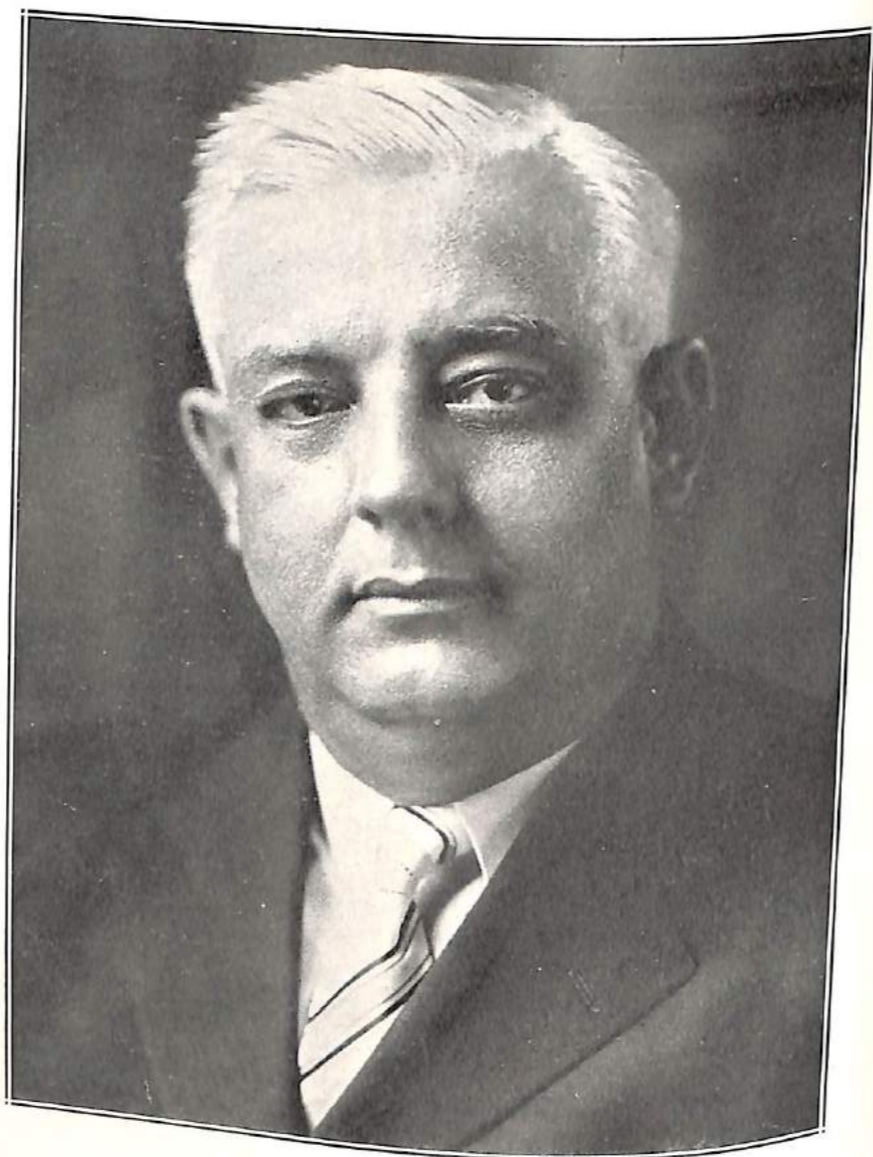


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OF THE

M.:E.:Grand Chapter of Florida

NINETY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

1940

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida assembled in its Ninety-fourth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple in the City of Orlando at 10:00 o'clock A. M. Tuesday, May 21st, A. D. 1940, A. I. 2470.

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 M.:E.: Grand High Priest appointed the following Companions as a committee on Distinguished Visitors, to-wit: John B. Phelps, Cleveland R. Horne, Wm. R. O'Neal and R. J. Kishpaugh.

The Committee on Distinguished Visitors retired and introduced the following:

Ralph G. Reynolds, R. E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Florida.

Bradford C. Webb, M.:I.: Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Florida.

John L. Cash, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Alabama.

The Committee again retired and presented Companion John Huske Anderson, M. E. General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the U. S. A.

Companion Jesse E. Ramsdell, a member of this Order, welcomed the Grand Chapter to Orlando in an address, which was responded to by Companion Dorsey H. Rutter, R.:E.: Deputy Grand High Priest.

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
GRAND OFFICERS

Jesse C. Clark.....	M. E. Grand High Priest
Dorsey H. Rutter.....	R. E. Dep. Grand High Priest
Frederick A. Riegel.....	R. E. Grand King
Wm. L. Marshall.....	R. E. Grand Scribe
Riley J. McMaster.....	M. E. Grand Treasurer
Cary B. Fish.....	M. E. Grand Secretary
Joseph R. Keller.....	M. E. Grand Chaplain
H. S. Weber.....	E. Grand Capt. of the Host
Joseph E. Herring.....	E. Grand Principal Sojourner
G. Albert Lambe.....	E. Grand Royal Arch Captain
Harry R. Thompson.....	E. Grand Master 3rd Veil
Ralph L. Gillett.....	E. Grand Master 2nd Veil
Loren L. Dilger.....	E. Grand Master 1st Veil
A. H. Cruz.....	E. Grand Guard

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

Joseph R. Keller	R. J. McMaster
T. Picton Warlow	Wm. B. Greer
Wm. R. O'Neal	Archie Aitchison
H. O. Snow	Cleveland R. Horne
R. J. Kishpaugh	J. Lloyd Head
Cary B. Fish	John B. Phelps

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

Chas. K. Hanner, Dist. No. 3	Chas. A. Bangert, Dist. No. 6
David Scroggs, Dist. No. 4	Richard W. Ervin, Dist. No. 8
J. E. Ramsdell, Dist. No. 5	J. L. Clary, Dist. No. 9

REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

Florida No. 1.....	Marvin C. McIntosh, H. P.
Gainesville No. 2.....	Tom J. Price, H. P.
Tampa No. 3.....	Neil Strachin, proxy for H. P.
St. Johns No. 4.....	Warren M. Dilsaver, S.
Halifax No. 5.....	H. A. Windhorst, proxy for H. P.
Mt. Horeb No. 6.....	Harry G. Fletcher, proxy for H. P.
Eureka No. 7.....	A. Shonberg, proxy for H. P.
	Earl F. Shriver, H. P.
	Alton J. Wall, K
Jericho No. 11.....	Milton V. Christman, S.
Jacksonville No. 12.....	James B. Grant, K
Ocala No. 13.....	Edward Gerrits, H. P.
Monroe No. 15.....	J. A. Winfield, H. P.
	Lloyd L. Land, proxy for H. P.

Manatee River No. 18.....	Emery G. Pierce, proxy for H. P.
Keystone No. 20.....	Harold F. Bache, H. P.
	James M. Gauld, S.
Thomas-Brown No. 22.....	B. H. Webster, proxy for H. P.
Lake Worth No. 24.....	F. W. Hofstellen
Live Oak No. 25.....	A. H. Grant, proxy for H. P.
Jefferson No. 26.....	D. M. Winans, proxy for H. P.
Indian River No. 27.....	A. G. Basch, H. P.
Lakeland No. 29.....	Chas. K. Hanner, proxy for H. P.
Gadsden No. 30.....	B. J. Butler, proxy for H. P.
St. Petersburg No. 31.....	George H. Reese, H. P.
	Elmer M. Routson, K.
Jackson No. 32.....	G. A. Lambe, H. P.
Eustis No. 33.....	S. B. Jones, H. P.
Leesburg No. 34.....	Wm. Dunston, H. P.
Sarasota No. 35.....	Chas. Johnson, H. P.
Crestview No. 40.....	Mack Tyner, H. P.
Winter Haven No. 41.....	Ford J. DeHaven, H. P.
Highlands No. 42.....	N. T. Smith, proxy for H. P.
Clearwater No. 45.....	Joe Mitchell, H. P.
Duval No. 48.....	Rev. Robert Phillips, H. P.
Poinciana No. 50.....	Sumner R. Hall, proxy for H. P.
M. D. Cushing No. 54.....	Chas. A. Lews, H. P.
	A. Wayne Connor, K.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Alabama.....	Ralph J. Kishpaugh
Alberta.....	Cleveland R. Horne
Arkansas.....	Chas. A. Bangert
California.....	Spencer L. Houston
Colorado.....	Bradford C. Webb
Connecticut.....	M. Whipple Bishop
Delaware.....	Sumner R. Hall
District of Columbia.....	John E. Mattocks
Georgia.....	J. Lloyd Head
Illinois.....	Archie Aitchison
Kansas.....	Jesse C. Clark
Kentucky.....	T. P. Robinson
Maine.....	Mack Tyner
Manitoba.....	Ralph L. Gillett
Maryland.....	Henry O. Snow
Missouri.....	Cary B. Fish
Montana.....	G. Albert Lambe
Nebraska.....	Richard E. Halton
Nevada.....	Richard W. Ervin

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

New Jersey.....	Wm. L. Marshall
New Hampshire.....	Wm. R. O'Neal
New York.....	Joseph E. Herring
New Zealand.....	John D. Gove
North Dakota.....	Riley J. McMaster
Nova Scotia.....	T. Picton Warlow
Ohio.....	Dorsey H. Rutter
Oklahoma.....	William B. Greer
Oregon.....	Frederic A. Riegel
Queensland.....	John B. Phelps
South Dakota.....	Wm. R. O'Neal
Utah.....	Joseph R. Keller
Texas.....	Russell W. Houston
Wyoming.....	Emery G. Pierce

As the roll of Grand Representatives was called, the Grand High Priest had them line up West of the Altar where each one brought the greetings from their respective Grand Chapters which they represented, and they were all welcomed by the Grand High Priest.

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

RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS

J. E. Ramsdell	L. C. Bortle	Arthur S. Rhoads
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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

O. R. Klepper	George H. Reese	A. Shonberg
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PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES

G. A. Lambe	Ralph G. Reynolds	T. J. Price
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DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS

J. Russell West	Mack Tyner	Edward Gerrits
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THANKS

J. E. Winfield	J. Lloyd Head	Neil Strachin
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DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

John B. Phelps	Wm. R. O'Neal
R. J. Kishpaugh	Cleveland R. Horne

EDUCATIONAL LOAN

R. J. McMaster,	H. S. Chiles,
Chr. and Treas.	Sec'y.

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

W. S. Taylor—Three Years	Joel A. Fite—Two Years
H. O. Snow—One Year	

MEMORIALS

Dorsey H. Rutter	Earl L. Shriver
Harry L. Taylor	

The minutes of the last Annual Convocation having been printed and distributed, they were adopted as printed.

