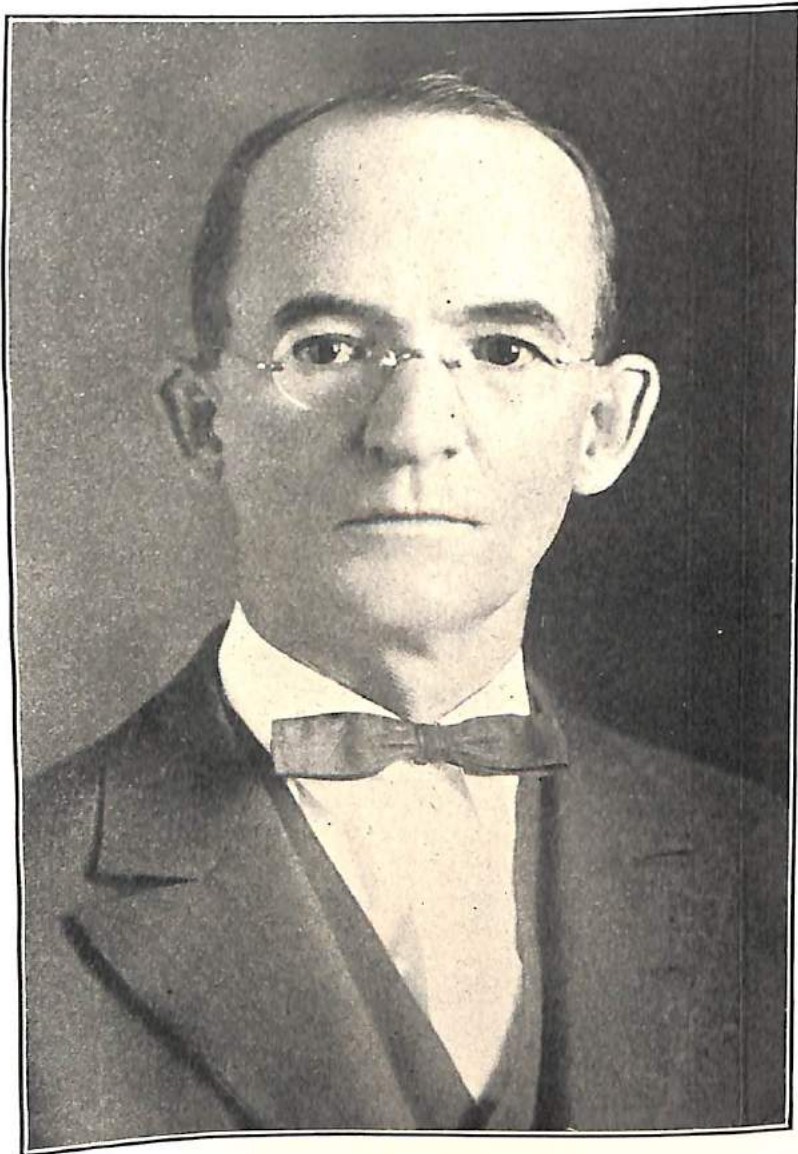


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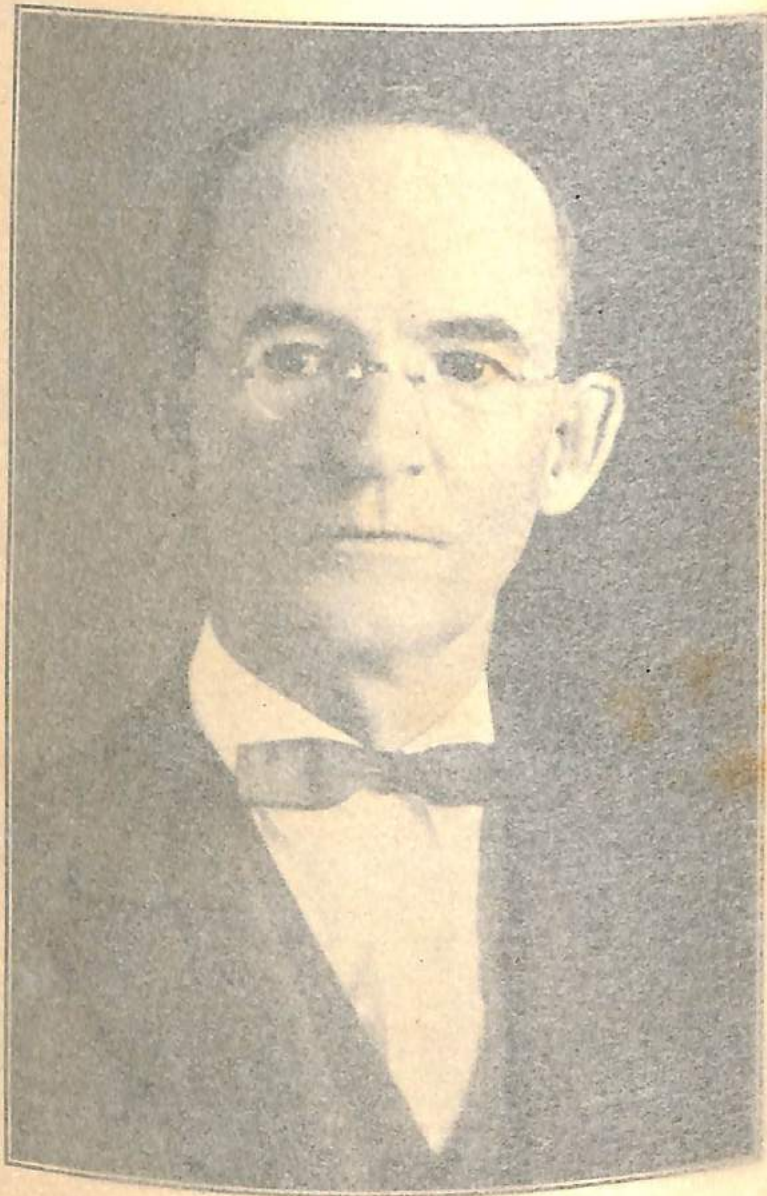
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EIGHTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

1933

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida assembled in its Eighty-Seventh Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple in the City of Jacksonville, at 10:00 A. M., Tuesday, May 16th, A. D. 1933, A. I. 2463.

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

William B. Greer	M.·E.·Grand High Priest
R. P. Buckmaster	R.·E.·Deputy Grand High Priest
Archie Aitchison	R.·E.·Grand King
George A. Dame	R.·E.·Grand Scribe
Riley J. McMaster	R.·E.·Grand Treasurer
Wilber P. Webster	R.·E.·Grand Secretary
Dorsey H. Rutter	R.·E.·Grand Chaplain
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 Third Veil
Richard B. Lovett	E.·Grand Master Second Veil
Frank S. Hartsfield	E.·Grand Master First Veil
John W. Capper	E.·Grand Guard
Dorsey H. Rutter	E.·Grand Lecturer

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	Wilber P. Webster
E. E. Haskell,	Joseph R. Keller,
T. Picton Warlow,	Wm. R. O'Neal,
H. O. Snow,	Dabney B. Palmer,
R. J. Kishpaugh	John L. Hall
Cary B. Fish,	E. L. Shear,
John Pasco,	R. J. McMaster,
	Alex B. Steuart

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

Adolph Jordahn,	H. J. Dame,
F. A. Riegel,	S. E. Smithers,
Ernest Reed,	T. P. Robinson,
C. A. Bangert,	Lewis E. Berkebile,
Hamilton Baluss,	W. S. Perry,
Wm. L. Marshall,	J. Marvin Rowan.

REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

Florida No. 1	H. R. Kaufman, proxy for H. P.
Gainesville No. 2	R. T. Turner, H. P.
Tampa No. 3	S. E. Clark, H. P.
	W. P. Thomas, K.
St. Johns No. 4	Chas. L. Heath, proxy for H. P.
Halifax No. 5	George Rimmer, H. P.
	H. D. Gilmore, K.
Mt. Horeb No. 6	Wm. M. Houghton, H. P.
Eureka No. 7	Blums Williams, H. P.
	Bert L. Blair, proxy for S.
Kissimmee No. 10	J. L. Overstreet, H. P.
Jericho No. 11	Joel A. Fite, H. P.
Jacksonville No. 12	O. L. Vordermark, H. P.
	S. L. Houston, K.
Ocala No. 13	A. B. Jennings, H. P.
Inverness No. 14	M. C. Scofield, proxy for H. P.
Monroe No. 15	James C. Trawick, H. P.
Manatee River No. 18	H. J. Wendland, H. P.
Keystone No. 20	J. A. Warren, H. P.
Thomas Brown No. 22	J. A. Paramore, proxy for officers
Lake Worth No. 24	J. Fred Wood, H. P.
Live Oak No. 25	B. W. Helvenston, proxy for H. P.
Jefferson No. 26	E. C. Mellon, H. P.
Indian River No. 27	Earle E. Ranck, H. P.
Joppa No. 28	J. R. Harrison, proxy for H. P.

GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA

Lakeland No. 29	N. F. Skipper, H. P.
Gadsden No. 30	B. J. Butler, H. P.
St. Petersburg No. 31	L. D. Buie, H. P.
Jackson No. 32	C. W. Davis, proxy for H. P.
Eustis No. 33	C. R. Gilmore, H. P.
Leesburg No. 34	Wm. Dunston, proxy for H. P.
Sarasota No. 35	Robt. S. Givins, H. P.
Providence No. 38	Chesley Roberts, proxy for H. P.
Crestview No. 40	J. L. Clary, H. P.
Winter Haven No. 41	C. A. Seymour, H. P.
Highlands No. 42	D. F. Canfield, H. P.
Union No. 43	W. M. Christen, proxy for H. P.
Duval No. 48	Carl R. Leavitt, proxy for H. P.
Poinciana No. 50	R. R. Gresham, H. P.
New Smyrna No. 51	W. G. Blair, proxy for H. P.
M. D. Cushing No. 54	V. M. Douglas, H. P.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Alabama	R. J. Kishpaugh
Alberta	Cleveland R. Horne
Arizona	R. B. Lovett
Arkansas	C. A. Bangert
Canada	Chester DeRocher
Colorado	B. C. Webb
Connecticut	M. W. Bishop
Delaware	W. P. Webster
Georgia	E. E. Macy
Illinois	Archie Aitchison
Iowa	E. L. Shear
Kansas	Jesse C. Clark
Kentucky	E. L. Shear
Louisiana	John Pasco
Maine	Elmer E. Haskell
Manitoba	R. L. Gillett
Maryland	Henry O. Snow
Michigan	F. Wm. Schultz
Mississippi	D. B. Palmer
Missouri	Cary B. Fish
Montana	G. A. Lambe
Nebraska	W. S. Perry
New Hampshire	Wm. R. O'Neal
New Jersey	William L. Marshall
New York	Hamilton Baluss
New South Wales	John D. Grether
New Zealand	Max Sirkin

North Carolina	Harry D. Gilmore
North Dakota	R. J. McMaster
Nova Scotia	T. Picton Warlow
Ohio	Dorsey H. Rutter
Oklahoma	W. B. Greer
Oregon	Frederic A. Riegel
Queensland	John B. Phelps
Scotland	Alex B. Steuart
Saskatchewan	H. L. Schaffer
South Carolina	Ernest Reed
South Dakota	Wm. R. O'Neal
Texas	R. P. Buckmaster
Utah	J. R. Keller
Vermont	Bert L. Blair
Victoria	John L. Hall
Washington	H. J. Dame
Western Australia	John Pasco
Wisconsin	George A. Dame
Wyoming	John Pasco

The following greetings and best wishes were received and the Grand Secretary was directed to make suitable reply.

Wilber P. Webster, Grand Secretary;

I regret exceedingly my inability to attend meeting of Masonic Bodies this week.

Fraternally,

E. L. WIRT.

W. B. Greer, Grand High Priest,

The Grand Chapter of Florida, Order of the Eastern Star extends sincere greetings to the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons assembled, with best wishes for a most profitable and pleasant session.

Cordially and sincerely,

LEONA FAIRCLOTH,

Worthy Grand Matron, Order Eastern Star, Fla.

W. P. Webster, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Chapter of New York extends to your Convocation their heartiest and warmest fraternal greetings. May the future bring to Florida Grand Chapter the peace and tranquility known to men as taught by the teacher whose principle is the guiding spirit for our fraternity.

WILLIAM E. JACKSON,

Florida Representative.

Warsaw, N. Y.

M. E. WM. B. GREER,
Grand High Priest.

Gadsden Chapter No. 30 Royal Arch Masons extends to you its congratulations and best wishes for a most successful meeting.

E. C. MAHAFFEY,
Secretary.

The Committee on Returns and Credentials made a verbal report that the officers and members as reported by the Grand Secretary at roll call was correct and asked for further time in which to make final report. Upon motion same was granted.

The Representatives of the various Grand Jurisdictions made reports and extended greetings and best wishes from their several Grand Jurisdictions.

The Committee on Distinguished visitors introduced the following:

M. E. Companion Cary B. Fish, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Permanent Fund of the General Grand Chapter.

Companion J. Lloyd Head, M. I. Grand Master of the Grand Council R. & S. M. of Florida, who were received with Grand Honors.

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

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS

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

Companions:

Again we meet to mark another milestone in the history of Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction, to review and pass judgment upon the events of the year just past, and to make plans for promoting the interests of the Royal Craft. May we all gather new inspiration to "Carry on", new courage to meet our problems and difficulties, and renewed faith to sustain and comfort us.

Permit me first, in the name of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Florida, to extend a most hearty welcome to our distinguished guests. May they find as much pleasure in being here as it gives us to have them with us. We wish also to extend a hearty greeting to the members and representatives of this Grand Chapter. It is, indeed, a

pleasure to look into your faces, to renew old acquaintance and make new, and to receive from you new inspiration and to give to "Friendship" a new and deeper meaning. To those here for the first time as representatives of their respective Chapters we also extend a hearty welcome and hope that you too may be animated with that spirit and zeal which actuates us in the cause of Royal Arch Masonry. May your presence here be not only a pleasure but may we indulge the hope that it may prepare you to take up the work and enable you to carry on in the years to come.

It is with pleasure that I report a year of peace and harmony among the Royal Craft of this Jurisdiction, no controversial matters whatever having been referred to your Grand High Priest for settlement. I am also pleased to report that peace and harmony prevail between this Grand Chapter and other Grand Jurisdictions.

While we have again suffered a net loss in our membership, I still refuse to be alarmed. It is true that we have lost a goodly number of true and earnest Masons through misfortune, and this is to be regretted. But the majority of our losses have been inevitable. Many of them joined years ago when they had a little money and with it sought a little excitement. They never had the true spirit of Capitular Masonry and in a crisis could not have been depended upon. Many others joined in the hope of furthering some financial interest or promoting some social or political ambition. These were doomed to disappointment from the beginning and the dropping of their names from our rolls is a gain instead of a loss for they had not come to serve without the hope of fee or reward. Some others unfortunately were mentally bankrupt and entirely unable to grasp the meaning of Masonic thought and teaching. Some of these might have been saved with profit to the craft if they had been given proper instruction. Their loss is entirely chargeable to the craft in-as-much as we failed to give them the Light they so much desired. The remainder of our losses are Companions tried and true, dependable in a crisis, worthy of our sympathy, encouragement and support. They have been unable to weather the financial storm which has exhausted their resources. These we should use every effort to reclaim for the craft. We need them and they need us. Our membership now appears to have about reached minimum, for those who have weathered the financial and spiritual depressions most assuredly have a genuine and abid-

ing interest and can be depended upon.

While we are having our troubles in this respect, we are not alone. Our sister Grand Jurisdictions also have their troubles, and it is interesting (and sometimes amusing) to note the excuses, reasons and causes advanced in explanation. Some blame the war; some attribute our troubles to present day commercial activities; some charge it up to so many distractions; and some seem to think that the fraternity is decadent and the situation hopeless. It is true that we are in the midst of a depression, but I submit, Companions, that depressions cannot mar the beauty of virtue nor dim the luster of Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love. Now as never before are needed the qualities of Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice. Amid the trials, troubles and difficulties of life have we forgotten in whom we place our trust? Are we unmindful that "there is help for the widow's son"? Why do we ignore the fact that there is raising and sustaining power in the Strong Grip of the "Lion's Paw of the Tribe of Judah"? The great fault of the day lies in the fact that we have indeed put out of mind the first Great Duty which as Entered Apprentices we were taught to inculcate. The avalanche of economic ills and the tidal waves of apathy which seem about to overwhelm us are not caused by any laws or set of laws enacted by governments nor will they be cured by repeal of existing laws or the enactment of new ones. The remedy lies within ourselves, individually and collectively. We must each and all return to that reverential worship in which we participated when we celebrated the dedication of the Temple where we also dedicated the Temple within us. From the Altar of Incense within the Sanctuary we must relight the fires upon the Sacrificial Altar and yield ourselves as never before, without the hope of fee or reward, to that service which we averred we had come up to perform. Unselfish service and love still radiate the human heart and the peace and happiness they bring are of the kind which the world cannot give nor can it take away.

Perhaps one of the sweetest thoughts that come to man is that "somebody cares". There has grown up and to some extent is still prevalent, the idea that the Grand Chapter cares nothing for the constituent Chapter or for the individual Companion except to collect dues. Many, many times during the year has this idea been expressed

to me, and I must admit that to some extent the statement has some grounds upon which it could be sustained. To overcome this idea has been one of the objects of your grand officers during the past year and we believe that we have in some measure succeeded. I hope that my successor may find the time and the means of further dispelling this erroneous idea. The Craftsmen upon whom the perpetuity of our institution depends are thirsting for just a little recognition, for just a little encouragement, for just a little unselfish interest. Let's give to them, thus enriching our lives and theirs.

The Craft is neither dead nor decadent nor can it ever die, being founded and grounded upon principles which are as eternal as the hills. All that is needed is to rededicate ourselves to the cause in which we are engaged. God will yield the wish to him who pays his tithes of sacrifice upon the Altar's flame.

NECROLOGY

Companions, before proceeding further let us pause in remembrance of those of our number who have "passed within the veils", called to realms of higher service and praise perfected.

On September 9, 1932, we were shocked and grieved to learn of the sudden passing of M. E. Comp. Ely P. Hubbell. Indeed we shall miss him. He was kindly of disposition, mild of manner, earnest and sincere of mind and one of whom it could truly be said: "He loved his fellow man." Your Grand High Priest and the Grand Chapter were represented at his funeral by M. E. Comp. Cary B. Fish.

February 16, 1933, I received notice of the passing of E. Comp. Dr. W. B. Y. Wilkie, Grand Chaplain Emeritus of this Grand Chapter. Dr. Wilkie served this Grand Chapter as Grand Chaplain 1918-1929, when on account of bodily infirmities he was made Grand Chaplain Emeritus. Truly a good man and Mason, his work will live after him to bless us who labor on. Your Grand High Priest and the Grand Chapter were represented at his funeral by M. E. Comps. Henry O. Snow and Riley J. McMaster.

March 21, 1933, I received notice of the death on March 20th of M. E. Companion Louis C. Massey. For

nearly a third of a century M. E. Comp. Massey had served this Grand Chapter faithfully and efficiently, contributing of his substance, his time and his talent and exemplifying those great moral qualities that should ever distinguish a Royal Arch Mason. Your Grand High Priest and the Grand Chapter were represented at his funeral by R. E. Comp. R. P. Buchmaster, our Deputy Grand High Priest.

The Committee on Memorials will present in due course a fitting tribute to these and others of our fraternal dead.

"Past Grand High Priests Haskell and Fish will also present Eulogies to Past Grand High Priests Massey and Hubbell."

THE GRAND LECTURER AND THE DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

I shudder to think what the past year would have been in Capitular affairs in this Jurisdiction without the wonderful service performed by the Grand Lecturer and by the most efficient corps of District Deputies this state has ever had. It appears that nothing short of inspiration prompted the choice of such a Grand Lecturer and such energetic, enthusiastic, capable and efficient District Deputies as has been our pleasure to work with and through for the last twelve months. Individually and collectively they have been prompt in service, efficient in performance and willing of heart and mind. Their work—and their work alone—has made possible the wonderful service performed by our Grand Lecturer. He has been particularly active during the year, has made more than 20 addresses to more than 1300 Masons. There remains no question that there has been an awakening of Masonic interest during the year and that awakening has most assuredly come about by the messages of instruction, hope and courage so ably brought to our Companions by our Grand Lecturer. His success in this connection has been due largely (if not almost entirely) to the interest, devotion, co-operation and untiring efforts of the District Deputies. All honor to these faithful, courageous Companions who have carried on in the face of terrific odds and to whom is due the credit of piloting this Grand Chapter through the greatest crisis of its history. During the year I have heard suggestions that the office of Grand Lecturer be abolished as an economy measure and that the activities of the District Deputies be curtailed for the same reason. Com-

panions, I wish to say to you frankly that in my humble opinion the most unwise thing this Grand Chapter could possibly do would be to abolish the office of Grand Lecturer or curtail the activities of the District Deputies. The very life of this Grand Chapter depends upon our keeping up all these activities. It is terrifying to think what this Grand Chapter would be today had it not been for the wonderful services so unselfishly performed by our Grand Lecturer and the District Deputies. If we are wise, we shall keep them and give them our support and encouragement.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS

June 30, 1932, I made my first official visit, attending my own Chapter, Gadsden No. 30. I was accorded a very gracious reception, being shown all the honors due the office.

June 23, 1932, in company with J. Marvin Rowan, District Deputy, 12th District, I visited Jackson Chapter No. 32 at Marianna. We had a fine meeting and much interest was manifest.

June 27, 1932. In company with M. E. Companions Cary B. Fish, Joseph R. Keller and T. T. Todd, and Comps. John H. Dieckman, District Deputy, 13th District, and Jesse C. Clark, Grand Master of the Third Veil, I visited Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 6 at Pensacola. Notwithstanding the extremely hot weather attendance was good and the meeting much enjoyed, especially the banquet prepared by Mrs. John R. Hall, wife of the High Priest of Mt. Horeb Chapter.

October 14, 1932, I had a delightful evening with Live Oak Chapter No. 25 at Live Oak. Comp. W. S. Perry, District Deputy, 10th District, and R. W. Bro. B. W. Helvenston, Deputy Grand Master, were present and made instructive and inspiring addresses.

November 4, 1932, a very pleasant and profitable meeting was held with the Companions of Gainesville Chapter No. 2. Comps. R. P. Buckmaster, Deputy Grand High Priest, George A. Dame, Grand Scribe, W. S. Perry, District Deputy, 10th District, and T. P. Robinson, District Deputy, 6th District, were present and added much to the pleasure and profit of the meeting.

November 7, 1932, accompanied by M. E. Comp. D. B. Palmer and Comps. W. L. Marshall, District Deputy, 11th District, Frank S. Hartsfield, Grand Master of the First Veil, and Hon. R. A. Gray, Secretary of State, I visited Jefferson Chapter No. 26 at Monticello. A very pleasant and instructive meeting, the address of the evening being delivered by Companion R. A. Gray, our Secretary of State. Companion Gray has our thanks and appreciation for this and other notable services performed by him during the year.

November 8, 1932, in company with Companion J. Marvin Rowan, District Deputy, 12th District, I went to Panama City to make official visit to Bay County Chapter No. 39. On account of an error in date we found the Blue Lodge in communication. So instead of having a Chapter meeting, Comp. Rowan and I addressed the Blue Lodge. Much interest appeared to be awakened and I feel that our visit was not in vain.

November 19, 1932, accompanied by Comps. W. L. Marshall, District Deputy, 11th District, Richard Irving, High Priest of Florida Chapter No. 1, and R. A. Gray, I went to Perry for the purpose of meeting with the Companions of Perry Chapter No. 44. There were only four members of this Chapter present, but there were present the representatives of three separate Chapters, viz. Gadsden No. 30, Florida No. 1 and Perry No. 44. I therefore used my authority as Grand High Priest and opened a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the hall of Perry Chapter No. 44. A copy of the minutes of this meeting is hereto attached and is to be taken and made a part of this report. While this procedure was very much out of the ordinary, it appeared to be the only thing to do under the circumstances. Comps. W. L. Marshall and R. A. Gray delivered very interesting and instructive addresses. It now appears that as a result of this meeting Perry Chapter No. 44 has taken on new life and interest.

November 14, 1932, I made official visit to Florida Chapter No. 1 at Tallahassee, being most graciously received. This meeting was well attended and the Companions very highly appreciative of their having the Grand Master of the First Veil and the District Deputy, 11th District, as members of their Chapter. These Companions were present and made short but interesting addresses.

November 17, 1932, accompanied by Comp. J. Marvin Rowan, District Deputy, 11th District, I visited Jackson Chapter No. 32 at Marianna. This was the first of my Chapter meetings sponsored by the Blue Lodge. A Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened and necessary business transacted. The Chapter was then closed and all Master Masons and their wives and all members of the Order of the Eastern Star were invited to hear the addresses. This was a very interesting experiment on my part and I liked it so well and the results so satisfactory that I recommended such meetings be held by all the District Deputies. Several similar meetings have been held, all with good results, as will be noted in reports of other visitations.

November 21, 1932. Truly a gala and notable occasion was the rally under the direction of Comp. W. L. Marshall, District Deputy, 11th District, and sponsored by Jackson Lodge No. 1 at Tallahassee. In the late afternoon there was a fish fry at Lake Butler, some 100 Masons and their ladies being present. Short addresses were made at the lake by M. W. Bro. J. S. B. Moyer, Grand Master, R. W. Bro. B. W. Helvenston, Deputy Grand Master, and Comp. Dorsey H. Rutter, our Grand Lecturer, R. W. Bro. W. E. Lewis, District Deputy Grand Master, acting as toastmaster. After all had eaten heartily of the bountiful supply of fish (and other good things), the Masons assembled in the hall of Jackson Lodge No. 1 where addresses were made by M. W. Bro. Moyer, R. W. Bro. Helvenston and by your Grand High Priest. These preliminaries being over, a most interesting and instructive address was made by our Grand Lecturer who in a happy and impressive manner really outdid himself. A wonderful meeting with far reaching effects was the verdict of all.

December 8, 1932. When you wish to put on an unusually pleasant evening just ask the Companions of Crestview Chapter No. 40 how to do it. Early in October I received inquiry from E. Comp. J. L. Clary, High Priest, wanting to know if I could be there on December 8th. If so, they intended to give me a large crowd and a good supper. I went. I found the crowd really larger than I expected, among whom were M. E. Comp. J. R. Keller, Comps. J. C. Clark, Grand Master of the Third Veil, and John H. Dieckman, District Deputy, 13th District. And the supper—quail on toast together with sundry necessary

fixings—was all that the most critical could desire. The meeting was very enthusiastic, especially considering how full of quail the Companions were when the meeting began. Many good talks for the good of the order and all were of the opinion that much new interest in Capitular Masonry has been aroused.

January 24, 1933, I attended a meeting promoted by Gadsden Chapter No. 30 and held under the auspices of Washington Lodge No. 2, F. & A. M., assisted by the officers and members of Washington Chapter No. 43, Order of the Eastern Star. Comps. J. Marvin Rowan, District Deputy, 12th District, W. L. Marshall, District Deputy, 11th District, Frank S. Hartsfield, Grand Master First Veil, and Dorsey H. Rutter, Grand Lecturer, were present and the meeting was presided over by R. W. Bro. W. E. Lewis, District Deputy Grand Master. This was the largest and by far the most interesting Masonic event held in Quincy in a number of years. According to one count there were 126 Masons and 42 members of the Order of the Eastern Star present. An address of welcome was made by W. Bro. Frank S. Chamberlin, Master of Washington Lodge No. 2, and this was responded to by E. Comp. B. J. Butler, High Priest of Gadsden Chapter No. 30. Miss May Smith, Worthy Matron of Washington Chapter No. 43, Order of the Eastern Star, Leo D. McMillan, Commander DeMolay Commandery No. 30, K. T., W. E. Lewis, District Deputy Grand Master, Mrs. Sarah A. Harris, Past Grand Matron, Order of the Eastern Star, Hon. Fred H. Davis, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Florida, and your Grand High Priest made short addresses, after which our Grand Lecturer in his own inimitable way delivered one of his wonderfully instructive and inspiring addresses. At the close of the meeting delicious refreshments were served by the ladies of the O. E. S. Comp. J. Marvin Rowan acted as Toastmaster and introduced the speakers.

January 30, 1933, I was very happy to have with me on an official visit to Inverness Chapter No. 14, at Inverness, Comps. Archie Aitchison, Grand King, Cleveland R. Horne, Grand Captain of the Host, and C. A. Bangert, District Deputy, 7th District. I much regretted that Comp. George A. Dame, Grand Scribe, was confined to his home by an attack of "flu" and unable to be present. The meeting was well attended and much interest manifest.

January 31, 1933, marks the date of the largest and most enthusiastic meeting of the year. Under the efficient leadership and direction of Comp. T. P. Robinson, District Deputy, 6th District, we were greeted in Orlando by an audience of more than 400 Masons and members of the Order of the Eastern Star. Present were M. E. Comps. T. Picton Warlow and William R. O'Neal, Comps. R. P. Buckmaster, Deputy Grand High Priest, T. P. Robinson, District Deputy, 6th District, Dorsey H. Rutter, our Grand Lecturer, and many notables from other states. Comp. Robinson presided and introduced the speakers. After several short addresses by distinguished visitors, our Deputy Grand High Priest and your Grand High Priest, Comp. Rutter delivered one of the finest Masonic addresses it has ever been my privilege to hear. The large audience was very attentive and appreciative of the wonderful message brought by our Grand Lecturer. Music was furnished by the Grotto band and by the Business Men's Chorus of Orlando. From reports received I feel sure that much and lasting good was accomplished for Masonry in General and Capitular Masonry in particular.

February 1, 1933, I was most graciously received by the Companions of Ocala Chapter No. 13. I was happy to have with me on this occasion Comps. Cleveland R. Horne, Grand Captain of the Host, C. A. Bangert, District Deputy, 7th District, Bradford C. Webb, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Commandery K. T. of Florida, and E. Comp. T. E. Dickenson whom I have known and esteemed for many years. The meeting was presided over by Comp. Dickenson and the assemblage listened attentively to the short, snappy address of Comp. Bangert, the illustrative stories and droll wisdom of our Grand Captain of the Host and the feeble efforts of your Grand High Priest. Truly a delightful evening and we hope that much good will come of it.

March 24, 1933, Dr. Rutter and I had a more than ordinarily worthwhile meeting with the members of Barrett Lodge No. 43, Live Oak Chapter No. 25 and the members of the Order of the Eastern Star at Live Oak. Fried bream and fixings were plentiful and much enjoyed. R. W. Bro. B. W. Helvenston, Deputy Grand Master (now our Most Worshipful Grand Master) and our Grand Lecturer gave us an intellectual and spiritual feast more enjoyable than

even the fish fry. May we have many more such meetings.

April 13, 1933, in company with Comp. W. L. Marshall, District Deputy, 11th District, and other Companions I again visited Perry Chapter No. 44. Instead of four as we had last November there were present some twenty or more Companions and at the open meeting following eleven members of the O. E. S. This was indeed gratifying and it now appears that the efforts put forth to revive interest in this Chapter have borne fruit.

April 18-20 I attended the session of the Grand Lodge of Florida, Free and Accepted Masons, paying my respects and the respects of the Grand Chapter to our mother organization.

April 25, 1933. The most memorable and the most appreciated occasion of the year was the rally in my honor by the Masonic bodies and the Order of the Eastern Star at Quincy. J. Marvin Rowan, District Deputy, 12th District, had charge of all arrangements, ably assisted by Worshipful Master and other officers of Washington Lodge No. 2, F. & A. M. and the officers and members of Gadsden Chapter No. 30, Royal Arch Masons and the officers and members of Washington Chapter No. 43, Order of the Eastern Star. We were honored at this time by the first official visit of our new Most Worshipful Grand Master, Comp. B. W. Helvenston, and also the first public appearance of Mrs. Leona Faircloth of Quincy, newly installed Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star of Florida, as also Comp. E. L. Gunn, Worthy Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star of Florida. Many other prominent Masons and members of the O. E. S. were present. Very interesting and instructive addresses were made by the Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Patron and our Most Worshipful Grand Master, after which your Grand High Priest did his very best to express to his home people his appreciation of their kindness and confidence. Many favorable comments were heard and it is believed that much and lasting good has been accomplished.

