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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Chapter
ROYAL ARCH MASONS

OF THE
STATE OF FLORIDA

Ninety-Seventh
Annual Convocation

WILLIAM L. MARSHALL, M. E., Grand High Priest
Tallahassee, Florida

JOHN B. PHELPS, Grand Secretary
P. O. Box 283, Miami, Florida

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OFFICERS

OF THE

M.:E.:Grand Chapter

Royal Arch Masons

OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

FOR

1943-1944

Joseph Edward Herring	M.:E.:Grand High Priest 324 E. Seventh St., Jacksonville
George Albert Lambe	R.:E.:Deputy Grand High Priest Marianna
Harry Robert Thompson	E.:Grand King 4100 S. W. 13th St., Coral Gables
Loren Lambert Dilger	E.:Grand Scribe 1512 Gonzalez St., Pensacola
Riley James McMaster	M.:E.:Grand Treasurer P. O. Box 1810, Tampa
John Bridges Phelps	M.:E.:Grand Secretary P. O. Box 283, Miami
William Russell O'Neal	M.:E.:Grand Chaplain P. O. Box 3827, Orlando
David Meyer Winans	E.:Grand Captain of the Host P. O. Box 34, Monticello
Arthur Stevens Rhoads	E.:Grand Principal Sojourner P. O. Box 782, Cocoa
Harry Day Gilmore	E.:Grand Royal Arch Captain P. O. Box 902, Daytona Beach
Leslie Clayton Bortle	E.:Grand Master 3rd Veil 1924 S. W. 17th Ave., Miami
Carl Henry Papier	E.:Grand Master 2nd Veil Route 2, Box 25, St. Petersburg
Warren M. Dilsaver	E.:Grand Master 1st Veil 5903 Central Ave., Tampa
Orville Ambrose Clark	E.:Grand Sentinel Route 6, Box 706, Jacksonville

*Time and place of next Convocation to be announced by
the Grand High Priest*

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NINETY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

1943

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida convened in its Ninety-seventh Annual Convocation on the sixth floor of the Masonic Temple in the City of Jacksonville at 2:30 o'clock p. m., on Tuesday, September 14th, A. D. 1943, A. I. 2473.

Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 opened a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in due form. The High Priest, E.:Orville A. Clark, received the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, William L. Marshall, and the Grand Chapter Officers, and presented them to the Grand Convocation. E.:Leslie C. Bortle, Grand Master of the 2nd Veil, being absent and confined in a hospital.

"America" was sung and a salute to the flag was given. The M.:E.:Grand High Priest appointed the following Companions as a Committee on Distinguished Visitors: John B. Phelps, William R. O'Neal and Orville A. Clark.

The Committee on Distinguished Visitors introduced the following:
Most Excellent Ray Vaughn Denslow, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the United States of America.

Most Puissant W. Frank Wells, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America, Grand Commander of Knights Templar of the State of Georgia, and Past Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Georgia.

Most Puissant O. Frank Hart, Past General Grand Master and the present General Grand Recorder of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America.

Right Eminent L. Earl Curry, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Florida.

Most Illustrious John D. Gove, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Florida.
Illustrious Frank B. Newell, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida, near the Grand Chapter of Delaware.

Most Worshipful Fred B. Noble, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Florida.

The Grand High Priest read a paragraph from his address relative to the passing of Most Excellent Companion J. Lloyd Head and Most Excellent Companion Dabney B. Palmer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS

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

Your Committee on Necrology would most respectfully report that since our last Grand Convocation a number of the Companions who had by the excellency of their labor attained the highest honors that the Grand Chapter could confer, have passed through the Western Gate and beyond the far horizon and now rest in that Eternal City where staying places have been prepared for all true Companions.

It is with profound sorrow that we record the passing of:

Past Grand High Priest Dabney B. Palmer of Monticello who died January 6, 1943, after a full and active life in his community, beloved by all who knew him.

Past Grand High Priest J. Lloyd Head in Jacksonville, December 26, 1942, a devoted member of all Masonic bodies, in Florida.

To other Royal Arch Masons in Florida who have passed the Great Divide whose names have not been reported we pause in recognition of the work that they have done.

In other jurisdictions the toll has been very heavy. Many of the Companions were on the threshold of mature years. All of them had attained preferment in almost all Masonic bodies. From the sublime degree of a Master Mason, step by step they had learned the lessons of the craft. Is it too much to say that each was given a broader, more comprehensive view of life as the mysteries were revealed to them?