Motion made and carried that all Royal Arch Masons in good standing be admitted to seats in this Grand Convocation as visitors.

Fraternal greetings were received from members of the Florida Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons holding their 37th Annual Convention in Orlando, and the Grand Secretary was ordered to acknowledge same.

The Grand Secretary was directed to send telegrams of sympathy to Companion O. L. Vordermark who was quite ill.

The Grand Secretary read letters of regrets at their inability to be present at this Annual Convocation and expressing wishes for a pleasant and harmonious session, from Companions Dabney B. Palmer of Monticello and S. B. Sampson, Miami.

The Grand High Priest delivered the following address:

To the Companions of Grand Chapter:

I greet you on this, the 94th, Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter with the warmest affection and best wishes, a sentiment I am persuaded is reciprocated in full by all of you and with each of you.

We have met here this morning to review our works of the year just closing, and to analyze such mistakes as we may detect, correct them and lay down plans for a successful year to come.

It is no idle resounding of platitudes and pleasing eloquence to say unequivocally that the Nations of the world would do well to observe the manner and methods of Masons as they go about their work. If they would do as Masons do, meet in Annual Convocation with duly accerted representatives, and endeavor to correct such mistakes and errors as may have appeared, and lay down a policy of unselfishness, good will and good understanding, there would be an end to war and strife.

If this were done, the peoples of the world could turn their energy to peaceful pursuits, and live in contentment, happiness and prosperity.

In the present disordered condition of almost the entire world, such a hope appears beyond reach, but if thinking men will use their own minds as individuals and not permit a few self-chosen, selfish leaders, to upset the world with an insane desire for power, the present status of uncertainty, unrest and fear would come to an end. I know of no better class of men and I know of no organization that can come more nearly effecting this desired end than Masons and Masonry.

NECROLOGY

We are fortunate this year in having lost by death none of our Grand Officers. The Chapter and other York Rite Bodies in Orlando, however, suffered a severe loss in the death of E. P. H. P. Bert L. Blair, who passed away last November. He was largely instrumental in extending the invitation for our meeting in Orlando at this time. In this connection, I can think of no better tribute to offer to the memory of Companion Blair than to reproduce and excerpt from a letter written to me by E. D. D. G. H. P. J. E. Ramsdell. I quote:

"We have been rather handicapped here in Orlando since last November. As you know, our faithful Companion Blair, who had been secretary for all of us for some 21 years, was removed from us."

The Memorials Committee will take care of the further matters on Necrology.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

On April 10 I directed a letter to M. E. General Grand High Priest, John Huske Anderson, extending him an invitation to meet with us at this Convocation. I am pleased to advise that under date of April 12 I received a letter from him, in which he signified his intention of meeting with us. He will be received with appropriate honors at the proper time, and will address the Grand Chapter at a convenient hour.

I extended an invitation to Early H. Johnson, Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner of the General Grand Chapter to visit with us, but have not received notice that he will do so.

I have also invited Guy T. Smith, E. Grand Secretary of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Alabama; W. J. Penn, Jr., E. Grand Secretary of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Georgia; Joseph E. Quimby, E. Grand Secretary of the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania; Elmer F. Strain, E. Grand Secretary of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Kansas; Floyd T. Sumner, M. E. G. H. P. of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Vermont; Lee Allen, M. E. G. H. P. of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Washington; and Richard W. Worthington, M. E. G. H. P. of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Maryland, to meet with us, but they advise that they will be unable to do so.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES ACCREDITED.

I have accredited the following Grand Representatives, who were appointed on my recommendation:

Vermont, Jesse E. Ramsdell, Eureka Chapter No. 7, Orlando, vice Bert L. Blair, deceased.

Washington, W. S. Taylor, Gainesville Chapter No. 2, Gainesville.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED.

On recommendation of the M. E. G. H. P. of Virginia, I appointed Companion W. Norvell of Richmond, as our Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Virginia.

On recommendation of the M. E. G. H. P. of Maryland, I appointed E. P. H. P. Bernard Anderson of Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 25, Annapolis, as our Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Maryland.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BY-LAWS APPROVED

I have approved a Code of By-Laws for Gainesville Chapter No. 2, following closely the Uniform Code, but providing for life membership under certain conditions, bonding of treasurer and secretary, auditing of their books, and exemption of ministers from payment of all fees and dues except those charged by the Grand Chapter. These By-Laws provided that life membership shall accrue when a member has paid dues for thirty full years. My attention has since been called to the fact that this is in conflict with Regulation No. 43 as amended, and therefore is referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws for such consideration as may be deemed proper.

I have approved a change in the By-Laws of Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, reducing the fee for the several Degrees. Their printed Code of By-Laws appeared to me to be more or less outmoded, and I suggested that they recodify them and bring them up to date in conformity with the Uniform Code.

I have also approved an amendment to the By-Laws of Keystone Chapter No. 20, relating to a change in their regular meeting nights and the hour of meeting for certain periods of the year.

INTERPRETATION OF LAW.

Question No. 1—The High Priest of Clearwater Chapter No. 45 inquired if a member of another Chapter in another State could hold appointive office in this Chapter?

Answer—No, not even a member of another Chapter in this State.

Question No. 2—Query from E. D. D. G. H. P. W. E. Tanner: Is it required that the E. High Priest wear a hat, and if the R. W. Masters should be covered in working the Degrees?

Answer—Yes, in both cases.

DISPENSATIONS.

No dispensations have been granted during the year.

I received a request from Clearwater Chapter No. 45 for a dispensation to elect and install a Scribe who had been duly elected but who was not installed because it developed that he had been suspended from his Blue Lodge. I therefore advised the Chapter that no dispensation was neces-

sary, and cited them to Section 12 of Article 4 of the Constitution.

I have signed vouchers for the following expenditures:

Voucher No. 1	\$965.61	R. J. McMaster 1939 Annual Convocation Pay Roll
Voucher No. 2	29.78	Chas. A. Conover Dues to General Grand Chapter
Voucher No. 3	50.00	R. J. McMaster Salary, 1st Quarter
Voucher No. 4	325.00	Cary B. Fish Salary, 1st Quarter
Voucher No. 5	2250.00	J. E. Wall Three baby bonds \$1000 each
Voucher No. 6	18.75	Chas. A. Conover Rituals
Voucher No. 7	144.45	Masonic Home Press 400 copies of 1939 Proceedings
Voucher No. 8	75.00	Jesse C. Clark Expenses to General Grand Chapter
Voucher No. 9	50.00	R. J. McMaster Salary, 2nd Quarter
Voucher No. 10	325.00	Cary B. Fish Salary, 2nd Quarter
Voucher No. 11	18.75	Chas. A. Conover Rituals
Voucher No. 12	50.00	R. J. McMaster Salary, 3rd Quarter
Voucher No. 13	325.00	Cary B. Fish Salary, 3rd Quarter
Voucher No. 14	23.86	Masonic Home Press Certificates of Good Standing, Klasp envelopes, Letter Heads and envelopes
Voucher No. 15	8.00	Masonic Home Press Stamped Envelopes
Voucher No. 16	325.00	Cary B. Fish Salary, 4th Quarter
Voucher No. 17	50.00	R. J. McMaster Salary, 4th Quarter
Voucher No. 18	7.60	Cincinnati Regalia Co. Apron for P. G. H. P.
Voucher No. 19	12.59	Cary B. Fish Petty Cash items
Voucher No. 20	57.25	C. G. Braxmar Co. Inc. P. G. H. P.'s Jewel

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

VISITATIONS.

I have received numerous invitations during the year to visit the Chapters throughout the State, all of which I have had to regretfully decline, due to the close attention needed in the conduct of my private business, and my far removal from most of the Chapters in the State.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

I attended the 44th Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, at Charleston, South Carolina, October 25 & 26, 1939. M. E. Grand Secretary Cary B. Fish and M. I. Wm. C. Sessions, Grand Master of the Grand Council, Royal & Select Masters, were also present.

Charleston is of peculiar interest to the Masons of Florida, because it was to Charleston that Florida's second chartered Lodge was forced to flee from Pensacola when the Spanish recaptured Pensacola from the British in 1781. This was West Florida Lodge No. 1, chartered by the Provisional Grand Lodge over the Lodges of the Southern District of North America in 1771. This Lodge worked at Charleston by dispensation as a Florida Lodge until the Floridas were re-ceded to Spain by the English in 1783, but it continued to work at Charleston under a Pennsylvania Grand Lodge Warrant, and later under a South Carolina Grand Lodge Warrant, until 1881, when it gave up its charter.

The address of M. E. General Grand High Priest, Matison Boyd Jones, of California, was of outstanding interest. Among other things, he advocated, but did not specifically recommend, a General Grand Chapter publication. "An intimate knowledge of the Grand Chapter," he said, "is a rare thing, particularly among the Companions of Subordinate Chapters in the mainland and other lands where Subordinate Chapters exist," and he thought such a publication would bring both the Companions of the various Subordinate Chapters and the Subordinate Chapters as well in closer touch with the General Grand Chapter, and its activities.

He condemned one of America's most potential menaces, the various subversive organizations and societies springing up in this country, which he said were un-Christian, un-Masonic, and un-American. He listed many of them by name.

He quoted Lord MacCaulay, who wrote more than a hundred years ago, saying of the Western Republic:

"Your Republic will be as fearfully plundered and laid waste in the 20th Century as the Roman Empire was in the 5th Century, but the Huns and Vandals will have been engendered within your own institutions," and now, he said, "I summon all Royal Arch Masons everywhere to their full duty to their families, themselves, their country and their God."

Your Grand High Priest was honored with appointment on the Ritual Committee, and M. E. Cary B. Fish was reelected a Trustee of Permanent Fund.

During the last General Grand Chapter term, the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts advised the General Grand High Priest of its resignation from the General Grand Chapter. The General Grand High Priest took the position that no Grand Chapter could legally withdraw from the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and the Jurisprudence Committee concurred in his position, but recommended no punitive action, and concluded its report in this language:

"It is our hope, regardless of any question of legal status, that never (and particularly when in these days of stress the necessity for united action of bodies founded on principles like our own is so great) shall we be deprived of the fellowship and wise counsel of our Massachusetts Companions."

All of which was adopted by the General Grand Chapter.

Pennsylvania, Texas and Virginia are not members of the General Grand Chapter.

The next Triennial Convocation will be held in Salt Lake City in 1942.

I have returned to the M. E. Grand Treasurer \$28.00 of the appropriation made at last Grand Chapter for my expenses to the Triennial Convocation.