From the foregoing it will be seen that your Grand High Priest has not been inactive during the year. The record is of twenty visitations but many more should have been made if the needs of the Craft had been properly

cared for. I have had many calls to which I was unable to respond on account of my own business affairs and the expense involved. It seemed not only expedient but quite necessary that these visitations be made. To overcome the "dry-rot" which seems to have seized many Chapters and to overcome, if possible, the apathy which seems to have come upon most of our Chapters, required heroic treatment. While personally your Grand High Priest could accomplish very little, yet his presence at these meetings has by virtue of the office lent interest. Many will attend a meeting at which the Grand High Priest is present, regardless of who occupies that exalted office. Something had to be done. With the assistance of our Grand Lecturer and the co-operation and advice of the District Deputies, your Grand officers have put forth every effort to awaken interest in Free Masonry in general and Capitular Masonry in particular. Your Grand officers in attacking the problems before them have ever kept in mind the fact that we cannot possibly have good Royal Arch Chapters unless and until we have live, working, enthusiastic Blue Lodges to support such Chapters. This explains the reasons for so many joint meetings with Blue Lodges. From the results obtained your Grand officers are of the opinion that this line of effort is well worth trying further. From the reports received we feel that there has been an awakening and a renewal of Masonic interest through-out the state. We hope that if we have accomplished nothing more that we have stemmed the tide which threatened to overwhelm us.

CHARTERS ARRESTED

May 25, 1932. I directed Frederic A. Riegel, District Deputy Grand High Priest, District No. 3, to take up the charter, records, paraphernalia, etc. of Arcadia Chapter No. 36. On the same date I also directed H. J. Dame, District Deputy Grand High Priest, 2nd District, to take up the charter, etc. of Okeechobee Chapter No. 46. I also directed J. Marvin Rowan, District Deputy Grand High Priest, 12th District, to take up the charter, etc. of Chipley Chapter No. 23. These charters were ordered arrested by the Grand Chapter at its last convocation. These matters were attended to promptly and efficiently by the District Deputies for which they have our thanks. The property

of these Chapters was turned over to the Grand Secretary.

APPOINTMENTS AND COMMISSIONS.

May 27, 1932. I recommended the appointment of the following as Grand Representatives near the Grand Chapter of Florida.

Arkansas—C. A. Bangert, Ocala.
 Minnesota—John H. Dieckman, Pensacola.
 Iowa—E. L. Shear, Daytona Beach.
 Montana—G. A. Lambe, Marianna.
 Nebraska—W. S. Perry, Gainesville.
 New York—Hamilton Baluss, Jacksonville.
 South Car.—Ernest V. Reed, Tampa.
 Utah—J. R. Keller, Pensacola.
 Vermont—A. L. Hinson, Quincy.

July 5, 1932, I appointed M. E. Comp. E. L. Shear to supervise erection of monument at the grave of M. E. Comp. William V. Carter.

August 13, 1932, upon recommendation of the Grand Chapter of New York I appointed E. Comp. William E. Jackson of Warsaw, N. Y., representative of the Grand Chapter of Florida near the Grand Chapter of New York.

August 30, 1932, I appointed M. E. Companions Wilber P. Webster, John L. Hall and Stafford Caldwell committee to erect monument at the grave of M. E. Comp. Marcus Endel, said committee to act in conjunction with a similar committee appointed by the M. W. Grand Master.

Sept. 16, 1932, I recommended the appointment of E. Comp. Dorsey H. Rutter as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Ohio near the Grand Chapter of Florida.

October 1, 1932, I appointed E. Comp. Richard B. Lovett chairman of the Committee on Correspondence vice M. E. Comp. Ely P. Hubbell, deceased.

December 29, 1932, upon recommendation of M. E. Grand Chapter of Utah I appointed E. Comp. George W. Barrows of 3091 South 7th Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Florida near the Grand Chapter of Utah.

January 27, 1933, upon recommendation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of West Virginia I appointed E. Comp.

Bert Bradford of Pennsboro, W. Va. Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Florida near the Grand Chapter of West Virginia.

February 3, 1933, upon recommendation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Manitoba I appointed E. Comp. M. Rander of Hartney, Manitoba, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Florida near the Grand Chapter of Manitoba.

February 3, after consultation with the Deputy Grand High Priest, the Grand King and the Grand Scribe, I recommended the appointment of the following as Grand Representatives near the Grand Chapter of Florida:

- Alberta—Cleveland R. Horne, DeFuniak Springs.
- Idaho—J. Lloyd Head, Jacksonville.
- Kansas—J. C. Clark, Pensacola.
- Nevada—Frank S. Hartsfield, Tallahassee.
- New Brunswick—T. P. Robinson, Orlando.
- New Jersey—W. L. Marshall, Tallahassee.
- North Carolina—Harry D. Gilmore, Daytona Beach.
- Oregon—Frederic A. Riegel, Sarasota.
- Vermont—Bert L. Blair, Orlando.
- Washington—H. J. Dame, Fort Pierce.

RULINGS AND DECISIONS

1. May 25, 1932. In answer to a question from the Secretary of Monroe Chapter No. 15, asking whether a Chapter could "call off" its regular convocations during the summer months, I ruled that it could not do so in the absence of a by-law specifically authorizing.

2. August 16, 1932, having received notice from the District Deputy Grand High Priest of the 8th District that the High Priest of Halifax Chapter No. 5 had been suspended for non-payment of dues by his Blue Lodge, and having fully satisfied myself that such suspension was regular and legal, I ruled as follows:

That the High Priest of Halifax Chapter No. 5, Royal Arch Masons, having been at the time of his election under suspension in his Blue Lodge was not eligible to hold the office of High Priest of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; that the attempted election and subsequent installation of said High Priest in said Chapter were void, and that the office of High Priest of said Chapter was vacant.

3. November 7, 1932. In answer to a question from the Secretary of Jefferson Chapter No. 26, I ruled that the appointment of a Committee to inquire into, consider and report to Chapter its recommendations in reference to members subject to suspension for non-payment of dues is mandatory.

4. January 3, 1933. In reply to a question from the Secretary of Lake Worth Chapter No. 24, I ruled that a companion requesting a dimit after the last regular convocation of the year but prior to December 27th, he being clear of the books and no charges pending against him, should be granted dimit as requested.

5. January 25, 1933. Answering a question from the Secretary of Keystone Chapter No. 20, I ruled that a Companion suspended in his Blue Lodge is automatically suspended in Chapter upon Chapter having notice of such suspension.

6. March 2, 1933. In reply to a question from the Secretary of Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 6, in regard to the demand of a petitioner for affiliation for return of dimit and petition, said petition for affiliation having been received by the Chapter and referred to Committee, I ruled as follows: A petition, whether for the degrees or affiliation, having been received by the Chapter, must abide the ballot.

7. March 18, 1933. In answer to inquiry from the Secretary of Monroe Chapter No. 15, as to the propriety of the Chapter remitting the fees in the case of two aged members of Sanford Lodge F. & A. M., I ruled that the Chapter could not remit the fees except in the case of ministers of the Gospel actively engaged in ministerial work. (See Sec. 3, Art. 5, Constitution.)

In reply to the further question in regard to exalting candidates of extreme age, I ruled that this is a matter wholly within the discretion of the Chapter.

BY-LAWS

1. June 3, 1932, I approved amendment to the by-laws of Jericho Chapter No. 11, reducing fees for the degrees from \$40.00 to \$30.00.

2. July 26, 1932, I approved amendments to by-laws of Halifax Chapter No. 5, reducing fees and dues and providing for a book of Marks. I refused to approve a by-law

providing for life memberships, the by-law as proposed failing to provide for the payment of at least \$50.00 as required by Grand Chapter Regulation.

3. September 14, 1932, I approved amendment to by-laws of Monroe Chapter No. 15, fixing the fees for degrees at \$25.00.

4. October 14, 1932, I approved amendment to the by-laws of Live Oak Chapter No. 25, changing date of meeting from second Thursday to second Friday in each month and fixing the hour of the meeting.

5. February 3, 1933, I approved amendment to the by-laws of Keystone Chapter No. 20, reducing annual dues to \$3.00.

DISPENSATIONS

1. October 20, 1932, I granted dispensation upon request concurred in by the King and Scribe of said Chapter to Halifax Chapter No. 5 to elect and install High Priest and to fill any vacancies caused thereby, such election being necessary on account of the High Priest of said Chapter having been removed, said election to be held at a regular convocation of said Chapter at its usual place of meeting on November 10, 1932, all members of said Chapter to have due and timely notice of such election.

I also directed that said Chapter pass resolution approving, confirming and validating all actions and doings of said Chapter during the incumbency of said removed High Priest. I received in due course notice from the Secretary of said Chapter that all the provisions of said dispensation had been complied with.

2. February 25, 1933, I refused dispensation to Comp. R. S. Preston and other Companions to organize Chapter at Cross City. This request for dispensation was referred to me by my immediate predecessor for investigation and decision. After very careful investigation I find that this territory can be adequately served by existing Chapters.

FINANCIAL

During the year I have signed warrants upon the Grand Treasurer, numbered 1 to 49 inclusive. Vouchers are herewith.

A regulation of this Grand Chapter provides that "Members of the Grand Chapter who are entitled to 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." As the law leaves the matter of per diem and mileage to the Grand Chapter, on account of financial conditions and the fact that living costs are much reduced, I recommend that the per diem for this year be placed at five (\$5.00) dollars and mileage at four cents per mile for each mile necessarily traveled in coming to or returning from this Grand Convocation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. It has been called to my attention that certain small Chapters in this State are in the habit of taking candidates to some larger Chapter in a nearby town to have the degree work put on. We cannot too strongly condemn such practices. It deprives the Chapter of the fraternal spirit which should permeate it and at the same time deprives the candidate of an opportunity to know his own Chapter. The candidate fails to acquire any spirit of loyalty to his own Chapter and in addition thereto the officers of such a Chapter fail in the performance of their plain duty. It is strongly recommended that such practices cease.

2. At the 1932 session of the Grand Chapter a regulation was adopted requiring the High Priest, immediately after his installation, to appoint a committee of not less than five, of whom the High Priest and Secretary should be two, to inquire into and report upon each companion subject to suspension for non-payment of dues. This is an excellent regulation and should be closely adhered to. I have been informed that a number of Chapters have failed to appoint such a committee and that in some instances where such committee was appointed, it failed to function. In some other instances this committee functioned about a week or two just prior to the last regular convocation of the year. I have ruled that the appointment of this committee is mandatory and it most assuredly was the intention of Grand Chapter that this committee should function throughout the year. I recommend that this regulation be fully carried out and that such committee function as it was clearly the intention of Grand Chapter to direct, i. e. throughout the year. The appointment of such committee at the beginning of the year clearly indicates the intention

of Grand Chapter in this respect. Such committee should not wait until the last minute to begin its functions but should have at the earliest possible moment a list of delinquents and should at once begin work on such list. In this connection I would recommend that partial payments on dues be accepted. It may cause a little more work on the part of the Secretary but it most certainly would save many a Companion from embarrassment.

3. During the year many Masonic rallies have been held. Your Grand High Priest initiated the practice of inviting all members of Blue Lodges and the Order of the Eastern Star to these rallies. We have found it to be so successful and so great a means of awakening Masonic interest that we recommend this practice be continued. It detracts nothing from the dignity of the Royal Craft, tends to interest our Blue Lodge Brethren in Capitular Masonry, and enlists the members of the Order of the Eastern Star in behalf of better attendance upon Lodge and Chapter.

4. I recommend the adoption of a regulation providing that a Chapter may take credit with the Grand Chapter for any members suspended for non-payment of dues, such Chapter to account for the amount of such credit upon the suspended Companion being reinstated.

CONCLUSION

This, my Companions, is the record of my activities for the year. I am well aware that this record is far short of what you perhaps had a right to expect. However, I have done the very best I could under the prevailing circumstances. With practically every Chapter in the State apathetic, without an organized working force, under the necessity of conserving the funds of the Grand Chapter, in the face of the worst financial depression within our memory, it was with trepidations and misgivings that I began the year. Whether there has been any improvement in Grand Chapter affairs I leave you to judge. It has been my constant aim to awaken interest, to secure an organization which could be depended upon under any and all conditions, and to conserve at all times the funds of Grand Chapter. Naturally I have done nothing about the financial depression as that was (and is) entirely beyond me. I feel that in some measure interest has been awakened and I can safely say that the Grand Chapter in its corps of Dis-

trict Deputies has today the finest organized working force in its history.

I wish to thank you for the great honor you bestowed on me in exalting me to this high position. I shall endeavor to show my appreciation by serving the Craft in any way and at any time possible. I wish also to thank the Past Grand High Priests who have been so kind and patient with me and who have so willingly assisted and advised me. Particularly do I thank M. E. Comps. Fish and Snow for putting up with all the bother I have put them to. And I just don't know how to thank our Grand Secretary for all that he has done. I believe you will agree with me when I say that he is the very best Grand Secretary in all the world. Whether you agree with me or not, I shall still think so.

In closing allow me to attempt to express to my associate Grand Officers my appreciation of their loyalty and support throughout the year. From first hand knowledge and experience I can recommend them as being able, zealous and worthy of every confidence and support. I surrender this high office to them without fear of their proving other than worthy of every trust to be reposed in them. But for their kindly encouragement, their tolerance with my short comings, their sound advice and their abiding interest, I am sure that I should have been able to accomplish nothing. I shall ever cherish the very pleasant and profitable association with them. May the Supreme Grand High Priest add his blessing and guidance.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM B. GREER,

Grand High Priest.

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

The R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest appointed Companions Alex. B. Steuart, B. C. Webb and E. L. Shear as such committee.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST MASSEY

By Past Grand High Priest Haskell

Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions:

The records of Masonry for the last forty years, its Proceedings, in all of its Bodies, contain a record of the active duties as performed by our beloved Companion Massey. These will forever speak for themselves of his activities among us. In the matter of an eulogy there are some things outside of the records which I have thought proper and which might be included in the few remarks which I may make in regard to Companion Massey; we who knew him best knew Companion Massey to be a peculiar man, not only peculiar in the possession of extraordinary mental capacity and as a cultured gentleman at the head of his State for many years, but a peculiar man in that he was not what is known as a 'hail fellow well met', but a man with reserve of character and lovable characteristics which, by contact only, could be known by those who were fortunate enough to possess his confidence and his love; he was not a demonstrative man, he was a man of reserve, a dignified gentleman of the old school, who not only taught by precept,—he taught by the example of his own life and conduct everywhere and at all times—the real gentleman, the true Mason. Those who knew him perhaps more intimately than others discovered not alone the outward evidences of a great man—they discovered and loved the latent features of his character which shone more brightly than his outward appearance. His was a most lovable, delightful character whose thoughts were for the betterment of others, whose abilities were always rendered freely to those who needed or who sought his advice—and they were many.

He was perhaps the most outstanding character that Masonry has produced in Florida—in all of the Masonic Bodies he rendered valuable and continued service that never flagged—a service that was often rendered under physical disability; Companion Massey was with us here last year.

We of the Jurisprudence Committees in the different Bodies in which he served were brought, perhaps, more closely in contact with him and knew his real capacity better than some of our Brethren. We shall miss his wonderful wisdom, his freedom in the exercise of his abilities for the good of our Orders and his willingness to serve and to give of himself. He was a man, a real man, towering far above his fellows, yet when known, one of the most kindly and lovable characters. Ah! Brethren, Companion Massey is gone and a great void is created among us. We shall miss him.

On an eminence in the beautiful cemetery in Orlando, deservedly placed where it can readily be seen by anyone approaching, there rests the body of our Dear Companion, towering over his surrounding scenery—his grave marks the resting place of dearly beloved Companion and one whom we will not soon forget. Nay, we will never forget him until we, too, are gone. God rest his soul in peace—a Beloved, capable, constant Mason, a gentleman and our friend—we loved him.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELY P. HUBBELL

By Past Grand High Priest Fish

Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions:

Ely P. Hubbell was born at New Lisbon, N. Y., January 26, 1860, and died at Bradenton, Florida, September 9, 1932.

He was married in early life and his wife died in Bradenton several years ago, since which time he has devoted himself to the study and practice of Masonry giving a great deal of time to research work in the different branches of Masonry.

He received his Lodge and Chapter degrees in Geneva, Ohio, while he was a young man. From Geneva he moved to Colorado and transferred his lodge membership to Eaton Lodge, No. 109 of that State. While in Colorado he engaged in newspaper work. After disposing of his newspaper in Colorado he removed to Florida where he purchased a farm near Plant City and lived there for some time. While there he dimitted to Plant City Lodge in 1911. He disposed of his farm in Plant City and moved to Bradenton where he opened a printing plant doing fine artistic job printing. He removed his lodge membership to Bradenton Lodge No. 99 in 1913 and became its Worshipful Master in 1921. After disposing of his printing plant in Bradenton he was elected Secretary of the Scottish Rite Bodies in Tampa, and while there Holyrood Lodge, No. 257 was instituted and he was a charter member of this new lodge and served as its first Secretary until he removed again to Bradenton when he was obliged to give up his Secretaryship, but he still continued his membership in Holyrood until his death.

He was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Florida upon the death of M. W. Silas B. Wright and continued in that position until his death.

After he moved to Bradenton he deposited his dimit in Manatee River Chapter, No. 18, R. A. M., December 26, 1912, and served as E. High Priest of Manatee River Chapter in 1915. He was elected Grand Scribe of our Grand Chapter in 1920, Grand King in 1921, Deputy Grand High Priest in 1922 and M. E. Grand High Priest in 1923. In 1930 he was elected E. President of the Order of High Priesthood, which office he held at the time of his death.

For many years he had been Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of this Grand Chapter and was known far and wide for his excellent reports of other Grand Jurisdictions in his reviews in both the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter.

Companion Hubbell was a Charter member of Bradenton Council No. 9, R. & S. M., and served as its Thrice Illustrious Master in 1919. He was knighted in Trinity Commandery No. 16 in 1920 and demitted therefrom in order to become a charter member of Tancred Commandery No. 34 at Bradenton of which he was its first Eminent Commander.

Companion Hubbell was a sincere Christian, a member of the First M. E. Church South, of Bradenton, and took great interest in Church matters, being an officer of that Church and its Treasurer for a time.

He was a kindly man, ever thoughtful of others interests, and ever ready to help and assist his friends, and give them wise Coun-

sel. He had no enemies, all were his friends, his kindly disposition made him friends wherever he went.

He is survived by a daughter, Julia Hubbell, who is the Dean of her department in the College at Commerce, Texas. His daughter was visiting him at the time of his demise, and they had planned several trips together. On the night before his death he retired in unusually good spirits, but some time during the night his spirit was wafted to that City of Gold, there to meet his departed wife and live forever in the bright light of his God, as has been promised us in the Holy Scriptures.

So, peacefully ended the life of one of God's noble characters.

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

MEMORIALS

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions:

With the hope and positive assurance of the resurrection of our dead and with unflinching faith in the immortality of the soul, we pause in our deliberations as a Grand Chapter to tenderly recall the memory of those beloved Companions who have departed from us during this Capitular year.

We know that the life of the soul cannot be affected by the death of the body. Therefore, it is both human and highly Masonic to re-member and revere our dead. We desire not only to record upon our written records but in our hearts the story of their lives, to evaluate their service to mankind and to recall their virtues which exalted them among the sons of men. Like Moses at the Burning Bush, many of our departed Companions met the Great I Am and became imbued with that self-denying spirit which impelled them to give bountifully of their lives and means to enrich and enoble the lives of their fellow beings.

Every Mason who sought and found the true Light lives well, toils faithfully and dies victoriously. To be a true Mason is to live with immortality here and now. Two of our Past Grand High Priests and our Grand Chaplain, Emeritus, departed this life during the Capitular year. These were our patriarchs, fathers and counselors. To us they have flung the flaming torch and bid us carry on. "Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." The following are our dead:

GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA

ELY P. HUBBELL. It scarcely seems possible, yet it is true that M. E. Companion Ely P. Hubbell departed this life at his late home in Bradenton, Florida, September 9, 1932.

At our last Convocation he was one of the most active Companions there taking part in all the activities and presiding as President of the Order of High Priesthood. Companion Hubbell was born in New Lisbon, N. Y., January 26, 1860. He was a printer by trade but retired about five years ago. He was Masonic editor of the Home Echoes and a Member of the Committee on Education and Religious Instruction of the Masonic Home.

As is well known he was our efficient Reviewer of the Grand Lodge Proceedings and the Grand Chapter Proceedings to which work he devoted most of his time. No sarcasm as is so often found in reviews ever marred a page from his pen but instead, expressions of love and Companionship constantly found expression.

He carried on a very elaborate correspondence with prominent Masons in all the Grand Jurisdictions of the United States and with practically all the recognized Grand Jurisdictions of the world. He was a highly informed man in things Masonic. Companion Hubbell was a man of command-presence, refined, a scholar, a thoroughgoing gentleman and a devout Christian. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Bradenton and served as a Steward and Trustee of his Church for many years. Loyalty to his God, unselfishness and a love for his fellow man characterized him.

Companion Hubbell served in the Subordinate bodies in many capacities. He was Past Master of his Lodge, Past T. I. Master of the Council and Past Commander of his Commandery. He served most impressively as President of the Order of High Priesthood from 1930 until his death. He was elected to the exalted office of Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Florida in 1923 which office he filled with exceptional merit. He was Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the Grand Lodge from 1926 until his death and served in the same capacity for the Grand Chapter from 1917 until his passing away.

His wife died about three years ago. One daughter, Miss Julia B. Hubbell, a Teacher in the College at Commerce, Texas, remains to mourn his loss.

REV. WILLIAM B. Y. WILKIE, D. D., Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Florida and Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Florida answered the final summons from the Supreme Grand High Priest on February 15, 1933 at his home in Dunedin. His was a long life having lived eighty-eight years. The funeral services were held in the Presbyterian Church in Dunedin. The Masonic rites were conducted at the Grave by the M. W. Grand Master, J. S. B. Moyer. The pallbearers were all Past Masters of Dunedin Lodge which Dr. Wilkie helped to organize in 1914.

M. E. Companion Wilkie was born January 8, 1845 in the town of Ceres, County Fife, Scotland. He came to America in 1867 and was ordained a minister of the Presbyterian Church, 1871. Before coming to this State, he held pastorates in Troy and Columbia, Missouri and at Fairbault, Minnesota. Companion Wilkie came to Florida in May, 1886 and located in Dunedin, where he faithfully served the Presbyterian Church as its Pastor for exactly twenty five years. He was not only a pastor but a minister in the truest sense of the word. His assistance extended far beyond his own fold always rendering help to those in need.

He was a graduate lawyer as well as a theologian and therefore, was able to counsel those in distress. He drew up their wills, wrote deeds and all kinds of legal papers, helped folks keep out of trouble and saw that the deserving were assisted. He was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Barroll at New Madrid, Missouri, May 7, 1874.

Mrs. Wilkie has been dead for several years. Companion Wilkie's Masonic record is as follows: Raised June 12, 1875 in Troy Lodge

No. 34, Troy, Mo.; received the Royal Arch degrees July 27, 1875 in Troy Chapter, Troy, Mo. He was High Priest of Chapter No. 17, in Columbia, Mo., 1885. Companion Wilkie was elected Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Florida 1902 and served continually as such until 1929 when he was made Emeritus Chaplain. He was elected the Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Florida in 1918 and continued as such until 1929, when on account of ill health, he was elected Emeritus Grand Chaplain, and I wish to add that those who knew him best loved him most. He was a cultured, Christian gentleman, as each one of us know, a blessed man who triumphed by the grace of God.

LOUIS CONRAD MASSEY, Past Grand High Priest, entered the Unseen Temple from his home in Orlando, March 20, 1933. He was born in Philadelphia, Pa., August 23, 1852. He was admitted to the practice of Law in Philadelphia, December 5, 1874 and removed to Florida in November, 1885.

It was soon discerned that he was a man of great integrity, that he had an exceptional legal training and commanded rare ability as an attorney; because of these qualifications, he was appointed a Member of some of the most important and vital committees relating to the State Government.

In 1889, Governor Mitchell appointed him a member of the Commission to revise the Statutes of Florida, which work appeared in 1892. He was appointed by the same Governor in 1895 as a Member of the Commission on Uniformity of Legislation and continued as such until 1926. He was elected State Senator in 1904 and again in 1908. Companion Massey was Counselor for the Railroad Commission of Florida from June 1907 until April 1911, when he resigned and returned to private practice. He was President of the State Bank in Orlando from its organization and was Attorney for the Orange County Commissioners.

M. E. Companion Massey was tall, dignified and Jeffersonian in appearance; one of the most courtly gentlemen any one could meet.

He stood paramount in mental, legal, fraternal and Christian attainments. Was kind, gentle, lovable and tolerant but stood firm for right and justice. He was a devout and energetic Church man being Chancellor of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Southern Florida from 1893 until 1928. His wife survives him. Companion Massey had an enviable Masonic career as the following will show. Grand Master 1909; Grand Master of the Grand Council 1906; Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter 1904; Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar 1911.

Alas, during the year death invaded the ranks of our Subordinate Chapters and called away 106 of our Companions. Their names will appear in the Proceedings.

SISTER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

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

Alberta—Clifford Rupert Wentzel, Grand Scribe E., was born at Clyde River, Nova Scotia, anuary 19, 1882, and died in Calgary, Alberta, November 30, 1932.

Arkansas—Edgar Allen McCulloch, Past Grand Priest, was born at Trenton, Tenn., August 21, 1861, and died in St. Louis, Missouri, January 23, 1933.

Colorado—Richard J. Woodward, Grand Scribe, was born at Ashton, Missouri, January 29, 1870, and died in California, August 5, 1932.

Connecticut—Stephen P. Goodsell, Past Grand High Priest, was born in Barkhamstead, July 18, 1850, and died in Winsted, August 14, 1932.

Georgia—William F. Bowe, Past Grand High Priest, was born August 9, 1855, and died, August 25, 1932.

Iowa—Charles C. Shrader, Past Grand High Priest, was born in Johnson County, Iowa, December 6, 1860, and died in Iowa City, Iowa, February 24, 1932.

Kansas—Will Curlis Chaffee, Past Grand High Priest, was born near Athens, Vermont, June 28, 1855, and died in Topeka, Kansas, November 3, 1932.

Michigan—William Walter Watts, Past Grand High Priest, was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan, November 8, 1862, and died in Green Bay, Wisconsin, August 4, 1932.

Mississippi—Louis Armand Benoist, Past Grand High Priest, was born August 28, 1852, and died, November 17, 1932. Emmet Nicholson, Past Grand High Priest, was born June 10, 1855, and died, December 15, 1932.

Missouri—Corona Hibbard Briggs, Past Grand Chaplain and Past Grand High Priest, was born in Elkader, Iowa, July 27, 1849, and died in Springfield, Missouri, September 24, 1932. John T. Rufin, Past Grand High Priest, was born in Robinson County, Tennessee, February 28, 1840, and died in Carthage, Missouri, December 18, 1932.

Montana—Archibald W. Mahon, Past Grand High Priest, was born in Monroe County, New York, April 3, 1869, and died at Helena, Montana, September 6, 1932.

Nebraska—Arthur C. Stem, Grand High Priest, was born in Rossville, Illinois, September 15, 1860, and died in Chadron, Nebraska, July 6, 1932. Benjamin F. Thomas, Past Grand High Priest, was born in Andrew, Iowa, November 10, 1862, and died at Omaha, Nebraska, January 28, 1933. Frank E. Bullard, Past Grand High Priest, was born in Montrose, Pa., January 24, 1848, and died at Philadelphia, Pa., January 31, 1933.

New Jersey—Nelson B. Dungan, Past Grand High Priest, was born in Lambertville, N. J., May 3, 1867, and died in Glendale California, August 15, 1932. Jerome L. Cheney, Past Grand High Priest, was born July 18, 1863, at Baldwinsville, N. Y., and died in Syracuse, N. Y., November 29, 1932.

New York—Alfred A. Adams, Past Grand High Priest, was born at Boston, Massachusetts, October 21, 1867, and died at Billings, January 12, 1933.

Nova Scotia—Matthew Creelman Webster, Past Grand High Priest, was born at Upper Stewiacke, Nova Scotia, January 1, 1853, and died in Pictou, Nova Scotia, January 2, 1933. William A. Ellis, Past Grand High Priest, was born at St. Johns, Newfoundland,

November 30, 1867, and died in London, England, July 14, 1932. Malcolm McFarlain Hall, Grand Treasurer and Past Grand High Priest, was born at Sheet Harbour, Nova Scotia, October 2, 1866, and died, July 28, 1932.

Oregon—Emanuel Northup, Grand Chaplain Emeritus, was born in West Oneonta, New York, July 13, 1851, and died at McMinnville, Oregon, January 4, 1933.

Ohio—William Alvin Belt, Past Grand High Priest, was born at Wapakoneta, Ohio, April 23, 1863, and died in Kenton, Ohio, May 14, 1932.

Tennessee—Jesse T. Spaulding, Past Grand High Priest, was born May 7, 1848, at Morehead, Vermont, and died September 10, 1932, at Nashville, Tennessee. Frank E. Bartley, Past Grand High Priest, was born in Randolph County, Missouri, May 9, 1872, and died in Morristown, Tenn., December 31, 1932.

West Virginia—John Matthew Cook, Grand High Priest, died October 24, 1932, just twenty days after his election to office. He was born at Lerona, West Virginia, June 30, 1883.

Wisconsin—Michael Barry, Past Grand High Priest, was born in Queenstown, Ireland, July 4, 1846, and died in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 18, 1932. David Harlowe, Past Grand High Priest, was born in Chilham, England, April 20, 1860, and died at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, December 13, 1932.

Wyoming—Edward Drake Edwards, Past Grand High Priest, was born in Kelso, Tenn., November 19, 1874, and died at Lander, Wyoming, June 15, 1932. Elmer A. Kell, Past Grand High Priest, was born in Loysville, Pa., January 20, 1879, and died at Hanover, Pa., January 31, 1933.

D. H. RUTTER,
B. W. HELVENSTON,
Committee.

Upon motion of Past Grand High Priest Palmer 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. The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following committees:

RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS

T. E. Dickerson,
Harry D. Gilmore,
Chas. K. Hanner.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. J. Butler,
W. W. Chase,
J. B. Richards.

DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS

Robert H. Brown,
Cleveland R. Horne,
W. Boyd Greer.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

H. O. Snow,
Jos. R. Keller,
Cary B. Fish.

THANKS

Bert L. Blair,
Ernest V. Reed,
Max Sirkin.
PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES
C. A. Bangert,
A. H. Willett.

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

The Grand Secretary made the following report which was received and referred to the special committee on Distribution.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the Grand Chapter of Florida:

Companions:

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

CHARTERS

The following charters have been returned to this office:
Chipley No. 23.
Arcadia No. 36.
Okeechobee No. 46.

GRAND LODGE BONDS

The Grand Lodge Bonds A-55, A-56 and A-57 amounting to three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars reported last year as being in my possession, have been placed in the custody of the Grand Treasurer as shown by his receipt of June 2, 1932.

TRIENNIAL

The Triennial of the General Grand Chapter will be held in Washington, D. C., on Wednesday and Thursday, October 11 and 12, 1933, with headquarters at the Willard Hotel.