ARKANSAS—J. S. Westerfield; born June 17, 1852, Laurel Co., Kentucky; died June 28, 1942, Conway, Arkansas.

ARKANSAS—Hunter D. Bowers; born December 21, 1885, Mona, Arkansas; died November 28, 1942, Eldorado, Arkansas.

CALIFORNIA—Wm. Parker Filmer; born March 2, 1866, New York City; died November 22, 1942, San Francisco, California.

CALIFORNIA—Arthur M. Abbott; born January 12, 1878, Compton, California; died March 2, 1942, Long Beach, California.

COLORADO—Sidney Arthur Knill; born April 16, 1868, Beloit, Wisconsin; died November 19, 1942, Denver, Colorado.

COLORADO—L. D. Crain; born February 3, 1868, Steuben Co., Indiana; died March 15, 1942, Fort Collins, Colorado.

DELAWARE—Harry Galbraith; born October 6, 1861, Wilmington, Delaware; died July 19, 1942, Wilmington, Delaware.

GEORGIA—Benj. Palmer Axson; born June 24, 1871, Savannah, Georgia; died May 23, 1943, Savannah, Georgia.

GEORGIA—Joe P. Bowdoin; born May 7, 1866, Adairville, Georgia; died August 7, 1942, Atlanta, Georgia.

KANSAS—Alexander A. Sharp; born January 10, 1863, Newville Pennsylvania; died December 6, 1942, Chicago, Illinois.

KANSAS—John W. Nielsen; born November 14, 1872, Paris, Iowa; died June 9, 1943, Concordia, Kansas.

KANSAS—Ellis Fink; born January 29, 1881, Mansfield, Ohio; died February 12, 1943, Winfield, Kansas.

KENTUCKY—John McElroy Cochran; born March 22, 1883, Maysville, Kentucky; died July 9, 1942, Phoenix, Arizona.

LOUISIANA—Edward Everett; born January 31, 1871, Oakland, Louisiana; died March 24, 1943, Farmerville, Louisiana.

MAINE—Thomas Henry Bodge; born August 16, 1866, Augusta, Maine; died July 11, 1942, Augusta, Maine.

MAINE—Chas. Edwin Tuttle; born March 28, 1893, Bangor, Maine; died July 6, 1943, Bangor, Maine.

MONTANA—M. R. Chew Smith; born November 5, 1868, Terre Haute, Indiana; died August 14, 1942, Missoula, Montana.

MICHIGAN—Arthur Scott Hudson; born April 17, 1873, Manchester, Michigan; died June 14, 1942, Mt. Clemens, Michigan.

NEBRASKA—Louis Marshall Snow; born July 25, 1885, Plankinton, S. Dakota; died November 23, 1942, Portland, Oregon.

NEBRASKA—George Spohn, Jr.; born October 27, 1860, Cass Co., Nebraska; died December 17, 1942, Superior, Nebraska.

NEW YORK—M. E. Companion, Henry DeWitt Hamilton; born January 26, 1863, White Hall, Illinois; died August 16, 1942, West Barrington, R. I.

TENNESSEE—John Wetzler; born October 8, 1854, Sandusky, Ohio; died October 28, 1942, Somerville, Tennessee.

WASHINGTON—Edwin Hugh Van Patten; born March 8, 1855, Springfield, Illinois; died November 26, 1942, Dayton, Washington.

WASHINGTON—Alonzo C. Bowman; born March 24, 1859, Cass Co., Missouri; died June 23, 1942, Seattle, Washington.

WEST VIRGINIA—James Albert Bryan; born February 14, 1858; died February 21, 1943.

WEST VIRGINIA—Dr. John Witt deVebre; born August 2, 1862; died October 28, 1942.

It will be noted that many of the Companions had lived more than four score years. As we look down through the years to come, may we too "wrap the drapery of our couch about us and lie down to pleasant dreams."

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the families and to the Chapters of their membership.

