Capitular lore. He did not favor the "steam roller," refusing all dispensations to receive and act upon petitions the same night. He strongly favored observing Chapter Anniversaries as a "period of rejoicing and reflection," a notable event being the One Hun-

dred Twenty-fifth anniversary of the oldest Chapter in the State, Champlain No. 1, of St. Albans.

His official visitations, both within and without the State, and which were numerous, convinced him that when a Craftsman comes to look upon his Lodge and his Chapter as the place to meet his dearest friends, "then will the problem of poor attendance be solved." A favoring feature is concurrent jurisdiction over all Lodges located in towns where there are no Chapters. He believed many advantages would follow a combining of Capitular Districts and would increase interest as well. He also favored the conferring of the first three degrees in any Masonic Lodge room within the jurisdiction. Grand Chapter approved all his acts.

Although in fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of Utah, yet the exchange of Grand Representatives seems to have been overlooked, and this was now corrected. The amalgamated Grand Chapter of Queensland was likewise recognized.

Fourteen qualified Companions were consecrated and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood, and E.:Comp. Edward Crannell was re-elected President.

Grand Secretary Archie S. Harriman presented an instructive and readable Review of Capitular Proceedings. Noting that most of the Canadian and Australian Grand Chapters reported membership gains and negligible losses, while the reverse prevailed in the United States, brought out this pertinent comment, which is worthy of consideration:

Is it not possible that our Grand Chapters have gone too far in stressing Masonic Education and Service with the greatly increased cost of activities; that erudite lectures, many of them naturally dry, on ethical and spiritual values of the degrees, have unwittingly caused a loss to the Chapters of those fraternal and social values and experiences, which have always marked our Fraternity heretofore? Is a lecture the equivalent of a dinner, a long and learned disquisition on the higher Masonic life the equal of a social game of cards, or even a quiet conversation among the Companions, when it comes to retaining that interest among them, which is essential not only to good attendance, but also to a goodly number of applications?

Comp. Harriman briefly "covered" the outstanding features in the Florida Proceedings, and with no unfavorable comment. Thank you.

Next Annual in Burlington, June 14, 1932.

Aaron H. Grout, Burlington, Grand High Priest; Archie S. Harriman, Burlington, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

VIRGINIA—1931

Chapters, 74. Members, 16,636. Exalted, 324. Net Loss, 681

WILLIAM L. DAVIS, Grand High Priest

Something like a quarter of the subordinate Chapters were not represented at the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Annual Convocation, held in the City of Richmond, Oct. 27-28, 1931, and neither was Florida, but the Grand Commander, K. T., assisted the regular officers in preserving due decorum.

Greatly missed was the late M.:E.:Comp. James Bowman, who was Grand High Priest in 1917.

Official visitations were stressed in the address of Grand High Priest Davis, which included nearly half of the Chapters, often being accompanied by other members of the Official Family. He stated that relations with other Grand Chapters were never more friendly.

His one recorded ruling was that he found no law which would prevent a Chapter "favoring a division of DeMolays." But the Jurisconsults remembered that in 1923 Grand Chapter refused to sanction the organization of DeMolay in the City of Petersburg, and it made this recommendation, which Grand Chapter approved: "Your committee feels that it is outside the province of this Grand Chapter to assume the duties and responsibilities not directly related to Capitular Masonry."

An adopted recommendation was that a District Deputy Grand High Priest must not only be a Present or Past High Priest and skilled in the laws and the work of the degrees,

but also that he "shall have received the Order of High Priesthood."

Much of the routine business is transacted by Grand Chapter going into a Grand Committee of the Whole, after which Grand Chapter adopts the report of this committee, and which raises the query, what would happen if adverse action should be taken?

Thirty-three Companions were elected, consecrated and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

A worthwhile contribution of the year to Capitular activities and education is the Fraternal Review of Grand Chapter Proceedings by Past Grand High Priest E. Fenno Heath, in which he pertinently stated:

There seems to be a growing dissatisfaction because of the ever-increasing number of organizations which base membership on Masonic affiliations, part of our losses being due, undoubtedly, to pocketbook losses because of these organizations. And he further added:

Wherever it has had a fair trial the Service Committee, for reclaiming, holding and gaining members, seems to have scored a success. It is worth a trial by every Chapter, but care should be taken to appoint, to this most important assignment, Companions possessed of a genial disposition, tact, a real desire to serve, and sufficient spare time in which to exercise that desire.