It is the thought of your Grand High Priest that the fact that the Grand High Priest to all intents and purposes, appoints a High Priest who takes office ten years hence is all wrong. Just how to correct this, I am in doubt, and would like for this Grand Chapter to take it under consideration and change this order of things if it sees fit. I have thought that the Deputy Grand High Priest should be dropped from the line of elective officers, and that no appointive officer should succeed himself until the lapse of at least one year.

I therefore recommend for the consideration of this Grand Chapter that effective with next year's appointive officers, they be not eligible to succeed themselves until the lapse of one year, but that this recommendation does not affect the present line of appointive officers.

I also recommend the consideration of a change in the Constitution so as to eliminate the office of Deputy Grand High Priest. The General Grand Chapter eliminated the office of Deputy Grand High Priest at the St. Louis Triennial in 1936, and at the Triennial of 1921, held at Asheville, ordered printed and distributed to the Grand Chapters a tentative recommendation that the various Grand Chapters eliminate the office of Deputy Grand High Priest.

Since this tentative recommendation was promulgated, the following states have taken action in accordance therewith: Alabama, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, West Virginia and Wisconsin, fifteen in all.

GOOD OF THE ORDER.

It is my observation that there is not enough activity among the Companions to interest the young Master Masons in Royal Arch Masonry.

If the young Master Mason could be made to understand that the symbolic Degrees of Masonry are only the beginning, representing a Temple uncompleted, and that Royal Arch Masonry not only completes that Temple, but uncovers for him that which was lost, there would be created in him an urge to complete that which he has started. Albert G. Mackey, one of the greatest—if not the greatest—Masonic student and author, said of the Holy Royal Arch:

"It is indescribably more august, sublime and important than any which has preceded it. The Holy Royal Arch is, in fact, the supreme summit and perfection of ancient Masonry."

It is my observation, experience and belief, that the best way to attract attention to Capitular Masonry is for the officers of the respective Chapters to commit to memory the ceremonies of opening, closing, and Degree work, and never have a book in sight. It is my experience that this is the only way that impressive Degree work can be done, and applies with equal force to the opening and closing ceremony. One of my District Deputies, and for obvious reasons I will not call his name, covers what I am trying to say in a very realistic manner. He writes:

"Our ritualistic work is beautiful and inspiring when properly done. The way it is being gone in some Chapters is disgusting and painful. Some officers never open their Rituals until they start to open the Chapter, and then not being familiar with the more or less simple words and Chapter Procedure, they stammer, stutter, stop, and read wrong responses until the opening ceremonies are a farce. In the Degree work it is the same—the candidate is not impressed."

This District Deputy mentioned a number of other things that might well be considered by the proper authorities, one of which is the Royal Arch Degree is too long, and by the time the Lecture is reached, everyone is tired and most of them gone home. He says too that there are too many repetitions of the explanations of pass words and too lengthy reading of certain scriptural readings, that they are "ofttimes read so poorly, it were better they were left off entirely". There are other explanations, too, he thinks could be easily shortened.

My reaction to his first stricture is that the officers should not have to open any books at all, and to the latter that it be referred to the proper authority for consideration. Indeed, I think it worthy of consideration.

In the Report of the Committee on Finance and Accounts appearing on page 29 of the 1939 Proceedings, I

find a recommendation, which was adopted, that Joppa Chapter No. 28 be relieved of its delinquent dues. Upon further investigation I find these dues amounted to \$298.00. I am unable to understand why any Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction should be thus favored. It is setting a most unusual and bad precedent. I do not admit that even the Grand High Priest himself had authority to lead Joppa Chapter No. 28 to believe that its delinquent dues would be remitted. I therefore recommend that the action of the 1939 Grand Convocation pertaining to the remission of the dues for Joppa Chapter No. 28 be reconsidered, and that Joppa Chapter be placed on the same 10% basis as other Chapters that were delinquent in their dues.

I have made diligent efforts, in close cooperation with the Grand Secretary, to have all Chapters make returns and remittances promptly. I am pleased to report that on the whole we have been gratifyingly successful.

Providence Chapter No. 38 has made no returns for 1938 or 1939, and owes a balance of \$27.00, old account, having made no payment since 1936. Unless this Chapter makes satisfactory arrangements with the Returns and Credentials Committee of this Grand Chapter, I recommend that its charter be forfeited.

Under and by virtue of the authority granted by the Grand Chapter of 1939 with regard to changes in the Districts, I reduced the number of Districts from ten to nine; I transferred Eustis Chapter No. 33 from the 5th to the 6th District; Lake Butler No. 19 to the 6th District; Providence No. 38 to the 7th District. The 8th District as now composed, comprises Florida No. 1, Jefferson No. 26, Gadsden No. 30, Jackson No. 32, and Live Oak No. 25. The 9th District as now composed, comprises Mt. Horeb No. 6 and Crestview No. 40.

The Secretary of DeFuniak Lodge No. 170, F. & A. M., reports that some Royal Arch Regalia formerly belonging to Walton Chapter No. 37, defunct, is stored in their rooms, and they want it removed. I recommend that this be referred to the incoming District Deputy Grand High Priest of the Ninth District for disposition.

During this session of Grand Chapter we will be favored with an address by our Grand Lecturer, M. E. P. G. H. P. Wm. B. Greer. His theme will be "There Are No Designs Upon The Trestle-board". I feel sure that he will have some-

thing interesting to say that will prove not only educational but beneficial. I earnestly urge that the Chapters make ready use of his services in preparing the officers for the ceremonies of opening and closing, and Degree work. His wise counsel and assistance will prove helpful in solving your Chapter problems and increasing interest in Royal Arch Masonry.

It has not been the custom of late years to confer any Degrees during the Convocation of Grand Chapter. The Regulations of this Grand Chapter provide that the M. E. Grand High Priest shall be the Committee on Work. At the last Grand Chapter I conferred with the Finance Committee and many other Companions about the desirability of having the several Degrees of the Chapter exemplified at this Grand Convocation. The suggestion met with hearty approval from all Companions, and I have accordingly arranged for Eureka Chapter No. 7 to exemplify the Mark Master Degree, and Monroe D. Cushing Chapter No. 54 to exemplify the Past Master Degree during this afternoon. I have also arranged for Ocala Chapter No. 13 to exemplify the Most Excellent Master Degree tonight. The original program was for St. Petersburg Chapter No. 31 to exemplify the Royal Arch Degree, but due to the absence of some of their officers, they advised me about three weeks ago that they would be unable to do so.

Jericho Chapter No. 11, however, graciously agreed to exemplify the Royal Arch Degree during tomorrow. I am looking forward to this Degree work with great pleasure, and feel certain that the Grand Chapter will provide the nominal expense incurred thereby.

I wish to thank the M. E. Grand Secretary and various D. D. G. H. P.'s for their helpfulness and splendid cooperation during the year, as well as many other Companions, too numerous to name. I am very glad indeed to report that there has been no unpleasantness anywhere in the Grand Jurisdiction, to my knowledge. While there is a slight loss in membership, the spirit of Royal Arch Masonry on the whole is encouraging. My stewardship is now before you for your review and consideration.

In conclusion I wish to express my thanks for the great honor conferred upon me a year ago, and I pass the

gavel on to my successor in full confidence that it is being placed in capable hands.

Fraternally Submitted,
Jesse C. Clark,

Grand High Priest.

Motion prevailed that the address of the Grand High Priest be referred to a committee on Distribution of subjects.

The Deputy Grand High Priest appointed as such committee Companions Bradford C. Webb, Chas. K. Hanner and H. D. Gilmore.

Companion John H. Anderson, M. E. General Grand High Priest was called upon and delivered an address stressing the tenets and objects of the several degrees of Masonry, and the principle of all the degrees was in building your own character and to strengthen one's belief in the Bible.

GRAND ORATION

Companion Wm. B. Greer delivered an especially fine oration, a copy of which is as follows:

NO DESIGNS UPON THE TRESTLE-BOARD

Most Excellent General Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, and Excellent Companions:

Those of us who attend the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida know that the most interesting event of the Grand Communication is the address of the Grand Orator. It has long been my opinion that this Grand Chapter would do well to imitate. About a year ago when I suggested to our Grand High Priest that we have an oration at this Convocation, little did I think that I would be given the honor of addressing you. I wish to express to our Grand High Priest my very great appreciation for this signal honor and to express the hope that at future Convocations abler thinkers and more eloquent speakers than I may grace this hour.

Companions, some of you may disagree with me as to my conclusion and there may also be disagreement as to the remedy. However, this is your privilege, but I earnestly request that if you disagree with me in any manner that

you do not keep your disagreement in a corner. Bring your ideas out and if they will work better than mine, I shall be the first one to team with you. My entire interest is centered in rescuing the Fraternity from the morass it appears to be in.

Someone has said that figures are always interesting. They are also revealing, startling, and disturbing under certain conditions. Arbitrarily taking the statistical reports of 1929 and 1939, it is found that the Grand Lodge of Florida has a net loss, over the period, of 12,449 members or 38.5 per cent of its 1929 membership. During the same period, this Grand Chapter has a net loss of 5,752 or 65.8 per cent of its membership and Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Florida lost 3,343 or 61.9 per cent of its 1929 membership. During the same period, the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star of Florida, which bases its membership upon Masonic affiliation, had a net loss of approximately 5,000 members. These figures revealed that there is something basically wrong. There is somewhere a weakness and we are doing very little to remedy the situation. During the period, we have heard many able and distinguished companions discuss the matter from nearly every angle. Most of them begin by asking, "What is the matter with Masonry?" Some speak to the subject, some speak from it, and some just wallow around. We have been reminded of the antiquity of the fraternity; we have been urged to emulate the examples of our ancient brethren; we have had explained the philosophy and tenets of the fraternity; we have been told how the practice of its principles inspire to nobler deeds, higher thoughts, and purer actions. We have been reminded that we should nourish the needy, refresh the weary, and pour the oil of joy into the hearts of the disconsolate. We have been inspired by the explanation of the mysteries of the letter "G" and we have been exalted by the imparting of the Secret Word. All this has been timely, needed, interesting, and strengthening to our attachment. Nearly all however conclude with the statement "There is nothing the matter with Masonry; the trouble is with us", to which I heartily agree. But agreement with the conclusion falls far short of the solution of the problem. I want to ask the question, "What is the matter with us?"