Courteously,
WM. R. O'NEAL

Motion prevailed that the report be received and adopted. Address of welcome was then delivered by E. Orville A. Clark, High Priest of Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, as follows:
"Most Excellent Grand High Priest, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, other distinguished visitors and Companions:

On behalf of Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, we greet you with the hand of fraternal fellowship on this happy occasion. Be assured it is indeed a high honor to have such an honorable group of officers and representatives come into our midst for the transaction of solemn business before the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida. To be honored as hosts as you have so honored us has been a pleasure

we have long anticipated. It is more than a pleasure. It is a responsibility. Both the responsibility and pleasure have been anticipated with the highest enthusiasm and eagerness. No desire within our reach, no errand too small will be neglected if you will but communicate it to us. It is the firm conviction of Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 that your stay with us will be long remembered as one of the most constructive meetings ever held. We shall strive to make it so."

R. E. G. Albert Lambe:

"Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Distinguished Visitors and Companions: To respond to such a welcome as has just been given us by the High Priest of Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 is indeed an honor. We have already been convinced as to the trouble and all of the courtesies Jacksonville Chapter has gone through to make this visit here a pleasant one. It is indeed a pleasure and I am sure a privilege for all of us to be guests of Jacksonville Chapter, and on behalf of all of the Companions present I wish to extend to Jacksonville Chapter and the Companions who have been so generous in arranging to make our stay here so pleasant a most sincere thank you, and assure you that we are going to enjoy every moment of our stay with you."

Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, R. A. M. was then closed and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons declared to be in session.

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

GRAND OFFICERS

William L. Marshall	M. E. Grand High Priest
Joseph E. Herring	R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest
G. Albert Lambe	E. Grand King
Harry R. Thompson	E. Grand Scribe
Riley J. McMaster	M. E. Grand Treasurer
John B. Phelps	M. E. Grand Secretary
William R. O'Neal	M. E. Grand Chaplain
Loren L. Dilger	E. Grand Captain of the Host
David M. Winans	E. Grand Principal Sojourner
Arthur S. Rhoads	E. Grand Royal Arch Captain
Harry D. Gilmore	E. Grand Master 3rd Veil
Leslie C. Bortle (absent)	E. Grand Master 2nd Veil
Carl H. Papier	E. Grand Master 1st Veil
Warren M. Dilsaver	E. Grand Sentinel

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

Wm. R. O'Neal	Archie Aitchison
Riley J. McMaster	John B. Phelps
Dorsey H. Rutter	Frederic A. Riegel
T. Picton Warlow	John L. Hall

REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

Florida No. 1	Robert W. Ashmore, K.
Gainesville No. 2	Wm. Henry Whealton, K.
Tampa No. 3	Burton Fisher, proxy for officers
St. Johns No. 4	C. O. Cornwall, proxy for officers
Halifax No. 5	
Mount Horeb No. 6	
Eureka No. 7	
Dade City No. 8	{ T. J. Morris, H.P.
Putnam No. 9	{ J. D. Yeager, S.
Jericho No. 11	{ Orvill A. Clark, H.P.
	{ Luther N. Garrett, K.
	{ Sparks Jones, Sr., S.
	{ A. S. Hunter, Jr., H.P.
Jacksonville No. 12	John D. Gove, proxy for officers
Ocala No. 13	
Monroe No. 15	
Plant City No. 16	
St. Augustine No. 17	James M. Gauld, H.P.
Manatee River No. 18	R. Houghton, proxy for officers
Keystone No. 20	R. G. Jewel, proxy for officers
Thomas Brown No. 22	Chas. Gildersleeve, proxy for officers
Lake Worth No. 24	F. F. Wuerffel, H.P.
Live Oak No. 25	B. W. Kimble, proxy for officers
Jefferson No. 26	W. A. Belk, proxy for officers
Indian River No. 27	
Joppa No. 28	S. H. Soloman, H.P.
Lakeland No. 29	{ Stanley G. Salter, H.P.
St. Petersburg No. 31	{ Addison S. Vance, K.
	{ L. L. McKinnon, proxy for officers
St. Petersburg No. 31	
Jackson No. 32	
Eustis No. 33	Frederic A. Riegel, proxy for officers
Leesburg No. 34	
Sarasota No. 35	{ Frank B. Knoff, K.
Crestview No. 40	{ G. E. Carpenter, S.
Winter Haven No. 41	
Highlands No. 42	Chas. Shaw, proxy for officers
Clearwater No. 45	Norman C. Edwards, proxy for officers
Duval No. 48	S. H. Swearingen, K.
Nassau No. 49	Sumner R. Hall, proxy for officers
Poinciana No. 50	A. S. Boyer, S., proxy for officers
Monroe D. Cushing No. 54	
Hill City No. 55	