RETURNS

All of our Chapters have made correct returns for 1932 and paid dues in full with the following exceptions:
Bay County Chapter No. 39 has made no return.
The following Chapters have made correct returns but owe balances as follows:

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

St. Johns No. 4	\$ 11.00
Halifax No. 5	2.00
Eureka No. 7	378.00
Dade City No. 8	13.00
Kissimmee No. 10	31.00
Jericho No. 11	313.00
Plant City No. 16	57.00
St. Augustine No. 17	97.00
Lake Butler No. 19	22.00
Thomas Brown No. 22	150.00
Live Oak No. 25	194.00
Joppa No. 28	298.00

Fraternally submitted,

W. P. WEBSTER,
Grand Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

W. P. WEBSTER, Grand Secretary

In account with the Grand Chapter of Florida:

To Balance as per last statement	Dr.	\$ 52.00
Received from Committee on Returns and Credentials		752.00
Arcadia Chapter No. 36, Funds in Treasury		4.75
Arcadia Chapter, Div. on Funds in Bank		1.64
Arcadia Chapter, Dues B. T. Carter		2.00
Inverness Chapter No. 14, Dues 1931		1.00
Plant City Chapter No. 16, Dues 1931		10.00
Lake Butler Chapter No. 19, Dues 1931		54.00
Thomas Brown Chapter No. 22, Dues 1931		76.00
St. Petersburg Chapter No. 31, Dues 1931		97.00
Poinciana Chapter No. 50, Dues 1931		14.00
Annual Dues: 1932.		
Florida Chapter No. 1	\$ 150.00	
Gainesville Chapter No. 2	117.00	
Tampa Chapter No. 3	326.00	
St. Johns Chapter No. 4	80.00	
Halifax Chapter No. 5	169.00	
Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 6	167.00	
Dade City Chapter No. 8	36.00	
Putnam Chapter No. 9	104.00	
Kissimmee Chapter No. 10	50.00	
Jericho Chapter No. 11	150.00	
Jacksonville Chapter No. 12	469.00	
Ocala Chapter No. 13	147.00	
Inverness Chapter No. 14	38.00	
Monroe Chapter No. 15	141.00	
Manatee River Chapter No. 18	121.00	
Keystone Chapter No. 20	129.00	
Lake Worth Chapter No. 24	257.00	
Jefferson Chapter No. 26	52.00	
Indian River Chapter No. 27	87.00	
Joppa Chapter No. 28	35.00	

Lakeland Chapter No. 29	137.00
Gadsden Chapter No. 30	136.00
St. Petersburg Chapter No. 31	150.00
Jackson Chapter No. 32	125.00
Eustis Chapter No. 33	73.00
Sarasota Chapter No. 35	86.00
Providence Chapter No. 38	61.00
Crestview Chapter No. 40	69.00
Highlands Chapter No. 42	71.00
Perry Chapter No. 44	39.00
Clearwater Chapter No. 45	25.00
Duval Chapter No. 48	50.00
Nassau Chapter No. 49	48.00
Poinciana Chapter No. 50	51.00
New Smyrna Chapter No. 51	18.00
M. D. Cushing Chapter No. 54	100.00
Hill City Chapter No. 55	43.00
	\$5,171.39

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1932. By Paid Com. on Returns & Credentials	\$ 52.00
May 19, 1932 By Paid Finance Committee	752.00
July 28, 1932 By Paid Grand Treasurer	76.00
Oct. 29, 1932 By Paid Grand Treasurer	68.00
Nov. 8, 1932 By Paid Grand Treasurer	104.39
Nov. 11, 1932 By Paid Grand Treasurer	10.00
Nov. 29, 1932 By Paid Grand Treasurer	75.00
Dec. 30, 1932 By Paid Grand Treasurer	52.00
Jan. 21, 1933 By Paid Grand Treasurer	365.00
Jan. 25, 1933 By Paid Grand Treasurer	117.00
Jan. 27, 1933 By Paid Grand Treasurer	117.00
Jan. 31, 1933 By Paid Grand Treasurer	108.00
Feb. 27, 1933 By Paid Grand Treasurer	39.00
Mch. 2, 1933 By Paid Grand Treasurer	95.00
Mch. 13, 1933 By Paid Grand Treasurer	284.00
Mch. 18, 1933 By Paid Grand Treasurer	80.00
Mch. 29, 1933 By Paid Grand Treasurer	257.00
April 1, 1933 By Paid Grand Treasurer	155.00
April 4, 1933 By Paid Grand Treasurer	87.00
April 22, 1933 By Paid Grand Treasurer	169.00
April 29, 1933 By Paid Grand Treasurer	125.00
May 5, 1933 By Paid Grand Treasurer	423.00
May 6, 1933 By Paid Grand Treasurer	150.00
May 9, 1933 By Paid Grand Treasurer	952.00
May 11, 1933 By Paid Grand Treasurer	459.00
	\$5,171.39

Books and vouchers are herewith submitted for examination and approval.

Fraternally submitted,

W. P. WEBSTER,
Grand Secretary.

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

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

Tampa, Florida
May 15, 1933RILEY J. McMASTER, *Grand Treasurer*

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

1932

May 17,	Balance Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville	\$3,716.19	
	Balance First National Bank, Tampa	2,453.16	\$6,169.35
May 19,	Received from Finance Committee		752.00
June 4,	Grand Lodge Bonds Coupons	75.00	
Dec. 8,	Grand Lodge Bonds Coupons	75.00	150.00
	Interest on Savings Account		77.38
June 7,	Received from Grand Secretary	76.00	
Oct. 31,	Received from Grand Secretary	68.00	
Nov. 9,	Received from Grand Secretary	104.39	
Nov. 23,	Received from Grand Secretary	10.00	
Nov. 30,	Received from Grand Secretary	75.00	
Dec. 31,	Received from Grand Secretary	52.00	
1933			
Jan. 17,	Received from Grand Secretary	117.00	
Jan. 23,	Received from Grand Secretary	365.00	
Jan. 28,	Received from Grand Secretary	117.00	
Feb. 1,	Received from Grand Secretary	108.00	
Feb. 28,	Received from Grand Secretary	39.00	
Mch. 3,	Received from Grand Secretary	95.00	
Mch. 18,	Received from Grand Secretary	284.00	
Mch. 20,	Received from Grand Secretary	80.00	
Mch. 30,	Received from Grand Secretary	257.00	
Apr. 3,	Received from Grand Secretary	155.00	
Apr. 5,	Received from Grand Secretary	87.00	
Apr. 24,	Received from Grand Secretary	169.00	
May 1,	Received from Grand Secretary	125.00	
May 6,	Received from Grand Secretary	423.00	
May 8,	Received from Grand Secretary	952.00	
May 10,	Received from Grand Secretary	150.00	
May 12,	Received from Grand Secretary	459.00	\$ 4,367.39

WARRANTS PAID

Nos. 1 and 49, Inc.

Stamp tax

\$7,139.78

\$11,516.12

82

\$7,140.60

Balance

\$4,375.52

\$3,000.00

\$7,375.52

Balance—Barnett National Bank	\$1,793.51
First National Bank	2,582.01
Grand Lodge Bonds	3,000.00
	\$7,375.52

Fraternally submitted,

RILEY J. McMASTER,
Grand Treasurer

The special committee appointed to erect a monument to the memory of Past Grand High Priest Endel made the following report which was received and adopted:

REPORT ENDEL MONUMENT

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Companions:

Your special committee appointed to erect a suitable monument to the memory of Past Grand High Priest Marcus Endel, have the following to report. Acting in conjunction with a similar committee from the Grand Lodge, after selecting a design approved by Mrs. Endel a monument was erected by the Southern Monument Co., in Temple Cemetery at a cost of two hundred and eighty (\$280.00) dollars, one-half of which was paid by the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. The work was done in a most satisfactory manner and Mrs. Endel was well pleased as will be seen by the following communication from her.

Fraternally submitted,

W. P. WEBSTER,
JOHN L. HALL,
STAFFORD CALDWELL,
*Committee.*Grand Chapter of Florida, R. A. M.
Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Friends:—

God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to call my beloved Husband to his final resting place. My heart is weary and sad, but it would have been more so were it not for the deep interest and many considerate solicitations you so generously extended to my son and me.

You have tried to make my burdens lighter and I want to thank you sincerely and tell you how deeply it is appreciated.

My Husband was so greatly interested in Masonry, and thought of it, and planned for its success constantly. Therefore I feel, indeed I know, how much the beautiful stone that you erected in his memory would please him.

Please be assured of our heartfelt gratitude for all of the many kindnesses shown us.

Sincerely,

MILLIE I. ENDEL,
(Mrs. Marcus Endel)

April 4th, 1933.

Upon motion the Committee on Finance and Accounts was authorized to have one or more of the Grand Lodge Bonds belonging to the Grand Chapter redeemed if found necessary.

The Grand Secretary offered the following regulations which were received and referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

Regulation No. . . . Section 1. At the time of making up Chapter returns hereafter, the subordinate Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction shall be permitted to take credit for or deduct Grand Chapter dues and assessment for all those whose names appear in the Exhibit of Losses as having been suspended for non-payment of dues.

Section 2. When a member suspended for non-payment of dues by a subordinate Chapter is re-instated, the subordinate Chapters shall be responsible for and account to the Grand Chapter, for that portion of the arrearage of such member as would be due the Grand Chapter for the year in which he was suspended together with the dues for the current year. This section to apply to all members suspended during and after the year 1933.

Regulation No. . . . It shall be the special duty of the Chairman of each and every Grand Chapter Committee to return or have returned to the Grand Secretary all papers referred to his committee.

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

REPORT OF THE GRAND LECTURER

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

Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions:

I now submit my third report as Grand Lecturer for your consideration. During this Capitular year I have traveled in the interest of this Fraternity over the entire State except in the Pensacola section.

Without a single exception, I find a marked increase of interest in Capitular Masonry. Every branch of York Rite Masonry has given the finest co-operation to our Chapter Rallies. These gatherings have been veritable revivals and I am sure that they are productive of much good.

They have inspired the Companions to greater zeal and in many instances, Brethren of the Lodge have expressed their determination to join our ranks.

To scores of Masters of the Blue Lodges I am greatly indebted; they not only attended themselves but inspired their Brethren to come also. Our District Deputy Grand High Priests deserve highest commendation for they have proved their loyalty by arduous labor. Companion T. P. Robinson invited every Chapter and every Lodge in the bounds of his District to the Orlando Rally, and he had notices in every paper in his territory concerning the meeting. Companion Adolph Jordahn did some Herculean work for the three rallies on his District which labor secured worthy results, and Joel A. Fite even broadcasted over the radio about these meetings.

Other Deputies worked heroically. Without their splendid co-operation, I could not have accomplished much.

But our M.:E.:Grand High Priest, Companion Greer, has actually accomplished a work seldom equaled. Had it not been for the pronounced manner in which he administered his office, I tremble as to what the results would have been. He visited widely, counseled wisely and when necessary, even commanded, but always judiciously and for the highest good of this great Fraternity. The larger num-

ber of the Chapters, with their Officers and a part of the members, are showing unusual interest in their work. Our Companions are coming to a fuller realization of the deeper significance of Masonry. It means infinitely more than a mere social organization or a club. Our Companions are rallying to the Ancient Landmarks, which in other ages, laid the foundations of civilization and developed that instinct for law and freedom that built Parliaments and created Republics. Our Brethren were the leaders in the building of republics and democracies, drawing their inspiration from the Great Light in Masonry and spreading the Gospel of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man abroad on the earth. And my Companions, we are called upon to combat the growing and deadly menace of Materialism, Behaviorism and Communism which is jeopardizing the very foundation of our Republic and would banish hope and faith and aspiration from the face of the earth.

On June 13, I visited West Palm Beach where exactly one hundred Masons met in a worthwhile Rally. On October 14, I was greeted by 108 Masons in New Smyrna who promised to return to their respective Chapters and redouble their efforts in behalf of this beloved Brotherhood.

On October 21, it was my privilege to attend and speak on the unique occasion of their Mother's Anniversary, an annual event observed by the Masons of Orlando. A beautiful program was arranged. There were 97 Mothers of Masons present and 118 Brethren. I know of nothing which would produce greater results for the cause of Masonry than the universal observance of such a meeting.

October 3, I spoke in Tampa to the Companions but conflicting dates prevented a large turnout, however, I feel that the meeting was not in vain.

On October 4, I met with a number of the Companions in St. Petersburg but due to a misunderstanding as to the place, and owing to a great District meeting of the Blue Lodge on the previous night, not many were present. However, I found a zeal and loyalty there which is worthy of emulation.

November 15, I met with Sanford Lodge No. 62 in a George Washington Anniversary celebration where I not only spoke of the Father of our Country but also represented the merits of Capitular Masonry. The representation was local: fifty men were in attendance.

November 17, I met with that loyal group of Companions at Winter Haven. Forty Masons were present and many members of the Order of the Eastern Star.

November the 18, we conducted a rally at Bradenton, and notwithstanding the fact that it rained torrentially, 44 men braved the storm. Companion Aitchison, Grand King, was an inspiration to the occasion by his timely address.

The rally at Tallahassee was held November 21. First there was a fish fry, given at beautiful lake Bradford, of which literally hundreds partook.

Most Worshipful J. S. B. Moyer, Grand Master, Brother B. W. Helvenston, Deputy Grand Master, our Grand High Priest and I,

each, delivered addresses to the assembly. Later we retired to the Temple where again we spoke.

There was a widespread representation of prominent Masons. It was the blue Lodge that graciously made this rally possible.

On November 29, I delivered a Knights Templar lecture in St. Augustine at which time Masons from all bodies were present and being an opportunity, I carefully presented the status of the Chapter.

December 1, I lectured to the Fort Lauderdale Fraters and Companions.

Forty two enthusiastic Masons were there and we felt the time was profitably spent. On January 24th., a notable Rally was conducted at Quincy. In this home City of the Grand High Priest, Companion Greer, a worthy demonstration of the high esteem in which he is held by those who know him best and love him most was given. 123 Masons and 30 members of the Order of the Eastern Star greeted him. This was one of our most successful meetings. Real results will accrue to the Craft as a result of the gathering.

A truly great Rally was conducted at Orlando, January 31st. The Ormazd Grotto band furnished inspiring instrumental music and the Business Men's Chorus of Orlando—thirty in number—sang to the great delight and benefit of all present.

Addresses were given by Brother P. M. Smock, Deputy Grand High Priest Buckmaster, by the Grand High Priest and myself. 312 Masons and 51 members of the Order of the Eastern Star were in attendance. That District is alive to the demands and opportunities of Capitular Masonry.

A very interesting and helpful Rally was held in Melbourne, March 22, under Melbourne Lodge No. 143 which was promoted by Companion Charles H. Stewart. It was largely local in attendance; 43 Masons being there.

Barrett Lodge No. 43 sponsored a Rally at Live Oak on March 24th. A fish fry was served and excellent vocal and instrumental music was furnished by artists of that City. An address was delivered by Brother Helvenston, then Deputy Grand Master and a great ovation was accorded him by the home folks.

Our Grand High Priest spoke as did the Grand Lecturer. Companion Marshall is doing fine work in his District.

The last Rally I attended was in Miami, April 21st. Fifty-four Masons were present. There are good indications of a rising tide of interest in the Miami District.

There is being developed a much closer relationship between the Blue Lodges and the Chapters and this is as it should be because the Royal Arch Degree completes the Blue Lodge work and rounds out the lessons.

I hope the smaller Chapters will not have the larger ones confer the degrees on their candidates as this deprives the Officers of the small Chapters of the very experience they need. The only way one can ever become proficient is by doing the work.

My observation of conditions existing in some small Chapters has convinced me that greater good would result for Capitular Masonry if these weak Chapters would consolidate with stronger ones. There is not the least objection to a small Chapter if it can, and will, do the work. Sometimes we suffer much from the lack of efficient

leadership in our Chapters. Where there are Chapter Officers of character, interest and ability, we find the Chapter carrying on even under these trying financial conditions.

I would strongly advise that Officers and Past High Priests in each District meet frequently and discuss the problems confronting their Chapters and endeavor to arrive at a solution. We can be mutually helpful one to another.

If the Welfare Committee would personally visit delinquent Members, it would prevent many of our Companions from being dropped for non-payment of dues. At least two Companions should together visit every member who stands in arrears on the books before any action is taken at the Annual Convocation and the High Priest should ascertain if this has been done.

Companions, this is the report of my activities and observations. I have done my best for the interests of this great Fraternity and I leave the results with you.

Courteously submitted,

D. H. RUTTER,

Grand Lecturer.

The Committee on Distinguished Visitors introduced Brother B. W. Helvenston, M. W., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida, who was received with Grand Honors and made a very interesting address.

The Chairman of the committee on Educational Loan Fund made the following report which was received and referred to the committee on Finance and Accounts.

EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND

To the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons:

Your EDUCATIONAL LOAN COMMITTEE herewith presents its seventh annual report for your approval.

No money has been received from the Grand Secretary this year, but we had a balance of \$135.51 from last year, and with receipts during the year from students, we have been able to make one loan of \$200.00 to Reginald Lamar Williams, a student who had had the loan in previous years and had a good record at the University of Florida.

A total of 30 loans have been made during the seven years. No loan has been paid in full this year.

Total repayments from students this year amount to \$192.50.

RECEIPTS	
Forward from last year	\$135.51
Total Interest	\$ 14.00
Total Principal	192.50
Total Receipts	\$200.00
Loans Made	.04
Check tax	\$200.04
Bank Balance 5-1-33	\$141.97

YEAR	TOTAL LOANS MADE	GRAND TOTALS		
		NO. LOANS	AMOUNT PAID BACK	NOW OUTSTANDING
1926	\$ 200.00	2	\$100.00	\$100.00
1927	500.00	2	50.00	450.00
1928	1525.00	8	537.50	987.50
1929	1000.00	5	110.00	890.00
1930	900.00	5	.....	900.00
1931	1200.00	7	150.00	1050.00
1932	200.00	1	.....	200.00

5525.00	30	947.50	4577.50
Received from all assessments since fund started .....\$4,600.00			
Received from interest on loans since fund started 84.00			
Received from interest on bank since fund started 48.41			

Total Present Revolving fund\$4,732.41

PRESENT FINANCIAL STATUS

Total Loans Outstanding	\$4,577.50
Total Office Expenses	12.94
Cash on hand	141.97

Total Present Revolving Fund\$4,732.41

ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES

Annual Salaries of Executives—NONE.
Item of \$12.94 office expense for the seven years, or \$1.85 per year.

PERSONNEL TABLE

	Boys	Girls	Total
Students granted loans since fund started	18	12	30
Students now in college	1	0	1
These 30 loans have been made to 21 students.			
16 students have received only 1 loan.			
2 students have received only 2 loans.			
2 students have received only 3 loans.			
1 student has received only 4 loans.			

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	6
Number of students who have made no remittance on a matured payment	2
Number of students whose first payment not yet due	3
Total amount past due \$1,020.00 (Still an asset in revolving fund)	
Total amount charged off—NONE.	

Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. O'NEAL,
Chairman.

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

DISTRIBUTION

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

We, your Committee on Distribution, to whom was referred the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest and the report of the R. E. Grand Secretary, would respectfully recommend that such matters in the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest as refer to Grand Lecturer and District Deputies be referred to the Committee on "Finance and Accounts."

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

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

That the Grand High Priest's recommendation in regard to per diem and mileage be referred to the committee on "Finance and Accounts."

The recommendations of the Grand High Priest, 1 to 4 inclusive, 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,

ALEX B. STEUART,
B. C. WEBB,
E. L. SHEAR,

Committee.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment to resume labor at 2:00 o'clock P. M.

IN GRAND CHAPTER

Tuesday, May 16, 2:00 P. M.

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

The minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment to resume labor at 8:00 o'clock P. M.

The Royal Arch Degree was exemplified by Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, under the direction of the Grand Chapter Committee on work.

Tuesday, May 16, 8:00 P. M.

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

The Committee on Distinguished Visitors introduced Companion E. L. Gunn, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star of Florida.

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:

St. Johns No. 4	\$ 11.00
Eureka No. 7	139.00
Kissimmee No. 10	31.00
Live Oak No. 25	50.00
Lakeland No. 29	5.00
Leesburg No. 34	60.00
Winter Haven No. 41	129.00
Union No. 43	15.00
Total	\$440.00

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	\$239.00
Dade City No. 8	13.00
Jericho No. 11	313.00
Plant City No. 16	57.00
St. Augustine No. 17	97.00
Lake Butler No. 19	22.00
Thos. Brown No. 22	150.00
Live Oak No. 25	144.00
Joppa No. 28	298.00
St. Petersburg No. 31	159.00
Jackson No. 32	252.00
Leesburg No. 34	49.00
Union No. 43	39.00
New Smyrna No. 51	54.00
Total	\$1,886.00

Thirty-eight of the forty-seven Chapters are represented at this Grand Convocation. The following Chapters are not represented:

Dade City No. 8	Putnam No. 9
Plant City No. 16	St. Augustine No. 17
Lake Butler No. 19	Bay County No. 39
Perry No. 44	Clearwater No. 45
Nassau No. 49	

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

We find that Bay County Chapter No. 39 has made no returns for two years, and has not been represented for four years. We recommend that this charter be arrested.

We find that although Lake Butler Chapter No. 19 and Nassau Chapter No. 49 have made returns, they have not had a registered representative for three years, that Perry Chapter No. 44 and Duval Chapter No. 48 have not had a registered representative in five years. We recommend that this irregularity be referred to the incoming Grand High Priest.

Fraternally submitted,

C. K. HANNER,
H. D. GILMORE,

Committee.

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

JURISPRUDENCE

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

Your Committee on Jurisprudence after a careful consideration of the several matters referred to it in reference thereto, report as follows:

RULINGS AND DECISIONS

The Grand High Priest has reported seven (7) distinct matters as to which we recommend as follows:

We recommend that No. 1, No. 2, No. 4, No. 6 and No. 7 be approved.

In reference to No. 3 we are of the opinion that the regulation in question was not intended to be mandatory and therefore disapprove this decision.

As to No. 5, we are clearly of the opinion that a Companion suspended in his Blue Lodge is thereby actually suspended in his Chapter at that time.

In this connection we recommend the adoption of the following Regulation:

"Regulation Hereafter it shall be the duty of the Secretary of each constituent Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction to obtain from the Grand Secretary of the M. W. Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of Florida or from the local Lodge F. & A. M., or elsewhere the record of suspensions or expulsion of all members of the Chapter and pre-

sent the same immediately to the Chapter of which he is the Secretary, for its information; Thereupon the Secretary shall enter upon the minutes the name of the Companion, his lodge and the date of his suspension in the lodge."

Under the heading of DISPENSATIONS, The Grand High Priest reports, one dispensation granted, one dispensation refused, and certain directions given to Halifax Chapter No. 5, all of which we recommend be approved.

Under the heading RECOMMENDATIONS, The Grand High Priest reports the numbers 1, 3 & 4, which we recommend be approved.

As to that part of recommendation number 2 which the Grand High Priest considers to have been mandatory, we recommend that that portion thereof, be not concurred in.

The statements otherwise therein contained we recommend be approved.

In the matter of the Regulation proposed by the Grand Secretary we recommend the adoption of the following regulation:

Regulation No. Section 1. At the time of making up the Chapter returns hereafter, the subordinate Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction shall be permitted to take credit for, or deduct Grand Chapter dues and assessments for all those whose names appear in the exhibit of losses, as having been suspended for non-payment of dues.

Section 2. When a member suspended for non-payment of dues by a subordinate chapter is reinstated the subordinate Chapter shall be responsible for and account to the Grand Chapter, for that portion of the arrearage of such member as would be due the Grand Chapter for the year in which he was suspended, together with the dues of the current year. This section to apply to all members suspended for non-payment of dues during and after the year 1933.

In the matter of the proposed resolution presented by the Grand Secretary, referring to papers referred to committees, we recommend the adoption of the following regulation.

Regulation No. It shall be the special duty of the Chairman of each and every Grand Chapter Committee, to return or have returned to the Grand Secretary all papers referred to his committee.

Fraternally submitted,

E. E. HASKELL,
JOSEPH R. KELLER,
T. PICTON WARLOW,
WM. R. O'NEAL,
D. B. PALMER,
H. O. SNOW,
JOHN L. HALL,
R. J. KISHPAUGH,
E. L. SHEAR,
CARY B. FISH,
R. J. MCMASTER,
JOHN PASCO,
ALEX. B. STEUART,
Committee.

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

DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

We, your Committee on Dispensations and By-laws, have had nothing brought to our attention, other than that part of the Grand High Priest's Address referring to Charters arrested and by-laws approved.

These matters being entirely within the discretion of the Grand High Priest, nothing remains for this committee other than to approve such action and to commend him for his prompt and efficient handling of these matters.

Fraternally submitted,

C. R. HORNE,
W. BOYD GREER,

Committee.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence wish to report that we have prepared and printed a report on the Fraternal Correspondence of this Grand Chapter, and the same is available to the members.

In the matter of a Jurisdictional dispute between the Grand Chapters of New South Wales and that of Scotland, we recommend that this be carried over until the next session of the Grand Chapter in order that further particulars may be obtained.

Fraternally submitted,

R. B. LOVETT,
E. L. SHEAR,
CARY B. FISH,

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 the Grand Lodge of Florida we are most grateful for the spacious and commodious quarters which they have furnished to the Grand Chapter during this Convocation.
2. To Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, R. A. M., for the proficient exemplification of the Royal Arch Degree.
3. To the local Press, 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 we shall long remember the acts of courtesy and friendship.
4. To Jacksonville Chapter, No. 15, O. E. S., who hold their regular meetings in this room, on Tuesday evenings, we wish to express our sincere thanks. This was their meeting night and in order to make our convocation a success, this wonderful Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star went to another room and held their meeting. Such co-operation is worthy of our highest commendation.

Fraternally submitted,

ERNEST V. REED,
BERT L. BLAIR,
MAX SIRKIN,

Committee.

The special committee appointed to erect a monument to the memory of Past Grand High Priest Carter made the following report which was received and adopted:

MONUMENT P. G. H. P. CARTER

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Having been appointed as a committee to erect a monument to the memory of Past Grand High Priest Wm. Vernon Carter, we have to report:

That after a consultation with his daughters, a monument of Red Granite has been erected in the Cemetery at Port Orange at a cost of two hundred (\$200.00) dollars, which is entirely satisfactory to the daughters and for which they have expressed their sincere appreciation.

Fraternally submitted,

E. L. SHEAR,
Committee.

Companion A. E. Calkins, Chaplain of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M., of Florida, was introduced by the committee on Distinguished Visitors and delivered a very interesting and inspiring address.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

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

Fraternally submitted,

W. W. CHASE,
B. J. BUTLER,
J. B. RICHARDS,

Committee.

The Committee on Distinguished Visitors introduced Sir W. W. Chase, R. E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Florida.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment to resume labor at 10:00 o'clock Wednesday.

IN GRAND CHAPTER

Wednesday, May 17, 10:00 A. M.

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

The minutes of the evening session were read and adopted.

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 pleased to report that nothing has been presented to them requiring attention.

Peace and Harmony continues to prevail throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

C. A. BANGERT,
J. M. ROWAN,

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 a report from the Educational Loan Fund Committee which is attached hereto showing receipts and disbursements of 1926 to the present date.

We have examined the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary and find them correct with a balance on hand of \$7,375.52.

The balance of \$7,375.52 is distributed as follows:

Cash in Barnett Nat. Bank Savings Acc't.	\$1,793.51
Cash in First Nat. Bank, Tampa, Checking Acct.	2,582.01
Grand Lodge Bonds	3,000.00
Total	\$7,375.52
From which we recommend the following appropriations:	
Grand Treasurer's Salary	\$ 200.00
Grand Secretary's Salary	1,300.00
Extra Clerical Help	300.00
Pay Roll Attached	1,799.53
Grand Lecturer	300.00
Expense of Dist. Dep. Gr. High Priests	200.00
For Memorial to Past Grand High Priest L. C. Massey and Past Grand High Priest E. P. Hubbell	275.00
Representatives to the General Grand Chapter	500.00
	<u>\$4,874.53</u>
Balance on hand	\$2,500.99

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 the 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 the Grand Treasurer.

Fraternally submitted,

H. O. SNOW,
ALEX. B. STEUART,
R. L. GILLETT,

Committee.

PAY ROLL

Name	Mileage	Per Diem	Total
W. B. Greer, G. H. P.	\$ 7.56	\$12.00	\$19.56
R. P. Buckmaster, D. G. H. P.	11.76	8.00	19.76
Archie Aitchison, G. K.	10.60	8.00	18.60
Geo. A. Dame, G. S.	5.96	8.00	13.96
R. J. McMaster, Gr. Treas.	8.48	12.00	20.48
W. P. Webster, Gr. Secy. ....	.....	8.00	8.00
Dorsey H. Rutter, Gr. Chap.	1.48	8.00	9.48
C. R. Horne, G. C. of H.	10.48	8.00	18.48
J. Lloyd Head, G. P. S. ....	.....	8.00	8.00
John B. Phelps, G. R. A. C.	14.64	8.00	22.64
J. C. Clark, G. M. 3rd Veil	29.52	8.00	37.52
R. B. Lovett, G. M. 2nd Veil	16.96	8.00	24.96
Frank Hartsfield, G. M. 1st Veil	13.20	8.00	21.20
John W. Capper, G. G. ....	.....	8.00	8.00
E. E. Haskell, P. G. H. P.	2.20	8.00	10.20
T. P. Warlow, P. G. H. P.	11.76	12.00	23.76
W. R. O'Neal, P. G. H. P.	5.88	8.00	13.88
H. O. Snow, P. G. H. P.	8.48	8.00	16.48
R. J. Kishpaugh, P. G. H. P.	11.96	8.00	19.96
Cary B Fish, P. G. H. P.	10.00	8.00	18.00
John Pasco, P. G. H. P.	11.36	12.00	23.36
J. R. Keller, P. G. H. P.	14.76	8.00	22.76
D. B. Palmer, P. G. H. P.	5.68	12.00	17.68
E. L. Shear, P. G. H. P.	8.80	12.00	20.80
Alex. B. Steuart, P. G. H. P.	8.48	12.00	20.48
John L. Hall, P. G. H. P. ....	.....	8.00	8.00
A. Jordahn(D. D. G. H. P.	23.92	8.00	31.92
F. A. Reigel, D. D. G. H. P.	20.00	8.00	28.00
E. V. Reed, D. D. G. H. P.	16.96	8.00	24.96
C. A. Bangert, D. D. G. H. P.	8.24	8.00	16.24
H. Baluss, D. D. G. H. P. ....	.....	8.00	8.00
W. L. Marshall, D. D. G. H. P.	6.60	8.00	14.60
H. J. Dame, D. D. G. H. P.	9.60	8.00	17.60
S. C. Smithers, D. D. G. H. P.	15.76	8.00	23.76
T. P. Robinson, D. D. G. H. P.	11.76	8.00	19.76
L. E. Berkebile, D. D. G. H. P.	8.80	8.00	16.80
W. S. Perry, D. D. G. H. P.	5.60	8.00	13.60
J. M. Rowan, D. D. G. H. P.	15.12	8.00	23.12
H. R. Kaufman, Chapter No. 1	13.20	8.00	21.20
R. T. Turner, Chapter No. 2	5.60	8.00	13.60
S. E. Clark, Chapter No. 3	16.96	8.00	24.96
C. L. Heath, Chapter No. 4	8.80	8.00	16.80
Geo. Rimmer, Chapter No. 5	8.80	8.00	16.80
Wm. H. Haughton, Chapter No. 6	29.52	8.00	37.52
Blums Williams, Chapter No. 7	11.76	8.00	19.76
J. L. Overstreet, Chapter No. 10	13.12	8.00	21.12
J. A. Fite, Chapter No. 11	29.28	8.00	37.28
O. L. Vordermark, Chapter No. 12 ....	.....	8.00	8.00
A. B. Jennings, Chapter No. 13	8.24	8.00	16.24
M. C. Scofield, Chapter No. 14	11.92	8.00	19.92
J. C. Trawick, Chapter No. 15	9.92	8.00	17.92
H. J. Wendland, Chapter No. 18	19.52	8.00	27.52
J. A. Warren, Chapter No. 20	13.64	8.00	21.64

Name	Mileage	Per Diem	Total
J. A. Parramore, Chapter No. 22	8.88	8.00	16.88
J. F. Wood, Chapter No. 24	11.96	8.00	19.96
B. W. Helvenston, Chapter No. 25	3.24	4.00	7.24
E. C. Mellon, Chapter No. 26	11.36	8.00	19.36
E. E. Ranch, Chapter No. 27	12.80	8.00	20.80
J. R. Harrison, Chapter No. 28	19.20	8.00	27.20
N. F. Skipper, Chapter No. 29	16.72	8.00	24.72
B. J. Butler, Chapter No. 30	15.12	8.00	23.12
L. D. Buie, Chapter No. 31	21.20	8.00	29.20
C. W. Davis, Chapter No. 32	13.44	8.00	21.44
C. R. Gilmore, Chapter No. 33	12.64	8.00	20.64
Wm. Dunston, Chapter No. 34	11.04	8.00	19.04
Robt. S. Givins, Chapter No. 35	20.00	8.00	28.00
C. Roberts, Chapter No. 38	5.20	8.00	13.20
J. L. Clary, Chapter No. 40	25.44	8.00	33.44
C. A. Seymour, Chapter No. 41	16.76	8.00	24.76
D. F. Canfield, Chapter No. 42	17.92	8.00	25.92
W. M. Christen, Chapter No. 43	15.52	8.00	23.52
C. L. Leavett, Chapter No. 48		8.00	8.00
R. R. Gresham, Chapter No. 50	12.92	8.00	20.92
W. G. Blair, Chapter No. 51	10.00	8.00	18.00
V. M. Douglas, Chapter No. 54		8.00	8.00
W. E. Oxley, Chapter No. 55	13.20	8.00	21.20
R. L. Gillett, Com. on Fin.	8.48	8.00	16.48
W. W. Chase, Com. on Unf. Bus.		4.00	4.00
J. B. Richards, Com. on Unf. Bus.	11.76	8.00	19.76
H. D. Gilmore, Com. on Ret. & Cred.	6.76	8.00	14.76
Chas. K. Hanner, Com. on Ret. & Cred.	8.36	8.00	16.36
W. B. Greer, Jr. Com. Disp. & Bl.	6.48	8.00	14.48
A. H. Willett, Com. Disp. & Bl.	11.76	8.00	19.76
Max Sirkin, Com. on Thanks	23.92	8.00	31.92
B. C. Webb, Com. on Dist.		8.00	8.00
B. L. Blair, Com. on Thanks	5.88	8.00	13.88
A. E. Calkins		8.00	8.00
Expenses D. D. G. H. Priests:	\$950.60	\$716	\$1666.60
S. C. Smithers		\$16.72	
L. B. Berkebile		16.00	
F. A. Reigel		6.15	
E. V. Reed		20.00	
T. P. Robinson		6.30	
G. H. P. Expense Acc.			
W. B. Greer			
Total		\$67.76	\$132.93
			\$1,799.53

In the matter of degrees to be conferred upon candidates elected by Arcadia Chapter, No. 36, defunct, the following motion by Companion Dame was adopted:

That the matter of applicants for the degrees in Arcadia Chapter, No. 36, defunct, be referred to the incoming Grand High Priest for investigation and for such action

within his discretion as he deems best, and in accordance with the Regulations of the Grand Chapter.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Companions W. L. Marshall, J. M. Rowan and Ernest V. Reed as tellers and the Grand Chapter proceeded with the annual election of Officers with the following result:

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

Richard P. Buckmaster . . . M. E. Grand High Priest
 Archie Aitchison . . . R. E. Dep. Grand High Priest
 George A. Dame . . . R. E. Grand King
 Cleveland R. Horne . . . R. E. Grand Scribe
 R. J. McMaster . . . R. E. Grand Treasurer
 Wilber P. Webster . . . R. E. Grand Secretary
 Albert E. Calkins . . . R. E. Grand Chaplain

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

GRAND OFFICERS APPOINTED

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

Past Grand High Priest Warlow, assisted by Past Grand High Priest Shear, as Grand Marshal, installed all of the above named officers with the exception of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, 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 District Deputy Grand High Priests and Standing Committees:

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

DISTRICT NO. 1

L. E. Curry, Ingraham Bldg., Miami
 Jericho No. 11, Lake Worth No. 24,
 Keystone No. 20.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

DISTRICT NO. 2

H. J. Dame, Ft. Pierce
Joppa No. 28, Union No. 43.

DISTRICT NO. 3

Frederic A. Reigel, Sarasota
Manatee River No. 18, Sarasota No. 35,
Poinciana No. 50.