The Florida 1930 Proceedings do not seem to pass unqualified approval at the Virginia gate, for Comp. Heath makes this somewhat pertinent comment relative to life membership, and which is worthy of consideration:

He (Grand High Priest Pasco) approved an amendment to By-Laws of one Chapter fixing life memberships at \$25.00 each. In our humble opinion that is a fine way to promote loss of interest in a Chapter; sell the average member a life ticket and you lay him on the shelf, for he will take no further interest in Chapter affairs, his membership card being the only connection he desires with the Chapter, and that only for the avowed purpose of holding his Shrine membership. And besides \$25.00 is such a ridiculously low price; it should be not a cent less than \$100.00. We notice the adopted report of the Jurisprudence Committee fixed the cost of future life membership at \$50.00, about half what it should be.

Another comment to think about: "There is too little attention paid to antiquity (Masonic), and too much modernism

in our present day Masonic Bodies. The sooner we get back to first principles, the quicker will interest in things Masonic get back to normal."

Next Annual in Richmond, Oct. 25-26, 1932.

E. C. Young, Cape Charles, Grand High Priest; James M. Clift, Masonic Temple, Richmond, Grand Secretary; E. Fenno Heath, P. O. Box 123, Newport News, Correspondent.

WASHINGTON—1931

Chapters, 53. Members, 9,005. Exalted, 270. Net Loss, 217

FRED MATTHIES, Grand High Priest

Oregon sent several favored sons to the Forty-seventh Annual Convocation, held in Walla Walla, May 11-12, 1931; Florida not being represented. It was in Walla Walla and in the same room that three Chapters met October 2, 1884, and formed the Grand Chapter of Washington. The records show that there were fewer Companions in the entire Grand Jurisdiction at that time than were in attendance at the Grand Chapter then in session.

Among those who "crossed the divide" during the year were M. E. Comp. John C. Minton, Grand High Priest in 1913, and Grand Commander three years later; also M. E. Comp. Peter Picton, Honorary Past Grand High Priest, formerly of North Dakota and earlier of Dakota Territory, and at the time of his death he was the oldest living Past Grand High Priest, having passed the century mark in years. He has the further remarkable record of having been Grand High Priest in three different Grand Jurisdictions.

Much of the address of Grand High Priest Matthies was given to visitations, every Chapter having been visited. He found conditions "very satisfactory, work being done in a creditable manner in most of the Chapters," the joint meetings particularly being "of great benefit to Royal Arch Masonry." His vision of the future is thus expressed: "I believe that when the time comes, and it may come sooner than

we think, the Royal Arch Masons will take the lead, and when they do the vexatious problems will be solved, and solved right."

His minor activities, though numerous, reveal intensive thought and consideration, but indicate nothing particularly new in Capitular Hasonry, and all met the approval of Grand Chapter.

All who were fortunate enough to attend the Tacoma Triennial will agree, as expressed by one, "that it was worth every ounce of energy put into it and worth every dollar expended." The financial report of the Triennial Committee shows that the total disbursements were \$8,524.74. However, one wonders if the preliminary expenses were included. So liberal had been the contributions that there was a balance left of \$1,750, which was divided pro rata between Grand Chapter and Grand Council.

A temporary organization of Chapter Secretaries was formed, and definite plans will be submitted a year hence. The various committee reports were largely formal, little of a constructive nature having been referred, and less of outside general interest.

During the year a special Convention of the Order of High Priesthood was held, besides the regular, during Grand Chapter, at which latter seventeen Companions were consecrated and set apart.

Grand Secretary and Past Grand High Priest Wesley C. Stone, for the third time, presented a Capitular Review—concise, somewhat statistical, but readable and constructive. However, only a few of the high spots were touched. There seemed to be little in Florida to attract his attention.

Next Annual in Aberdeen, May 5-6, 1932.

John G. Heinz, Tacoma, Grand High Priest; Wesley C. Stone, Spokane, Grand Secretary and Reviewer.

WEST VIRGINIA—1931

Chapters, 46. Members, 11,401. Exalted, 186. Net Loss, 426

CARNEY M. LAYNE, Grand High Priest

Good fellowship seems to have characterized the Sixty-first Annual Convocation, held in the City of Fairmount, Oct. 5-6, 1931, with notable visitors from four Grand Chapters as well as the head of the General Grand Chapter. Notwithstanding that E. Comp. N. McKendree Wilson, of Davis, was commissioned during the year Grand Representative for Florida, yet he failed to respond to roll call. Wonder why?