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Alabama	Joseph E. Herring
Arkansas	Loren L. Dilger
California	Spencer L. Houston
Colorado	Bradford C. Webb
Delaware	Sumner R. Hall
Illinois	Archie Aitchison
Louisiana	Norman C. Edwards
Massachusetts	James Booth
Montana	George Albert Lambe
New Brunswick	Carl H. Papier
New Hampshire	William R. O'Neal
New Jersey	William L. Marshall
New York	Joseph E. Herring
New Zealand	John D. Gove
North Dakota	Riley J. McMaster
Nova Scotia	T. Picton Warlow
Ohio	Dorsey H. Rutter
Oregon	Frederic A. Riegel
Queensland	John B. Phelps
South Dakota	William R. O'Neal
Texas	Russell W. Houston
Vermont	J. E. Ramsdell
Victoria	John L. Hall
Washington	D. W. Winans
Wisconsin	George A. Dame

Motion prevailed that messages be sent to E. Companions Leslie C. Bortle, M. E. Companions F. William Schultz, William B. Greer and Henry O. Snow, expressing our best wishes and regretting their inability to attend.

The M. E. Grand High Priest requested the representatives to report any messages they had from the Grand Chapters represented by them. Reports were made by Companions Herring, Dilger, Gove, Papier, Hall, Winans, O'Neal, Houston, Rutter and Edwards.

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

RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS

Russell W. Houston Harry R. Thompson A. S. Vance

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

W. H. Whealton Chester D. Carnwell Berton Fisher

PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES

S. H. Solomon Archie Aitchison F. F. Wuerffel

DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS

Charles Gildersleeve Frederic A. Riegel W. A. Belk

THANKS

Norman C. Edwards Dorsey H. Rutter Arthur S. Boyer

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Wm. R. O'Neal John B. Phelps Orville A. Clark

DISTRIBUTION

Orville A. Clark Ralph G. Reynolds John L. Hall

Motion by M. E. John L. Hall prevailed that the minutes be approved as printed.

Motion prevailed that all Royal Arch Masons in good standing be admitted to seats in this Grand Convocation.

The Grand High Priest delivered the following address:

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Florida:

A kind Providence has permitted us to assemble in the Ninety-seventh Convocation of this Grand Chapter, in this country where freedom of thought, freedom of speech, freedom of action, in fact, every freedom in law is still our right.

Events that are happening in the world today should make us very humble before God, for the many mercies we as a people and Nation receive at His hands. It is time we gave more thought to the human and spiritual rather than the material values of life. That we practice the golden rule in all human relationships. We are too prone to cry have mercy on me, and then take our debtor by the throat and say, pay me. We must begin at home to practice those great moral duties which are inculcated in our teachings. Then only will we be prepared to go before the world to make a just peace, and only by precept and example may we hope to impress our way of life on others.

This leads me up to planning for the future. I believe we have always been in too big a hurry to finish our business and close. We never do any planning. You send your Grand High Priest out on his year of work without any plans. His year is over before he can get into his stride. Then when you meet, you only listen to his report of how many by-laws approved, how many dispensations granted and refused and how many decisions rendered. This is a deliberative body and the work for the year should be given serious attention. I have only the interest of this Grand Chapter at heart and after a year and a half as your Grand High Priest, I believe I have some knowledge of conditions and can speak with authority.

NECROLOGY

Since we were assembled in convocation in Miami, two of our Past Grand High Priests have been called to their long home. J. Lloyd Head, departed this

life on December 26, 1942 and was buried in West Evergreen Cemetery, Jacksonville, by Damascus Commandery No. 2. I attended the funeral and was accompanied by M. E. Wm. B. Greer, P.G.H.P.

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Dabney B. Palmer was called to his last home on January 6, 1943. He was buried in Monticello on January 7, by Hiram Lodge No. 5. I attended his funeral and Companion Greer accompanied me and officiated at the interment.

Your Committee on Memorials will pay proper tribute to these devoted Companions.

PEACE TO THEIR MEMORY

VISITATIONS

It had not been my intention to be received with Grand Honors in any Chapter but I was caught twice. There was so much work to do for the weaker Chapters, the scarcity of time, funds, gasoline and tires, making it a problem to get about, I thought I would devote all my efforts where most needed. I went to many places where a quorum could not have been secured and held a meeting at noon or in the evening, at a plain lunch or evening meal. Banquets and Grand Honors were cut out and I heard everywhere I went, that my visit was appreciated and enjoyed more and that they thought more had been accomplished than if I had had a formal meeting of the Chapter. We gathered about the board and we discussed their problems and ours together.