DISTRICT NO. 4

S. C. 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. 18, 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

Harry S. Benson, Daytona Beach
St. Johns No. 4, Indian River No. 27,
Halifax No. 5, New Smyrna No. 51.

DISTRICT NO. 9

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

GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA

DISTRICT NO. 10

W. Boyd Greer, Live Oak
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 R. Hall, Pensacola
Mt. Horeb No. 6, Crestview No. 40.

COMMITTEES

PRINTING

W. P. Webster, Stafford Caldwell.
J. Lloyd Head,

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE

All Past Grand High Priests
EDUCATIONAL LOAN

Wm. R. O'Neal,

T. T. Todd.

MEMORIALS

Dorsey H. Rutter, B. W. Helvenston.
A. E. Calkins,

CORRESPONDENCE

Richard B. Lovett, E. L. Shear.
Cary B. Fish,

INVESTMENT

E. L. Wirt, Jos. R. Keller.
John L. Hall,

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

R. J. Kishpaugh, Three years
Alex. B. Steuart, Two years
Henry O. Snow, One year

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

The M. E. Grand High Priest thanked the Companions for the honor conferred upon him and promised his most earnest endeavor for the interests of the Grand Chapter during the coming year, and asked for the co-operation of the Officers and Members.

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.

R. P. BUCKMASTER,
Grand High Priest,

Attest:



Grand Secretary.



In Memory of

Louis Conrad Massey

M. E. Grand High Priest

1904

Born August 23, 1852
Philadelphia, Pa.

Died March 20, 1933
Orlando, Fla.

In Memory of
Ely H. Hubbell
M. H. Grand High Priest
1923

Born January 26, 1860
New Lisbon, N. Y.
Died September 9, 1932
Bradenton, Fla.

In Memory of

William B. U. Milkie, D. D.

R.-E.-Grand Chaplain

1918--1928

Born January 8, 1845

Ceres, County Fife, Scotland

Died February 15, 1933

Dunedin, Fla.

To the Memory of
Companions of Our
Jurisdiction

Who have passed away during the year 1932

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NAME	CHAPTER	NO.	DATE OF DEATH
John F. Dorman	Florida	1	May 8, 1932
Bryon D. Morris	Florida	1	Nov. 24, 1932
Wm. C. Vickery	Florida	1	Dec. 10, 1932
Marcus Endel	Gainesville	2	Mch. 18, 1932
Wash M. Johnson	Gainesville	2	Jan. 24, 1932
Wm. R. Steckert	Gainesville	2	Mch. 19, 1932
James R. Dekle	Tampa	3	July 14, 1932
Noah H. Fleagle	Tampa	3	Feb. 29, 1932
John S. Helms	Tampa	3	July 24, 1932
Len J. Lester	Tampa	3	Feb. 9, 1932
Robert T. Overman	Tampa	3	Mch. 23, 1932
James F. Raines	Tampa	3	Sept. 3, 1932
Percy E. Richardson	Tampa	3	Aug. 23, 1932
Fred H. Gross	St. Johns	4	June 12, 1932
H. J. Wilmshurst	St. Johns	4	Mch. 31, 1932
Alfred T. Patillo	St. Johns	4	Sept. 17, 1932
William V. Carter	Halifax	5	Jan. 17, 1932
Joseph W. Davenport	Halifax	5	May 21, 1932
Raymond C. Green	Halifax	5	Apr. 7, 1932
Galen B. Seaman	Halifax	5	Sept. 16, 1932
Jerome L. Wetherby	Halifax	5	Mch. 4, 1932
Callie A. Malone	Mt. Horeb	6	Dec. 28, 1931
Robt. R. Freeman	Mt. Horeb	6	Feb. 18, 1932
Hugh C. Allen	Eureka	7	Dec. 15, 1932
Wm. B. Crawford	Eureka	7	Mch. 26, 1932
R. J. Kerr	Eureka	7	June 17, 1932
Chas. Lord	Eureka	7	Dec. 10, 1932
Sylvan McElroy	Eureka	7	Jan. 1, 1932
Jos. E. Petris	Eureka	7	Feb. 28, 1932
E. E. Truskett	Eureka	7	Dec. 24, 1932
Joseph E. Brown	Dade City	8	
Edwin J. Gasque	Dade City	8	Oct. 24, 1932
Henry Hutchinson	Putnam	9	Apr. 14, 1932
J. R. Zetrouer	Putnam	9	Nov. 20, 1932
Clayton W. Holloway	Kissimmee	10	July 2, 1932
F. M. Morton	Kissimmee	10	Feb. 8, 1932
F. M. Moses	Kissimmee	10	Dec. 15, 1932
Alva C. Woods	Jericho	11	Jan. 7, 1932
Charles C. Rose	Jericho	11	Apr. 18, 1932
William E. Brown	Jericho	11	Nov. 28, 1932

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John B. Orr	Jericho	11	Aug. 28, 1932
William C. Littlewood	Jericho	11	11
George L. Bahl	Jacksonville	12	Apr. 15, 1932
Herbert M. Betts	Jacksonville	12	Feb. 7, 1931
Wm. M. Bostwick, Jr.	Jacksonville	12	Sept. 27, 1932
Franklin E. Cooper	Jacksonville	12	Feb. 19, 1932
William G. Cooper, Jr.	Jacksonville	12	Nov. 5, 1932
David H. Doig	Jacksonville	12	Mch. 17, 1932
Clarence S. Hammatt	Jacksonville	12	Dec. 6, 1932
James E. Kirk	Jacksonville	12	June 29, 1932
B. E. Lennard	Jacksonville	12	Mch. 25, 1932
John K. Mettinger	Jacksonville	12	Mch. 1, 1932
William H. Taylor	Jacksonville	12	Jan. 10, 1932
George W. Thomas, Jr.	Jacksonville	12	May 10, 1932
B. Goldman	Ocala	13	Sept. 22, 1932
Chas. P. Savary	Inverness	14	Sept. 28, 1932
Samuel E. Mays	Plant City	16	Feb. 4, 1932
Shelton C. Wells	Plant City	16	Dec. 1932
George A. Miller	St. Augustine	17	July 11, 1932
Harry Farmer	St. Augustine	17	Sept. 27, 1932
Wm. W. Carnes	Manatee River	18	May 26, 1932
Thad N. Harris	Manatee River	18	June 2, 1932
Ely P. Hubbell	Manatee River	18	Sept. 9, 1932
Robt. Trimble, Sr.	Manatee River	18	Aug. 21, 1932
Jacob G. Ewing	Keystone	20	Apr. 30, 1932
Benj. Burnett	Thomas Brown	22	Sept. 27, 1932
Wm W. Davis	Thomas Brown	22	Mch. 15, 1932
David W. Hall	Thomas Brown	22	Dec. 29, 1932
Saml. G. Williams	Thomas Brown	22	Mch. 6, 1932
E. L. Barber	Lake Worth	24	July 13, 1932
J. K. Collier	Live Oak	25	Feb. 17, 1932
John J. Dempsey	Live Oak	25	25
W. I. Hagan	Live Oak	25	June 30, 1932
Tom Padgett	Live Oak	25	Aug. 21, 1932
Appelles S. York	Live Oak	25	Dec. 5, 1932
H. B. McFarlin	Jefferson	26	1932
H. Lionel Merredeth	Joppa	28	May 7, 1932
T. Arch Taylor	Joppa	28	Nov. 1932
J. N. Merrill	Lakeland	29	Apr. 8, 1932
Cyril L. Willoughby	Lakeland	29	Sept. 21, 1932
Robert E. Cantey	Gadsden	30	Apr. 20, 1932
Locksie B. Edwards	Gadsden	30	Dec. 13, 1932
Angus L. Hinson	Gadsden	30	Oct. 31, 1932
Elois T. Harden	Gadsden	30	Aug. 31, 1932
Grady P. Peacock	Gadsden	30	Sept. 10, 1932
Leroy J. Smith	Gadsden	30	Sept. 29, 1932
Paul S. Thomson	Gadsden	30	Apr. 30, 1932
Jesse P. Taber	St. Petersburg	31	Feb. 11, 1932
Silas B. Norton	Jackson	32	1932
J. C. Cullen	Eustis	33	July 22, 1932
W. M. Igou	Eustis	33	Jan 9, 1933
R. J. James	Leesburg	34	July 2, 1932
Edward R. Marsh	Sarasota	35	Jan. 5, 1932

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George W. Peters	Sarasota	35	Jan. 18, 1932
J. O. Harris	Providence	38	July 9, 1932
W. J. Feagle	Providence	38	Nov. 22, 1932
D. O. Rivers	Providence	38	Sept. 15, 1932
John H. Engle	Crestview	40	Apr. 10, 1932
James A. McArthur	Crestview	40	Dec. 25, 1932
Isaac H. Cleaves	Winter Haven	41	Nov. 17, 1932
Earnest A. Swedelius	Union	43	Aug. 4, 1932
A. J. Moore	Clerwater	45	Mch. 20, 1932
J. Frank Garner	Poinciana	50	Jan. 20, 1932
Joe Green	Poinciana	50	June 18, 1932
James E. Morris	New Smyrna	51	Oct. 1, 1932
Edward L. Guest	New Smyrna	51	Dec. 7, 1932
D. L. Gheotto	Hill City	55	Oct. 31, 1932



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1896 Wm. H. Jewell* ...	Warren Tyler* ...	W. P. Webster* ...	Olin S. Wright* ...	Irving E. Webster* ...	W. A. McLean* ...	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1897 Warren Tyler* ...	W. P. Webster* ...	James Carnell* ...	E. E. Haskell* ...	Irving E. Webster* ...	W. A. McLean* ...	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1898 Wilber P. Webster* ...	James Carnell* ...	E. E. Haskell* ...	A. M. Cushman* ...	Marcus Endel* ...	W. A. McLean* ...	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1899 James Carnell* ...	E. E. Haskell* ...	A. M. Cushman* ...	J. R. Wetherell* ...	Marcus Endel* ...	T. G. Hutchinson* ...	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1900 E. E. Haskell* ...	A. M. Cushman* ...	J. R. Wetherell* ...	T. G. Hutchinson* ...	Marcus Endel* ...	W. P. Webster* ...	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1901 A. M. Cushman* ...	J. R. Wetherell* ...	T. G. Hutchinson* ...	Louis C. Massey* ...	Marcus Endel* ...	W. P. Webster* ...	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1902 J. R. Wetherell* ...	T. G. Hutchinson* ...	Louis C. Massey* ...	Olin S. Wright* ...	Marcus Endel* ...	W. P. Webster* ...	Irving E. Webster*
1903 T. G. Hutchinson* ...	Louis C. Massey* ...	Olin S. Wright* ...	Joseph R. Keller* ...	Marcus Endel* ...	W. P. Webster* ...	Irving E. Webster*
1904 Louis C. Massey* ...	Olin S. Wright* ...	Joseph R. Keller* ...	Wm. S. Ware* ...	Marcus Endel* ...	W. P. Webster* ...	John H. Weddell*
1905 Olin S. Wright* ...	Joseph R. Keller* ...	Wm. S. Ware* ...	F. W. Armstrong* ...	Marcus Endel* ...	W. P. Webster* ...	John H. Weddell*
1906 Joseph R. Keller* ...	Wm. S. Ware* ...	F. W. Armstrong* ...	T. Picton Warlow* ...	Marcus Endel* ...	W. P. Webster* ...	John H. Weddell*
1907 William S. Ware* ...	F. W. Armstrong* ...	T. Picton Warlow* ...	John H. Weddell* ...	Marcus Endel* ...	W. P. Webster* ...	Irving E. Webster*
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* ...	H. N. Sweeting* ...	John M. Caldwell* ...	Will C. Andress* ...	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*
1914 John M. Caldwell* ...	Will C. Andress* ...	Wm. R. O'Neal* ...	D. B. Palmer* ...	Marcus Endel* ...	W. P. Webster* ...	Irving E. Webster*

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

GRAND HIGH PRIESTS	DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS	GRAND KINGS	GRAND SCRIBES	GRAND TREASURERS	GRAND SECRETARIES	GRAND CHAPLAINS
1915 Will C. Andress*	Wm. R. O'Neal	D. B. Palmer	L. F. Blalock	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster	Irving E. Webster*
1916 Wm. R. O'Neal	D. B. Palmer	L. F. Blalock	W. V. Carter*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster	Irving E. Webster*
1917 D. B. Palmer	L. F. Blalock	L. F. Blalock	H. O. Snow	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie*
1918 W. V. Carter*	H. O. Snow	John L. Hall	R. J. Kishpaugh	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie*
1919 John L. Hall	John L. Hall	R. J. Kishpaugh	E. P. Hubbell*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie*
1920 H. O. Snow	R. J. Kishpaugh	E. P. Hubbell*	Erle L. Wirt	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie*
1921 R. J. Kishpaugh	Ely P. Hubbell*	Erle L. Wirt	T. T. Todd	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie*
1922 Ely P. Hubbell*	Erle L. Wirt	T. T. Todd	E. L. Shear	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie*
1923 Erle L. Wirt	T. T. Todd	E. L. Shear	Cary B. Fish	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie*
1924 T. T. Todd	E. L. Shear	Cary B. Fish	R. J. McMaster	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie*
1925 E. L. Shear	Cary B. Fish	R. J. McMaster	Stafford Caldwell	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie*
1926 Cary B. Fish	R. J. McMaster	Stafford Caldwell	John Pasco	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie*
1927 R. J. McMaster	Stafford Caldwell	John Pasco	Alex. B. Steuart	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie*
1928 John Pasco	Stafford Caldwell	Alex. B. Steuart	Wm. B. Greer	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster	Dorsey H. Rutter
1929 Stafford Caldwell	Alex. B. Steuart	Wm. B. Greer	R. P. Buckmaster	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster	Dorsey H. Rutter
1930 Alex. B. Steuart	Wm. B. Greer	R. P. Buckmaster	Archie Aitchison	{ Marcus Endel* R. J. McMaster }	W. P. Webster	Dorsey H. Rutter
1931 Wm. B. Greer	R. P. Buckmaster	Archie Aitchison	George A. Dame	R. J. McMaster	W. P. Webster	Dorsey H. Rutter

*Deceased

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DIRECTORY OF CHAPTERS

CHAPTER	LOCATION	TIME OF MEETING
1 Florida	Tallahassee	Second Monday
2 Gainesville	Gainesville	First and Third Friday
3 Tampa	Tampa	First and Third Friday
4 Deland	Deland	Third Friday
5 Daytona	Daytona	Second Thursday
6 Pensacola	Pensacola	Second Monday
7 Orlando	Orlando	First and Third Monday
8 Dade City	Dade City	Second and Fourth Monday
9 Palatka	Palatka	First Thursday
10 Kissimmee	Kissimmee	Second and Fourth Monday
11 Miami	Miami	Second and Fourth Friday
12 Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Second and Fourth Friday
13 Ocala	Ocala	Fourth Friday
14 Inverness	Inverness	First Monday
15 Sanford	Sanford	Second and Fourth Tuesday
16 Plant City	Plant City	First and Third Tuesday
17 St. Augustine	St. Augustine	Second and Fourth Tuesday
18 Bradenton	Bradenton	Second Tuesday
19 Lake Butler	Lake Butler	First Thursday
20 Ft. Lauderdale	Ft. Lauderdale	Second Friday
22 Bartow	Bartow	Second and Fourth Friday
24 West Palm Beach	West Palm Beach	First and Third Monday
25 Live Oak	Live Oak	Second Friday
26 Monticello	Monticello	First Monday
27 Titusville	Titusville	First Wednesday
28 Fort Pierce	Fort Pierce	First Friday
29 Lakeand	Lakeand	Second and Fourth Wednesday
30 Quincy	Quincy	Third Monday
31 St. Petersburg	St. Petersburg	First and Third Wednesdays
32 Marianna	Marianna	Second and Fourth Thursday
33 Eustis	Eustis	Third Tuesday
34 Leesburg	Leesburg	Second Tuesday
35 Sarasota	Sarasota	Second and Fourth Thursday
38 Lake City	Lake City	Second Friday
39 Panama City	Panama City	Second Tuesday
40 Crestview	Crestview	Second and Fourth Monday
41 Winter Haven	Winter Haven	Second and Fourth Monday
42 Avon Park	Avon Park	Third and Fifth Wednesday
43 Melbourne	Melbourne	Second and Fourth Thursday
44 Perry	Perry	First and Third Friday
45 Clearwater	Clearwater	Second and Fourth Friday
48 South Jacksonville	South Jacksonville	First and Third Friday
49 Fernandina	Fernandina	Second and Fourth Friday
50 Fort Myers	Fort Myers	Second and Fourth Monday
51 New Smyrna	New Smyrna	Second Friday
54 Tampa	Tampa	First and Third Tuesday
55 Brooksville	Brooksville	Second Monday

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CHAPTER DIRECTORY

CHAPTER	No.	HIGH PRIEST	KING	SCRIBE	TREASURER	SECRETARY	SECRETARY'S ADDRESS
Florida	1	M. E. Tolson	H. R. Kaufman	Gordon Hart	Wm. H. Markham	Wm. L. Marshall	Tallahassee
Gainesville	2	R. T. Turner	Carl Stapleton	Cecil W. Mathews	H. E. Taylor	D. B. Hundley	Gainesville
Tampa	3	S. E. Clark	W. Paul Thomas	Jose Y. Alonso	Riley J. McMaster	Herbert S. Chiles	Tampa, 406 E. Francis St.
St. Johns	4	John W. Martin	B. N. Wright	B. C. Gleason	W. B. Gleason	Chas L. Heath	DeLand
Halifax	5	George Rimmer	H. D. Gilmore	Wm. F. Winn	Wm. G. Hobbs	Lewis B. Berkebile	Daytona Beach, Box 12.
Mt. Horeb	6	Wm. M. Houghton	O. E. Clayton	L. L. Dilger	J. S. Reese	Walter E. Acosta	Pensacola, 1902 N. 10th Ave. Orlando, Box 1538.
Eureka	7	B. Williams	J. B. Richards	E. C. Davis	T. Picton Warlow	Bert L. Blair	Dade City
Dade City	8	W. W. Slone	T. S. Thomas	T. B. Forsburg	J. A. Peek, Jr.	J. W. Sanders	Dade City
Putnam	9	C. S. Green	S. H. Fortune	Chas. J. Smith	J. E. Brown	L. A. Smith	Palatka
Kissimmee	10	J. L. Overstreet	J. C. Galletin	R. J. Denning	R. Elmo Griffin	Chas. N. Phillips	Kissimmee
Jericho	11	Joel A. Fite	R. A. Williams	P. S. Wilson	John P. Knight	Owen W. Pittman, Sr.	Miami, 1045 S. W. 2nd Av.
79 Jacksonville	12	Ollie L. Vordermark	S. L. Houston	C. J. Stradford	J. S. B. Moyer	J. Lloyd Head	Jacksonville, Masonic Temple
Ocala	13	A. B. Jennings	W. V. Ferguson	W. C. Brazwell	S. H. Christian	B. L. Adams	Ocala
Inverness	14	L. H. Dame	Guyton Hall	J. E. Connor	Frank Morris	M. C. Scofield	Inverness
Monroe	15	James C. Trawick	Floyd L. Land	A. K. Rossitter	John D. Gove	C. J. Rumph	Sanford
Plant City	16	F. E. Cummins	T. J. Knight	M. C. Moore	T. C. Calmes	R. A. Daniel	Plant City
St. Augustine	17	Benj. F. Godwin	F. B. Matthews	I. H. Kirkland	Geo. F. Kendrick	C. G. Oldfather	St. Augustine, Box 1303.
Manatee River	18	H. J. Wendland	Leslie A. Chapman	Emery G. Pierce	John T. Campbell	P. J. Hampton	Bradenton
Lake Butler	19	M. M. Graham	N. B. Rosier	G. W. Coleman	D. T. McGill	A. D. Zacharias	Lake Butler
Keystone	20	J. A. Warren	C. W. Ten Eick	O. R. Klepper	W. E. Daniel	Jasper Lawson	Ft. Lauderdale
Thomas Brown	21	R. C. Sutherland	I. B. Putnam	E. G. Firkins	R. M. Oglesby	L. C. Olive	Bartow
Lake Worth	22	J. Fred Wood	H. F. Lilienthal	G. M. Warren	Geo. W. Brown	R. J. Kishpaugh	West Palm Beach, Drawer B. 39.
Live Oak	25	W. C. Marshall	J. D. L. Houck	A. P. Goff	J. H. Hildreth	B. W. Helvenston, Jr.	Live Oak
Jefferson	26	E. C. Mellon	F. U. Mills	D. M. Winans	F. J. Sattler	D. B. Palmer	Monticello
Indian River	27	E. E. Ranck	O. H. Baggett	W. F. LaRoach	E. P. Lichtenberger	A. W. Donaldson	Titusville
Joppa	28	L. F. Collier	D. H. Saunders	J. R. Harrison	C. F. Rock	R. V. Ankeny	Ankona
Lakeland	29	N. F. Skipper	Wm. Paul	E. W. Black	F. H. Thompson	H. S. Cole	Lakeland, Box 411
Gadsden	30	B. J. Butler	A. D. Macon	Buford Williams	Wm. B. Greer	E. C. Mahaffey	Quincy
St. Petersburg	31	L. D. Buie	L. E. Neal	D. E. Muirhead	W. M. Brinker	Chas. H. Bon	St. Petersburg, Masonic Temple
Jackson	32	Joe Schreiber	R. C. Horne	R. A. Willis	F. M. Golson	H. A. Duckworth	Marianna
Eustis	33	C. R. Gilmore	H. W. Fogg	W. L. E. Barnett	J. B. Booth, Jr.	J. R. Ashmore	Eustis
Leesburg	34	Jesse Beerbower	W. H. Hoyter	G. B. Stephenson	C. A. Laye	C. A. Laye	Leesburg
Sarasota	35	Robt. S. Givins	T. H. Crisp	F. J. Glaser	F. A. Riegel	C. Constantine	Sarasota
Providence	38	A. R. Hackney	C. H. Cox	Addes Mathis	H. P. Cason	C. Roberts	Lake City
Bay County	39						
Crestview	40	James L. Clary	Joseph W. Kierce	Lloyd C. Powell	Wm. R. White	E. A. Fleming	Crestview
Winter Haven	41	C. A. Seymour	A. T. Race	Paul Pettigrew	A. D. Yonally	H. B. Seymour	Winter Haven
Highland	42	D. F. Canfield	J. B. Simmons	H. C. Maddox	Fred M. Smith	Chas. R. Head	Avon Park
Union	43	Stanford Weis	A. H. Stewart	L. V. Tyler	S. S. Lichty	W. R. Butter	Melbourne
Perry	44	R. F. Chesser	E. S. Gaston	A. H. Hare	E. V. Davis	B. K. King	Perry
Clearwater	45	Robt. J. Knight	Lee G. Moates	Thomas M. Lowry, Jr.	Charlie Shaw	Charlie Shaw	Clearwater
Duval	48	D. W. Carroll	C. E. Steinhauer	F. B. Knight	James DeBartolomeis	J. E. Bryant	South Jacksonville, 118 E. Atlantic Blvd.
Nassau	49	Robert B. Lockwood	S. H. Swearingen	J. U. Raffo, Jr.	W. S. Whitney	F. C. Winton	Fernandina
Poinciana	50	R. R. Gresham	Chas. A. Varner	Thomas Bruges	M. M. Tillis	N. G. Stout	Fort Myers
New Smyrna	51	N. G. Putnam	W. I. Athearn	M. A. Brunson	F. M. Stanley	W. G. Blair	New Smyrna
M. D. Cushing	54	Victor M. Douglas	F. J. Chancey	John A. Kerr	H. L. Tolbert	Saml. C. McConnell	Tampa, Box 1334.
Hill City	55	James K. Sparkman	D. A. McIntyre	D. T. Cox	Wm. McKethan	A. Keathley	Brooksville

STATISTICS

CHAPTERS

CHAPTERS	Number	Membership Last Year	Exalted	Reinstated	Affiliated	Total	Died	Dimitted	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended U. M. C.	Expelled	Rejected	Present Membership
Florida	1	151	2	0	0	154	3	0	20	0	0	0	131
Gainesville	2	123	0	0	1	129	3	4	6	0	0	0	116
Tampa	3	322	6	4	0	332	7	3	34	0	0	0	288
St. Johns	4	94	0	0	1	98	3	2	16	0	0	0	77
Halifax	5	182	0	0	0	184	5	6	65	0	0	0	108
Mt. Horeb	6	169	1	0	1	171	2	2	11	0	2	0	154
Eureka	7	254	0	2	2	258	7	5	37	0	0	0	209
Dade City	8	52	0	0	0	52	2	0	0	0	0	0	50
Putnam	9	113	0	0	0	113	2	1	5	0	0	0	105
Kissimmee	10	87	0	1	0	88	3	1	5	0	0	0	79
Jericho	11	348	11	3	14	376	5	2	173	0	0	0	196
Jacksonville	12	478	1	1	4	484	12	3	57	0	0	0	412
Ocala	13	157	1	0	0	158	1	5	5	0	2	0	145
Inverness	14	38	1	0	0	39	1	0	4	0	0	0	34
Monroe	15	151	0	3	1	155	0	1	19	0	0	0	135
Plant City	16	65	0	0	1	66	2	1	8	0	0	0	55
St. Augustine	17	104	0	0	0	104	2	0	0	0	0	0	102
Manatee River	18	126	4	1	1	132	4	1	32	0	0	0	95
Lake Butler	19	35	0	0	0	35	0	0	7	0	0	0	28
Keystone	20	137	0	0	3	140	1	2	16	0	0	0	121
Thomas Brown	22	163	1	0	0	164	4	1	20	0	0	0	139
Lake Worth	24	252	4	1	0	257	1	1	54	0	0	0	201
Live Oak	25	224	0	0	0	224	5	4	30	0	0	0	185
Jefferson	26	56	0	4	0	60	1	1	0	0	0	0	53
Indian River	27	98	0	1	0	99	0	0	13	0	0	0	86
Joppa	28	127	0	0	0	127	2	2	60	0	0	0	63
Lakeland	29	130	3	6	2	141	2	1	22	0	0	0	116
Gadsden	30	151	0	0	0	151	7	1	31	0	0	0	112
St. Petersburg	31	311	1	3	2	317	1	3	39	0	0	0	274
Jackson	32	139	0	0	0	139	1	4	42	0	0	0	92
Eustis	33	78	0	1	0	79	1	1	6	0	0	0	71
Leesburg	34	111	0	0	0	111	1	0	9	0	0	0	101
Sarasota	35	83	3	1	4	91	2	2	11	0	0	0	76
Providence	38	64	2	0	0	66	3	0	2	0	0	0	61
Crestview	40	74	0	1	0	75	2	2	12	0	0	0	59
Winter Haven	41	128	0	6	0	134	1	0	8	0	0	0	125
Highland	42	79	1	0	0	80	0	1	14	0	0	0	65
Union	43	54	0	0	1	55	1	0	0	0	0	0	54
Perry	44	44	0	0	0	44	0	0	9	0	0	0	35
Clearwater	45	24	0	0	1	25	1	0	2	0	0	0	22
Duval	48	52	1	1	0	54	0	1	11	0	0	0	42
Nassau	49	59	0	0	0	59	0	0	7	0	0	0	52
Poinciana	50	57	0	0	0	57	2	0	8	0	0	0	47
New Smyrna	51	74	0	0	0	74	2	0	0	0	0	0	72
M. D. Cushing	54	95	6	0	2	103	0	2	9	0	0	0	92
Hill City	55	44	0	0	0	44	1	0	3	0	0	0	40
	59	57	60	40	41	6098	106	66	942	0	4	0	4980

*No Returns, members given as per last return.

SUMMARY

Net Loss	1231
Reinstated	40
Affiliated	41
Died	106
Dimitted	66
Suspended for non-payment of dues	942
Suspended for unmasonic conduct	0
Expelled	4
Members Defunct Chapters	254
Net Loss	1231

Order of High Priesthood

(Special Assembly)

A Special Assembly of the Order of High Priesthood of the State of Florida, was held in the city of Bradenton, on Wednesday, July 13, 1932, at 8 o'clock, P. M., the following officers being present:

M. E. Ely P. Hubbell, President.
M. E. Henry O. Snow, as Vice-President.
M. E. Cary B. Fish, as Chaplain.
M. E. Riley J. McMaster, Master of Ceremonies.
E. Archie Aitchison, Conductor.
E. Frederic A. Riegel, as Herald.
E. Robert C. Trimble, as Steward.
E. Chester DeRocher, as Guard.
E. P. J. Hampton, Secretary pro-tem.

Petitions for the Orders were received from the following Companions:

Alvin B. Rowe H. P. Manatee River Chapter No. 18.
Fred J. Weedman P. H. P. Manatee River Chapter No. 18.
Albert A. Kemmer P. H. P. Manatee River Chapter No. 18.
Francis H. Walpole P. H. P. Sarasota Chapter No. 35.

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.

It was regularly moved and carried that an order be drawn to pay the expenses of this special assembly.

It was moved by M. E. Companion Snow that the lecture of the Order of High Priesthood as delivered by M. E. Companion Ely P. Hubbell be revised and made a permanent part of the proceedings of the Grand Council of the Order.

The business for which this special assembly had been called having been completed, the minutes were read and approved. The Council closed in due form.

P. J. HAMPTON,
Secretary, pro-tem.

(Companion Hubbell passed away before furnishing copy of his lecture, consequently it could not be printed at this time.)