Some speakers lay the whole matter in the lap of the depression and with an air of finality and resignation leave it there. Companions, let us quit fooling ourselves about the economic depression. In my humble opinion, the depres-

sion has had very little to do with the situation in which we find ourselves. Let us, for a few minutes, make an analysis of our losses. We find that losses by death have been practically balanced by exaltations. Certainly the depression had nothing to do with these losses. Our second class of losses comes from dimissions; and a study of our statistics shows that dimissions during the period under consideration have been very little above normal. There are always some who are disappointed because their membership did not help their business, or did not further their political aspirations, or add to their social prestige. There are still others who wish honorably to discontinue an uninteresting connection. Therefore, the depression has played very little part in this class of losses. This leaves then the greater number of our losses through the N. P. D. route. Some would say, "Ah, ha, there is where the depression counts", but let us see. Take the average suspended companion and we find that he and his family are as well fed, as well clothed, ride in as good a car, take vacations, attend the shows, and do things in general perhaps beyond the means of some who have regularly paid their dues. From his manner of life, it is impossible to conclude that the little matter of \$3.00 or \$4.00 a year required in dues is the cause of his dropping out. There is something else fundamentally wrong.

The problem which presents itself does not appear to me to be petitions for membership, nor perfection of ritual, important as these things are. The problem which presents itself is one of retaining the membership which we have. Unless we can initiate a program, functioning on the side of human interest we shall soon not have the membership which is now on our rolls. If we can initiate such a program, the matter of new members and the matter of perfection of ritual will solve themselves.

We have a legend that once upon a time a great King went to view the progress in the construction of a magnificent temple. Upon arriving at the site, he found the craft in confusion and idleness. In surprise and anger he demanded of the Master in charge why the confusion and why the craft were not pursuing their labors. In the answer of the Master in charge of the workmen, I think we have the answer to my question. Calmly, the Master answered his King, saying, "There are no designs upon the trestle-board from which the craft can pursue their labors". And, truly can it be said that on the side of human interest, there are

no designs upon the trestle-board from which our craft can pursue their labors.

I have searched the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America in vain to find any designs upon its trestle-board. On page 40 of the 1939 General Grand Chapter proceedings, we find the suggestions of the General High Priest that General Grand Chapter become actively interested in some human enterprise. He reminds us that most Grand Lodges have their Masonic Homes; the Knights Templar have their educational loan fund; the Scottish Rite has its chairs in the universities; the Masonic Clubs have their scholarships; and the Shrine, their hospitals for crippled children—but General Chapter has nothing. This suggestion of our General Grand High Priest of 1939 received, so far as the proceedings reveal, no further consideration other than the recommendation found on page 96 of the proceedings, that a special committee be appointed to consider the matter. So far as the proceedings reveal, this committee was not appointed and thus was dismissed, or over looked—the only really important thing before the General Grand Chapter of 1939. (With this in view, we might be able to understand why the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts withdrew (or did it?) from General Grand Chapter.) In our own Grand Chapter there are no designs upon our trestle-board. The Grand Lodge of Florida is doing a magnificent work in the Masonic Home, a work that is too little known among the craft. I am delighted to see the Most Worshipful Grand Master making a drive to carry the information relative to this home to each and every member of the Craft. It is indeed a magnificent design. The Knights Templar of the State of Florida have their participation in the educational loan fund, but the rank and file of its membership knows entirely too little about its operation. I feel that this Grand Chapter should initiate some activity that will justify its existence on the side of human interest. The Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter of 1929 remarked to me that this Grand Chapter should shut up and go home, that it was not doing anything to justify its existence. I thought his remarks were treason and joined argument with him but to no avail. It has taken me ten years of study and observation to agree with him. My only criticism of him is that seeing this condition he made no attempt to correct prevailing conditions. Year after year, this Grand Chapter arrests charters of its constituent Chapters for the lack of

payment of dues without any inquiry as to why the Chapter did not pay its dues and without any assistance on the part of this Grand Chapter to function. No wonder I have had many Companions remark to me that Grand Chapter cares nothing whatever about the constituent Chapters or about the individual membership beyond collection of fees and dues.

We go to our constituent Chapters and I doubt if there are many of them where you can find any justification for their existence. In many of them, the officers cannot even do a good job of reading the ritualistic work and few of them have any human interest design upon their trestle-board.

I have long been impatient with criticism unaccompanied by some suggestion of remedy. I shall, therefore, not leave my subject criticized alone. As to the designs upon the trestle-board of this Grand Chapter, I wish to compliment our Grand High Priest on the fact that he has caused a degree team to be present at this Convocation to exemplify the ritualistic work. A number of years ago the exemplification of the ritual was a regular feature on our program, but on account of the expense of bringing the degree team to Grand Chapter, it was dropped. I wish to remind you, Companions, that unless we spend some money soon we won't have any money to spend. I hope that this design will be kept upon our trestle-board in future Convocations; however, this is insufficient to bring back the interest which should be here.

If we would continue to exist as a Grand Chapter our constituent Chapters must initiate programs on the side of human interest. When we view the work of the average Chapter it is little wonder that the membership stays away. If there is no degree work the officers meet, open the Chapter in a more or less listless manner, read the minutes and ask if any companion has anything to bring before the Chapter. No Masonic work having been assigned, there are, therefore, no reports and the Chapter closes. If there is degree work, it is done in a more or less shipshod manner and we fail to impress the candidate with the beauties of the ritual. We must begin to function on the side of human interest. There are so many things that our Chapters might do in this connection that it might be well for each Chapter to initiate its own program. I would suggest among other things that the Chapters give evidence of their interest in

the individual members and free ourselves of the charge that we are interested only in the collection of fees and dues. If a companion is sick or in distress, have a committee from the Chapter visit him, show our interest in him, and tender him whatever assistance may be required. If a companion passes away let that same committee continue to function as advisory to the family. One of my fondest recollections is that of having been appointed on a committee to visit a sick companion. When the committee called, the companion was so ill that he paid no attention to us until he was told that we were representatives of his Chapter come to express their sympathy and hope for his early recovery and to offer whatever assistance might be necessary. The face of the sick man lighted and weakly his hand came out. A week later, the companion passed away. The committee continued to function, doing what was necessary in assistance of the bereft family, returned to the home with them after the funeral and advised them that the committee was at their service for whatever might be necessary. It became necessary that the daughter obtain a position to make a living for herself and her mother. Within a week after our companion's death the young lady had a good position through the efforts of the committee and in that position she remains today and is making good. My only regret is that we do not have more committees like this one in our Chapter. Chapter meetings are rendered more interesting by the reports of these committees.

The second design that I would suggest that this Grand Chapter put upon its trestle-board is an educational campaign on the side of loyalty and fidelity to the democracies of our country. Unless something is done and done speedily this country of ours faces a crisis from within. Free Masonry, of which we are a part, is the mother of democracy. In 1776, when the greatest document of human liberty was penned by a Mason, adopted by a convention presided over by a Mason and composed almost entirely of Masons, the principles of democracy were not taught in any institution save the Masonic Fraternity, Governments of that day and time opposed Masonry for the reason that the democratic idea it encouraged was an encroachment upon the prerogatives of the King. The great church organizations of the day were also opposed for the reason that Masonry did not recognize the all sufficiency and dogma of any particular organization. The great fundamental right to worship according to the dictates of our own conscience, the right to

the pursuit of happiness, and the right of liberty and justice to all, were taught only inside the walls of the Fraternity. Among the first to yield their lives in defense of our liberty were members of the fraternity and all of the commanding officers of the Revolution, except one, were Masons. Practically every man who had any major part in the institution of our constitutional government was a Mason. Masonry is not only the mother of democracy but the fraternity that nurtured it and if our democracy is to be saved from the various "isms" from without and from within, the job is ours. When democracy goes, Masonry must go with it. To proclaim denunciation is useless, to hurl anathemas is puerile. At a time when the enemies of freedom are active and aggressive, we must meet the subversive elements in our country with loyalty and fidelity unquestioned and be ready with our time and substances, and our lives, if necessary, to defend the heritage which is ours. It makes very little difference to the most of us who have, at most, but a few years to live. It might be said that our race will end with the ending day, but what about those who have a right to look to us. We should enlist ourselves for the little bare-foot boy in the street and resolve that we will hand down to him unimpaired the heritage which has been ours. Let us then have a program of loyalty and fidelity to the ideals of human liberty that is taught within our walls.

Let us then, Excellent Companions, be-stir ourselves not only in ritualistic work but on the side of human interest. Let us be faithful and loyal to the things of the fraternity and let us hand to our posterity unimpaired the two greatest man-made things on the face of the earth—the Masonic Fraternity and the democracy which it mothered and nurtured and which, under God, it will preserve.

I thank you.

The Grand High Priest announced that at 2:00 o'clock this afternoon the Mark Master's Degree would be exemplified by Eureka Chapter No. 7, to be followed immediately by the exemplification of the Past Master's Degree by Monroe D. Cushing Chapter No. 54.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, to be called on again at the completion of the Past Master's Degree.

GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA
IN GRAND CHAPTER

Tuesday, May 21, 4:20 P. M.

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

Minutes of morning session were read and adopted.

The Grand Secretary made the following report which was received and that portion referring to finance was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts and the balance adopted:

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT—1940.

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

I have the honor of reporting the doings of the Grand Secretary's office for the year ending May 21st, 1940.

COMMISSIONS.

The M. E. Grand High Priest has recommended as Grand Representative of Indiana near the Grand Chapter of Florida, Companion Raymond A. Williams, whose commission has been received and mailed to him.

Commissions as Grand Representatives of the Grand Chapter of Florida near other Grand Jurisdictions have been prepared and mailed out by order of the M. E. Grand High Priest, as follows:

British Columbia.....Companion John Coles, May 23, 1939.
Maryland.....Companion Bernard Anderson, April 20, 1940.
Virginia.....Companion W. Norvell Woodward, April 20,

All the Commissions which had not been received before the last Grand Convocation have since been received and mailed out.

RETURNS

All Chapters have made correct returns, except providence No. 38, and St. Augustine No. 17, who have made no returns and all have paid dues except those who have made no returns and Plant City No. 16. Fines have been assessed against the following Chapters, to wit: Plant City No. 16 of \$5.00; St. Augustine No. 17 of \$5.00; Thomas-Brown No. 22 of \$5.00; Gadsden No. 30 of \$5.00; Leesburg No. 34 of \$5.00; and Providence No. 38 of \$5.00. None of these fines have been collected.

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There is still owing on old accounts not including this years deficits, the following:

Plant City No. 16 \$98.00
 St. Augustine \$118.00
 Lake Butler No. 19 \$8.00
 Live Oak No. 25 \$180.00 it having paid \$20.00 on account.
 Providence No. 38 \$27.00 and 1938 dues.