On June 8, 1942, I made an official visit to Florida Chapter No. 1. The High Priest insisted that I do so.

On October 4, 1942, I spent the evening in Palatka and had a conference with the High Priest and Secretary. These were all, they said, whom they could induce to attend. They had lost all interest and wanted to suspend for the duration, claiming that business left no time for the better things of life.

I labored with them and left them in a seemingly better frame of mind. I was in Palatka again on Saturday, May 29, and found nothing had been done, none of my recommendations tried and everything cold again. I wrote them many letters but could not get an answer. I sent them a letter on July 6, with a self-addressed postal card requesting the names of their officers. Two minutes would have sufficed to fill the card in and return to me. Sometime you can only get action by drastic means.

I went to St. Augustine on October 4th and spent the 5th and 6th with the Companions, and I visited every Companion in the City at his place of business and all agreed for a meeting on the evening of the 6th, which was well attended. These Companions decided to try to get some new material to put new life in the Chapter. They are beefing about the Scottish Rite getting all the business. I told them it was their own fault as they could pursue the same method as the Scottish Rite and get their share and if they would get up from their sitdown strike and go to work they would get results. Well, it wound up just like Palatka.

On my first trip about the State I made the following visits:

Sunday, April 4, Leesburg No. 39, Leesburg, Dinner 7 P. M.

Monday, April 5, Lakeland No. 29, Lakeland, Lunch 12 Noon.

Monday, April 5, Tampa No. 3, Tampa, Dinner 7 P. M.

Monday, April 5, M. D. Cushing No. 54, Tampa, Dinner 7 P. M.

Tuesday, April 6, Poincianna No. 50, Fort Myers, Lunch 12 Noon.

Tuesday evening had a conference with Grand Secretary Phelps,

Grand Commander Curry, Thrice Illustrious Grand Master, Joel E. Fite and Grand Scribe Harry R. Thompson.

Wednesday, April 7, Keystone No. 20, Ft. Lauderdale, Lunch 12 Noon.

Wednesday, April 7, Joppa No. 28, Fort Pierce, Dinner 7 P. M.

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Thursday, April 8, Highlands No. 42, Avon Park, Lunch 12 Noon.

Thursday, April 8, Sarasota No. 35, Sarasota, Dinner 7 P. M.

Friday, April 9, Manatee No. 19, Bradenton, Lunch 12 Noon.

Friday, April 9, Clearwater, Clearwater, Dinner 7 P. M.

I missed this last meeting, but had a conference with Secretary Shaw.

On Friday night April 30, I attended a meeting of Jacksonville Chapter No. 12. I was on my way from Lake Butler to Fernandina. Orville Clark, High Priest, insisted that I be received with Grand Honors, as that was a pleasure and an honor he would probably never have again. So you have a picture of your Grand High Priest being received with Grand Honors without his Jewel or Grand High Priest's Apron. These things I consider superfluous. They conferred the Royal Arch Degree on a large class and I challenge the best Chapter in the United States to do it any better.

On Friday, April 30, I stopped in Lake City to inquire into conditions but was of the opinion that the time is not ripe for any effort there.

On Friday, April 30, I visited Live Oak at four in the afternoon. I had a good meeting and while these Companions have not been on their toes, there is no fear for their future. They lost their bellwether and are just beginning to find themselves. They are making returns, paying on their old debt and holding their own with the other Chapters.

On my second trip about the State I visited as follows:

Tuesday, May 25, Hill City No. 55, Brooksville, Luncheon 1 P. M.

Tuesday, May 25, Dade City No. 8, Dade City, Dinner 8 P. M.

Wednesday, May 26, Plant City No. 16, Plant City, Luncheon 1 P. M.

Wednesday, May 26, Thomas Brown No. 23, Bartow, Dinner 8 P. M.

Thursday, May 27, Indian River No. 25, Titusville, Luncheon 1 P. M.

Thursday, May 27, Monroe No. 15, Sanford, Dinner 8 P. M.

Friday, May 28, Eustis No. 33, Eustis, Luncheon 1 P. M.

Friday, May 28, St. John No. 4, DeLand, Dinner 8 P. M.

On Sunday afternoon, June 6, I went to Quincy, had a conference with five Companions, this being all the Members of that Chapter who live in Quincy.