M. E. Comp. Henry S. Cushwa, Grand High Priest in 1911, during the year made answer to the imperative summons.

Untiring efforts and unselfish use of time, having visited every Chapter in the Jurisdiction once and several oftener, is revealed in the address of Grand High Priest Layne. Some of these Chapters, he stated, had not been officially visited in a score of years. "This is not as it should be," and he further added, "the Chapters that need encouragement the least get it most, and those that need it most, get it least."

Fortunately for himself and the constituency as well his official duties were largely routine and not overly burdensome. No requests for decisions are recorded and no cases requiring discipline are reported.

Due search through the Proceedings fails to disclose much of interest to the outlanders, and the approval of committee reports were largely formalities; all of which is commendable to the Grand Chapter of West Virginia.

A collective ballot declared twenty-one Companions elected to be consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood, and the old set of officers were re-elected.

Grand Secretary and Past Grand High Priest George M. Ford again presented the Correspondence Report, in which little of importance seems to have escaped notice. Sometimes it is well to see ourselves as others see us, though it be not sugar-coated.

Comp. Ford's review of Florida's 1931 Proceedings seemingly falls in this class, and consequently he opines "there is

something wrong in Florida," because of the large number of suspensions reported, and with this comment: "Surely this large number cannot be undesirable members." He also wonders if "new leaders are not needed in the Chapters?"

As a matter of fact, the conditions about which he comments are largely the result of conditions over which neither Capitular Masonry nor any branch of Masonry has control, and which do not probably materially differ from the recorded accounts in other Grand Jurisdictions. There are other features which do not seem to have his approval, and which are consequently regretted.

However, he congratulates the Educational Committee on its constructive report, and deplores that it "cannot be placed before each member of the Craft." Perhaps a personal visit to the Florida Masonic Bodies might convince Comp. Ford that there is another side to the unfavorable picture he portrays in words. Come and see for yourself, Companion.

Next Annual in the City of Bluefield, Oct. 3-4, 1932.

John W. Mason, Fairmount, Grand High Priest; George M. Ford, Wheeling, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

WISCONSIN—1931

Chapters, 114. Members, 26,284. Exalted, 714. Net Loss, 97

WALLACE M. COMSTOCK, Grand High Priest

Many distinguished Companions, including Past Grand High Priest Walter L. Stockwell of North Dakota as well as General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, attended the eighty-first Annual Convocation, held in Milwaukee, Feb. 17-18, 1931, Florida being represented by Past Grand High Priest W. F. Owen.

The address of Grand High Priest Comstock was a business-like presentation of the work of the year, which was principally routine. Somewhat disquieting to him were the large numbers of dismissions and suspensions, and he queried if a little more personal effort, a little leniency in financial mat-

ters, might have awakened their dormant interests, and thus retained a material percentage of the Companions which had been excluded?

Although he permitted a St. Paul (Minn.) Chapter to confer the Royal Arch degree in a Wisconsin Chapter, he added this timely admonition:

It may not be amiss to call the attention of the Companions to the fact that, no matter how proficient the St. Paul Companions may be, it will in all probability be Minnesota work and Minnesota ritual which will be used and, therefore, not to be taken as a pattern by Wisconsin Chapters.

This Grand Chapter is spending time and money to perfect its members in Wisconsin Capitular work. Then why permit anything to distract attention, unless it be as an *Adenda* for entertainment purposes only?

An acute illness prevented Grand High Priest Comstock from making many visitations. He advocated co-operating with the Educational Bureau of the General Grand Chapter. It was his opinion that "no greater work has ever been attempted by any branch of Masonry than that of fostering the Order of DeMolay." So firmly does Grand Chapter believe in what that Order is accomplishing that \$1,200 was again appropriated to assist in carrying on DeMolay work.

Four constitutional amendments had previously been presented, but the only one adopted by Grand Chapter was "that action on all Constitutional Amendments shall be by roll call."

Thirty-four Companions were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

Past Grand High Priest Edward T. Mayhurst submitted a well prepared Capitular Review, with copious extract from the various proceedings, but with less comment. Under Florida, in connection with Past Grand High Priest Pasco's reference to the ritual, Comp. Hayhurst says:

We are truly surprised, for we had an idea that Grand Jurisdictions which had adopted the General Grand Chapter Ritual would have no trouble with the work. The more we read reports from these Jurisdictions, the more we feel that Wisconsin was wise in keeping its own work.

We are prone to believe that what our own family does is a little nearer perfect than what others do.

Next Annual in Milwaukee, Feb. 16-17, 1932.

Edward P. Andrews, Portage, Grand High Priest; Wm. F. Weiler, 700 N. VanBuren St., Milwaukee, Grand Secretary; Edward T. Hayhurst, 106 Montgomery St., Watertown, Correspondent.