STATISTICS

Number of members last year.....	2,978
Exalted	78
Reinstated	50
Affiliated	157
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	3,135
Died	57
Dimitted	29
Suspended N. P. Dues.....	92
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	178
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	2,957

Net loss..... 21
 St. Augustine No. 17 and Providence No. 38 have not filed returns to date.
 Number of Ministers..... 165
 Number of Emeritus..... 195
 Number of Members of Subordinate Chapters who pay no dues to Grand Chapter..... 360
 Net loss this year..... 21
 Present membership shown by returns received..... 2,911

Fraternally submitted,

Cary B. Fish,

Grand Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—1940

Cary B. Fish

Grand Secretary

In account with the M. E. Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Florida:
 1939.

RECEIPTS

May 16, Jericho No. 11 from Credential Committee.....	\$ 2.00
Leesburg No. 34 from Credential Committee.....	44.00
June 12, Sarasota No. 35 on account—dues.....	40.00
Sale of rituals at various dates.....	49.00
Sept. 30, Bay County No. 39 old dues found by J M. Rowan.....	7.00
Oct. 30, J. C. Clark, rebate from amt. for attendance G.G.C.....	28.00
Dec. 27, Jefferson No. 26, dues.....	39.00

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Jan. 6, Monroe No. 15 on account of dues.....	50.00
12, Sarasota No. 35 on account dues.....	25.00
17, Lake Worth No. 24 dues.....	166.00
20, Lake Butler No. 19, dues.....	7.00
26, Jackson No. 32, dues.....	44.00
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	1.00
Feb. 8, Sale of ritual.....	36.00
12, Manatee River No. 18, dues.....	52.00
13, Joppa No. 28 dues.....	30.00
14, Monroe No. 15, dues.....	96.00
15, Mount Horeb No. 6, dues.....	48.00
15, Crestview No. 40, dues.....	39.00
16, Putnam No. 9, dues.....	210.00
17, St. Petersburg No. 31, dues.....	130.00
24, Tampa No. 3, dues.....	26.00
29, Hill City No. 55, dues.....	1.50
29, Sale of constitutions.....	286.00
March 1, Jacksonville No. 12, dues.....	199.00
5, Jericho No. 11, dues.....	2.00
5, Sale of rituals.....	47.00
18, St. Johns No. 4, dues.....	1.00
18, Tampa No. 3 balance of dues.....	129.00
18, Eureka No. 7, dues.....	63.00
18, Halifax No. 5, dues.....	2.50
20, Sale of ritual and constitution.....	59.00
20, Indian River No. 27, dues.....	54.00
22, Monroe D. Cushing No. 54, dues.....	

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

29, Winter Haven No. 41, dues.....	61.00
30, Clearwater No. 45, dues.....	18.00
30, Florida No. 1, dues.....	110.00
30, Keystone No. 20, dues.....	88.00
April 1, Live Oak No. 25, dues and on old account.....	96.00
1, Poinciana No. 50, dues.....	35.00
1, Duval No. 48, dues.....	37.00
1, Highlands No. 42, dues.....	49.00
16, Eustis No. 33, dues.....	31.00
16, Ocala No. 13, dues.....	91.00
16, Lakeland No. 29, dues.....	45.00
1, Dade City No. 8, dues.....	17.00
28, Gainesville No. 2, dues.....	76.00
May 1, Gadsden No. 30, dues.....	59.00
7, Lessburg No. 34, dues.....	35.00
13, Thomas-Brown No. 22, dues.....	49.00

\$2,910.00

DISBURSEMENTS

All the receipts have been turned over to the Grand Treasurer, as received, and his receipts are here for use of the finance committee.

VOUCHERS DRAWN

Voucher No. 1. For 1939 pay roll.....	\$ 965.61
2. Dues to General Grand Chapter.....	29.78
3. Grand Treasurer's Quarterly salary.....	50.00
4. Grand Secretary's Quarterly salary.....	325.00
5. Investment of Grand Chapter funds.....	2,250.00
6. Purchase of rituals.....	18.75
7. Printing of 1939 proceedings.....	144.45
8. Expense of Grand High Priest to G. G. Chap.....	75.00
9. Grand Treasurer's Quarterly salary.....	50.00
10. Grand Secretary's Quarterly salary.....	325.00
11. Purchase of rituals.....	18.75
12. Grand Treasurer's Quarterly salary.....	50.00
13. Grand Secretary's Quarterly salary.....	325.00
14. Klasp envelopes & letter heads.....	23.86
15. Stamped envelopes.....	8.00
16. Grand Secretary's salary for quarter.....	325.00
17. Grand Treasurer's salary for quarter.....	50.00
18. Past Grand High Priest's apron.....	7.60
19. Petty cash spent by Grand Secretary.....	12.59
20. Past Grand High Priesst Jewel.....	57.25

\$5,111.64

GAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA

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

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

May 15, 1940

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

Your Grand Treasurer submits the following report:

1939		\$5,456.36
May 15	Balance Page 18, Proceedings 1939	
	Received from Grand Secretary.....	2,910.00
	Interest Savings account.....	31.23
		2,941.23
		8,397.59

Disbursements

Warrants 1 to 20 inc.....	5,111.64	5,113.24
Bank Service charge.....	1.60	
		3,284.35
Balance May 1, 1940.....		2,250.00
		5,534.35
U. S. Baby Bonds.....		
May 15, 1940 Cash and Bonds.....		
First National Bank of Tampa		
Checking account.....	2,377.60	
Savings account.....	906.75	
U. S. Baby Bonds.....	2,250.00	5,534.35

GRAND CHAPTER EDUCATIONAL FUND

1939		309.36
May 15	Balance Page 18, Proceedings 1939.....	5.61
	Received from Secretary.....	4.61
	Interest	
		319.58
	Balance May 15, 1940.....	

Fraternally submitted,

R. J. McMaster,

Grand Treasurer.

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

EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND

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

Secretary's Report as of May 1st, 1940.

1939

May 1, 1939 Bank Balance.....		309.36	
Receipts			
Paid on Loans.....	\$5.00		
Paid on Interest.....	5.00		
Bank Interest.....	4.61	\$14.61	
Disbursements			
Secretary's Fees.....	2.50		
May 1, 1939 Due Secretary.....	1.89	4.39	
Deposits.....			5.61
Bank Interest Collected by Treasurer.....			4.61
May 1, 1940 Bank Balance.....			\$319.58

Fraternally submitted,
Herbert S. Chiles,
Secretary.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF TAMPA
Tampa, Florida

Grand Chapter RAM of Florida Tampa, Florida
Gentlemen: May 17, 1940.

Attention: Mr. R. J. McMaster Treasurer

This is to certify that the balances standing to the credit of the Grand Chapter RAM of Florida on our books at the close of business May 15, 1940 were:

GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA 33

Checking Account	\$2,377.60
Savings Account	906.75
Savings Account, Educational Fund	319.58

Yours very truly,
E. C. SCHOEN,
Cashier.

GCB:MC

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

RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS

Grand Chapter of Florida Royal Arch Masons:

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

We find the following Chapters have made returns, but are not represented:

Dade City No. 8, Putnam No. 9, Plant City No. 16, Lake Butler No. 19, Joppa No. 28 and Hill City No. 55.

We have made the following collections:

Mt. Horeb No. 6.....	\$ 1.50
Plant City No. 16.....	23.00
St. Augustine No. 17.....	25.00
Keystone No. 20.....	1.00
Thomas Brown No. 22.....	2.00
Indian River No. 27.....	1.00
Providence No. 38.....	13.55

Fraternally submitted,
L. C. Bortle,
J. E. Ramsdell,
Arthur S. Rhoads,
Committee.

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
MEMORIALS

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions:

We render praise to the Great I Am that the active lines of our Official family remains unbroken and this is true also of the General Grand Chapter. What a joy is ours that today we meet as Companions beloved.

Fraternalism is the composite of all virtues. Its riches are eternal, its labors perpetual and its reward, peace at death. True companionship is the rainbow of protection in life's storms and the hidden pot of gold at the dipping end of its colors, is the immortal life beyond.

Men are enabled to endure the hardships of life by the practice of "Faith, hope and love but the greatest of these is love". David in the anguish of his soul cried out when Jonathan, his Companion was slain, "I am distressed for thee, my Brother Jonathan: very pleasant hast thou been unto me: thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women".

And this human-divine love is secure above the clutching hand of death. We are united in a holy Brotherhood in this life, and as Companions, we shall roam together the fields of eternity for we are immortal. Thus it is with us in the glorious bonds of Royal Arch Companionship. Death cannot, and does not divide us for we who remain also belong to the eternities.

Fadeless are the memories of those who have passed into the White Veil there to dwell forever in the presence of the Supreme called fifty-seven from our Subordinate Chapters but these dear Companions live in our memories and their words and influence go on in our midst.

In the light of the truth as revealed in the Great Light in Masonry, "Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they rise", it is highly proper therefore, for us to pause for a few moments in our work to honor them and to refresh our souls at the fountain of remembrance.

With this divine assurance my Companions, we are summoned to carry on the noble and glorious work of rebuilding the House of the Lord.

This is no time for weaklings, but our task calls for men of faith and courage, inspired by their mission to compel success.

"The crest and crowning of all good,
Life's final star is Brotherhood;
For it will bring again to earth
Her long lost Word and mirth.
It will send new light on every face,
A kingly power upon the race.
And 'til it comes, we men are slaves,
And travel downward to the dust of graves.

Come, clear the way, then clear the way,
Blind kings and creeds have had their day;
Break the dead branches from the path.
Our home is in the aftermath;
Our hope is in heroic men,
Star-led to build the world again.
To this event the ages run.
Make way for Brotherhood—make way for Man."

(Markham)

Death is no respecter of either person or exalted rank. From other Grand Jurisdictions we have to record the passing away into the great beyond many Companions who having traveled the rough and rugged road have been granted admission into the Holy of Holies there to dwell in the Companionship of the Great High Priest of the Universe. Their names follow:

ALABAMA—Robert S. Teague, Past Grand High Priest, born in Greenville, Alabama, January 22, 1868, died in Montgomery, Alabama, January 1, 1940.

William Samuel Gamble, Grand King, born in Webb, Alabama, December 14, 1889, died in Dotham, Alabama, April 12, 1940.

ARIZONA—Morris Goldwater, Past Grand High Priest, born at London, England, January 16, 1852, died in Prescott, Arizona, April 11, 1939.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—Henry Giegerich, Past Grand Z of G. C. of B. C., born April 24, 1860, died March 10, 1940.

CANADA—William Nisbet Ponton, Past Grand First Principal, Z, born January 22, 1855, died September 6, 1939.

COLORADO—Robert Alexander Steen, Past Grand High Priest, born at Bridgewater, Pennsylvania, May 5, 1851, died at La Junta, Colorado, April 30, 1939.