We had a very interesting meeting and I arranged to go back on Tuesday, June 8, to attend a Communication of Washington Lodge at which time I addressed the Brethern on Capitular Masonry. Companion Cleveland R. Horne accompanied me and he also spoke in our behalf. The Lodge closed at 11:45 and we had a meeting after this.

We received two applications for the degrees of the Chapter and one for affiliation. Companion Horne and I again returned to Quincy on Monday, June 21, and held a regular Convocation at which I presided. We balloted on Candidates and arranged for Florida Chapter to go to Quincy on Tuesday, July 20, take three of our Candidates and confer the Mark Master and Past Master's Degrees.

There we were joined by our Grand King, Albert Lambe. We conferred the degrees on a class of eight. Three from Florida Chapter, four from Gadsden Chapter and one by courtesy.

Companion Horne conferred the Mark Master Degree and Companion Lambe from Marianna conferred the Past Master Degree and both very creditably.

We returned to Quincy twice and conferred the M. E. and R. A. Degrees. This Chapter now has nine members living in town and they promise to come back. It had gotten to the place when a meeting could not be held.

In every place I visited I was received with courtesy and consideration. While the trips were hard, I felt well repaid for my efforts.

ARRESTED CHARTER

I went to Lake Butler on October 4th and spent the day trying to find something about Lake Butler Chapter. The Secretary had died two years before and they had ceased to function.

I got with Dr. Maines, the last High Priest, and after spending some time with him, had him promise me he would make out returns and collect dues and forward to the Grand Secretary. I wrote him a number of letters to which I did not receive one reply. So I had D. G. H. P. Jos. E. Herring to meet me there on January 3rd. We found that they were hopeless. I had Companion Herring to meet me for the purpose of being a witness to the taking of the Charter. I served notice on the Secretary of the Blue Lodge, in writing, that the Mortgage held by Lake Butler Chapter on the Blue Lodge property in amount of \$1500.00 became the property of the Grand Chapter. I took the Charter, seal and receipt for dues book which was every vestage of Chapter belongings we could find after a long day's search. No ledger, no minutes or the least sign of paraphernalia.

I realized that the Brethren of Lake Butler Lodge were financially embarrassed so I made them a proposition, after taking competent advice from five Past Grand High Priests, that they give the Grand Chapter \$300.00 in cash and I would cancel the mortgage. I quickly received a letter from Brother Graham, Secretary of the Blue Lodge, thanking me for a very generous settlement. I brought out the fact that the Chapter had made no returns for several years, were in debt to Grand Chapter and the expense of my trip should all be borne from this mortgage.

I returned to Lake Butler on my way to Fernandina, cancelled the mortgage and received a check for \$300.00 which I endorsed and forwarded to the Grand Secretary.

CHARTER RESTORATION

On Friday, April 31, 1943, I went to Fernandina accompanied by D. G. H. P. Jos. E. Herring and Orville Clark, High Priest of Jacksonville Chapter, and had lunch with the Companions of that City. We were pleased to meet an old friend, P. G. H. P. George A. Dame, now of Fernandina, and with his assistance we went into the matter of rehabilitating Nassau Chapter No. 49.

Our efforts were successful and after some correspondence 12 Companions made application on July 21 for the restoration of the Charter.

I immediately directed the Grand Secretary to send the Charter to Companion Herring and I requested Companion Herring to restore the Charter, preside over the Chapter and have an election of Officers, and when he had installed them, to give them my blessing.

It was later found that the Charter could not be located so I issued an order which should take the place of the Charter until a Charter can be supplied. Secretary Phelps will report to you his troubles in this connection.

PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTING BOOKLET

I was convinced that if a booklet was prepared and placed in the hands of a Master Mason the night he was raised, with an application blank, a good percentage would make application for the degrees of the Chapter. I investigated and found that it would cost no less than Five Hundred Dollars in all, if each Chapter supplied its own needs, and in that case, ninety per cent would not order this booklet. I also found that I could have five thousand printed at a cost to the Grand Chapter of Fifty-four Dollars and Fifty Cents. I mailed a booklet to each High Priest and Secretary and explained my plan and told them they could get the booklets from the Grand Secretary free of charge. I also used

these books in my visits about the State. Those Secretaries who were on their toes applied for the books and I know some used them to good effect.