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

1933

The Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood of the State of Florida, was held in the City of Jacksonville, on Wednesday, May 17, A. D. 1933, at 8:00 o'clock A. M., the following officers being present:

M. E. John Pasco, as President.
E. Dorsey H. Rutter, Chaplain.
E. Wilber P. Webster, Secretary and Treasurer.
E. R. J. McMaster, Master of Ceremonies.
E. Archie Aitchison, Conductor.
E. William B. Greer, Herald.
E. George A. Dame, Steward.
E. Dabney B. Palmer, Guard.

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

The annual election of officers was held with the following result:

OFFICERS ELECTED

John Pasco	M. E. President
W. B. Greer	E. Vice-President
Dorsey H. Rutter	E. Chaplain
Wilber P. Webster	E. Secretary and Treasurer
Archie Aitchison	E. Master of Ceremonies
George A. Dame	E. Conductor
R. P. Buckmaster	E. Herald

Joseph R. Keller E. Steward
Dabney B. Palmer . E. Guard

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.

Balance as per last report	\$146.70
Received Fees	60.00

\$206.70

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Paid Postage on Bibles	\$1.75
Paid Express on Bibles	.73
Paid Supplies	6.40
	\$ 8.88

Balance on hand	\$197.82
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Fraternally submitted,

W. P. WEBSTER,

Secretary and Treasurer.

Petitions for the Order were received from the following Companions:

Robert T. Turner	H. P. Gainesville Chapter No. 2.
Shields E. Clark	H. P. Tampa Chapter No. 3.
George Rimmer	H. P. Halifax Chapter No. 5.
William M. Houghton	H. P. Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 6.
O. L. Vordermark	H. P. Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.
Hamilton Baluss	P. H. P. Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.
Herman J. Wendland	H. P. Manatee River Chap. No. 18.
J. A. Warren	H. P. Keystone Chapter No. 20.
J. Fred Wood	H. P. Lake Worth Chapter No. 24.
Emanuel C. Mellon	H. P. Jefferson Chapter No. 26.
Ned F. Skipper	H. P. Lakeland Chapter No. 29.
C. R. Gilmore	H. P. Eustis Chapter No. 33.
Robert S. Givins	H. P. Sarasota Chapter No. 35.
D. F. Canfield	H. P. Highland Chapter No. 42.
Daniel W. Carroll	H. P. Duval Chapter No. 48.
Victor M. Douglas	H. P. 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 motion was made and carried that a committee be appointed to provide Rituals for the officers. The M. E. President appointed Companion Greer as such committee.

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

JOHN PASCO,
President.

Attest:

W. P. WEBSTER,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Members Consecrated

July 13, 1932

Alvin B. Rowe.....H. P. Manatee River Chap. No. 18.
Fred J. Weedman...P. H. P. Manatee River Chap. No. 18.
Albert A. Kemmer..P. H. P. Manatee River Chap. No. 18.
Francis H. Walpole.P. H. P. Sarasota Chapter No. 35.

MEMBERS CONSECRATED

May 17, 1933

Robert T. Turner.....H. P. Gainesville Chapter No. 2.
Shields E. Clark.....H. P. Tampa Chapter No. 3.
George Rimmer.....H. P. Halifax Chapter No. 5.
William M. Houghton..H. P. Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 6.
O. L. Vordermark....H. P. Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.
Hamilton Baluss ...P. H. P. Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.
Herman J. Wendland..H. P. Manatee River Chap. No. 18.
J. A. Warren.....H. P. Keystone Chapter No. 20.
J. Fred Wood.....H. P. Lake Worth Chapter No. 24.
Emanuel C. Mellon....H. P. Jefferson Chapter No. 26.
Nef F. Skipper.....H. P. Lakeland Chapter No. 29.
C. R. Gilmore.....H. P. Eustis Chapter No. 33.
Robert S. Givins.....H. P. Sarasota Chapter No. 35.
D. F. Canfield.....H. P. Highland Chapter No. 42.
Daniel W. Carroll....H. P. Duval Chapter No. 48.
Victor M. Douglas....H. P. Cushing Chapter No. 54.

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

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 Nos. 20 and 21 amended to read as follows:

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

1. On Returns and Credentials.
2. On Unfinished Business.
3. On Propositions and Grievances.
4. On Dispensations and By-laws.

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

On Foreign Correspondence, to consist of three members.

On Printing, to consist of three members.

On Transportation, to consist of three members.

On Memorials.

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)

Regulation No. It shall be the special duty of the Chairman of each and every Grand Chapter Committee, to return or have returned to the Grand Secretary all papers referred to his committee.

DISTRICTS

Regulation No. 30, as amended in 1922, was amended to read as follows:

The Grand High Priest shall divide our Grand Jurisdiction into such a number of Districts as to him may seem desirable and that he appoint a special Deputy for each of said Districts, and that he direct each of these special Deputies to investigate, and use the authority of the Grand High Priest to bring about more dignified and correct rendition of the ritual and work, and that they use all proper efforts to increase the interest in Capitular Masonry in their respective Districts, that they hold Schools of Instruction if necessary, and make annual report to the Grand High Priest.

DUES TO THE GRAND CHAPTER

Regulation No. 32 amended to read as follows:

32. Every Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction shall pay into the treasury of the Grand Chapter the sum of one dollar for each exaltation, and the sum of one dollar as annual dues for every member borne on the rolls at any time during the year; unless exempted under Constitution Article 5, Section 1; provided, that the Chapter on whose roll such member shall appear first, only, shall pay dues when his name shall appear on the roll of more than one Chapter of this Jurisdiction, during any one year, except in the case of newly chartered Chapters. Members whose names appear upon the returns of a Chapter in Florida of which they were former members and also upon the returns of a newly chartered Chapter shall be accounted for by the newly chartered Chapter only. (1922)

Regulation No. Section 1. At the time of making up the Chapter returns hereafter, the subordinate Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction shall be permitted to take credit for, or deduct Grand Chapter dues and assessments for all those whose names appear in the exhibit of losses, as having been suspended for non-payment of dues.

Section 2. When a member suspended for non-payment of dues by a subordinate Chapter is reinstated the subordinate chapter shall be responsible for and account to the Grand Chapter, for that portion of the arrearage of such member as would be due the Grand Chapter for the year in which he was suspended, together with the dues of the cur-

rent year. This section to apply to all members suspended for non-payment of dues during and after the year 1933.

Regulation No. . . . , Section 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 the 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)

Regulation Hereafter it shall be the duty of the Secretary of each constituent Chapter in this Grand Juris-

diction to obtain from the Grand Secretary of the M. W. T. Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of Florida, or from the local Lodge, F. & A. M., or elsewhere the record of suspensions or expulsions of all members of the Chapter and present the same immediately to the Chapter of which he is the Secretary, for its information; Thereupon the Secretary shall enter upon the minutes the name of the Companion, his lodge and the date of his suspension in the lodge.

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)

Ammendments to Constitution

ADOPTED

Article 1V, 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.

Report of
Committee on Correspondence

RICHARD B. LOVETT, *Chairman*

Report of
Committee on Correspondence

FOREWORD

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

Another Masonic year has come to a close and this Review comes to you clad in the deep black of mourning, mourning the loss of one who for many years has been its head; its leader; its mentor, for on September 9, 1932, death called the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, Most Excellent Ely P. Hubbell. In his death the Committee not only lost its Chairman, the Fraternity a great and good man, but this writer lost one of his best friends and we deeply appreciate the kindness of the Grand High Priest in appointing us to carry on the work of one so near and dear to us. We have done our best to carry on as M. E. Ely P. Hubbell would have carried it, doing our best to imitate his style which seemed to be acceptable to every one to whom the Review came. We know that we have failed in many instances but we beg your indulgence pleading that this is our first effort without his guiding hand to cross out that which should be eliminated and adding that which we omitted, so with this explanation this Review is fraternally submitted.

RICHARD B. LOVETT, *Chairman*

ALABAMA—1932

Chapters, 73. Membership, 7,316. Exalted, 29. Net Loss, 2,265

CHARLES O. ROLFE, Grand High Priest

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons in Alabama, met in the city of Montgomery on Monday, December 5, 1932. Florida was not represented due to illness of our Grand Representative.

The Grand High Priest sounded the usual note of warning regarding the difficult times people and organizations are having, but we find that condition facing us every time we open a new proceedings, that we have become accustomed to it and consider that to be the proper way for a Grand High Priest to start his address. Grand High Priest Rolfe had a very busy year and seems to have accomplished quite a lot although so badly handicapped by economic conditions. He issued the usual run of Dispensations; none of more than passing interest.

Six Chapters failed to pay dues or make reports for two years and are therefore subject to having their Charters forfeited.

The Committee on Masonry and American Citizenship made a very interesting report which we quote in part:

"How true this prophecy has been fulfilled, many events throughout our nation during the last twelve months have recorded. These forces of civic destruction have taken advantage of the apparent listlessness and inaction of the whilom leaders of the people, and the unrest of the people themselves."

"Unfortunately, Masonry, in a measure, has suffered somewhat from a similar lethargy, and hence, has not responded to the call for leadership, as has been its historic wont."

"The times demand unselfish, patriotic and prophetic leadership."

"Shall Masonry refrain from heeding this call? Shall we who now compose the rank and file of the fraternity fail to measure up to the standards bequeathed us by those valiant brethren and companions who held aloft the banner of our order, as they marched in the van of those gallant pioneers who bravely and successfully guided our country throughout the pitfalls of darkness, doubt and despair, which beset them on every hand throughout the onerous task of founding and establishing this nation, which under the providence of God, shall not perish from the earth?"

"Let us renew our trust in God and gird ourselves with the full armor of the principles of our fraternity; follow the beckoning hand

of those leaders of our fraternity who call to us from out the dim and distant past to follow in their train."

"Once again let us hold aloft the banners of our fraternity that we may take new courage for the fray."

Six Companions were consecrated and set apart by the Order of High Priesthood at its Sixty-first Annual Convocation.

There was no Report of Correspondence due to the fact that the Grand High Priest, for the sake of economy, declined to have a report printed. We trust that this condition will not long exist and that we will have the benefit of the reports gotten out by Companion William Bourne Clemmons, Chairman of the Committee.

Next Annual at Montgomery, December 4, 1933.

William H. Stewart, Grand High Priest.

Guy T. Smith, Montgomery, Grand Secretary.

William B. Clemmons, Geneva, Foreign Correspondent.

ALBERTA—1932

Chapters, 80. Members, 2,737. Admissions, 57. Net Loss, 76

JAMES A. MCGHEE, Grand First Principal

The Eighteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, Canada, was held in the city of Edmonton, March 16, 1932.

The Grand First Principal paid tribute to Most Excellent James Norris Rankin, who passed away on June 3rd. His remarks were very eloquent and seemed to make one feel that he had personally known M. E. Rankin.

No decisions have been requested. Peace, Harmony and Good-will reign supreme. The Dispensations granted were all within the scope of Capitular Law.

With one exception, the Grand First Principal visited every Chapter in the Province. Florida was represented in Grand Chapter by R. E. Comp. George E. Cruickshank.

There is no mention of the Order of High Priesthood.

The Report on Correspondence is by Companion Samuel D. Middleton and Florida received generous mention.

Comp. Middleton notes that a Chapter was permitted to open at 2 P. M., on a regular date, receive petitions, hear reports and confer the degrees on four Brethren, and asks, "Why all the rush?" This happened to be the home Chapter of ye Scribe and we hasten to ask the Companion if Alberta ever has a "big night" when visitors are invited in to see all the Degrees conferred. Well that's the rush in this particular case.

Next Annual in Calgary, March 15, 1933.

Joseph V. Follett, Calgary, Grand First Principal.

Clifford R. Wentzel, Calgary, Grand Scribe E. (Grand Secretary).

ARIZONA—1932

Chapters, 12. Members, 1,312. Exalted, 16. Net Loss, 89

GEORGE E. McMILLAN, Grand High Priest

Grand Secretary Harry A. Drachman believed a net loss of 89 "was much too great for a small jurisdiction" but Grand Chapter appears to have taken no action at the Forty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons held in the city of Tucson, March 8, 1932, and at which General Grand High Priest John W. Neilson was a distinguished guest, as well as Grand Scribe Lloyd B. Johnson, of New Mexico. Tribute was paid to the memory of Most Excellent Max Fiedler, Grand High Priest in 1932.

Sincere and thoughtful appears to have been the administration of Grand High Priest McMillan whose official visitations included all the subordinate Chapters as well as one or two in California, and who stated he had "really been surprised at the optimism expressed by the members." He further stated that he had not been requested to render a decision or grant a dispensation. His official acts were naturally approved.

The report of the Grand Lecturer indicated that degree work "was not conferred in all cases in strict conformity with our new ritual" but he also added, "the enthusiasm displayed by the Companions more than compensated for any slight defects."

An adopted constitutional amendment provides petitions may be received and balloted on at a stated convocation: also that an unfavorable report by a committee "shall declare the candidate rejected" without going to ballot. Florida regulations provide that a petition having been presented, regardless of committee reports, must go to ballot. Next year a committee will submit a report providing for the creation of a Board of Trustees.

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

There are no reviews of other Grand Chapters.

Next Annual in Phoenix, March 14, 1933.

Clarence V. Gulley, Grand High Priest.

Harry A. Drachman, Box 229, Phoenix, Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS—1932

Chapters, 55. Members, 5,735. Exalted, 171. Net Loss, 536

J. FRED PARRISH, Grand High Priest

The Eighty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons was held in the city of Little Rock, March 1, 1932. There were distinguished visitors from Texas as well as the heads of the Grand Lodge and Grand Commandery, but Florida was not represented.

During the year the final summons came to Most Excellent Companion David I. Mills, Grand High Priest in 1918, as well as to Right Excellent Joseph H. Beyers, who has been Grand Sentinel for a number of years.

A recital of customary activities took up a major part of the address of Grand High Priest Parrish, but there was nothing out of the ordinary. He found, as have many others, that Masonic Bodies generally are suffering from "lack of efficient leadership"; and he truly added: "no man is compelled to accept Masonic office, but if he does he should accept and assume the burden along with the honors." After experimenting with holding the Annual Convocations at

different times he recommended and Grand Chapter approved, holding the Annual Convocation on the Thursday following the Grand Lodge in November.

Most Excellent Companion John E. Bone was made Secretary Emeritus, he having served continuously since 1899. This is the same year that Most Excellent Companion Wilbur P. Webster became Grand Secretary of Florida's Grand Chapter and he is a long way from the Emeritus state yet.

We learn with much regret that the Grand Chapter of Arkansas has discontinued the position of Fraternal Correspondent. The word of wisdom coming from Most Excellent Companion Mark P. Olney will be greatly missed and it is hoped that they will soon resume publishing the review. His report for the current year was also omitted.

Nine Companions were set apart as High Priest's forever after the Order of Melchizedek.

Next Annual in Little Rock, November 17, 1932.

Charles J. Gregory, Marianna, Grand High Priest.

John Q. DeWolf, Batesville, Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS—1932

Chapters, 67. Membership, 4,898. Exalted, 58. Net Loss, 692

C. J. GREGORY, Grand High Priest

With Florida not represented, The Most Excellent Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Arkansas assembled in its Annual Convocation, its Eighty-fourth, in the City of Little Rock, November 17, 1932. This was a short Capitular Year, only nine months long.

The Grand High Priest had cherished a hope that he could personally visit all Chapters in Arkansas during his year in office, but found that the Finances of the Grand Chapter would not permit and his activities were necessarily limited.

Says this Grand High Priest:

"Companions, it has been my observation that no condition can be so bad but that it could be worse, nor none so good but that it might be bettered."

"Let us recall the journey of the three ancient craftsmen of this wonderful organization; a representation of which you at one time represented. The weary sojourner—in an alien land—among

strangers—and for how long? Yet after many years in exile, their spirits were not blighted—and when the occasion arose, they went forward to meet it; through a desert and wild country; beset on all sides with every sort of handicap—both without and within, nor hope of fee or reward. Our condition may be bad, but is there a companion in this room who can say that present conditions even approach such as these weary sojourners faced?"

"One cannot reflect, even briefly, without realizing that the Royal Arch Masonry has played a part in all worthwhile phases of human activities—it has been in our country what it has in the countries across the seas, a brotherhood in which the moral, social, physical and spiritual welfare of the individual has been fostered."

"With the above thought in mind, I am convinced the world never needed Royal Arch Masonry so bad as it does now, and, if we are ever going to give to the world a reason for our existence now is the challenging time."

"What the world needs today, more than anything, is men with such character as we think men should be whom we make Royal Arch Masons. Square men. Men who desire nothing for their own but by honest endeavor. Men who are not rushing to govern, who are not fitted. Men who have consciousness of God's goodness and mercy. Men who have been given the key to His Holy Name, and keep their lips undefiled by its flippant use. Give us men of this calibre and our greatest trouble will have vanished."

"Masonry is supposed to serve. Albert Einstein, a great German scientist, has this to say: 'Here on earth each of us come for a short visit, not knowing why, yet sometime, seeming to derive a purpose. From the standpoint of daily life, however, there is one thing we do know; that man is here for the sake of other men—many times a day I realize how much my own outer and inner life is built upon the labors of other men, both living and dead, and how earnestly I must exert myself in order to give as much as I have received.' The best service we can render is to live our tenets."

Two Dispensations were granted. One to elect and install officers, the other to "receive petitions, ballot and confer the degree." All of which is O. K. so far as Florida is concerned but our sympathy goes out to the Companion Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence Committee of Indiana. There are apparently more "loose laws" in Arkansas.

No deaths have occurred in the official line for which the Grand High Priest is thankful.

The abolition of the office of Deputy Grand High Priest and the setting aside of ten per cent of the gross annual collections as a reserve fund was recommended, but Grand Chapter did not concur.

Speaking of District Deputies who do not perform, Grand High Priest Gregory has this to say:

"At the beginning of my term I appointed a few new Deputy District Grand High Priests, and their activities have justified my judgment, and I think if I had made a few more it would have been well. These District Deputies of the Grand High Priest are his lieutenants. If they do not function the work is retarded and the Grand High Priest's work is just that much less efficient. If the appointee is not willing to do the work required of him, he should return the commission and allow some one to have it who will.

He recommended that Arkansas again publish a Report by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, but the Budget Committee vetoed that, stating that it was impossible at this time. This Committee also reported that: "We desire to warn this Grand Chapter that unless conditions improve materially during the next twelve months we shall be obliged to:

1. Decrease mileage and per diem by limiting the amount to be drawn by delegates to the actual mileage.
2. Hold sessions every two years for a little while until we can build up our reserve.

They also advised that if the Grand High Priest attended the session of the General Grand Chapter in Washington, D. C., that he would have to bear his own expense or take care of the expense out of the contingent fund, which amounts to \$200.00. We are very sorry to learn that the Arkansas Grand Chapter is in such straightened circumstance but believe they are doing the right thing in cutting expense before it's too late.

Five Companions received the Order of High Priesthood.

Arkansas has not printed a Report of the Correspondence Committee. We would like to have read it, for Arkansas happens to be our old homestead, and we notice that Booneville Chapter No. 110 is not represented. We wonder what is the trouble with Omar Yarborough, the High Priest whom we have known all our life. How dear to my heart are the scenes of my childhood spent among the hills and valleys of Logan County, Arkansas.

Next Annual, Little Rock, November 23, 1933.

Omar D. Freeman, Grand High Priest, Ft. Smith.

John Q. Wolf, Grand Secretary, Batesville.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—1932

Chapters, 28. Members, 2,783. Exalted, 64. Net Loss, 61

SAMUEL A. STEWART, Grand Z.

With 119 Delegates from twenty-eight Chapters, the Fourteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia was held in the city of Vancouver, June 22, 1932. Florida was not represented by its Grand Representative which makes at least two years that he has been absent.

The Excellent First Principals were evidently well versed in Capitular Law, as no questions requiring a decision were referred to the Grand Z., and Dispensations granted were for routine matters. Notwithstanding the lack of Decisions, the Grand Z. was a busy man during his term of office as shown by the large number of Official Visitations.

The Report of the several Grand Superintendents are very interesting and show what a large amount of work is done by these officials.

A Jewel was presented to Right Excellent Companion William Panton, who has completed fifty-five years as a Past Principal.

A Committee report was adopted "That \$150.00 be contributed to Cypress Chapter on account of loss by fire."

The rank of "Right Excellent Companion" was conferred on five Companions who had acted as District Superintendents during the year.

The Correspondence Report is by Companion J. W. Prescott, and Florida received complimentary notice. Companion Prescott comments very favorably upon our late Most Excellent Companion, Ely P. Hubbell. Were Companion Hubbell still with us, we know he would appreciate Companion Prescott's kindly thoughts and words.

Next Annual in the city of Victoria, June 21, 1933.

Samuel Drake, Grand Z., Nanaimo.

John W. Prescott, Grand Scribe E., and Correspondent, Vancouver, B. C.

CALIFORNIA—1932

Chapters, 130. Membership, 25,563. Exalted, 685. Net Loss, 938

RAY R. WOODWARD, Grand High Priest

The Seventy-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of California was held in the Masonic Temple at Long Beach, April 19, 1932. The Grand Secretary reported a sufficient number of Chapters represented, and the Grand Chapter proceeded to receive a long list of Distinguished Visitors, Grand Representatives and Earthquake and Fire Survivors, and saluted them with the Public Grand Honors. We think it a nice custom to receive the Grand Representatives with the Grand Honors; something not done in Florida, however. Florida's Grand Representative was among those present.

We notice that California shows no Grand Chapter Officers below that of Grand Royal Arch Captain; perhaps space would not permit printing their names.

The address of the Grand High Priest is well worth reading. It is filled with hope and optimism and makes many helpful suggestions to the Craft. He says: "I earnestly believe that every candidate should be required to pass a proficiency test as to his knowledge of the preceding Capitular Degrees". We wonder how many will agree with Excellent Companion Woodward.

No requests for new Chapters were received which leads the Grand Officers to believe that every District is fully covered to care for the needs of Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The Grand High Priest visited one hundred and twelve Chapters during his year—a very enviable record indeed. The report of his official visitations constitute more than two-thirds of his address.

The "Committee on the American Rite of Freemasonry" was, at its own request, discontinued, and its work taken over by the "Committee on Capitular Education."

The Grand Chapter directed that a number of "California Rituals" be delivered to the Grand Chapter of Nevada, who had requested them. In Florida we use the General Grand Chapter Rituals with very fair success.

The Order of High Priesthood consecrated and set apart seventy-three Companions.

The Report on Correspondence is by Companion William T. Paullin and Florida is allotted ample space in the business like manner which appears to be Companion Paullin's style.

Next Annual in the city of Riverside, Tuesday, April 18, 1933.

Carl Barnard, Grand High Priest, Santa Rosa.

Thos. A. Davis, Grand Secretary, Room 423, Masonic Temple, San Francisco.

William T. Paullin, Foreign Correspondent, 710 Oakland Bank Building, Oakland, California.

CANADA (in Ontario)—1932

Chapters, 159. Members, 25,224. Registrations, 517. Net Loss, 680

WALTER G. PRICE, Grand Z.

Three-quarters of a century of Royal Arch Masonry in Canada was commemorated at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada, held in Hamilton, Feb. 24-25, 1932. This same city was the host to a convention of Royal Arch Masons held January 17, 1857, at which time steps were taken to establish a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for Canada, which at that time included all the territory from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the Great Lakes to the then practically unknown frozen North, all of which was under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapters of England and Ireland. This vast territory has since been divided into seven active Grand Chapters, having a combined membership of approximately 40,000.

Grand First Principal Price brought his two years of administration to a close in a constructive address which indicated zeal and devotion to Capitular Masonry, and for which he was accorded the commendation of Grand Chapter. He emphasized that Freemasonry "refused to accept defeat because it has become too deeply rooted in civilization to pause more than temporarily in its march."

He reported granting a dispensation to form one new Chapter; also ninety-five other special dispensations were granted, some of which would not have been required un-

der Florida laws. He stated that the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick had adopted the Canada ritual, which form is now used throughout the Dominion except in Nova Scotia. He strongly urged that all subordinate Chapters adhere to their by-laws and open the Chapters on the time prescribed, which would permit the Chapters to close so that the "banquet could be carried out promptly and the Companions could leave for their homes at reasonable hours."

Amendments were submitted to make certain changes in the sizes of and letterings on the Ark and on the Pedestal, also to increase the number of standing committees by adding one on instruction and education. These were considered so important that they were referred to Special Committees to report another year. Attention was called to certain Chapters which were "paying rents far beyond their incomes," and which should be investigated. No specific action seems to have been taken.

There is no reference to an Order of High Priesthood.

The Proceedings state that it was moved that the report of M. E. Comp. W. N. Ponton on Fraternal Correspondence "be received and adopted." This is a splendid commentary on the wisdom and discretion of Comp. Ponton, as there is nothing to indicate that Grand Chapter knew what the document may have contained at the time the action was taken.

Comp. Ponton has the happy faculty of reproducing the essential features in each Proceedings, and accompanying same with constructive and pertinent comments. The report would have been marked 100% if Florida had been included. Trust it may not again happen.

Next Annual in London, January 22-23, 1933.

Charles W. Haentschel, Haileyburg, Grand Z.; Edwin Smith, London, Grand Scribe E.; W. N. Ponton, Belleville, Correspondent and Historian.

COLORADO—1932

Chapters, 51. Members, 7,355. Exalted, 109. Net Loss, 411

HAROLD E. HEDLUND, Grand High Priest

The Fifty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand

Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Colorado, was held at Denver, September 22, 1932.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form with forty-eight of the fifty-one Chapters represented. Florida was not represented.

The Grand High Priest recommended that the three principal Officers of each Chapter, read the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Chapter within a specified time after installation. Not a bad idea at all and could well be emulated in Florida.

The Grim Reaper called Excellent Companion Richard J. Woodward, Grand Scribe, on August 5, 1932.

The Grand High Priest issued a number of Dispensations, none of which are of particular interest. He suspended for one year a section of their Constitution which prohibits solicitation for membership of a Master Mason, The Grand Lodge of Colorado having taken the lead in this matter by recinding its regulation which prohibited such solicitation.

Fifteen Companions were consecrated and set apart by the Order of High Priesthood.

The Report of the Correspondence Committee is by Companion Edwin H. Snyder and we heartily compliment him on his worthwhile remarks preceding his report. We too, read the reports of Grand High Priests, often with a swift descent of moral courage, only to be raised to the heights of bliss by the next proceedings we pick up. Such is the life of a Reviewer.

Next Annual, Denver, September 21, 1933.

Lee R. Horn, Grand High Priest.

William W. Cooper, Grand Secretary, Masonic Temple, Denver.

Edwin H. Snyder, Chairman, Correspondence Committee.

CONNECTICUT—1932

Chapters, 46. Members, 16,056. Exalted, 196. Net Loss, 407

CLINTON G. NICHOLS, Grand High Priest

Several Chapters sent favored sons to the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Annual Convocation, held in Hartford,

May 10, 1932; but Florida was not represented. Among those whose "lights had been extinguished" was M. E. Comp. Louis L. Beach, Grand High Priest in 1913.

Apparently little if anything of importance was omitted from the constructive and inspiring address of Grand High Priest Nichols, who urged that notwithstanding financial conditions, "certain activities must be continued, or there will be a collapse of the entire structure." He was opposed to an increase in per capita dues or any other source of revenue involving larger contributions from Chapters. However, an amendment carried that the "sum of \$2.00 shall be paid by the initiate at the time of paying for the Mark Master degree for the use of the Grand Chapter."

Naturally the Grand High Priest ruled that the honors of a Past High Priest can only be secured by being elected and installed High Priest of a Chapter. To have done otherwise would have been incompatible with the Order of High Priesthood, which later Grand Chapter made pre-requisite "to full qualification for the exercise of the office of High Priest." Other decisions and dispensations were local in nature; and all his acts and the committee reports were approved by Grand Chapter. Every Chapter was officially visited by one of the Grand Council Officers, and some several times.

Grand High Priest reported being officially received at the Annual Convention of the Grand Court, Order of Amaranth, but no reference is made to the Order of the Eastern Star.

Grand Chapter urged the setting aside of one regular convocation to compare and discuss Chapter By-laws with Grand Chapter Constitution and Laws. Approval was given to having Chapter Officers installed by Grand Officers, as far as practical. This will work better in the Grand Chapters of smaller areas.

Grand Secretary and Past Grand High Priest George A. Kies, for the twenty-fourth time, presented the Annual Review of other Grand Chapters in his imitable way, which is concise as well as elucidating, and concerning which he truly states: "It is only by frank discussion of live topics that the Craft can arrive at a sane consensus of opinion." However, one may wonder to what extent Grand High Priests as well as other potential Grand Officers will give serious thought to suggestions from "outsiders." The

address of Grand High Priest Caldwell is termed a "terse business-like document," and other features are generally approved. Thank you, Companion Kies.

Next Annual in Hartford, May 9, 1933.

George C. Devaul, Box 274, Meriden, Grand High Priest; George A. Kies, Masonic Temple, Hartford, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

DELAWARE—1932

Chapters, 5. Members, 1,841. Exalted, 18. Net Loss, 19

HAROLD W. T. PURNELL, Grand High Priest

Little of general interest is recorded in the Proceedings of the Sixty-first Annual Convocation, held in Wilmington, Jan. 20, 1932, with favored Craftsmen from four other Grand Chapters in attendance, but no one to represent Florida.

Sane and concise was the address of Grand High Priest Purnell, who thought it was time for the Companions to "get the war-time alibi out of their minds." He would divide the Craft into four kinds of hearers, likening them to the seeds which fell by the wayside, on the rocks, among thorns and on good ground, and it is from the latter that the officers should be chosen. He also urged that the membership be kept actively engaged and the forming of committees to ascertain not only those who have moved away, but also to include those who have moved from other jurisdictions.

All Chapters were officially visited by the Grand High Priest who was accompanied by many of the Grand Officers and Past Grands. No decisions were requested and only one dispensation granted, and that for the eleventh-hour reason—"leaving for an indefinite period. A survey might disclose how many under these conditions ever become more than "contributing members," who speedily drop out. The acts of the Grand High Priest as well as the committee reports were formally approved.

Grand Chapter acknowledged the receipt of a Capitular History, prepared by Comp. Hamilton L. Harris, a labor

of love, entitled "Some Facts of Interest Regarding Royal Arch Masonry," and which was ordered printed in the Proceedings.

The incoming Grand High Priest was requested to appoint an Educational Committee to report a plan of work a year hence. Four Companions were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

For the sixteenth time Past Deputy Grand High Priest Thomas J. Day presented a meritorious and acceptable fraternal review, covering fifty-nine Grand Jurisdictions. Florida was generously and approvingly considered. Thank you, Companion Day.

Next Annual in Wilmington, Jan. 18, 1933.

Harry V. Holloway, Dover, Grand High Priest; John W. Macklem, Box 94, Wilmington, Grand Secretary; Thos. J. Day, Masonic Temple, Wilmington, Correspondent.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—1932

Chapters, 16. Members, 5,897. Exalted, 141. Net Loss, 144

LUTHER H. WARING, Grand High Priest

Several of the Concordant Orders in the District were represented at the Sixty-fifth Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, held in Washington, Feb. 10, 1932, as well as Florida's Grand Representative, E. Comp. C. Fred Cook, the Fraternal Correspondent, who is also Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. The business of the year appears to have been transacted in one evening session. Committee reports were brief and with formal presentation and acceptance. Tribute was paid to the memory of M. E. Comp. Delos W. Thayer, Grand High Priest in 1922.

Optimistic in tone and constructive throughout was the address of Grand High Priest Waring, who seemed to have overlooked no opportunity to advance the Craft, and whose hope was to make Royal Arch Masonry so attractive that "not only may we retain the interest and devotion of our present members," but also to "attract others to our standard."

No decisions were reported. Most of the decisions granted were to "waive statutory periods of residence."

Not only was every Chapter formally visited, but also numerous informal visitations were made as well. The Grand High Priest was likewise a regular attendant upon the Past High Priests' Association, which met twice a month and which, it is stated, "was ready and willing to render any and every service possible."

Extensive preparations are in the making to care for Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter which is to be held in Washington the second week in October of this year. Noting that "much will be expected," the Grand High Priest added: "we must see to it that everything possible is done to meet their expectations." It will be remembered that it was intended to have held the 1918 Triennial in Washington, but on account of war conditions it was transferred to Baltimore. However, there are many who still recall with pleasure the wonderful reception and entertainment given by the Grand Chapter of District of Columbia the day following the close of the Baltimore Triennial.