Jethro Cornell, Past Grand High Priest, born in South Dartmouth, Massachusetts, March 5, 1855, died at Fontana California, December 16, 1939.

DELAWARE—Alexander T. Taylor, Past Grand High Priest, born in Dover, Delaware, February 9, 1875, died in Wilmington, Delaware, February 27, 1940.

GEORGIA—William A. Simmons, Grand Chaplain, Emeritus, born in Forsyth County, Georgia, 1853, died in Hapeville, Georgia, June 15, 1939.

F. A. Johnson, Past Grand High Priest, born in Jacksonville, Alabama, September 9, 1866, died in Atlanta, Georgia, March 31, 1940

ILLINOIS—William A. Eichler, Past Grand High Priest, born in Chicago, Illinois, December 25, 1869, died in Chicago, Illinois, December 7, 1939.

Sylvester Omar Spring, Past Grand High Priest, born in Pittsfield, Illinois, January 30, 1850, died in Bonne Terre, Missouri, January 27, 1940.

KENTUCKY—Isaac Thomas Woodson, Past Grand High Priest, born in Woodsonville, Kentucky, December 16, 1872, died at Louisville, Kentucky, July 11, 1939.

John C. Worsham, Past Grand High Priest, born May 16, 1878, died, September 29, 1939.

James Garnett, Past Grand High Priest, born in Columbia, Kentucky, November 15, 1871, died in Louisville, Kentucky, December 22, 1939.

LOUISIANA—Emerson H. Addington, Past Grand High Priest, born in Winchester, Indiana, May 13, 1858, died in New Orleans, Louisiana, August 21, 1939.

Guy W. Hopkins, Past Grand High Priest, born in Freedom, New York, December 18, 1869, died at Lafayette, Louisiana, February 22, 1940.

MANITOBA—Malcolm Render, Past Grand Third Principal, born in Winchester, Ontario, September 23, 1879, died in Hartney, Manitoba, November 27, 1939.

Henry Lamont Adolph, Past Grand First Principal, born in Brent, Ontario, February 23, 1862, died at Brandon, Manitoba, February 25, 1940.

MICHIGAN—George King Phillips, III, Past Grand High Priest, born at Grandville, Michigan, July 8, 1869, died in Mackinaw City, Michigan, July 7, 1939.

Donald Maxwell Wilson, Past Grand High Priest, born in Sheridan, Michigan, September 23, 1886, died in Benton Harbor, Michigan, August 27, 1939.

MONTANA—Charles A. Rasmusson, Past Grand High Priest, born in Tonder, Denmark, January 17, 1876, died at Billings, Montana, December 12, 1939.

NEBRASKA—Burt L. Spellman, Past Grand High Priest, born in Atlantic, Iowa, January 14, 1874, died in Beatrice, Nebraska, May 19, 1939.

Oliver A. Fick, Past Grand High Priest, born in Orleans, Nebraska, April 4, 1888, died at Williams, Oregon, October 4, 1939.

NEW JERSEY—William H. Sebring, Past Grand High Priest, born in Sebring Mill, New Jersey, March 20, 1849, died at Clermont, Florida, February 10, 1940.

NEW YORK—T. Tracy Stagg, Past Grand High Priest, born in Elmira, New York, December 16, 1878, died at Ithaca, New York, July 14, 1939.

NOVA SCOTIA—Joseph William Boyd, Past Grand High Priest, born in Shelburne, Nova Scotia, December 28, 1861, died at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, June 9, 1939.

OHIO—William H. Tatem, Past Grand High Priest, born in Cincinnati, Ohio, November 3, 1876, died at Cincinnati, Ohio, November 11, 1939.

SOUTH DAKOTA—John E. Hipple, Past Grand High Priest, born in Perry County, Pennsylvania, July 20, 1865, died at Pierre, South Dakota, December 23, 1939.

TENNESSEE—Rufus Douglas Keller, Grand Scribe, born July 21, 1868, in Baileyton, Tennessee, died at Greenville, Tennessee, January 3, 1940.

TEXAS—Charles Leslie Alderman, Past Grand High Priest, born in Joy, Ohio, August 23, 1862, died in McConnelsville, Ohio, October 5, 1939.

Sam Johnson Helm, Past Grand High Priest, born in Bowling Green, Kentucky, April 1, 1877, died at Georgetown, Texas, March 9, 1940.

VIRGINIA—Charles Hill Ergenbright, Past Grand High Priest, born in McGaheysville, Virginia, May 6, 1865, died in Richmond, Virginia, October 28, 1939.

WASHINGTON—John M. Arntson, Past Grand High Priest, born in Wisconsin, June 21, 1858, died in Tacoma, Washington, January 5, 1940.

William Thomas Drips, Past Grand High Priest, born in Eden Township, Iowa, August 7, 1866, died at Montesano, Washington, February 17, 1940.

WEST VIRGINIA—Ira Sankey Nichols, Past Grand High Priest, born June 20, 1878, died January 2, 1940.

Frederick Charles Steinbicker, Past Grand High Priest, born July 1, 1867, died February 2, 1940.
 Dr. William T. Morris, Past Grand High Priest, born February 26, 1880, died April 30, 1940.

WISCONSIN—Ralph G. Flanders, Past Grand Scribe, born in Oconto, Wisconsin, September 24, 1874, died at Oconto, Wisconsin, February 2, 1939.

George H. Keenan, Past Grand High Priest, born in Fitchburg, Wisconsin, August 18, 1868, died in Madison, Wisconsin, September 7, 1939.

WYOMING—Edward L. C. Schneider, Grand King, born in Waponeta, Ohio, December 2, 1867, died at Douglas, Wyoming, June 30, 1939.

Sleep on, O Companions, until the waking day.
 And ever we who loved your presence here
 Will keep for you, through changes manifold,
 A tender memory growing with the years.

D. H. Rutter,
 Committee.

The Grand High Priest announced that Ocala Chapter No. 13 would exemplify the Most Excellent Degree at 8:00 o'clock this evening and that the Order of High Priesthood would be held at 8:00 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, to resume labor at the close of the Most Excellent degree to-night.

IN GRAND CHAPTER

Tuesday, May 21st, 9:35 P. M.

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

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Your Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully reports that

we have examined the proceedings of last year and find nothing that requires our attention.

Fraternally submitted,
 George H. Reese,
 O. R. Klepper,
 A. Shonberg,
 Committee.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced that the Royal Arch Degree would be presented immediately after the order of High Priest hood to-morrow morning, this degree to be exemplified by Jericho Chapter No. 11. Immediately after the closing of the Royal Arch Degree, the Grand Chapter would resume labor.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment to resume labor Wednesday morning.

IN GRAND CHAPTER

Wednesday, May 22nd, 10:15 A. M.

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

Minutes of the evening session were read and approved.

The Royal Arch degree was exemplified by Jericho Chapter No. 11 of Miami upon E. D. Cook, A. J. Thomas and Eugene Tavel, who had received the former degrees in various Chapters in Grand Chapter as a courtesy for Eureka Chapter No. 7, Orlando.

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

PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES

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

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances is pleased to report that no matters have been referred to it for consideration. Peace and Harmony prevail throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,
 Ralph G. Reynolds,
 G. A. Lambe,
 T. J. Price,
 Committee.

Moved and carried that the Grand Chapter accepting an invitation to hold it's next Annual Convocation in any City, requests the local Chapter to furnish only the usual courtesies without any entertainment.

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 R. A. M. of Florida:

Your Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws reports that it has considered that portion of the M. E. Grand High Priest's Address pertaining to changes in by-laws of Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 and Keystone Chapter No. 20, and the Code of by-laws of Gainesville Chapter No. 2.

We recommend the approval of the action of the M. E. Grand High Priest in approving the changes in by-laws of Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 and Keystone Chapter No. 20.

We recommend the approval of the action of the M. E. Grand High Priest in approving the Code of by-laws of Gainesville Chapter No. 2, with the exception of Article XIII of said by-laws pertaining to Life Memberships conferred after payment of dues for thirty (30) years, which is in conflict with Grand Chapter Regulation No. 43.

We recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to direct Gainesville Chapter No. 2 to eliminate Article XIII from their by-laws, or to amend said Article to read:

"A member may become a Life Member only upon the payment of not less than fifty (\$50.00) dollars."

Fraternally submitted

Mack Tyner,
J. Russell West,
Edward Gerrits,
Committee.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts presented the following report:

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

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

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts submits the following report:

We have examined the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary and find them correct with a balance in the General Fund of \$5,534.35; also the books of the Treasurer and Secretary of the Educational Loan Fund and find them correct with a balance on hand of \$319.58.

General Fund distributed as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Checking Acct. First National Bank of Tampa (\$3,284.35) and U. S. Baby Bonds (2,250.00) totaling 5,534.35.

We recommend that the following appropriations be made from the General Fund:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Grand Secretary's Salary (1,300.00), Grand Treasurer's Salary (200.00), Expense of D. D. G. H. P. (100.00), and Pay Roll (1,085.79).

Expenses of Degree Teams

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Monroe D. Cushing Chap 54 (\$10.00), Ocala Chapter No. 13 (28.50), and Jericho Chapter No. 11 (30.50) totaling 69.00.

We also recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to purchase a Past Grand High Priest's Jewel and Apron for presentation to the M. E. Grand High Priest at our next Grand Convocation and that a warrant be drawn to pay for same.

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 expense of postage, printing, stationery and other incidentals for the use of the Grand High Priest, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer, and for the expense of the Grand High Priest and other Grand Chapter Officers making official visitations and that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay the same.

We further recommend that the fine of \$5.00 placed against Thomas-Brown Chapter No. 22, be remitted.

We wish to thank the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for their courtesy and cooperation.

Fraternally submitted,

H. O. Snow,
J. A. Fite,
W. S. Taylor,
Committee.

Motion was made that the fine mentioned in the report against Thomas-Brown Chapter No. 22, be remitted; be disapproved. A substitute motion was made that all fines be removed. The vote on the substitute motion was lost. The vote then upon the motion to disapprove the fine as set forth in the report was carried.

The report of the Finance Committee as thus amended was adopted.

The Committee on Distribution having previously made a verbal report, presented the following written report which was received and adopted.

DISTRIBUTION

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

Your Committee on Distribution to whom was referred the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest for Distribution of subjects, report as follows:

We recommend that that portion of the Grand High Priest's referring to finance, be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

That portion referring to dispensations and by-laws, be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws. The remainder of the address we recommend be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Fraternally submitted,

Bradford C. Webb,
Chas. K. Hanner,
H. D. Gilmore,

Committee.