I must especially thank your Grand Scribe, Harry R. Thompson, for his valuable assistance to me in getting these books printed.

GRAND CHAPTER LIBRARY

After consulting with five of your Past Grand High Priests, we arrived at the conclusion that it would be best to go over the contents of the library and save anything that pertains to Florida and destroy the rest.

Companions O'Neal and Head were appointed to serve on the Committee with me and we arranged to meet in Jacksonville on June 19, where we were joined by Companion Houston and Dep. Grand High Priest Herring.

I had written Grand Commander Curry and Thrice Illustrious Grand Master Fite that we would be in Jacksonville at this time to carry out the intent of the Grand Chapter's resolution and invited them to be present to see after their part of the records. I received a letter from each, authorizing us to act in the matter for them and take such steps for the Grand Commandery and Grand Council as we took for the Grand Chapter.

We found that everything of any value to Florida had been removed by Cary B. Fish, some stored in the Grand Lodge vault and some taken to Sarasota. We found that the room where the old records were stored had not been entered since the records were placed there and that the expense of keeping the room was money wasted.

Companion Cleveland R. Horne was not satisfied with the account of the matter I gave him and said he was sure certain bound volumes of Florida were still in the room. I took him in the car and went back to Jacksonville but he came away satisfied that we had moved everything of value.

Companion Head sold all the old cases and here is my letter to the Grand Secretary closing the matter up. My thanks to P. G. H. P. Wm R. O'Neal, Stafford Caldwell, W. B. Greer, Cleveland R. Horne, D. G. H. P. Herring and Companion Spencer L. Houston for their valuable assistance.

"I have at last wound up the matter of the records stored in the Grand Lodge Bldg. in Jacksonville. I had the authority of the Grand Commander and the T. I. Grand Master, to handle their part of the matter as I handled it for the Grand Chapter. Lloyd Head claimed that one-third of the proceeds of the sale of the bookcases belonged to each Grand Body and that he knew Webster was so particular with his distribution of expense, and on this assertion on his part, he blocked Past Grand Master Fish, who claimed they were the property of the Blue Lodge. However, I sold them and here is the check for the balance after Lloyd Head deducted expenses. \$90.00.

"Credit each Grand Body with thirty dollars each. Charge them as follows: One-third of the rent that has already been paid to the Grand Lodge. Rent to the Grand Lodge for this year, 9 months and 6 days at the rate of \$150.00 per year. Check to J. Lloyd Head for Times-Union advertisement, \$4.05. Bill herewith. W. L. Marshall bill of expense \$33.70. I am enclosing Lloyd Head's statement of his expense in which he did not include the advertising. This he deducted from the money he received from the sale of the cases.

"I hope I have handled this to the satisfaction of the Grand Commander and the T. I. Grand Master. At least the expense of rent is stopped on something that is worthless to us. I would suggest that you keep on hand the last three copies of the proceedings of Sister States, destroying the fourth copy each year."

MONUMENTS FOR P. G. H. P.

The matter of the monument for M. E. Cary B. Fish was settled by giving Mrs. Fish fifty dollars, which was appropriated, as the Grand Chapter's share of this expense. I could not find anything in our minutes relating to this subject, but I was assured that M. E. Archie Aitchison made such a motion in both Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery, which was carried in both bodies.

The same action was taken in regard to Kishpaugh.

This I consider a very bad precedent we have established and I have given the cure in my recommendations.

In the case of Companion Keller, I asked Companion Jesse C. Clark on January 6th to attend to this and it is still in his hands. I have written him five letters a copy of each to Grand Commander Curry.

FINANCES

I have signed vouchers No. 2 to 72 inclusive, excepting No. 3 spoiled, in the amount of \$2,504.46. Your Grand High Priest spent a total of \$395.92 distributed as follows:

\$222.98—Traveling expenses.

80.70—Office supplies.

34.00—Postage.

47.00—Mimeographing and typing.

11.24—Grand Chapter Library.

If you don't spend money you soon won't have any money to spend. I feel well repaid for these expenditures and hope the future will reflect their worth.

On August 20, I sent out a questionnaire with a self addressed envelope enclosed asking for information relative to increase in membership from December 27 to June 30. I will read these returns to you for your information.