A business meeting of the Order of High Priesthood was held the week of Grand Chapter, but it was a month later that the Order was conferred upon ten Companions.

Somewhat brief was the Report of the Doings in the Capitular World by E. Comp. C. Fred Cook who seems to have "contented himself" with "emphasizing, not commenting on the points of most interest." All right as far as it goes, but one may wonder if it gives the average reader much of an insight into the workings of the various Grand Chapters, and which ye scribe understands is the real object to be attained.

Next Annual in Washington, Oct. 11-12, 1933.

Charles C. Coombs, Grand High Priest; J. Claude Keiper, Grand Secretary; C. Fred Cook, Correspondent; all Masonic Temple, Washington.

GEORGIA—1932

Chapters, 116. Members, 12,477. Exalted, 122. Net Loss, 1,327

C. PERCY TAYLOR, Grand High Priest

Well attended was the One Hundred and Twelfth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, held in Macon,

April 27, 1932, and which included two members of the General Grand Chapter, eleven Past Grand High Priests, as well as many Past High Priests and lesser lights.

Grand Chapter sustained a decided loss in the deaths of M. E. Comp. William B. Graham, Grand High Priest, in 1884, and M. E. Comp. Augustus G. Miller, Grand High Priest in 1922, and Grand Secretary-Lecturer from 1929, who passed away during his last year of service, and being succeeded by E. Comp. J. A. Bishop.

Numerous official visitations and untiring work generally mark the administration of Grand High Priest Taylor, of whom it might be said, he appeared to know no difference between "in season and out of season." No decisions or rulings are recorded.

Grand Chapter decided to discontinue the office of Grand Lecturer, and that work will now devolve upon the District Deputy Grand High Priests. More stringent regulations will be enforced in securing loans from the Educational Loan Fund, with more importance being attached to the scholarship of the applicant.

One Chapter By-law amendment rescinded granting Life Membership to Past High Priests, and puts the Secretary's salary on a strictly commission basis, one rate applying to dues and another fees. A trust fund is to be established, the income of which to be used for the higher education of the children of the Masonic Home.

Twenty-nine Companions were annointed and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

Conforming to the action of Grand Chapter, E. Comp. Pleasant T. McCutchen has scaled down his Capitular review so that it is but little more than a statistical summary, and of necessity with but little to attract the average reader who is more interested in facts than in figures. Notwithstanding this handicap the report is good reading. Florida is systematically considered.

Next Annual in Macon, April 26, 1933.

Joseph A. Moore, Milledgeville, Grand High Priest;
William J. Penn, Jr., Macon, Grand Secretary; Pleasant T. McCutchen, Franklin, Correspondent.

IDAHO—1932

Chapters, 23. Members, 2,423. Exalted, 73. Net Loss, 46

CHARLES W. CRANEY, Grand High Priest

The Twenty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Idaho convened in the Masonic Temple at Boise, May 17, 1932. Twenty-one Chapters were represented, and a constitutional number of Grand Officers being present, the Grand Chapter was opened in Due Form.

Two members of the Official family were claimed by death during the year. Companion Francis Jenkins, Grand Chaplain, and Companion Frank Fuller, Grand Master of the First Veil. The Grand High Priest gave both Companions a very eloquent eulogy.

The present Chapter year was one of the most uneventful that has come to the attention of the Grand High Priest. There were no questions of law or procedure and apparently no grievances. A general slackening up of interest is indicated. Most of the Chapters are marking time and many of them find it difficult to secure officers who are sufficiently interested to confer the degrees.

The Grand High Priest finds no problem in our steadily decreasing membership, but very aptly places the cause to our wonderful inventions which takes time and money and it is only natural that Capitular Masonry should yield somewhat to the demands of these newer, and for the present, more attractive and entertaining activities.

Florida was represented by Companion Frank W. Perry.

Most of the Committee reports were true to form—"We have nothing to report." The Committee on Jurisprudence recommended that all Chapters who so desired should reduce their initiation fee to \$25.00 without reference for approval to the Grand High Priest.

There is no report of a Convocation of the Order of High Priesthood and we take this to mean that there is no Order of High Priesthood in the State.

The Correspondence Report is by Companion Frank G. Burroughs who writes a very interesting "Foreword" to

his Report, in fact we think it is about the most interesting thing in his report. We would like to say to Companion Burroughs that we join him in the statement that "at least this reviewer did", meaning that he gets a kick out of going through the Proceedings of the several Grand Chapters. It's lots of work, but interesting work.

Next Annual at Pocatello, May 18, 1933.

Lawrence Clos, Grand High Priest.

Edward H. Way, Grand Secretary.

Frank G. Burroughs, Chairman, Committee on Correspondence.

ILLINOIS—1932

Chapters, 239. Members, 77,733. Exalted, 478. Net Loss, 5,998

J. CYRIL BEGG, Grand High Priest

The Eighty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Illinois, convened in the city of Chicago, October 27, 1932.

All the Grand Chapter Officers and the Representatives of two hundred and twenty-eight Chapters were present. Eleven Chapters not represented. Florida was represented by Companion Harry H. Kester.

The Grand High Priest is a real optimist, and in his report he said:

"Many members lose interest on account of fewer meetings, little or no work and entire lack of social features. Only the real Royal Arch Masons are interested, but we are thankful that in most of our Chapters the old guard, the faithful officers and the Past High Priests carry on, even when stated convocations consist only of opening Chapter, reading minutes, hearing reports of the Sick and Relief Committee and allowing a few bills while wondering where the money is coming from to pay these bills."

"These men are true Royal Arch Masons, who will keep our Order alive and continue to function under any and all circumstances and when brighter and better days come, as they surely will, let us hope that there may be others to take up the burden and give credit and honor so justly due these worthy Companions. Please remember that he who lends his sympathy raises in strength."

"What a wonderful opportunity is given to these faithful few to perfect themselves in the Ritual and floor work and be ready when petitions begin to come in."

No decisions were rendered during the year, all questions being settled by reference to the Grand Chapter Code.

Two Chapters surrendered their Charters; Gibson City No. 183 and Boulevard Chapter No. 268 of Chicago.

The Grand High Priest reports the Home and Royal Arch Hospital as being well conducted. Two hundred fifty persons in the Home and 87 in the Hospital at the time he made his report. He ends his report on this activity—"This, my Companions, is 'living Masonry' in its finest form"—and we concur.

Eighty-one Companions were Consecrated and Set Apart by the Order of High Priesthood.

Florida received very generous mention in the Report on Foreign Correspondence by Most Excellent Companion E. R. Turnbull, who quotes our own late Companion Hubbell very seriously and at some length.

Next Annual at Chicago, October 26, 1933.

Lyman N. Thurston, Grand High Priest.

James E. Jeffers, Grand Secretary, Springfield.

E. R. Turnbull, Chairman, Committee on Correspondence.

INDIANA—1932

Chapters, 116. Members, 30,054. Exalted, 672. Net Loss, 1,034

ALLEN VAN BUSKIRK, Grand High Priest

Sixteen of the twenty-five Past Grands, forty-six of the sixty Grand Representatives, and one hundred and twelve representatives of Chapters, were present at the Eighty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Indiana, held at Bloomington, October 19, 1932. Florida was represented by Companion Donald J. Pickett.

The list of Distinguished Visitors was long and imposing; they were received with the Grand Honors.

The Grand High Priest issued several Dispensations and rendered two Decisions, neither of great importance. He cited Garrett Chapter No. 129 to show cause at this Grand Convocation, why its Charter should not be revoked

because of failure to have work in one or more of the degrees, upon actual or substitute candidates at the time of Inspection for two successive years. Grand Chapter was lenient however.

Grand Chapter adopted a regulation which prohibits anyone soliciting election to an office in Grand Chapter. This should be universal Masonic practice and procedure. Grand Chapter also provided that no more than one year's dues may be refunded by Grand Chapter to a local Chapter. Seems they have been held up by their local Chapters.

Grand Chapter decided to continue the per capita at thirty cents per member for another year.

Forty-seven Companions were set apart for the Order of High Priesthood.

The Annual Capitular Review is the twenty-second by Most Excellent Companion Robert A. Woods. Just think! Twenty-two years digging into the proceedings of the several Grand Chapters! Why, it's enough to make most anyone see Florida cross-eyed or even cock-eyed. No wonder the Most Excellent Companion grows caustic, and uses harsh words because our Grand High Priest issued a Dispensation to ballot on a candidate at a Special Convocation, and then takes a fall out of the Committee on Jurisprudence for approving his action. Well, we are sorry that Florida did not or does not adopt the Code of Indiana, but being down South we must beg to be allowed to have our "loose laws" and do the best our poor intelligence permits, and we will try not to injure the Hoosier State with them, besides, it's all good Royal Arch Masonry.

Next Annual at Lafayette, October 18, 1933.

George Clarence Cole, Grand High Priest.

Robert A. Woods, Grand Secretary and Reviewer, Princeton.

IOWA—1932

Chapters, 119. Members, 19,583. Exalted, 350. Net Loss, 968

O. J. KIRKETEG, Grand High Priest

With oratory of the first class coming from Companion the Honorable Frank S. Shankland, Judge of the District

Court of Polk County, the Seventy-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons opened their Annual Convocation in the city of Des Moines, October 13, 1932. Florida was represented by Companion Orie H. Miller.

A large number of distinguished visitors, Boards of Custodians, Deputy Custodians, Grand Representatives and Companions constituted the assemblage over which Most Excellent Comp. Kirketeg presided. His address was business-like and "no great achievements are to be recorded," he stated, which is something to be thankful for. Death claimed M. E. Comp. Charles C. Shrader, who presided over the destinies of the Grand Chapter in 1920-21.

Only two decisions of the Grand High Priest call for comment. In one case a Companion had received the Mark Master Degree and removed to another Jurisdiction, leaving a balance due of ten dollars on his degrees. The Grand High Priest held that since the Brother had removed from the Jurisdiction of Iowa, it would be necessary to petition the Chapter where he now lived for the other degrees and pay their charge. In the other case: A Brother petitioned for and received the Most Excellent Degree when it was discovered that he had not passed an examination in the Master's Degree—what to do. The decision was: First, have the Brother pass his examination, then re-petition for the remaining degrees in the Chapter.

The Committee on Capitular Jurisprudence did not quite agree with these decisions and held that in the first case the Companion or Brother should have petitioned the Chapter in Iowa for the remaining degrees and the Chapter ask the Grand High Priest to arrange for the degrees to be conferred. That would have been Florida law. In the second case, the Committee held that the Brother first pass an examination and that the Chapter may then confer the remaining degree without a new petition, provided not more than six months had elapsed since he first petitioned or received the first degree.

Twenty-four Companions were consecrated to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

The Report on Correspondence is by M. E. Edward M. Willard who prefaces his report with a very interesting opening address with special reference to Grand Lecturers, Custodians of the Work, etc. He gave Florida very care-

ful review and says some nice things about our late Companion Hubbell. We thank you, Companion Willard.

Next Annual in Davenport, November 2, 1933.
 Harry M. Bradley, Manchester, Grand High Priest.
 O. F. Graves, Harlan, Grand Secretary.
 E. M. Willard, Atlantic, Correspondent.

IRELAND—1931

Sir WILLIAM TAYLOR, Grand King

Substantially about all the information pertaining to Royal Arch Masonry in this country is found in a letter from the Grand King, approving the Report of the Grand Register for the year, and which was received too late to include in the 1932 Review, and which is a summary of the reports sent in by the District Grand Chapters. They show activity and growth, though there is nothing to indicate membership.

In one report it was stated that "Officers have to serve two years before qualifying for Past Rank." One Grand officer having served all the offices from Grand Companion to Grand High Priest was retired, and another Companion was appointed to the office of Grand Janitor. It was stated that while attendance at the Grand Chapter of Instruction was improving, "yet the accommodation in the Grand Chapter Room is rarely overstrained." One new warrant was issued during the year, and one warrant was surrendered. One new Chapter was instituted in South Africa. Two Companions in that district were given Honorary Past Grand Rank which, it was stated, "seemed to increase the enthusiasm among the Royal Craft in South Africa."

H. C. Shellard, Grand Registrar, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, where all Grand Convocations are held.

KANSAS—1932

Chapters, 96. Members, 18,221. Exalted, 219. Net Loss, 1,160

RICHARD H. CRAVENS, Grand High Priest

There seems to be something lacking in connection with the customary Capitular Enthusiasm in the Sunflower

State. Something over a fifth of the Chapters failed to send favored sons to the Sixty-seventh Annual Convocation, which was held in Topeka, Feb. 15-16, 1932. However, all Grand Officers were in attendance, as were distinguished Craftsmen from Colorado, Nebraska and North Dakota, besides E. Comp. Richard W. Evans who represents Florida. There was one vacant chair which had been reserved since 1918 for M. E. Comp. Herbert R. Hull.

Earnestness, service, efficiency, conciseness, four excellent qualifications, aptly describe the address of Grand High Priest Cravens, who in the midst of multitudinous duties took time to make as many official visitations as conditions permitted. Few decisions and dispensations are recorded, evidencing that the Craftsmen are studying law and administration. Approval was given to his official acts except to one granting concurrent jurisdiction, Grand Chapter stating that "no concurrent jurisdiction exists in Kansas Capitular Masonry, except in the case of a city having two or more Chapters."

An adopted constitutional amendment provides that hereafter more than one candidate may receive the M. M. degree, or the P. M. degree, or the M. E. M. degree at the same time. Florida regulations prescribe no limit to the number of candidates. Another regulation provides that the rituals are under the control of the High Priest, and who must keep a record of all the rituals loaned to the officers of the Chapter.

Progress was reported in the preparation of the History of Capitular Masonry in Kansas by Past Grand High Priest Wilson who reported some valuable finds during the year.

Strictly business were the Proceedings of the Order of High Priesthood, at which time forty-four candidates were "elected and received the Order."

The report on correspondence is again by that veteran reviewer, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary Emeritus Albert K. Wilson, who stressed that the problem of securing and retaining membership "is largely a question of the interest and enthusiasm exhibited by the officers of a Chapter," and that fitness and ability should always govern official advancement.

Comp. Wilson quotes freely and comments sparingly in his reviews. And particularly does this apply to the ad-

dress of Grand High Priest Stafford Caldwell, to whom is given more than two pages set in small type. The implied approval of Comp. Wilson is appreciated.

Next Annual in Topeka, Feb. 13-14, 1933.

Ellis Fink, Winfield, Grand High Priest; Albert F. Strain, Masonic Temple, Topeka, Grand High Priest; Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, Correspondent.

KENTUCKY—1932

Chapters, 122. Members, 13,172. Advanced, 129. Net Loss, 1,956

JOHN LOGAN REES, Grand High Priest

The Grand Chapter of Kentucky Royal Arch Masons, held its One Hundred and Fifteenth Convocation in Louisville, commencing October 18, 1932. It was opened in ample form with a constitutional number of Grand Chapter Officers and Representatives present. We do not see any report of Grand Representatives so do not know who was present.

The report of the Grand High Priest is quite full and complete and indicates a busy year regardless of the "hard times" which all Grand Chapters have fallen heir to this past year. He recommended that the Grand Chapter arrange to carry the bond of its officers since the bonding company had raised its rate three hundred per cent and he considered that a prohibitive rate.

The S. E. M. degree became a stumbling block to this Grand High Priest, who held that a West Virginia Mason could not be affiliated with a Kentucky body unless he was properly healed. He also held that a minister should pay the fee in applying to a Chapter for membership, but he says: "I find nothing in the law to prevent a Chapter from appropriating its money for any desirable purpose" which tells this Chapter to charge the minister the fee and then return it to him. He also held that a 'verbal' request for a demit was not legal, must be a written request."

Speaking of the organization of three lodges in North Carolina under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, this Grand High Priest says: "Personally I think

we have too many organizations aside from our recognized bodies now, and cannot approve of the introduction of any more, especially under foreign control."

There is no report of an Order of High Priesthood.

The Report on Correspondence is by P. G. M. William W. Clarke and from its generally good reading, we judge that Companion Clarke has been doing this work for some years. Florida is not reported nor is there an explanation as to why, but we suppose there has been no copy of our Proceedings received.

Next Annual, Louisville, October 17, 1933.

W. T. Tritt, Covington, Grand High Priest.

G. Allison Holland, Lexington, Grand Secretary.

W. W. Clarke, Owensboro, Foreign Correspondent.

LOUISIANA—1932

Chapters, 59. Members, 7,754. Exalted, 135. Net Loss, 711

BRADLEY WAELDER, Grand High Priest

Differing from other Grand Jurisdictions, this has Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1, which it is modestly stated has "tried to perform all of the duties in a way that would do credit to our Relief Lodge and the Grand Bodies of the State of Louisiana", and which includes relief to the stranded; food for the hungry; assistance to the sick, and the last service for the dead. This is the report made to the Twenty-fifth Annual Convocation held in the city of New Orleans, Feb. 2, 1932, Florida being represented by Excellent Companion D. Peter Laguens, Jr. During the year just passed Most Excellent Companion George W. Bolton, Grand High Priest in 1898, passed to the Great Beyond.

Much attention to official visitations and inspections were reported by Grand High Priest Waelder in his address. His other duties were not overly arduous. Only one decision and that of local interest only.

Grand Chapter did not look with favor upon a resolution which in effect would make the Order of High Priest-

hood compulsory. Eight Companions were set apart and consecrated at the annual Grand Council.

Another year action will be presented to reduce the fees in the subordinate Chapters, from twenty dollars to fifteen dollars.

The various Committee reports were concise and all were approved.

Instructive as well as readable is the third report on Foreign Correspondence by Excellent Companion Herman J. Duncan. Noting the combined space given to correspondence reports as well as aggregate costs, something like \$30,000.00 yearly, and "which are largely duplication of efforts" he suggests the advisability of combining these into a monthly publication which he visualized with a "much wider distribution than the many correspondence reports", and with attendant advantages. Similar suggestions have previously been made, but nothing specific has ever come from them. Theoretically, much might be said in favor of the project but we are inclined to be skeptical.

Much of Companion Duncan's Review of Florida is given to considering its "program to advance fellowship" and which he likens to "the idea of our own Louisiana Table Lodges" but which did not go so far as to "advocate the creation of such Table Lodges" he added.

Next Annual in New Orleans, February 6, 1933.

Rudolph Krause, Lake Charles, Grand High Priest.

John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary, Masonic Temple, New Orleans.

Edwin F. Gayle, Correspondent.

MAINE—1932

Chapters, 68. Members, 16,424. Exalted, 215. Net Loss, 633

HENRY R. GILLIS, Grand High Priest

Heads of both the General Grand Bodies, Grands and Past Grands from five Jurisdictions, as well as many Permanent Members, assisted in making the One Hundred and Seventh Annual, held in Portland, May 3-4, 1932, a memor-

able occasion. Among the missing familiar faces are those of M. E. Comp. George W. Golding, Grand High Priest in 1888-1889; and M. E. Comp. Charles B. Davis, Grand High Priest in 1912, and Grand Secretary since 1917, and of the other bodies as well. Both of these long-time Royal Craftsmen were nationally known.

Following established precedents of many years, the address of Grand High Priest Gillis was a carefully prepared presentment of the activities of the year, an important one being the selection of M. E. Comp. Converse B. Leach to take up in all the Grand Bodies the work of the widely known and greatly beloved late Grand Secretary Charles B. Davis, whose light had been suddenly extinguished.

Grand High Priest recommended giving serious consideration to the institution of a bureau of Capitular Education; also to provide regulations which would require Chapters to obtain Grand Official approval before engaging in extensive building and financial plans. In view of the many serious errors in the past, this is something like "locking the stable after the horse has been stolen." However it will become a future safeguard.

A controversy of long standing regarding joint property holding between a Lodge which had been incorporated and a Chapter which had not, resulted in Grand Lodge requiring that Masonic Bodies which had been incorporated surrendering their charters, and when necessary to hold real estate title be vested in a Board of Trustees to be elected.

There appears to have been no other requests for rulings or decisions. The acts of the Grand Officers as well as the concise reports of the several Committees received Grand Chapter approval.

Thirty candidates were received and anointed to the Order of High Priesthood. Another important auxiliary body is the Maine Masonic Secretaries' Association, the general object of which seems to be to become more helpful, not only to the subordinate bodies but to the Grand Bodies as well.

It is always time well spent to read the report on correspondence by Past Grand High Priest Thomas H. Bodge who regrets to find "a disposition on the part of Grand High Priests to yield to what has seemed to be expedient,

rather than to adhere to the customs and laws of the past and present;" and who also has reached the conclusion that "Masonry has not fundamentally changed, nor does it require a changed attitude on our part. Let us stick to the ancient landmarks and we cannot go wrong."

Florida Proceedings are courteously considered and generally approved, excepting where possibly Florida laws and regulations do not seemingly conform to Maine requirements. In a final analysis both may be wrong; who then can positively decide? Come down and see for yourself, Tom, and maybe on closer observation matters may not look as they do at a distance.

Next Annual in Portland, May 2-3, 1933.

Henry R. Gillis, Box 571, Portland, Grand High Priest;
Converse E. Leach, Masonic Temple, Portland, Grand Secretary; Thomas H. Bodge, Augusta, Correspondent.

MANITOBA—1932

Chapters, 16. Members, 1,763. Admitted, 46. Net Loss, 49

STANLEY H. FAHRNI, Grand Z.

Several Grand Chapters on both sides of the "Invisible Line" were in attendance at the Ninth Annual Convocation held in Winnipeg, Feb. 8, 1932, as were also the Grand Officers and Past Grands, but Florida was not represented.

Thoughtful and comprehensive was the address of Grand First Principal Fahrni, in which he particularly urged that the Chapter officers charge themselves with making their Convocations so interesting that Companions will want to attend, and which will do much toward checking the tendency for suspensions. No requests for decisions appear, and the Dispensations granted were for necessitous cases.

Encouraging were the reports from the District Grand Superintendents. Somewhat voluminous was the recorded correspondence which included the surprising information that a Companion in the Grand Chapter of Canada (Ontario) may sever his connection with a Symbolic Lodge and still retain membership in the Chapter.

A request in one of the Districts for concurrent jurisdiction was laid over for three years.

The concised reports of the several Committees as well as the acts of the Grand Z. were fully approved by Grand Chapter and adopted as well, all of which indicates that harmony, peace and brotherly love prevails throughout the Grand Jurisdiction.

A memorable contribution of the year to Capitular Masonry was an address at a banquet by Prof. C. W. Keirstead, the title being "What has Masonry to offer for this Age?"

The Report on Correspondence was the joint work of the Committee, Florida falling to Past Grand First Principal J. C. Walker Reid, and which was a brief, though sympathetic summary of the Proceedings.

Next Annual in Winnipeg, February, 1933.

Alex Little, Grand Z., Winnipeg.

George Syme, Grand Scribe E., Winnipeg.

J. C. Walker Reid, Hartney, Correspondent.

E. P. H.

MARYLAND—1931

Chapters, 27. Members, 9,377. Exalted, 157. Net Loss, 225

IRVING B JACKSON, Grand High Priest

Routine business largely occupied the attention of the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Annual Convocation, held in Baltimore, Dec. 8, 1931, the Proceedings of which were received too late to be included in the review of 1931.

The death was reported of R. E. Robert M. Rother, who had been Grand Treasurer since 1907; also Grand Commander, K. T., in 1921.

Grand High Priest Jackson, in his address, reported that he had visited every subordinate Chapter, often being accompanied by other Grand Officers, and he believed numerous visitations by them "would increase the enthusiasm and interest in Royal Arch Masonry."

Seemingly the most conspicuous event of the year was the ceremony of "breaking ground" for the first unit of the Masonic Home at Bonnie Blink, by Grand Lodge, in which Grand Chapter participated. Much importance, with accompanying results, was attached to the work of the Grand Instructors, under the direction of the Grand Lecturer and it is only by the united efforts of these workers, he stated, "can the tide of retrogression be stemmed."

A constitutional amendment was adopted which increases the per capita tax from fifty cents to seventy-five cents. Hereafter the books containing the official key to the ritualistic work is to remain in the possession of the Grand Secretary, access to which is to be had by the Grand Lecturer and Committee on Work, "but only in the presence of the Grand Secretary."

Well attended was the Annual Convention of the Council of M. E. High Priests, at which time sixteen Companions were annointed and set apart.

R. E. Comp. Howard M. Emmons again presented a readable and instructive report on correspondence in which, by inference, he would seem to favor the idea advanced by Grand High Priest Cameron, of New Mexico:

"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 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."

This thought is being occasionally advanced by other Craftsmen, who might be considered among the somewhat "modernistic." Bro. Emmons quotes freely and with apparent approval from the address of Grand High Priest Stafford Caldwell, and from others as well, for all of which, thank you.

Next Annual in Baltimore, Dec. 14, 1933.

Joseph A. Haas, Mt. Ranier, Grand High Priest; Gustav A. Eitel, Masonic Temple, Baltimore, Grand Secretary; Howard M. Emmons, Charles and Chase Streets, Baltimore, Correspondent.

MASSACHUSETTS—1932

Chapters, 97. Members, 37,465. Exaltations, 299. Net Loss, 1,317

JESSE E. AMES, Grand High Priest

Florida apparently was not represented at any of the Quarterly Convocations but was represented at the regular Annual Convocation which was held at Boston, December 13, 1932.

Grand High Priest Jesse E. Ames was re-elected to serve the traditional "three years" which prevails in Massachusetts.

It seems that conferring the three degrees is set apart as part of the business of the first day. This work is done under the direction of the Grand Lecturer, three P. H. P.'s acting as candidates.

Tributes were paid to the memory of Right Excellent Amasa Harrington, Grand Scribe in 1923, and R. E. Leon M. Abbott, Grand King, 1921.

A number of by-laws were amended permitting a reduction in the fees charged for degrees, most of them were reduced to thirty dollars.

A large number of distinguished visitors were present and in so far as possible were presented to the Grand Chapter by the Grand Representative of their Grand Chapter near that of Massachusetts.

The Grand High Priest in his address said: "the suspensions and demits this year have shown a tendency to subside, being 53 less than 1931. These suspensions and demits are due to several causes, but a substantial part of them are from our weaker membership—from uninterested and non-attending Masons." How true!

Several dispensations were issued all of which would have been approved by our Grands.

Seven thousand nine hundred eight visitations were made by Deputy Grand High Priests during the year. No wonder Masonry flourishes in the East.

An important decision rendered by the Grand High Priest was that it is illegal to send a Post Card notice to members, and he quotes law to prove his stand.

Thirty-four Companions were consecrated and set apart by the Order of High Priesthood. Before proceeding

with the work, Excellent Companion John E. Campbell, of Mexico, was obligated and annointed at the request of the Grand High Priest.

The Fifth Capitular Review by R. E. Raymond T. Sewall is a well edited report and Florida is given ample space and attention which we deeply appreciate.

Next Annual at some date which we could not locate.

Jesse E. Ames, Boston, Grand High Priest.

Raymond T. Sewall, Masonic Temple, Boston, Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN—1932

Chapters, 165. Members, 42,463. Exalted, 539. Net Loss, 2,166

FRANCIS B. LAMBIE, Grand High Priest

The Eighty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan was convened in the city of Lansing, Wednesday, May 18, 1932. After purging Grand Chapter and before the completion of the opening ritual, the Distinguished Visitors were received that they might witness the full ceremonial of opening the Grand Chapter. The list of Distinguished Visitors was imposing, containing several distinguished Companions from Canada.

Florida was not represented, much to our regret.

The Grand Secretary called the Roll of Honor of the Grand Chapter, this Roll contains the names of fifty-three deceased Past Grand High Priests, to which, two were added during this year.

The address of Most Excellent Francis B. Lambie, Grand High Priest, is different from that usually given on such occasions, in that in the opening paragraph he states: "It is not only my pleasure and honor but my duty to extend to you all a most cordial and hearty welcome." Too often we hear those elected to office, speak of the "Great Honor" conferred, and but seldom make any mention of "Duties" assumed.

The Grand High Priest limited his official visits, stating:—"Lack of time and finances prompted me to stay at home."

Six hundred and eighty-five members of the Royal Craft, passed on to present their finished work on earth to be tried by the Square of the Supreme Grand Master. Two Past Grand High Priests and the Grand Sentinel also joined the throng on the Other Side of the River.

The Grand High Priest gives a glowing account of a Tri-State Convocation held in the city of Indianapolis, Indiana, at which the Grand Chapters of Michigan, Indiana and Missouri, were in attendance, Michigan conferring the Mark Masters, Indiana the Past and Most Excellent Degrees, and Missouri the Royal Arch. The Most Excellent Degree with two hundred voices in the choir must have been a magnificent inspiration to all. Wonder why the Grand Lecturers of some of our Southern States could not emulate.

The Grand High Priest made twenty-four Official Visits to subordinate Chapters and states:—"On account of the financial conditions of Grand Chapter, our field work was curtailed to the extent of visiting only those chapters that really need a helping hand."

Capitular Masonry must be running smooth in Michigan, as the Grand High Priest had no decisions to make.

Grand Chapter provided for the use of one "substitute" when a Chapter has two candidates ready for the Royal Arch; they also provided for a "nine o'clock" opening as our Florida Grand Chapter did at their last convocation.

Grand Secretary Charles A. Conover is quite optimistic and says that this has been termed by some as the worst year we have ever experienced. Well! let's see whether history repeats itself. "In 1875, Grand High Priest Sawyer noted the condition of the finances, and found the Grand Chapter broke, and they cut one day off the Convocation and made an extra assessment of twenty-five cents per capita to overcome its deficit."

Fifty-three Companions were consecrated and set apart for the Order of High Priesthood.

Florida receives mention in the Capitular Review

which was prepared by Most Excellent Harry L. Izor, Past Grand High Priest.

Next Annual in Detroit, May 17, 1933.

Arthur S. Hudson, Grand High Priest, Mt. Clemens.

Charles A. Conover, Grand Secretary, Coldwater.

MINNESOTA—1932

Chapters, 87. Members, 15,697. Exalted, 194. Net Loss, 756

ARTHUR E. CANTALON, Grand High Priest

The Seventy-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota, was held in the City of St. Paul, October 11, 1932.

A majority of the subordinate Chapters being represented, the Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form by the Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest made a very touching address in welcoming the Grand Representatives of the Grand Chapter of Canada, saying in part "They have given us, and we display here, the colors of their Great Dominion, and as we behold those colors unfurled within our Chapter, let us bear in mind that in honoring them we are honoring the parents who gave birth to our own great nation, and that of our own Brothers of the Northern Dominion."

The Report of the "Committee on state of the Rite" is well worth reading and we quote most of it:

"All have undoubtedly given some thought to the present problems of Masonry and endeavored to ascertain why Freemasonry is not making more progress, and to learn the general causes for the condition in which it now finds itself."

"Companions, there is nothing wrong with Freemasonry. The institution is just as stable and just as vital as it has ever been. Its principles are founded on eternal truths, which are as firmly established today as they were in the beginning, and there never was a time in history when the application of those principles could be used to better advantage than now. We are passing through a period of readjustment. Individuals and institutions are slowly but surely coming back to normal. Inflation must go, and stability must take its place."

"An analysis of statistics for the past twenty-five years does not alarm your Committee. It shows an abnormal growth for a few

years after the World War, but the deflation only reached its height ten years later, enhanced by the general depression. While the returns for the present year show a lesser number of exaltations, this is not alarming because the average man is now imbued with an abundance of caution and thrift; is taking thought of the morrow. He should not be criticised for so doing, as it is a virtue for man to care first for those who look to him for sustenance and protection. The day of reckoning has come and we believe the pendulum is swinging back to clouds of silver lining. Masonry is commencing to write a new history. If we only will profit from our experiences of the past and present, Masonry will come out strong and vigorous, with the promise of a glorious future. If we will only forget personalities, and by a strict adherence to the principles of the fraternity, establish in the minds of the people, and our own membership, the greatness of the organization, no power on earth can impede our progress."

There was no loss in the official family from death during the year.

Thirty-one Companions were Consecrated and Set Apart by the Order of High Priesthood.

The Correspondence Report is by Companion Charles S. Schurman. It is well written after much thoughtful consideration. He treats Florida quite well and quotes our late Companion Hubbell quite extensively. Companion Schurman makes some very straight-forward remarks anent the General Grand Chapter's Educational Program.

Next Annual at St. Paul, November 14, 1933.

Wylie R. Liddle, Grand High Priest.

John Fishel, Grand Secretary, St. Paul.

Charles S. Schurman, Chairman, Correspondence Committee.