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

THANKS

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

This Convocation has been made most pleasant in this City of Orlando by the friendly spirit shown us here, and the effort and labor of Companion Ramsdell, who succeeded Companion Bert L. Blair in the duties of preparations that were thrust upon him, he having performed that duty well; to him we extend our thanks.

And to Eureka Chapter No. 7, and the officers for use of their Lodge room and equipment and the exemplifying of the Mark Master's Degree, to Monroe D. Cushing Chapter No. 54 for exemplifying the Past Master's degree, Ocala Chapter No. 13 for exemplifying the Most Excellent and Jericho No. 11 for the Royal Arch.

To the Hotels and City Officials for their kindness to us while in their midst we extend our sincere thanks.

Fraternally submitted,

J. Lloyd Head,
Neil Strachan,
J. A. Winfield,

Committee.

The Committee on Jurisprudence presented the following report to which the Grand High Priest requested them to strike out that portion pertaining to Joppa Chapter No. 23, stating that this belonged to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

After this portion was taken out, the report was adopted.

JURISPRUDENCE

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

The Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred certain portions of the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, has considered same and make the following report:

His decisions in the matter of interpretation of questions submitted him are approved.

With reference to that portion of his address recommending the abolishment of the office of Deputy Grand High Priest, we disapprove same.

With reference to that portion of his address in which suggestions have been made to the effect that the Royal Arch degree is too long; that there is too much repetition of certain portions, we submit the following regulation:

It shall be the duty of the incoming High Priest to appoint a committee to be styled "Committee on Ritual" whose duty it will be to revise our present ritual, to receive suggestions from those interested, as to those portions that could be shortened or omitted, to the end that greater interest would be taken in conferring the various

Chapter Degrees. Such suggestions to be sent the Grand Secretary at least thirty (30) days before our Convocation.

With reference to that portion of his address concerning Joppa Chapter No. 28. This matter was thoroughly discussed in all its phases at our last Convocation and we feel nothing would be gained by reopening the question, and therefore we do not approve his recommendation. Ruled a matter for Finance Committee.

With reference to his recommendation; That appointive Officers not eligible for advancement, until one year after their appointment; we do not approve this, feeling that it would mitigate against the interests in the local Chapters.

In the matter of reducing the number of Districts from 10 to 9, having the Grand Chapters authority for this, we of course approve.

In the matter of Regalia from Walton Chapter, defunct, we approve his recommendation that the Deputy for District No. 9, be given full power to handle this to the best advantage, without any expense to the Grand Chapter.

In conclusion we are grateful to know that the various degrees are to be conferred at this session, and express the hope that much enthusiasm may be gained by the Representatives of this Convocation, and that they on their return may enlist a more hearty cooperation from their fellow Companions.

Fraternally submitted,

Joseph R. Keller,
T. Picton Warlow,
Wm. R. O'Neal,
H. O. Snow,
R. J. Kishpaugh,
R. J. McMaster,
Wm. B. Greer,
Archie Aitchison,
J. Lloyd Head,
John B. Phelps,
Committee.

The Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee then presented an amendment to Regulation No. 60, which amendment was thoroughly discussed.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, labor to be resumed at 2:30 P. M., with the discussion upon the amendment to Regulation No. 60 being the first order of business.

IN GRAND CHAPTER

Wednesday, May 22, 2:55 P. M.

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

Minutes of morning session were read and approved.

Companion Keller who presented the following amendment to Regulation No. 60 during the morning session, withdrew the same and asked that it be laid on the table to be taken up next year as unfinished business.

To amend that portion of Regulation No. 60, page 27 which relates to the transaction of business to read as follows:

5 members of any subordinate Chapter of which a Council Officer must be one together with 4 Companions of any other Chapter in good standing, may open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the transaction of any business and (or) for conferring degrees.

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

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT
FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

With reference to that portion of the M. E. Grand High Priest's address concerning Joppa Chapter No. 28 this matter was thoroughly discussed in all its phases at our last Annual Convocation and we feel that nothing would be gained by re-opening the question; therefore we recommend the matter be closed as per last year's proceedings.

Fraternally,

H. O. Snow,
J. A. Fite,
W. S. Taylor,
Committee.

Companion David Sroggs, D. D. G. H. P. invited the Grand Chapter to hold their next Annual Convocation in St. Petersburg in 1941. Upon motion the invitation was accepted.

Companion Phelps presented the following motion which was adopted:

That the Committee on Arrangements for the City so honored in holding the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, be required to submit a tentative program six weeks in advance of the date for said Annual meeting.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Companions A. Shonberg, D. M. Winans and Joe Mitchell as Tellers and the Grand Chapter proceeded with the Annual Election of Officers with the following result:

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

Dorsey H. Rutter.....	M. E. Grand High Priest
Frederic A. Riegel.....	R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest
Wm. L. Marshall.....	R. E. Grand King
Joseph E. Herring.....	R. E. Grand Scribe
Riley J. McMaster.....	M. E. Grand Treasurer
Cary B. Fish.....	M. E. Grand Secretary
Joseph R. Keller.....	M. E. Grand Chaplain

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

GRAND OFFICERS APPOINTED

H. S. Weber.....	E. Grand Capt. of the Host
G. Albert Lambe.....	E. Grand Prin. Sojourner
Harry R. Thompson.....	E. Grand Royal Arch Captain
Ralph L. Gillett.....	E. Grand Master 3rd Veil
Loren L. Dilger.....	E. Grand Master 2nd Veil
D. M. Winans.....	E. Grand Master 1st Veil
Arthur S. Rhoads.....	E. Grand Guard
Wm. B. Greer.....	M. E. Grand Lecturer

INSTALLATION

The Grand Officers Elected and Grand Officers Appointed were duly installed by Past Grand High Priest Joseph R. Keller as Installing Officer assisted by Past Grand High Priest Wm. B. Greer as Grand Marshal, with the Exception of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and

Grand Chaplain, they having been re-elected and the Grand Capt. of the Host having been re-appointed, their installation was not necessary at this time.

A Past Grand High Priest's Jewel and Apron were presented to the retiring Past Grand High Priest Jesse C. Clark, Companion H. O. Snow making the presentation.

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

DISTRICT No. 1

L. C. Bortle, 1924 S. W. 17th Ave., Miami	
Jericho No. 11	Lake Worth No. 24
Keystone No. 20	Joppa No. 28

DISTRICT No. 2

Lewis E. Stewart, Ft. Myers	
Poinciana No. 50	Sarasota No. 35
Manatee River No. 18	

DISTRICT No. 3

Chas. K. Hanner, Lakeland	
Plant City No. 16	Winter Haven No. 41
Thomas-Brown No. 22	Lakeland No. 29
Highlands No. 42	

DISTRICT No. 4

James Booth, St. Petersburg	
Tampa No. 3	St. Petersburg No. 31
Hill City No. 55	Clearwater No. 45
Dade City No. 8	M. D. Cushing No. 54

DISTRICT No. 5

J. E. Ramsdell, Box 1826, Orlando	
St. Johns No. 4	Halifax No. 5
Eureka No. 7	Indian River No. 27
Monroe No. 15	

DISTRICT No. 6

Chas. A. Bangert, Ocala	
Ocala No. 13	Gainesville No. 2
Lake Butler No. 19	Leesburg No. 34
	Eustis No. 33

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

DISTRICT No. 7

Norman C. Edwards, Hendricks Ave.,
So. Jacksonville

Putnam No. 9
Jacksonville No. 12

St. Augustine No. 17
Duval No. 48

DISTRICT No. 8

Richard W. Ervin, Tallahassee

Florida No. 1
Jefferson No. 26

Gadsden No. 30
Jackson No. 32

Live Oak No. 25

DISTRICT No. 9

J. L. Clary, Crestview

Mt. Horeb No. 6

Crestview No. 40

COMMITTEES

PRINTING

Cary B. Fish

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE

All Past Grand High Priests

EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND

R. J. McMaster Box 1810—Tampa

H. S. Chiles—Tampa

MEMORIALS

H. F. Bache,
Ft. Lauderdale

Robert Phillips,
So. Jacksonville

CORRESPONDENCE

Cary B. Fish

INVESTMENT

Riley J. McMaster

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

Ralph L. Gillett—Three Years

W. S. Taylor —Two Years

Joel A. Fite —One Year

RITUALS

Wm. B. Greer

Wm. L. Marshall

The M. E. Grand High Priest authorized the Grand
Officers to retain their jewels and aprons and have same on
hand at the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

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.

Dorsey H. Rutter,

Grand High Priest.

Attest:

Cary B. Fish

Grand Secretary.



Order of High Priesthood

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY MAY 22nd A. D. 1940

A. B. 3853

The Annual Assembly of the Order of High Priesthood was held in the Masonic Temple in the City of Orlando, Wednesday Morning, May 22nd A. D. 1940, A. B. 3853 at 8 o'clock.

Roll call showed all officers present except L. Earl Curry, E. Herald, and Loren L. Dilger. The Excellent President appointed Companions, R. H. Thompson as E. Herald and G. A. Lambe as E. Guard.

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

The Secretary-Treasurer made his report showing that he had spent one hundred dollars for Bibles, and that as treasurer he had \$250.00 in the Savings department of the Palmer National Bank and Trust Company in Sarasota, Florida.

Motion prevailed that his report be adopted.

The Election of officers resulted as follows:

William B. Greer.....	M. E. President
Archie Aitchison.....	E. Vice-president
Dorsey H. Rutter.....	E. Chaplain
Cary B. Fish.....	E. Secretary-Treasurer
J. Russell West.....	E. Master of Ceremonies
William L. Marshall.....	E. Conductor
L. Earl Curry.....	E. Herald
Joseph R. Keller.....	E. Steward
Loren L. Dilger.....	E. Guard

Bills for supplies amounting to one dollar were ordered paid.

Petitions for the Order were received from Present and Past High Priests, which were accepted and elected to receive the order, as follows:

Tom J. Price, High Priest of Gainesville Chapter No. 2
 Earl F. Shriver, High Priest of Eureka Chapter No. 7
 Russell W. Houston, High Priest of Jericho Chapter No. 11
 Edward Gerrits, High Priest of Jacksonville Chapter No. 12
 James A. Winfield, High Priest of Ocala Chapter No. 13
 Floyd L. Land, Past High Priest of Monroe Chapter No. 15
 Harold F. Bache, High Priest of Keystone Chapter No. 20
 K. T. Jones, Jr. Past High Priest of Lakeland Chapter No. 29
 George H. Reese, High Priest of St. Petersburg Chapter No. 31
 Charles H. Johnson, High Priest of Sarasota Chapter No. 35
 Ford J. DeHaven, High Priest of Winter Haven Chapter No. 41
 Rev. Robert Phillips, High Priest of Duval Chapter No. 48
 Charles A. Lewis, High Priest of Monroe D. Cushing Chapter No. 54

The above named candidates were all Consecrated and anointed in the Order of High Priesthood.