WYOMING—1931

Chapters, 18. Members, 2,213. Exalted, 72. Net Loss, 40

WILLIAM N. SCOTT, Grand High Priest

Following the usual formal ceremonies, the Twenty-third Annual Convocation, which was held in Caspar, July 13, 1931, was declared open for business, "pursuant to adjournment," a somewhat novel pronouncement in connection with Capitular Masonry. The newly elected Grand Commander, K. T., and the Deputy Grand High Priest of Nebraska were the distinguished visitors. Florida was represented by E. Comp. Homer E. Zorn, who was later appointed Grand Sentinel.

During the year the Grim Messenger sent his imperative summons to R. E. Henry M. Arnold, Grand Scribe, and his vacant station was filled by appointment.

The address of Grand High Priest Scott was a resume of devotion to Capitular Masonry, which included visitations to every Chapter in the State, and which no doubt has done much to stabilize the Royal Craft. His recommendation as well as the appointment of R. E. Edward J. Repath to represent the Grand Chapter of Wyoming near Canada is unique in that his brother, Grand Secretary Richard H. Repath, represents Canada near the Grand Chapter of Wyoming.

A somewhat strange ruling was that the High Priest could not appoint a Companion to confer the degrees, for that would be a "usurpation of the powers and authority of the King and Scribe without their consent." Ye scribe has always supposed a High Priest could delegate those powers to anyone he might

choose, if he were present, and there was nothing in the recorded request to indicate that the High Priest was not present.

A committee will consider the Educational Program recommended by Grand Chapter and report another year. The observance of the Bi-Centenary of George Washington was approved.

On account of the absence of several officers of the Holy Order of High Priesthood, no Convention was held.

E. Comp. Henry G. Watson, who was advanced to the station of Grand Captain of the Host, for the fourth time presented a carefully prepared Capitular Review, in which he found "too many who have been honored by election as Grand Priests who are setting a poor example by expecting that someone will do the work." This might also include those of lesser importance.

Suggest that if Comp. Watson will carefully compare the 1930 Florida Grand Secretary's report with the "Statistics," page seventy, he will no doubt find that the two Chapters which he assumed "gave up the ghost," are reported and with the same number of members as the year previous.

Next Annual at Rock Springs, July 12, 1932.

David B. Bell, Rock Springs, Grand High Priest; Richard H. Repath, Cheyenne, Grand Secretary; Henry G. Watson, Cheyenne, Correspondent.

FLORIDA G. C. PROCEEDINGS WANTED

Ye scribe is trying to complete a set of the Proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Florida from its organization, January 11, 1847, to the present time. And he is lacking the Proceedings for the years 1850, 1851, 1852, 1856, 1864, and 1884. Any Companion having an extra copy of either one or all of the above years he can spare, he will confer a favor by advising the writer of this report.

 LOSSES AND GAINS

Capitular Masonry in the United States, according to the Proceedings reviewed in this report, shows a net loss of 28,510, one Grand Chapter estimated, and which may slightly change this figure. The largest loss comes from Illinois, reported as 3,234, while Delaware reports a net loss of twenty-seven. The three Grand Chapters reporting net gains are Arizona, District of Columbia and Nevada, totaling seventy-five.

Two Grand Chapters in the Commonwealth of Canada report a net gain of 123, and six show a net loss of 360, with Quebec Proceedings not received.

No figures are given for either of the Grand Chapters in Great Britain, though the Proceedings of each of these three Grand Chapters indicate substantial progress.

The Grand Chapter of New Zealand in the Commonwealth of Australia reports a gain of thirty-eight, and New South Wales a net loss of 106, while the Proceedings of the other Grand Chapters fail to give membership statistics or were not received.

The total net loss in Capitular membership in the United States as reported in 1931 was 21,321, while this year's report indicates the loss to be 28,435. Last year Royal Arch Masonry throughout the entire British Possessions recorded a total net gain of 1,112, while this year there appears to be total net loss so far as figures are available. However, those

Grand Chapters from which there are no reports may change the net results from the red to the black. Let us hope.

Probably each reader has a different opinion. Ye scribe has no solution to offer, unless it be that if Royal Arch Masonry means anything to us individually, and we believe it does, it is a challenge to each member to use his best efforts to place the Royal Craft in its rightful place in World Freemasonry.

Respectfully submitted,

Ely D. Hubbell

For the Committee.

Bradenton, Florida, May 12, 1932.

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The next Annual Convocation will be held in the City of
Jacksonville on the Third Tuesday in May, 1933