MISSISSIPPI—1932

Chapters, 60. Members, 5,720. Exalted, 137. Net Loss, 963

ALFRED H. JONES, Grand High Priest

Biloxi-on-the-Gulf was the host city for the Eighty-fourth Annual Convocation held March 22, 1932, with something like one-fifth of the Chapters not represented, but Florida was. Tribute was paid to the memory of M. E. Companion William H. Whitaker, Grand High Priest in 1922, and prominent in other Orders as well.

In season and out of season appears to have been the activities of Grand High Priest Jones, who gave freely of

his time for the advancement of Capitular Masonry. His efforts were worthily upheld by Grand Lecturer W. H. Carter who, however, thus diagnosed the statements of some of the Craft who say they "simply cannot pay their dues, and are honest about it;" but, adds Companion Carter, "in the last analysis they mean that they cannot pay their dues and do other things which they prefer to do." Each Craftsman will have to answer that implication himself.

The Grand High Priest urged the consolidation of the smaller and weaker Chapters with their stronger neighbors, altho in some cases, he added, "it may seem almost a tragedy." "He strongly favored Chapter reunions in connection with the Council. Most of the special Dispensations granted were to "ballot out of time on candidates" for these gatherings, and which seems to take the place of work at the regular Convocations. This may in part, at least, account for the increasing lack of interest at such times. The average member wants to see something doing. More real activities and less moralizing may be what is needed.

Most of the acts of the Grand High Priest were referred to special committee's which reported separately. These reports, all of which were approved, may add to the bulk of the proceedings and no doubt produce the results desired.

The major part of the annual convention of the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of Mississippi was an address concerning the Order of High Priesthood and its formation in that State. By a queer coincidence the address was quite similar to a paper prepared by its President and presented at a special convention of the Order in Florida, though neither knew in any way whatever of the action of the other. There appears to be nothing to indicate that any Companions were consecrated and set apart at the Mississippi convention.

Quite condensed was the Report on Foreign Correspondence by Past Grand High Priest Henry C. Yawn, who in the limited space allotted did the best he could. The review of Florida is largely of a categorical nature; noting essentials, but with little comment.

Next Annual in Jackson, Feb. 15-16, 1933.

J. Kennard Young, Lexington, Grand High Priest; Edward L. Faucette, Meridian, Grand Secretary; Henry C. Yawn, Lumberton, Correspondent.

MISSOURI—1932

Chapters, 110. Members, 28,484. Exalted, 428. Net Loss, 1,723

LEROI BECK, Grand High Priest

Many Grand Chapters, including the head of the General Grand Council, who was also the personal representative of the General Grand High Priest, added dignity to the Eighty-sixth Annual Convocation, held in the historic city of Cape Girardeau, April 26-27, 1932, even though there was no one to speak for Florida. M. E. Comp. George T. Burnham, Grand High Priest in 1916, was summoned for the last time to lay down his working tools.

Presentation of the major activities of the year prevailed in the constructive address of Grand High Priest Beck, who emphasized that care must be used in selecting and electing candidates, "so that a high class of men become our Companions in the work;" and particularly should this govern in the selection of the Chapter Secretary. "If he is not just the right Companion for the place, make the necessary change; also he further added, "Remember that the Secretary is not the ruler of your Chapter."

The Grand High Priest refused to grant a dispensation to receive a petition and ballot on it at the same convocation, because "there is no law permitting one to do so." There being so few decisions required, he surmised that the Chapter Officers had "been reading the Constitution and By-Laws." He commended the Grand Lecturer for the excellent work done by him in instructing the officers and other members. He strongly cautioned the exercise of judgment in the remission of dues for "inability to pay."

The announcement was made that Vol. I, of the "History of Royal Arch Masonry in Missouri" was completed, and that the material for the Vol. II was in the hands of the printers. It is the work of Past Grand High Priest Ray V. Denslow, which is a sufficient guarantee of its worth.

Our long-time friend and mentor, Past Grand High Priest Corona H. Briggs, the senior living member of that coterie of Capitular Lights, again presented the report on Fraternal Correspondence, in which he ascribes the great loss in Capitular membership to "financial conditions." Un-

doubtedly that is more or less correct. And in connection ye scribe further agrees with the conclusions reached by Grand Lecturer W. H. Carter, of Mississippi, noted elsewhere in the review of that Grand Chapter.

The Florida Proceedings are concisely considered by Comp. Briggs, whose tacit approval is appreciated. Companions will find it profitable, when in Springfield or vicinity, to make themselves known to Comp. Briggs, who is one of the best known and best loved Craftsmen in that part of the country.

Next Annual in Kansas City, Mo., April 25-26, 1932.

Harold L. Reader, Webster Groves, Grand High Priest; Ray V. Denslow, Trenton, Grand Secretary; (Rev.) Corona H. Briggs, 1332 Cherry St., Springfield, Correspondent.

E. P. H.

MONTANA—1932

Chapters, 36. Membership, 4,206. Exalted, 69. Net Loss, 385

ERNEST M. HUTCHINSON, Grand High Priest

The Forty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Montana was opened at Missoula on Tuesday, June 21, 1932.

The Grand Secretary reported that a constitutional number of Chapters were represented and that all Chapters had made their reports and paid their dues. Excellent news and we are glad to hear this.

Most Excellent Companion John W. Neilson, General Grand High Priest, was among the Distinguished Visitors, as was Most Excellent Edward W. Spottswood, General Grand Master of First Veil, in who's home city the Grand Chapter was meeting.

The Grand High Priest in his address to the Grand Chapter grew eloquent in his praise of the city of Missoula saying:

"How happy we all are this morning to be meeting in Missoula, the city of 'Sparkling Waters', the metropolis of Western Montana.

Its 20,000 people, its great educational facilities, its forest, agricultural, lumbering, industrial, commercial, railroad and financial activities, its splendid highways, all breathe words of welcome. Its history inspires us. Near here Brother Granville Stuart made the discovery of gold that started the gold rush to the Northwest. It was here on the 27th day of January, 1864, that the Vigilantes arrived in pursuit of the last five ruffians of the Plummer gang and speedily changed them—after due trial—Masonry's connection with the incident being 'truly laudable' for, while the Masons did the hanging, their feet were on the ground. Indeed, not all of the Vigilantes were Masons but, it is said, all Masons were Vigilantes."

Well be that as it may, the Vigilantes are no longer needed in that part of the "wild and woolly west."

Two Dispensations were issued during the Capitular year, both to elect and install officers.

The Grand High Priest held and Grand Chapter approved that "one must have been a member of some one Chapter in this Jurisdiction for twenty-five years before a certificate of life membership can be issued him". This came about by some one asking if one could pay twenty-five years dues at any time and become a life member but the Grand High Priest held "that Masonry cannot be bought."

Education

"The matter of an educational program, no doubt, will come before this Grand Body for consideration. Reference is made, of course, to an educational program other than that already put into operation whereby loans are made to students in their junior and senior years at colleges, funds for this purpose originally being known as the Cornelius Hedges, Jr., Memorial but now merged into and a part of the Knights Templar Foundation. The program which will be before us for consideration has nothing to do with students at colleges but pertains, rather, to the education of the members of the Chapter in the traditions and lore of the Craft. Such education, in my judgment, is commendable and, to those who possess it, a source of much satisfaction. But it happens that the percentage of our membership interested in such matters is very small. Other things occupy their minds and attention and most of them have passed beyond that point in their lives where they can be interested in idealisms and symbolisms. Practical things only interest them and above their attention. What of value can be accomplished over and above that which we are now doing through the medium of the Knights Templar Foundation, is the question before us which we are called upon to solve. I have been connected with several educational movements in Masonry and, while the symbolisms and lore of the degrees are valuable to a few, it seems to me, in the light of the experience that I have had, that we would do well to confine our efforts to the very fundamentals of Masonry and endeavor to impress upon the minds of the initiates those basic principles for which Masonry

stands and which, throughout all time, have made Masonry the veritable basis of good citizenship. We are living in strenuous times. The fine personal example formerly incumbent upon instructors of children has diminished to a noticeable degree and instruction as to the effect of certain things upon the human system has almost disappeared from the curriculum of our schools. The business slogan that anything is all right if you can get away with it has pushed aside the principle of honesty because it is honest, and the admirers of the gangsters, because they get away with it, are too numerous to mention. The Lindbergh kidnaping episode is a blot in our history which tells with crushing strength the ravages that are being made upon society. No robber, road-agent or western desperado ever perpetrated such heartless cruelty as that or so successfully concealed himself in our very midst. There even seems danger of breaking down the ideals of the past. I saw not long ago a magazine article devoted to the proposition that Abraham Lincoln caused the Civil War and another article setting forth that Washington was a drunkard. Indeed, in this bicentennial year of Washington's birth, when we all would like so much to honor him, it will be a wonder if some of the slanderous statements made by his enemies during his lifetime are not reproduced and peddled the length and breadth of the land as the truth, thereby destroying in a measure the great American idealism for which the name of Washington has always stood. It is so much easier to destroy than to build that naught but the strictest vigilance can save our ideals and institutions from the evil disposition of our enemies. I would inculcate into the minds of the Royal Craft the strict necessity of making a part of our lives those basic principles so conspicuous everywhere in the rituals of the Craft. I would have the Craft interest themselves in the management of our institutions and in the matter of the character of instruction given in our schools. The greatest patriots of this country, those who have done the most for the country, are the greatest Masons of the country, whether anyone knows it or not; and I would draw very plain lines beyond which no instructors would be permitted to go in their criticism of Lincoln or Washington or any other of our great fathers or heroes. I would again introduce into our textbooks instruction as to the effects of stimulants and narcotics upon the human body. I would endeavor to revive again those principles of morality and virtue so beautifully inculcated in the teachings of our Order. And I would stress the fact that only by being good citizens can we be good Masons."

"Such is the nature of the educational program I would like to see inaugurated by this Grand Body."

Grand Chapter recognized the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland and exchanged Grand representatives with this Jurisdiction.

Quite a discussion came up over the holding of a Masonic Week, that is all Masonic Grand Bodies meeting in the same city in the same week. Personally we think it a wonderful plan, and feel certain that all questions raised by the several Companions could be settled. We hope to see such a movement consummated in Florida before long.

The Jurisprudence Committee held that "It is our judgement that a Companion may not be suspended for non-payment of dues until after he shall have had the required notice, stating time and place when action will be taken by the Chapter looking to his suspension". That is not the law in Florida but its pretty good practice at that.

Florida was represented by Companion Carlisle S. Kenyon.

Four Companions were consecrated by the Order of High Priesthood.

The Correspondence Committee Report is by Most Excellent Companion H. S. Hepner, and is his thirteenth Report. Makes us feel young or small indeed when we see all these years piled up against our first effort. In the Report on Florida, speaking of the "Regulations of Balus", Companion Hepner said:

"In endeavoring to prescribe for the ills, the committee lays down 19 rules of conduct for social sessions, and winds up the remarkable document with italics, 'Officers! Leaders!! Awake!!! Restore to Masonry her ancient Spirit of Brotherhood!!!!' "

"One, two, three, four sets of exclamation marks. We wonder if the Companions who wrote the 'Regulations' attend the meetings of their Chapters; if they do or do not 'high hat' some of the Companions as they meet them. We have no patience with such sentiments. The writer remembers attending meetings of the Bodies forty years ago and we had to telephone for a quorum to attend them; there were no movies, radios, autos, airplanes or all modern amusements, and yet Masonry has grown and at no time, even in these strenuous days of economic conditions and the many joys and joys, have we had to do that. As to Masonic Fellowship, why, my dear Companions, Masonry has taught the whole world the need of that and we assert that many or rather most of its votaries practice it."

Next Annual at Butte, Third Tuesday in June, 1933.
Walter R. Flachsenhar, Grand High Priest.
Luther T. Hauberg, Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA—1932

Chapters, 55. Members, 7,514. Exalted, 83. Net Loss, 576

ELBERT G. LAING, Grand High Priest

The shadow of death overcast the Sixty-sixth Annual

Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons which was held in the city of Omaha, December 7, 1932.

The officers of Delta Chapter No. 60, opened a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and received the Grand High Priest and other Grand Officers. M. E. Elbert G. Laing having succeeded to the office of Grand High Priest following the death of M. E. Arthur C. Stem, who passed away July 6, 1932.

A long line of distinguished visitors were present and were introduced to the members of the Grand Chapter and invited to seats in the Grand East. Florida was represented by Comp. Walter I. Spear.

The law relating to reinstatement of a Companion who has been suspended for more than three years, was repealed, so that a Companion, no matter how long he has been suspended, may now, by paying the amount of dues owing the Chapter when he became suspended, be reinstated without action of the Chapter.

The Grand High Priest issued four dispensations all of which were approved by Grand Chapter, none were of more than than passing importance.

A new regulation was adopted providing for the succession of officers in case of death to the Grand High Priest. The present succession was made through the adoption of a Grand Lodge Regulation.

"No commands having been received from his chief, the Grand Lecturer has performed no work in the way of visiting Chapters" so states the Grand Lecturer William T. Poucher.

Thirty-four Companions were consecrated by the Order of High Priesthood.

There is no review by the Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual in Omaha, December 6, 1933.

Earl Barnette, Grand High Priest.

Lewis E. Smith, Masonic Temple, Omaha, Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1932

Chapters, 26. Members, 5,202. Exalted, 52. Net Loss, 191

GEORGE AMBER MILETTE, Grand High Priest

The One Hundred and Thirteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in New Hampshire, was held in Freemasons Hall in Concord, Tuesday, May 17, 1932.

A noticeable absentee was Florida's Grand Representative.

From the address of Most Excellent George A. Millette, Grand High Priest, we quote:—"Masonry is not founded on numbers but fundamentally on character, loyalty and fortitude to carry out obligations assumed; without these no man is worthy of becoming a Mason, much less to remain a Mason and enjoy the benefits of the Capitular Rite.

"We need not apologize for Royal Arch Masonry, but should stress its importance to all Master Masons, that they may continue to build that moral structure so nobly started and reach the summit of Ancient Craft Masonry." Noble sentiments these.

The Grand High Priest made a number of Official Visitations which are duly recorded.

There was no loss by death in the official family, but seven Past High Priest's answered the Final Summons.

One Companion was consecrated and set apart for the Order of High Priesthood.

Next Annual in the city of Concord, May 16, 1933.

George S. French, Grand High Priest.

Harry M. Cheney, Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY—1932

Chapters, 58. Members, 19,118. Exalted, 296. Net Loss, 533

GEORGE W. KITE, Grand High Priest

The Committee on Credentials reported that all present were Royal Arch Masons and that a constitutional

number were present to open the Grand Chapter which convened in its Seventy-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons at the city of Trenton, New Jersey, May 11, 1932.

Fifty of the fifty-eight Chapters were represented. Florida was also represented by Most Excellent Wm. Herbert Lowe.

Quite a lot of the Proceedings are taken up with the speeches of Distinguished Visitors which were really good. Most of the neighboring Grands were present.

"Our deeds, our words, our thoughts of the yester-time cannot be altered. They may influence, they may sway or deter, but in themselves they are done." Thus the Grand High Priest expressed himself in his address which is quite lengthy but full to the brim with good common Royal Arch sense.

Most Excellent Companion Cory Adams, Grand High Priest in 1906, passed away during this Capitular year.

The Official Visitations and Social Meetings took up quite a lot of the Grand High Priests time and seems to have been the means of quite a lot of good.

A petition for a dispensation for a new Chapter at Toms River was received, but in as much as it was not accompanied with the recommendation of the nearest Chapter, the petition was returned.

A Committee on Welfare of Chapters consisting of five members and a Chairman, to co-operate under the direction of the Grand High Priest with any Chapter which may need and request advice, assistance or counsel, was provided for by Grand Chapter.

The Correspondence Report is by Companion David McGregor who writes a very interesting foreword:

"Approaching this particular task as a novice, entirely free from any commitment as to method or policy in executing it, expresses the feelings of ye scribe so fully that we do not hesitate to quote Companion McGregor. We too are in the novice class and we shall expect our first efforts to be very crude, yet we have always been told that where there is a will, there is a way, and we are pursuing that way in perfect bliss."

Next Annual at Trenton, May 10, 1933.

Charles R. Rinehart, Grand High Priest.

Chas. D. McCracken, Grand Secretary.

David McGregor, Chairman, Correspondence Committee.

NEW MEXICO—1932

Chapters, 15. Members, 1,915. Exalted, 57. Net Loss, 51

WILLIAM H. DUCKWORTH, Grand High Priest

Las Cruces ("The Crosses"), a mute reminder of the massacre by Indians of missionaries sent from Mexico in the days of "the long ago," the meeting place of Overland Trails from the East for the Pacific Eldorado, and of which it might be said, "it could a tale unfold." In this city was held on March 24, 1932, the Thirty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New Mexico. Ye scribe recalls his first trip through that country, Las Cruces being a "port of call" between Denver and El Paso. The stop in that city happened to be the day of the funeral of former Sheriff Bean, whose sovereignty at one time, it was stated, reached from the Pecos to Yuma. A somewhat unique feature of this Grand Chapter is that it seems to successfully function without a Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand Representatives and an Order of High Priesthood.

The address of Grand High Priest Duckworth was a plain presentment of his year of administration in which matters Capitular moved along with customary regularity. Bro. Duckworth does not fully agree that financial conditions are largely responsible for lack of interest, for he states: "I am convinced that the real reason for loss of interest and decreased membership is due, more than any other thing, to lack of knowledge of the ritualistic work covering the several degrees."

The reports of the various committees were of an encouraging nature, and bring out little of general interest. A distinguished visitor was M. E. Comp. Perry W. Weidner, the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

Well prepared and of much interest was the third report on fraternal correspondence by Past Grand High Priest Reuben Perry, who reported some of the Grand Jurisdictions "burdened with pessimism, while in others was observed the spirit of optimism," depending somewhat, it would seem, on the point of view. One can usually find what he is looking after.

Comp. Perry commended the work of Florida's Grand

Lecturer and the District Deputy Grand High Priests in their activities in visiting Chapters, the results of which, he commented, "seem to have been beneficial to Capitular Masonry."

Next Annual in Roswell, March 23, 1933.

Andrew R. Tillman, Grand High Priest; Alpheus A. Keen, Grand Secretary; Reuben Perry, Correspondent; all of Albuquerque.

NEW YORK—1932

Chapters, 229. Members, 66,550. Exalted, 918. Net Loss, 2,537

It would seem that nearly every Grand Chapter that could and within the length of its cable tow sent favored sons to the One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Annual Convocation, which was held in Albany, February 2, 1932.

Florida's Grand Representative was among the absentees.

WORK was not only the principle theme of the address of Grand High Priest Davis, but he also made this his daily duty as well, and amply justified this commendation of Grand Chapter:

"He started out with the slogan of WORK. By voice and with pen he has kept that word 'work' to the forefront during the past twelve months. And he has worked the hardest of any of us. Giving unstintingly of his time, his energy and his talent; he has thrown his whole soul into the work."

Nearly a fourth of the subordinate Chapters were visited by the Grand High Priest. Several pages of the Proceedings are required to record his official acts during recess of Grand Chapter. He refused to grant Dispensations which would nullify the By-laws of a Chapter. He ruled that a Chapter can confer the Royal Arch Degree only "at a Convocation held at its regular meeting place."

He approved the excellent work done by the Committee on Tuberculosis Relief, and that all possible should be done to relieve those who are suffering from tuberculosis; yet he cautioned, "It ought not to be possible for a person to join the Chapter merely for the purpose of becoming a

burden upon Grand Chapter because of a tuberculosis condition."

A reading of Chapter Proceedings for the past several years impressed the Grand High Priest that the losses in membership by unaffiliation and suspension for non-payment of dues is largely from the fact that "both in our Constitution and in the minds of the fraternity at large, far too little disgrace is attached to such loss of membership," and he strongly urged the necessity of conducting the affairs of Chapter according to strict business principles. He further emphasized that there is no such thing as "automatic" suspension for non-payment of dues; it can only be done by a due observance of the law dealing with that subject.

Grand Chapter adopted a report of the Jurisprudence Committee which found nothing in the official acts of Grand High Priest Davis "that conflicts with Capitular law". Brief and comprehensive were the reports of the several constitutional and other committees, and which were likewise approved.

The Order of High Priesthood seems to be a necessary requirement to preside at a Chapter in that Grand Jurisdiction; and the officers in the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests bear the same titles as in Grand Chapter, which causes one to wonder just what its ritualistic work may be.

Past Grand High Priest George E. Briggs presents an admirable prelude to his meritorious report on Foreign Correspondence, and it is regrettable that it will not have a larger coterie of readers. Companion Briggs starts his review of Florida by congratulating its Royal Arch Masons that, "that their net loss last year was 872, against 977 the previous year; paradoxically speaking, a net gain in net losses", a sort of Polyanna way of finding something to be thankful for. A good idea. Companion Briggs will regret to learn if he has not already done so, that New York's veteran Grand Representative Most Excellent Marcus Endel, has responded to Roll Call for the last time.

Next Annual in Albany, February 7, 1933.

John H. O'Brien, Watertown, Grand High Priest.

Charles C. Hunt, Masonic Hall, New York, Grand Secretary.

George E. Briggs, Peekskill, Correspondent.

NORTH CAROLINA—1932

Chapters, 50. Members, 6,110. Exalted, 53. Net Loss, 524

DONALD A. STEWART, Grand High Priest

The Eighty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of North Carolina met in the Masonic Temple at Rocky Mount, Tuesday evening, May 24, 1932, at 8 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form after which a line of Distinguished Visitors was received with Grand Honors. We note that Most Excellent J. C. Gregory, Grand High Priest of Arkansas, was among the Distinguished Visitors, and we hereby express the hope that some of the Grand Chapter Officers of our native state of Arkansas may at some time visit the Grand Chapter of Florida while in session.

We feel that we must agree with Most Excellent John R. McCracken, Grand High Priest, when he says:—"During the years from 1918 to 1925 there seemed to be a contagion that spread throughout the country, flooding all branches of Masonry with petitions. In these years we received into our ranks a number of worthy and valuable men, but I am sorry to say that a large part of the material received in those years was worth nothing to us then, and has been worth nothing to us since, and in times like the present they drop by the wayside and the loss of their names from our rosters is not a real loss to Masonry."

There was no loss by death in the official family. Three Past Grand High Priests answered the Final Call. They were George S. Norfleet, Hugh A. Murrell and John T. Alderman.

There was no reason for a decision on the part of the Grand High Priest. Peace and harmony prevailed in that Grand Jurisdiction. Only two Dispensations were granted, one to hold an election for officers and the other to consolidate two Chapters.

The Grand Chapter provided for the fiscal year to be the same as the calendar year.

They also provided that all officers of subordinate Chapters shall be elected or appointed at the first regular meeting in December, and the Installation shall take place

at the same or a subsequent Convocation prior to January 1st. In Florida we elect at the first meeting in December and install on December 27th or as soon thereafter as practical.

Seventeen Companions were consecrated and set apart by the Order of High Priesthood.

The Capitular Review is by Companion J. Edward Allen, and is a fund of knowledge in itself. Florida received liberal attention, in his Review quoting the "Regulations of Balus" in full, referring to Companion Hamilton Balus and his Educational Committee Report. Companion Allen again comments on the Grand Chapter of Florida conferring the several degrees before Grand Chapter, and is quite right in assuming that this work is done under the auspices of the Grand Chapter "for" certain particular Chapters.

Next Annual in the city of Charlotte, May 8, 1933.

Wm. B. Hodge, Grand High Priest.

Wm. R. Smith, Grand Secretary, Raleigh, N. C.

J. Edward Allen, Correspondent.

NORTH DAKOTA—1932

Chapters, 26. Members, 3,466. Exalted, 70. Net Loss, 209

ARTHUR P. GUY, Grand High Priest

Both sides of the "invisible line" sent honored Companions to the Forty-third Annual Convocation held in Fargo, Jan. 26-27, 1932; and particularly honored is ye scribe, as date of the opening session (January 26) is also the date of his natal anniversary, though quite a number of years previous. Grand Chapter lost a zealous and active worker in the death of M. E. Comp. Laurence G. Moultrie, Grand High Priest in 1916.

Ideals of service with definite objectives in view were leading thoughts in the modest address of Grand High Priest Guy. Much credit was given by him to the efficient services of Grand Lecturer Walter H. Murfin, on whom is bestowed the additional title of "Grand High Priest Emeritus." Importance was also attached to the work of the

Educational Loan Fund which is called "one of the greatest things in North Dakota Masonry." However it became necessary to reduce the amount of the individual loans and confine them to resident students attending State institutions of learning.

A plan of life membership similar to the one functioning in the Grand Council was presented. It seems to be based on the operations of a life insurance annuity policy. It was referred to a committee to report another year. Representatives of Chapters in arrears for Grand Chapter per capita and other claims, hereafter will not receive mileage and per diem until all arrearages are paid.

Disarmament was the subject of a resolution prepared and presented by Grand Secretary and Past Grand High Priest Walter L. Stockwell, which was unanimously adopted and sent under the seal of Grand Chapter to the President. The text does not appear. Wonder how near that may come to mixing politics with Masonry?

Past Grand First Principal Joseph R. Yorke, of Saskatchewan, in his address before Grand Chapter, suggested the substitution of "modified prosperity" for "depression." This has the optimistic ring and sounds well.

Our genial long-time associate still heads the Circle of Elders—another name for a Past Grand High Priests' Association. Wonder if something similar might not be desirable in Florida.

A baker's dozen of Companions were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

Past Grand High Priest E. George Guthrie rejoices in having presented his seventeenth annual Capitular review, two more than ye scribe, for this is his sixteenth, but he is probably slightly the senior in years. However, the review of Florida is up to previous standards, special approval being given to the report of the Educational Committee, "chairmaned" by Comp. Baluss, who is designated as "a real man." Reference is also made to the pleasant associations of the late Tacoma Triennial and the hope is expressed that they may be renewed in Washington at the coming Triennial.

Next Annual in Fargo, Jan. 24-25, 1933.

Charles J. Phelan, Bowman, Grand High Priest; Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo, Grand Secretary; E. Geo. Guthrie, Fargo, Correspondent.
E. P. H.

NOVA SCOTIA—1932

Chapters, 22. Members, 2,385. Exalted, 55. Net Loss, 87

J. W. BOYD, Grand High Priest

The Sixty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia, was held in Charlottetown, Prince Edward's Island, June 21, 1932.

After the usual ceremony of receiving the Distinguished Visitors, the Grand High Priest read his annual address. He gave the Scottish families credit for leaving the greatest impress on the people and customs of the country. Bonny lads those fellows.

The ranks of the official family were unbroken by death during the year, for which the Grand High Priest returned grateful thanks.

The Grand High Priest issued the usual Dispensations, and added one for good measure—to a Chapter to attend Divine Service wearing Royal Arch Regalia. Have not seen that done in Florida yet.

Only one Decision marked his year, when he decided that Dual membership could not be permitted under the existing law in Nova Scotia, the Grand Chapter however amended the law so that:—Dual membership may be held in the Chapters and providing that "If for any reason he shall be suspended from one Chapter, he automatically shall cease to be a member of any Chapter with which he may affiliate."

The Grand High Priest paid an Official visit to every Chapter in the Jurisdiction. He predicts a bright future for Royal Arch Masonry.

The Reports of the Grand Representatives are very interesting, seems those Companions work harder at their jobs than our District Deputy Grand High Priests.

Eight Companions were consecrated and set apart for the Order of High Priesthood. A very interesting "Notes on the Order of High Priesthood", by Companion George D. MacDougall, is included in the proceedings.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence gives Florida favorable mention.

Next Annual in the city of Halifax, June 18, 1933.
Joseph W. Boyd, Grand High Priest, Yarmouth.
Benton F. Porter, Grand Secretary, Truro, N. S.

OHIO—1932

Chapters, 209. Members, 70,396. Exalted, 545. Net Loss, 5,779

LYLE S. EVANS, Grand High Priest

The officers and members of the Grand Chapter assembled in the Masonic Temple, Columbus, Ohio, where the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Ohio, was convened in its One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Convocation.

On January 27, 1932, Companion Wilden Elwood Joseph, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter, passed to the Great Beyond. On May 14, 1932, Dr. William Alvin Belt, Grand High Priest, in 1916, and John Geiger Augustine, Grand Guard, on March 18, 1932.

Business like seems to have been the keynote in the address of Grand High Priest Evans. One of his first acts was to divide the State into nineteen Districts, in each of which he appointed a District Inspector. He issued the necessary instructions to his Inspectors which we consider timely. The record of his visits makes very interesting reading.

The dispensations issued were mostly to Chapters desiring to change their meeting place and one such dispensation is a bit unusual in that Crestline Chapter No. 88, having suffered the loss of their Temple by fire, were offered the use of the Knights of Columbus hall by the Knights. A dispensation was granted by the Grand High Priest. No decisions were issued.

Florida was represented by Comp. Ernest B. Brown. Grand Chapter provided for a Committee on Masonic Education and for the restoration of a Companion who has been suspended for n.p.d. in his Blue Lodge.

One hundred and ten Companions were presented and consecrated by the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

Florida received one page of comment from M. E. Carl W. Sperling who writes his second Correspondence Re-

port. Comp. Sperling must have learned before this that his old friend, and Ohio's Representative near the Grand Chapter of Florida, is no more as he was laid in his last resting place, September 9, 1932, however, on behalf of Companion Ely Hubbell we desire to extend our thanks for kindly thoughts.

Next Annual, Columbus, September 20, 1933.
Henry Gruen, East Liverpool, Grand High Priest.
Mont C. Hambright, Springfield, Grand Secretary.

OKLAHOMA—1932

Chapters, 76. Members, 10,378. Exalted, 178. Net Loss, 972

LESLIE H. SWAN, Grand High Priest

Both of the General Grand Bodies as well as several of the Grand Chapters sent distinguished visitors to the Forty-third Annual Convocation held at Ponca City, April 20-21, 1932. Florida's Grand Representative was also present.

The address of Grand High Priest Swan was a concise presentation of his activities, which seem to have been circumscribed by other existing conditions. Referring to visitations, he tersely stated: "Like my predecessors I have failed to make as many as I had anticipated." His other duties do not appear to have been overly arduous, and disclose nothing out of the ordinary.

The Educational Committee reported that it had use for all available funds; also that returns were coming in so slowly that loans will necessarily continue to be limited to students who have a senior standing.

Hereafter all Past Grand High Priests are to be members of the Jurisprudence Committee, instead of five as heretofore.

Uniformity of work, it appears is the object sought in the revised new ritual, and which the committee claims is a combination of the old ritual and of the General Grand Chapter together with additional revisions.

Eighteen Companions were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood and all old officers were re-elected.

Past Grand High Priest Eugene Hamilton again presented an instructive report on correspondence, which opens with this significant comment:

"I regret to report that many Grand High Priests are of the opinion that hyperbolic outbursts of oratory in the Annual Addresses can cover their failures as Capitular executives. Oratory has its place in human affairs but it cannot take the place of earnest and sincere work."

Florida is courteously considered by Comp. Hamilton, in which he gives emphasis to the report of the Educational Committee in stressing the need of social activities. Ye scribe is looking forward with pleasure to renewing the acquaintance with Comp. Hamilton as well as the other members of the Guild at the Washington Triennial.

Next Annual in El Reno, April 19-20, 1933.

Chas. G. Wattson, El Reno, Grand High Priest; Ira B. Kirkland, Muskogee, Grand Secretary; Eugene Hamilton, Chickashaw, Correspondent.

E. P. H.

OREGON—1932

Chapters, 50. Members, 6,572. Exalted, 97. Net Loss, 189

MILTON L. MEYERS, Grand High Priest

Heads of both the General Grand Bodies were represented at the Seventy-second Annual Convocation, held in Salem, 1932. Florida is hereafter to be represented by E. Comp. Claud M. Hutson.

It was in Salem that Multonomah Chapter No. 1 was constituted in 1857, under a dispensation issued by the General Grand Chapter, and by a Past Grand High Priest from Louisiana then living in California, there being no past Grand High Priest at that time in Oregon. It was also in Salem that the Grand Chapter of Oregon was formed in 1860, its charter being granted at a meeting in Hartford, Conn., in September, 1856.

Tribute was paid to the memory of M. E. Comp. David P. Mason, dean of the Past Grands, and who sat in the Grand East in 1880.