Motion prevailed that the Secretary-Treasurer be given \$25.00 for his services and expenses and that we give the Grand Chapter of Florida \$25.00 for printing our proceedings in the annual Grand Chapter Proceedings.

The minutes were read and adopted, and the Council closed with Prayer by the E. Chaplain at 10:00 O'clock A. M.

William B. Greer,
 President.

Cary B. Fish
 Secretary.

OFFICERS

OF THE

General Grand Chapter

1939—1942

John Huske Anderson	<i>General Grand High Priest</i>
Masonic Temple Raleigh, North Carolina	
William Edward Goff	<i>General Grand King</i>
98 North Ave. Battle Creek, Michigan	
Ray Vaughn Denslow	<i>General Grand Scribe</i>
Trenton, Missouri	
Edmund Elmer Morris.....	<i>General Grand Treasurer</i>
Union National Bank, Kansas City, Mo.	
Charles Arthur Conover	<i>General Grand Secretary</i>
95 W. Chicago Street, Coldwater, Mich.	
Wilber Allen Scott	<i>Gen. Grand Captain of the Host</i>
87 Weybosset St., Providence, R. I.	
Early Hurt Johnson	<i>Gen. Grand Principal Sojourner</i>
Court House, Columbus, Ga.	
Edward Whipple Spottswood	<i>Gen. Grand Royal Arch Captain</i>
Missoula, Montana	
Fred Herbert Pocock	<i>General Grand Master 3rd Veil</i>
707 Court Street, Fort Wayne, Ind.	
Earl Elliot Dusenbery	<i>General Grand Master 2nd Veil</i>
209 Masonic Temple, Des Moines, Iowa.	
John Mason Dunlap.....	<i>General Grand Master 3rd Veil</i>
Masonic Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah	
Harry Warner Harvey.....	<i>General Grand Custodian of Work</i>
7211 University Ave., Chicago, Ill.	
Charles R. Shields.....	<i>General Grand Sentinel</i>
Masonic Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah	

TRUSTEES OF THE PERMANENT FUND

John W. Neilson, (1942)	Concordia, Kansas
William T. S. O'Hara, (1945)	503 Gardner Building, Toledo, Ohio
Cary B. Fish, (1918)	471 W. 9th St., Sarasota, Florida (Chairman)

The next Triennel will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1942.

LIVING PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS IN GOOD STANDING,
WITH THEIR YEAR OF SERVICE AND ADDRESS.

- 1906. Joseph R. Keller, 309 W. Jackson St., Pensacola.
- 1910. T. Picton Warlow, Orlando.
- 1911. Frank B. Stoneman, % Miami Herald, Miami.
- 1916. William R. O'Neal, Orlando.
- 1917. Dabney B. Palmer, Monticello.
- 1920. Henry O. Snow, 1903 Grand Central Ave., Tampa.
- 1921. John L. Hall, City Hall, Jacksonville.
- 1922. Ralph J. Kishpaugh, P. O. Box 429, West Palm Beach.
- 1924. Earl L. Wirt, Babson Park.
- 1925. T. T. Todd, Pensacola.
- 1926. E. L. Shear, 147 Fairview Ave., Daytona Beach.
- 1927. Cary B. Fish, 471 W. 9th Street, Sarasota.
- 1928. Riley J. McMaster, P. O. Box 1810, Tampa.
- 1929. John Pasco, P. O. Box 47, Raleigh, N. C.
- 1930. Stafford Caldwell, Tallahassee.
- 1931. Alex B. Steuart, % State Road Department, Tallahassee.
- 1932. William B. Greer, Quincy.
- 1934. Archie Aitchison, 2600 Fairfield Ave., St Petersburg.
- 1935. George A. Dame, Inverness.
- 1936. Cleveland R. Horne, Tallahassee.
- 1937. J. Lloyd Head, Masonic Temple, Jacksonville.
- 1938. John B. Phelps, P. O. Box 283, Miami.
- 1939. Jesse C. Clark, P. O. Box 521, Pensacola.

GRAND SECRETARIES

STATE	NAME	ADDRESS
General Grand Chapter	Charles A. Conover	Coldwater, Michigan.
Alabama	Guy T. Smith	Montgomery
Alberta	C. A. MacPherson	Calgary, 1412 2nd. St., W.
Arizona	H. A. Drachman	Tucson, Box 229.
Arkansas	John Q. Wolf	Batesville
British Columbia	J. W. Prescott	Vancouver,
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1887	Angus Patterson*	Marcus Endel*	F. S. Goodrich*	R. A. Montsalvige*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1888	Marcus Endel*	Fred S. Goodrich*	Wm. M. McIntosh*	Chas. H. Munger*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
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1894	Wm. M. McIntosh*	John H. Stevens*	Wm. H. Jewell*	Warren Tyler*	Wilber P. Webster*	W. A. McLean*	Irving E. Webster*
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1927	Cary B. Fish*	Cary B. Fish*	Cary B. Fish*	Stafford Caldwell*	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	W. B. Y. Wilkie*
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Lecsburg	34	Wm. Dunstan	Walter H. Dicks	D. F. Cox	Albert Bragdon	J. R. Fosgram	Lecsburg
Sarasota	35	Chas. Johnson	Stephen Krupper	Royal Bismark	Edwin Marsh	Frederic A. Riegel	Sarasota
Crestview	40	Mack Tyner	E. A. Fleming	Jack Brett	C. L. Campbell	J. L. Clary	Crestview
Winter Haven	41	Ford J. DeHaven	Harry J. Guy	Paul W. Carter	E. R. Dantzier	C. A. Seymour	Winter Haven
Highlands	42	Thomas O. Brown	C. V. Gridler	Thomas S. Wilson	F. M. Smith	Douglas G. Perry	Avon Park
Clearwater	43	Joe Mitchell	Leland Randolph	George Norman	Charlie Shaw	Charles Shaw	Clearwater
Duval	48	Rev. Robt. Phillips	W. W. Morgan	J. R. Cordell	N. C. Edwards	Carl R. Leavitt, Sr.	2105 Kings Ave., South Jacksonville
Poinciana	53	Wm. S. Prince	Fred J. Honor	Joseph D. Denman	Sumner R. Hall	Joe E. Shofner	Fort Myers
M. D. Cushing	54	Chas. A. Lewis	A. Wayne Connor	Walter J. Peay	V. M. Douglas	John A. Kerr	610 Madison St., Tampa
Hill City	55	Wm. F. Stevens	Clyde Lanier	A. G. Frindy	A. G. Keathley	A. Keathley	Brooksville

STATISTICS—1939.

CHAPTERS	STATISTICS—1939.														
	Number	Membership Last Year	Exalted	Reinstated	Affiliated	Total	Died	Dimitted	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended U. M. C.	Present Membership	Net Gain	Net Loss	Ministers	Emeritus
Florida	55	1111	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Gainesville	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Tampa	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
St. Johns	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Halifax	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mt. Hope	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Eureka	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Dade City	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Putnam	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Jericho	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Jacksonville	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ocala	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Monroe	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Plant City	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
St. Augustine	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Manatee River	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lake Butler	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Keystone	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Thomas-Brown	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lake Worth	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Live Oak	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Jefferson	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Joppa	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lakeland	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Gadsden	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
St. Petersburg	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Jackson	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Eustis	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lecsburg	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sarasota	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Crestview	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Winter Haven	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Highlands	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Clearwater	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Duval	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Poinciana	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
M. D. Cushing	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Hill City	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
EXALTED	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
REINSTATED	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
AFFILIATED	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
DIED	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
DIMMITTED	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
SUSPENDED, N. P. D.	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
SUSPENDED, U. M. C.	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
NET GAIN	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
NET LOSS	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
MINISTERS	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
EMERITUS	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
TOTAL	2,911	2,911	2,911	2,911	2,911	2,911	2,911	2,911	2,911	2,911	2,911	2,911	2,911	2,911	2,911

SUMMARY

Exalted	78
Reinstated	50
Affiliated	29
Died	57
Dimitted	28
Suspended, N. P. D.	92
Suspended, U. M. C.	0
Net Loss	21
Present membership	2,911

Regulations

Adopted Since Publication of Digest

Regulation No.

Subordinate Chapters may hold regular or special convocations in any Lodge room within their territorial jurisdiction for the purpose of creating interest in Capitular Masonry, and at such convocations may transact such business as is prescribed by its by-laws. All such convocations shall be reported to the Grand High Priest.

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Regulation No. 43. Amended to read as follows:

Chapters may provide for life membership in their by-laws, but no life membership shall be granted for less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), provided nevertheless that in the event of the death of said member, any sum paid for said membership shall revert to the Chapter.

Chapters must pay annual dues to the Grand Chapter for all life members.

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Regulation No. —.

All members in good standing in chapters whose charters have been surrendered or suspended, shall be furnished with a certificate of good standing by the Grand Secretary for a fee of one dollar. Members of such chapters who have been suspended for non-payment of dues may obtain a certificate of good standing upon application to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, such application to be accompanied by a fee of three dollars. (1938).

Regulation No.

Section 1. Two or more chapters having concurrent jurisdiction or stationed in adjoining jurisdiction may be consolidated into one chapter provided that the proposition for such consolidation shall be presented at a regular convocation of each chapter, which proposition shall be acted

upon at a subsequent regular convocation. Notice thereof shall be mailed to all members at least ten days prior to such convocation. Such consolidation can not be effected if nine (9) or more members of either chapter vote against the proposition. A majority vote of those present shall be necessary to adopt the resolution for consolidation.

Two or more chapters having thus decided to consolidate may unite under the charter of one of said chapters, retaining the officers thereof, or they may elect new officers by a proper dispensation. The charter surrendered must be deposited with the Grand Secretary.

Section 2. The title to all the property and effects of the consolidating chapters shall, upon consolidation, vest in the new chapter, and the new chapter shall be liable for all indebtedness of the several chapters consolidating. All members of the chapters consolidating shall, immediately after consolidation, become members of the new chapter. (1938)

Regulation No. —.

It shall be the duty of the incoming Grand High Priest to Appoint a committee to be styled "Committee on Ritual" whose duty it shall be to revise the present ritual, to receive suggestions from those interested, as to those portions that could be shortened or omitted, to the end that greater interest would be taken in conferring the various chapter degrees. Such suggestions to be sent the Grand Secretary at least thirty (30) days before our annual convocation. Adopted 1940.

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The next Annual Convocation will be held at St. Petersburg, May
20 and 21, 1941.