Uneventful, according to the address, was the administration of Grand High Priest Meyers. The past several years a Student Loan Fund had been operating in a restricted way, and to increase its efficiency he recommended a pooling of the educational funds of Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery and to be under joint management, but seemingly nothing looking to concerted action was taken. Neither did approval appear to have been given to a plan to provide Life Membership on a sliding scale according to age.

Grand Chapter another year will consider reducing the minimum initiation fee from \$35.00 to \$25.00, but a suggestion to make the minimum fee \$10.00 did not find favor.

A score of Companions were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

Good reading and instructive as well was the report of the Committee on Capitular Review, presumably by E. Comp. Walter O. Haines, though his name does not appear in connection. He does not seem to be in accord with a somewhat more or less general custom that because a Companion may be appointed Master of the First Veil, for instance, he should of necessity be continued in office until he becomes High Priest. Neither does he agree that a person holding a Grand Chapter office should necessarily likewise hold an office in either Grand Lodge, or in Grand Commandery, or in both. There are too many capable Craftsmen nowadays to make such procedure necessary.

Referring under Florida to the regret expressed by Grand High Priest Caldwell that a General Grand Office did not fall to Florida, Comp. Haines added:

"May we mention, right here, that we cannot see why any Grand Chapter would desire such preferment for one of their members. The General Grand Chapter has no authority, carries but little weight and the honor is most certainly an empty one."

All Companions do not look at this from the same angle. Conditions do not permit a more extended reference. Hope the acquaintance formed in connection with the Tacoma Triennial will be renewed at the one in Washington.

Next Annual in Portland, April 10, 1933.

D. Bruce Stuart, 314 N. 6th St., Corvallis, Grand High Priest; D. Rufus Cheney, Masonic Temple, Portland, Grand

Secretary; Walter O. Haines, Masonic Temple, Portland, Correspondent.

E. P. H.

PENNSYLVANIA—1932

Chapters, 153. Members, 56,426. Marked, 446. Net Loss, 1,681

We have looked as best we could at the Proceedings of the year ending December 27, 1932, being the One Hundred and Thirty-seventh year of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and while we have been able to understand but little of it, we do deduct that Florida was represented at some of the Quarterly Convocations held by the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity.

Grand High Priest McKee seems to have had a very busy two year term and all his reports are full of activity in behalf of the Grand Chapter which, with a membership of 56,426, is quite a man-sized job.

The Grand High Priest noted the death of several Companions including M. E. Walton K. Swetland who served as Grand High Priest in 1899, and Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. Companion George W. Wellburn, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, was also claimed by death on May 3, 1932.

The Grand High Priest reported that peace and harmony reigned throughout that Grand Jurisdiction, he not having been required to render a Decision and the Dispensations were of the usual character.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is by a Committee, each member of which received an allotted share of the Proceedings to review, and Florida fell to the willing hands of Companion H. Franklin Brossman, who gave us three pages of generous mention, for which we most heartily thank him.

All Convocations are held in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

Charles H. Weaver, Wilkes-Barre, Grand High Priest.
Joseph E. Quinby, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia,
Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC—1932

Chapters, 23. Members, 3,762. Exalted, 107. Net Loss, 75

F. W. KNOWLTON, Grand Z.

Only one subordinate Chapter was without representation at the Fifty-fifth Annual Convocation, held in Montreal, March 23, 1932, an excellent showing for a Grand Jurisdiction of its extensive area. Several distinguished visitors were introduced and welcomed, and Florida's Grand Representative was present.

Grand Chapter suffered a serious loss in the death of M. E. Comp. E. D. T. Chambers, Grand First Principal in 1894-1895; for forty-two years chairman of the committee on Foreign Relations, and the dean of that body of skilled Craftsmen. He held similar stations in Grand Lodge and other bodies as well. Another workman to be called was M. E. Comp. J. Alex. Cameron, Grand Z., in 1912-1913. Both were well and favorably known throughout the Masonic world.

The address of Grand First Principal Knowlton was a statesmanlike document. He stated that for the first time there was chronicled a decrease in membership. He was gratified that the new ritual had been adopted, with one exception, by the Canadian Grand Chapters. He was generous in making official visitations and his receptions indicated a desirable condition of unanimity. He regretted that custom and precedent rather than fitness sometimes governed the selection of brethren to preside over the various bodies; and added that because a member "is a good fellow, or has held certain Junior Offices, is not in itself sufficient reason for placing him in a higher office which he is clearly not fitted to fill."

Much valuable information as well as inspiration may be found in the reports of the District Grand Superintendents as well as of other committees. The committee on the State of the Order noted:

"There seems to be a tendency in some quarters to allow a lower standard of Capitular Masonry to creep in, and to adopt a complacent attitude toward Masonry as the exclusive possession of this day, rather than a glorious heritage from the past to be transmitted to future generations unsullied and unimpaired."

No decisions or rulings are noted, and the dispensations granted conformed to constitutional provisions, though some of them might seem strange in Florida.

For the second time M. E. Comp. W. J. Edwards, Past Grand Z., presented the report of the committee on Fraternal Correspondence, and he proves to be a worth successor of the universally beloved M. E. Comp. E. D. T. Chambers, who recently passed to the Great Beyond. Favorable comments were made of the administration of Grand High Priest Stafford Caldwell, as well as of Grand Secretary Wilber P. Webster and of Grand Lecturer Dorsey H. Rutter.

Next Annual in Montreal, March 22, 1933.

D. McLellan, Grand Z.; W. W. Williamson, Grand Scribe E.; both Masonic Temple, Montreal; W. J. Edwards, Sherbrooke, Correspondent.

SASKATCHEWAN—1932

Chapters, 27. Members, 2,545. Admitted, 39 Net Loss, 118.

Judge H. M. P. de ROCHE, Grand Z.

Well attended was the Ninth Annual Convocation, which met in Prince Albert, Feb. 24, 1932, and which is claimed to be the oldest city in Saskatchewan, as well as the birthplace of Masonry in the Province. Florida was represented by E. Comp. William J. Smith.

Close attention seems to have been given to the address of First Grand Principal de Roche and which was designated "interesting and satisfactory." For financial reasons his visitations were confined principally to district affairs. One recommendation was to extend the term of office of Grand Z., from one year to two. Grand Chapter thought it "should be given serious consideration;" but no further action is recorded.

Much consideration was given to the continuation of Masonic Education, which has already engaged the attention of Craftsmen beyond the confines of its territory. It was proposed to enlarge the scope of the committee on Research and Education with a suggested program for each

month, and which is to include a study of the history of the Rite, as well as Fraternalism, Symbolism and Philosophy, together with the sources from which such information can be obtained.

Another year the Jurisprudence Committee is to present regulations regarding jurisdiction which, according to the resolution, will give each Chapter exclusive jurisdiction over an area within twenty miles of the location of a Chapter, and concurrent jurisdiction over other unoccupied territory. Another matter given consideration is that Grand Chapter in the not far distant future should "commence to lay the foundations for some comprehensive scheme of systematic benevolent endeavor."

There is no Order of High Priesthood.

The central thought in the constructive though brief report of the committee on Fraternal Correspondence is in the query of the chairman, R. E. Comp. F. B. Reilly, Grand Scribe E., on how to detect the "useless timber"—those who soon will become suspended for n.p.d.—"so that it can be put into the rubbish heap and not the building?" Who will answer this query? The Educational Committee in the Florida Grand Chapter was thus complimented: "They had a message to give, and gave it without frills;" and it was further added: "This experiment will be watched with interest by others."

Next Annual in Regina, in February, 1933, date to be set by Grand Council.

A. R. Orme, Saskatoon, Grand Z.; F. B. Reilly, 312 Westman Chambers, Regina, Grand Scribe E., and Correspondent.

SCOTLAND—1932

THE EARL OF CASSILLIS, Grand First Principal

Much importance always attaches to the Annual Grand Chapter Convocation, at which time occurs the installation of officers, and is followed by the celebration of Vernal Equinox, otherwise known as St. John's Day in June. This particular event was made more enjoyable by the presence of the First Grand Principal, who had recently recovered from a serious illness.

His Excellency presided at the banquet, which was signally honored by the presence of Most Excellent Lord Belhaven and Stenton, Grand Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and who was the subject of one of the toasts. It was also stated that he was the first Grand Master to be present at the installation of a First Grand Principal. The customary toasts included "The King", "The Queen", and "The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland". Those events always close with "Happy to meet, sorry to part, hope to meet again", after which the Companions circle around the hall with all hands clasped singing, "Auld Lang Syne" and conclude by singing the National Anthem.

The Earl of Cassillis, in responding to the toast to the Grand Chapter, stated that the exaltations were few this year, being 2,577, against 2,793 the year previous. There appears to be 543 active Chapters on the rolls. There was also reported a falling off in admissions to the Cryptic Council of Royal and Select Masters, but a slight increase in the Royal Ark Mariners Lodge and Red Cross Council, each of which are attached to Royal Arch Chapters. In connection this from the Proceedings is of somewhat local interest:

"Petitions were submitted for three Lodges and Councils to be instituted in North Carolina. The approval of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina and of the General Grand Chapter of America having been received, it was recommended that the Charters be granted. They are named and numbered as follows: St. Andrews in America No. 1, Monroe, North Carolina; Cassillis, No. 2, Raleigh; Howell No. 3, Charlotte."

These under the general title "Allied Masonic Degrees" have already been instituted. It is understood the active formers claim this will have a revivifying effect on Capital Masonry and are preparing to extend it beyond its present confines.

SOUTH CAROLINA—1932

Chapters, 33. Members, 3,697. Exalted, 44. Net Loss, 829

WILLIAM W. EDGERTON, Grand High Priest

General Grand High Priest John W. Neilson and lesser lights were distinguished visitors at the One Hundred and Twelfth Annual Convocation held in Columbia, April 26,

1932. Florida was represented by Past Grand High Priest R. T. Goodale, who was presented by Grand Chapter with a testimonial of love and confidence.

It took but few pages in the 1932 Proceedings for Grand High Priest Edgerton to render an account of his stewardship. He referred to the "stringent financial condition" of a few years previous when, he stated, "it cost twenty-five cents a pound to produce cotton and which now sells for six cents per pound."

He reported granting the usual Dispensations for election and installation; also that no question had been submitted for official ruling; and further that if any discord existed it had not been brought to his attention. His other necessary duties did not appear to be overly burdensome.

Due to convenience for business members generally, Grand Chapter will change its Annual Convocation from the fourth week in the month, to the third week. Tribute was paid to the memory of M. E. Companion Francis E. Harrison, Grand High Priest in 1905.

Two Companions were set aside to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by R. W. George T. Harmon and brings out this pertinent statement:

"Freemasonry in all its branches seem to be more deeply rooted in the Old Dominion than in the United States. It is high time that those of us who constitute the official membership in the jurisdiction throughout the United States should think more seriously of the responsibility than the mere honor of holding office"

Companion Harmon found much by implication, at least, to command in the 1931 Florida Proceedings, and intimated that Grand High Priest Caldwell was inclined to "magnify" the work of the Grand Lecturer, deeming it "of far more value than the visits of a Grand High Priest". A modest statement, but the fact remains that no one can take the place, in visitations at least, of the presiding officer of a Masonic Grand Body. Thank you, Companion Harmon for your expressions of approval.

Next Annual in Columbia, April 19, 1933.

Joseph E. Hart, York, Grand High Priest.

O. Frank Hart, Columbia, Grand Secretary.

George T. Harmon, Hartsville, Correspondent.

SOUTH DAKOTA—1932

Chapters, 40. Membership, 5,146. Exalted, 73. Net Loss, 293

DR. ROBERT S. HART, Grand High Priest

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of South Dakota met in Forty-third Annual Convocation in Masonic Temple at Huron, June 16, 1932.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form by the Grand High Priest Robert S. Hart. Florida was not represented.

Death claimed Most Excellent Jacob M. Nissen, Grand High Priest, in 1911.

Only one Dispensation was requested and was granted during the year, no Decisions were requested.

The Grand High Priest reported: "During the past year, the high record of visits established by my predecessor has not been maintained. To several of the Chapters I could not assign any date, several could not convene on the only dates I could offer them." He also recommended:

York Rite Festivals

"One of the most useful institutions for the furtherance of Capitular Masonry, in my opinion, is the celebration of York Rite Festivals. Such a Festival serves to bring the Brethren and Companions together for social intercourse, and more especially serves to emphasize the unity of our Rite. Our administrative bodies, leads to confusion in the minds of candidates, and of those of our number who do not carefully consider the points of union, who do not cover the central theme which makes of these several bodies a single system. The York Rite Festival, properly administered, will serve to unify the efforts of the bodies composing our Rite, and make clear, to the Companions and candidates, our oneness of purpose. I would urge the several Chapters so situated that it is possible, to plan such a Festival next year, and would suggest that nearby Chapters not in a position to undertake such a labor by themselves be invited to share in the work. I feel sure that it will be a welcome proposal to any Commandery in the same territory, and in most cases, it will also be possible to arrange for the nearest Council to assist."

We might well try this in Florida.

He also hoped that the time would soon arrive when they could print a Correspondence Committee Report, making it one of his recommendations.

The Order of High Priesthood consecrated sixteen Companions.

Next Annual at Aberdeen, June 15, 1933.
Jess H. Thorpe, Grand High Priest.
George A. Pettigrew, Grand Secretary, Sioux Falls.

TENNESSEE—1932

Chapters, 85. Members, 8,756. Exalted, 177. Net Loss, 1,246

JAMES H. EPPS, Grand High Priest

Most of the chartered Chapters, as well as notable Craftsmen from Alabama, Mississippi and Florida Grand Bodies, assisted by their presence in the opening in Ample Form of the One Hundred and Third Annual Convocation in Nashville, January 25, 1932, Florida being represented by Grand Principal Sojourner W. H. Blackwell.

Thoughtful consideration is revealed in the well prepared address of Grand High Priest Epps, who acknowledged the co-operative support of the other Grand Officers and generously ascribed to them credit for their untiring efforts. Comparatively few official duties are recited. He reported one charter arrested and another surrendered.

With but very few exceptions the Chapters which had been assigned to the other Grand Officers were Officially Visited, they being accompanied by Grand Secretary Doss, and their reports, stated the Grand High Priest, "show substantial and commendable activity and interest", which somehow don't exactly seem to harmonize with the rather large loss in membership.

One suggested Constitutional amendment seemed to conflict with the General Grand Chapter Constitution, the object of which is to eliminate the difficulty some Chapters are having in getting a quorum to transact business at States Convocations, nine members now being necessary. It was stated that Tennessee's representative will be instructed to present this action at the next Triennial, and which reads:

"For all purposes except opening and closing a Chapter, conferring Degrees, and transacting business at stated convocations, nine members of the Chapter are necessary to constitute a quorum. To transact business at stated convocations five members of the Chapter are necessary to constitute a quorum"

Another recommendation which was approved will in effect permit transfer of membership by certificate. Work was reported progressing by the Historian, and a Special Committee will review the data prepared and will report with recommendations another year.

Education in general seems to be moving along satisfactorily under the direction of that Committee, but Grand Chapter did not look with favor upon an additional special Committee on Masonic Educational Activities.

Twenty-two Companions were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood, which dates in this State from 1860.

Death being no respecter of persons, Most Excellent Companion Alfred C. Morgan to whom was assigned the preparation of the Report on Correspondence, was suddenly called upon to lay down his working tools, and his mantle passed upon Past Grand High Priest J. I. Walker, whose work much to engage his attention in the Florida Proceedings, and this compliment is appreciated:

"I recommend to any Chapter that is up against it, so to speak, to get a copy of Florida's Proceedings for 1931, and read the report from the Educational Committee. Its length forbids reproduction here, but he gives nineteen rules for procedure that the Grand Chapter of Florida would be glad to give to any Chapter, or sell them, and the Writer believes these rules are worth buying at any price. If these rules were followed religiously our problems would be a pleasure to solve. To Companions Baluss and Rutter I offer congratulations."

Next Annual in Nashville, January, 1933.
A. E. McClanahan, Nashville, Grand High Priest.
Thos. E. Doss, Nashville, Grand Secretary.
James I. Walker, Maryville, Correspondent.

TEXAS—1932

Chapters, 283. Members, 37,215. Exalted, 304. Net Loss, 1,904

W. HARDY PETTY, Grand High Priest

With favored sons present in goodly number, the Eighty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter

Royal Arch Masons, was opened in Waco, Monday, December 5, 1932. Florida was not represented.

On Motion of Past Grand High Priest D. N. Cushing, the privilege of the Grand Convocation was extended all Royal Arch Masons in good standing.

The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, the Grand Master of the Grand Council, the Inspector-General of the Scottish Rite and the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Texas, were all present and were received with the Grand Honors.

Tribute was paid the memory of Companion John R. Arnold, Joe R. Sheppard and A. D. McLaughlin, all of whom were minor officers of the Grand Chapter of Texas, altho none had served as Grand High Priest.

Dispensations were along the general line of Masonic business, mostly for the election and installation of officers and to resume labor.

One new Chapter was chartered, McCamey No. 441, while Shiro Chapter No. 341 merged with Jerusalem Chapter No. 3, at Anderson, Texas.

In the matter of Decisions, the Grand High Priest held that a Chapter could not sponsor any organization whatsoever. And Grand Chapter sustained him.

Ten Chapters arrested during this Capitular year, most of which seemed to come from jurisdictions where the spirit of Capitular Masonry is dead. Let's hope the next report will show them all restored.

Grand Chapter decided that one-half of all fees for degrees should be paid the Grand Chapter. The minimum fee is thirty dollars.

Twenty-six Companions were introduced, anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is very, very good and Florida received almost three pages of fraternal Review. We have a long smile over the fact that the Texas Reviewer states that Alex Steuart looks like Frank Hart. What do you think of that, fellows? And what does our immaculate friend, Frank Hart, have to say?

Next Annual in Waco, Monday, December 4, 1933.
E. M. Wood, Anson, Grand High Priest.
Thos. M. Bartley, Waco, Grand Secretary.

UTAH—1932

Chapters, 8. Membership, 1,218. Exalted, 36. Net Loss, 48

PERCY NIXON COOK, Grand High Priest

The Twenty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Utah Royal Arch Masons was held in the city of Logan, June 13, 1932.

Six of the eight Chapters in the State were represented and the Grand High Priest proceeded to open the Grand Chapter.

Most Excellent Companion John W. Neilson, Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, headed the list of Distinguished Visitors, which also included Excellent Companion Fred C. Schramm, Sovereign Grand Inspector-General of the Scottish Rite in Utah. We recall Excellent Companion Schramm very well, as he spent several weeks in our Municipal Hospital some three years ago following an automobile accident while traveling in Florida.

We note that Florida's Grand Representative was present and reported that he had written this Grand Jurisdiction, but had received no reply. Let's hope the delayed answer has come to light.

The Grim Reaper called to that Higher Body, Most Excellent Companion William J. Lynch, Grand High Priest in 1913, and Excellent Companion Colonel Lewis, Grand Principal Sojourner of the Grand Chapter of Utah.

The Grand High Priest recommended that the Grand Lecturer be removed from the Appointive Officers, and that this office be filled by a Past High Priest for a three year term. The Board of Custodians decided that the term of office for the Grand Lecturer should be "two" years.

Grand Chapter decided that the use of more than one "substitute" should be approved by the Grand High Priest, but that no charge should be made for such dispensation.

Four Companions were consecrated and set apart for the Order of High Priesthood.

The Review of Proceedings is by Excellent Companion J. M. Dunlap. Florida received one-half page, which is as much as most of the Grand Chapters received.

Next Annual in Salt Lake City, June 12, 1933.

Adelbert D. Pinney, Grand High Priest.

John N. Dunlap, Grand Secretary and Correspondent, Masonic Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah.

VERMONT—1932

Chapters, 30. Membership, 5,667. Exalted, 88. Net Loss, 142

AARON H. GROUT, Grand High Priest

The One Hundred Fifteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Vermont convened in the city of Burlington, Tuesday, June 14, 1932.

Florida was not represented but a splendid line of Distinguished Visitors were present.

Death claimed the Deputy Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter during the year. Companion George F. Leland answered the Roll Call.

The Grand High Priest asked the question and the Grand Chapter answered:--A Chapter presented an amendment to their by-laws providing that four weeks must elapse between degrees; the Grand High Priest asked, should this Chapter, for any reason, desire to expedite matters by conferring the degrees in less than four weeks, could the Grand High Priest issue his Dispensation to them, or set aside any by-law provision of Subordinate Chapter, and the Jurisprudence Committee answered "No" and Grand Chapter approved. Just a bit different than Florida custom and perhaps, law.

Condition of Subordinate Chapters

"The depression, which has settled like a pall over our whole land, has touched Masonry so far as new members and finances are concerned, but let us be ever thankful, that it has not yet dimmed the courage and faith of our great fraternity. I sincerely hope that some of our Chapters, nay, all of them, will profit by the financial experience through which they are now passing. If they can and will get financially and economically minded as a result of the embarrassments some are now under, then the depression will not have been in vain. So few are inclined to remember a sad experience when the sun shines again, that it is perfectly safe to prophesy that this great American people will, by its own gambling, self-indulgence and ex-

travagance, after it has again tasted the fruits of good times, plunge itself into other and perhaps even worse depressions and then wring its hands and wonder why. The only ones who can weather the storms that are sure to come will be those who look ahead and those who have the courage steadfastly to resist the spending trend and the glamour of self-indulgence in 'Keeping up with the Joneses,' and who feather the nest with a nice, soft, thick lining of surplus cash against the rainy day that surely follows the enticing sunshine. Be Scotch, for the noted characteristic of this fine people is worthy of emulation but never of ridicule."

"From the above you may get the impression that some of our chapters are hard up for ready money, and it is true. They are like all the rest of us, but in most instances I feel very sure the proper spirit is there and that they will eventually fight their way back."

Thus the Grand High Priest disposes of the depression.

Twelve Companions were Anointed by the Order of High Priesthood.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Most Excellent Archie S. Harriman, Past Grand High Priest, and is his eighth Capitular Review. He, too, is looking for Leaders to pilot us out of the Slough of Despond, but states that "they cannot be found". What to do then! A policy of watchful waiting is indicated. Florida is covered and our late Companion Hubbell is answered very nicely.

Next Annual, Burlington, Tuesday, June 13, 1933.

Richard T. Bunker, Grand High Priest.

Archie S. Harriman, Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA—1932

Chapters, 71. Membership, 15,653. Exalted, 172. Net Loss, 989

E. C. YOUNG, Grand High Priest

The One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons was opened in Solemn Form in the Masonic Temple in Richmond, October 25, 1932. All Grand Officers were present and filling their stations in Grand Chapter. Florida was not represented.

The Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights

Templar and several Past Grand High Priests were received and saluted with the Grand Honors, A telegram was received from the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia advising that he was prevented from attendance because of illness.

The Grand High Priest reported the death of two members of the Grand Chapter. Most Excellent J. J. Matern, Past Grand High Priest, and Right Excellent Joseph J. English, Jr., Deputy Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons.

A large number of Official Visits were made during the year and from the report must have been of much benefit to Particular Chapters. Several Dispensations were granted all of the usual nature, two Dispensations were refused, one to lower the fee the other to receive and ballot upon a petition at the same meeting. He rendered one Decision. "A Companion cited to appear at the September convocation to show cause why he should not be suspended for non-payment of dues was given sixty days to pay his dues or show no action was taken in regard to his suspension. Question: Does this citation remain in force after the sixty days were up, or is it null and void?; Ruling: The citation is null and void. We presume that is good law, never had a case of that kind in Florida yet.

Grand Chapter decided that to apply for or retain membership in a Chapter in that Grand Jurisdiction, it was necessary that one belong to a Blue Lodge in Virginia or recognized by the Grand Lodge of Virginia, "provided however that a member of a Royal Arch Chapter who has departed from his Blue Lodge does not forfeit his membership in the Chapter until he has become subject to the penalties for non-affiliation as prescribed by the laws of the Grand Lodge of Virginia".

Dual membership is permitted in Virginia Chapters provided the applicant's other Jurisdiction does not prohibit. The Royal and Select Masters degrees are conferred in the Chapters in this State.

Thirty-two High Priests were Anointed by the Order of High Priesthood.

The Fraternal Correspondence Report is by Most Excellent E. Fenno Heath and it is his sixth report. It is optimistic, well written and quite refreshing to read. He is

quite correct in inferring that Most Excellent Stafford Caldwell had served as Grand Master of Masons, only the year before he served as Grand High Priest. Florida received more than two pages of kindly review at his hands for which we are very thankful.

Next Annual, Richmond, October 24, 1933.

P. M. Shirley, Grand High Priest.

James M. Clift, Grand Secretary, Richmond.

E. Fenno Heath, Chairman, Fraternal Correspondence Committee.

WASHINGTON—1932

Chapters, 53. Members, 8,697. Exalted, 182. Net Loss, 308

JOHN G. HEINZ, Grand High Priest

The Forty-fourth Conclave of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, was held in Aberdeen, May 5, 1932. Florida was represented.

Efficiency and harmony were slogans of Grand High Priest Heinz and which stated the Committee, "We believe will live in the memory of the officers and Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction for many years to come." Nearly all of the Chapters were officially visited by him, and which required he estimated, nearly 10,000 miles of travel by train and auto. He particularly commended the regional meetings which were "an inspiration to both officers and members." He reported inter visitations with Grand Chapters both north and south of the "Invisible Line," the latter extending over four thousand miles, along which there is neither an armored fort or naval vessel. No reference is made to either rulings or decisions.

The organization of a State Secretarial organization was urged. Several thousand educational booklets were prepared, the results of the use of which varied in different sections of the State.

Requests for information were given careful consideration by the Ritual Committee, some of which were "puzzling," but naturally not printable in the Committee Re-

port. An interesting social event was a "Sea Food Luncheon" to delegates and their ladies.

The Order of High Priesthood was conferred on twenty-five Companions "in a most impressive manner" and the former officers were continued.

Grand Secretary, Most Excellent Companion Wesley C. Stone again presented a carefully considered and concise Capitular Review in which he agreed with a noted Divine who said, "that it is much easier to prepare a sermon that would take an hour to deliver than to cut it down to a twenty minute discourse." The Florida Proceedings were generally approved, though he cited an instance or so which he stated "would not be permitted in Washington." Commendation is given to the administration of Grand High Priest Caldwell, the report of the Educational Committee, and other features as well. We thank you.

Next Annual in Wenatchee, May 12, 1933.

William P. Williams, Walla Walla, Grand High Priest.

Wesley C. Stone, 401 Hyde Building, Spokane, Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA—1932

Chapters, 47. Members, 10,937. Exalted, 179. Net Loss, 464

JOHN W. MASON, Grand High Priest

Florida was not represented at the Sixty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons which was convened at Bluefield, October 4th, 1932. Fifteen Grand Officers, the same number of Past Grand High Priests, nine District Deputy Grand Lecturers and forty-three of the forty-six Chapters were present.

The Grand High Priest of North Carolina, Most Excellent William B. Hodge, and the Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania, Thomas N. McKee, were presented and received with the grand honors.

The Grand High Priest records the passing to the Great Beyond, Charles M. Lamar, Past Grand High Priest, and John W. Ashley, Past Grand Lecturer.

On August 29th, the Grand High Priest issued an Edict prohibiting conferring the Past Master's Degree upon a Companion hailing from another Grand Jurisdiction which makes no requirement concerning the Past Master's Degree, pointing out that in Pennsylvania this Degree is not a prerequisite to the Royal Arch Degree and that there is a lot of visiting between Chapter members. His Edict prevents Pennsylvania Chapter Masons being present when the Past Master's Degree is conferred.

He denied the petition of certain Chapter Masons to form a new Chapter in the town of Ravenswood, using the very good reason that there were not sufficient Masons living in the vicinity to support it.

No requests for waiver of jurisdiction or the conferring of courtesy degrees were received or made during the Captular year.

Speaking of the large number of suspensions suffered by all Grand Chapters, he says:

"But, another situation confronts us. The spirit of fraternalism and good will is rapidly giving way to widespread competition, selfishness and social and economic ill will. The need for fraternal organizations and especially for the institutions of Masonry was never greater than at the present time and it is a deplorable fact that this cannot be brought home to those who are permitting their names to be dropped from its rolls. In a time of mental, financial and spiritual discouragement, great comfort and benefit can be derived from an expression of genuine friendship and a few words of good will extended by an organization such as ours."

"It is my sincere hope and belief that conditions in this country are now on the way to rapid improvement and that we will soon be out of the business and financial slough in which we are floundering. And, when we again have our feet on solid ground and are marching on the upgrade, may the Royal Arch Chapters throughout the country find a revival in interest and an increase in membership in step with the progress of returning business and prosperity."

The Grand High Priest recommended that the Regulations be amended permitting the Grand High Priest to remove from office the High Priest or any other officer of a Chapter who may be guilty of misconduct, pointing out that many Jurisdictions have such a law.

The Committee on Text Books were authorized to revise the laws and regulations Edicts and decisions and report at the next Annual Convocation.

Fifteen Companions were consecrated by the Order of High Priesthood.

The Correspondence Committee Report is by Companion George M. Ford and is his eleventh report. Companion Ford is quite concerned over the continued loss in membership and suggests that "we try to make our meetings more attractive, and instill into the hearts and minds of the Companions that ours is a real brotherhood and that we are really trying to benefit our members and work for the betterment of our State, our Country and the World". Florida received two and one half pages of very nicely written Review and we must agree with Companion Ford in his remarks regarding Ministers being exempt from paying dues. Ministers should pay dues into the Chapter as they are in this day and time, salaried men and as able to pay dues as any one else.

Next Annual, Morgantown, October 2, 1933.

John M. Cook, Grand High Priest.

George M. Ford, Grand Secretary, Wheeling.

WISCONSIN—1932

Chapters, 114. Members, 25,667. Exalted, 526. Net Loss, 617

EDWARD P. ANDREWS, Grand High Priest

Michigan and Iowa sent of their best; and with Past Grand High Priest Owen representing Florida as a balance wheel, the Eighty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons was convened February 16, 1932, in the city of Milwaukee.

The Grand High Priest reported instituting one new Chapter and but few Dispensations. One of these grew out of a decision that a King to be elected High Priest to fill a vacancy must first resign, and to advance the Scribe would likewise require another dispensation. Under Florida laws the Dispensation would read "To fill such other vacancies as might occur."

Another ruling was to permit a Wisconsin Mark Master Mason now a resident of Pennsylvania to complete his work in that State, but which confers the Past Master's Degree only in the Lodge. Two procedures were suggested: One was to take that degree by courtesy in some other

State, and the other for the candidate to wait until he might return to Wisconsin on a visit, after which the remaining degrees could be conferred in Pennsylvania.

The official visitations were limited to keeping within the appropriation for that purpose.

To further improve the ritualistic work the Grand Lecturer was instructed to visit for that purpose each one of the Chapters during the year. Grand Chapter officers were urged to appoint special committees "to investigate and exercise leniency in demitting and excluding members for non-payment of dues."

Twenty-three Companions were set apart for the Order of High Priesthood.

For the third time Past Grand High Priest Edward T. Hayhurst presented a well edited report on foreign correspondence. He quoted quite extensively from the Florida Educational Committee Report which he says "have much merit and plenty of facts for Craftsmen to study and ponder." He wished that they "might be read in each subordinate Chapter in the Grand Jurisdiction of Wisconsin." Thank you, Companion Hayhurst for your unqualified approval.

Next Annual in Milwaukee, February 21, 1933.

David O. Stine, Grand High Priest.

William F. Weiler, Grand Secretary.

Harry M. Kittsley, Correspondent.

WYOMING—1932

Chapters, 18. Members, 2,114. Exalted, 24. Net Loss, 99

DAVID V. BELL, Grand High Priest

With 16 of the 18 Chapters in the State represented, the Twenty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Wyoming, met at Rock Springs, July 12, 1932. All officers with one exception, were present and answered roll call. Florida's Grand Representative Excellent Companion Homer E. Zorn was among those present.

Two Past Grand High Priests of this Grand Jurisdiction answered Roll Call above during the year. Most Excellent Samuel Coroson who served as Grand High Priest in 1917, and Most Excellent Companion Edward D. Edwards, Grand High Priest in 1926.

No Dispensations were requested during this year nor were any Rulings necessary.

Because of absence of some of the principal officers, no Order of High Priesthood was conferred. Let's hope for better luck next year.

The Correspondence Report is by Companion Henry G. Watson. Florida received a two page Review for which we are very grateful.

Next Annual in Sheridan, July 11, 1933.

William J. Hagans, Grand High Priest, Landers.

Richard H. Redpath, Grand Secretary, Cheyenne.

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