Total gain 1942	35
Net gain from December 27, 1942 to June 30, 1943	150
Net gain from June 30 to September 13, 1943	22
Total gain to September 13, 1943	207

EDICTS AND BULLETINS

Edict

On January 11, 1943, I issued an edict permitting the Chapters which were struggling to keep up on account of conditions, to merge with a near Chapter, not surrendering its Charter, but to keep its identity until after the war and then resume under its own name. I was moved to do this by several Chapters which were complaining about their inability to keep going. I noticed that none of them took advantage of the edict.

On July 1, Grand Secretary John wrote me that he did not have the names of all Officers of Chapters, and would I please get them for him. I guess he had run up against the apathy which infects some of our Secretaries, hence his appeal to me.

On July 6, I wrote to all those Secretaries whom John did not have reports from and placed a self addressed postal card in the letter and do you know I had to write three times to some for this information.

Bulletin No. 2

On August 26, 1943, The Grand Commander and Thrice Illustrious Grand Master and I sent out our notice of these meetings to all council officers in each Body and stated that we would not place any Companion on a Committee who was not an accredited representative of his Body. This we did in the interest of economy.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

June 13, 1942—Granted Mount Horeb Chapter No. 6 dispensation to temporarily reduce fees to the minimum of \$15.00 for a period beginning June 1st to August 31st, 1942 inclusive.

They took in petitions on the strength of this.

August 13, 1942—Granted Mount Horeb Chapter No. 6 dispensation to extend time for reduced fees to January 11th, 1943 with the provision that all the candidates making application before this date shall have all the degrees conferred in ninety days thereafter.

October 9, 1942—Granted St. Petersburg Chapter No. 31 dispensation as follows:

"Dispensation is hereby granted to elect a High Priest to fill vacancy caused by removal of the High Priest from the State of Florida, and to elect any other officers to fill stations or places in the Chapter caused by said election of the High Priest.

"This can only be done at a regular convocation and all members notified."

October 31, 1942—Granted Tampa Chapter No. 3 dispensation as follows:

"Dispensation is hereby granted Tampa Chapter No. 3 to act on petition of candidate for the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry short of time, the reason given, that the candidate will be inducted into the armed forces of the Nation and must leave at once.

"This dispensation is predicated on the fact that this dispensation was asked for at a regular convocation of Tampa Chapter No. 3 and by unanimous consent."

December 29, 1942—Granted Florida Chapter No. 1 dispensation to call a convocation to receive petition and ballot, the reason given that the brother was leaving immediately for the Armed Services of the United States, before a regular convocation could be held. At the time I believed this to be irregular, but the ends justified the means. The candidate was Cleveland R. Horne, Jr., the son of Past Grand High Priest, Cleveland R. Horne.

January 11, 1943—Advised Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 that no dispensation was necessary to elect any officer except that of High Priest. I refer you to Sec. 12 of Constitution.

January 14, 1943—Granted Mount Horeb No. 6 dispensation to extend time for fees reduced to \$15.00 for a period ending March 8, 1943.

January 20, 1943—I granted a dispensation to Gadsden Chapter to elect a candidate at a called convocation. This again was a means to a good end. That Chapter needed some help so since I was already in dutch, I thought I'd just as soon be hung for a sheep as a lamb.

DISPENSATIONS REFUSED

November 14, 1942—Jericho Chapter No. 11 wrote as follows:

"I herewith request a Special Dispensation to open Jericho Chapter at 3:30 P. M. November 27, 1942 for the purpose of Balloting upon Candidates for membership in our Chapter. As we shall confer the Royal Arch Degree on a large class at 8 P. M. the same day we de-

sire this dispensation as we have some prospective candidates who wish to be in this class—the last one in 1942.”

I refused this because I did not believe it to be necessary for the good of the Chapter. My answer follows:

“Your request for a dispensation to elect candidates other than at a regular Convocation may not be complied with.

“Section 8 of the regulations page 16, read, ‘Receiving of petitions and balloting for candidates cannot be done at a special Convocation.’ I must deny your request.”

November 27, 1942—Duval Chapter No. 48 wrote as follows:

“On account of Morrocco Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. having a Ceremonial, Friday, December 4th, 1942 and Southside Chapter No. 28 O.E.S. requesting the use of our Lodge Rooms on Friday, December 18th, 1942, which is the date of our regular convocation. Will you kindly grant us dispensation to have a regular convocation on Friday, December 11th, 1942?”

I replied:

“Since writing you yesterday in reference to the dispensation to hold a regular convocation on December 11th, I have been thinking that perhaps for sentiment sake you do not wish to lose a regular meeting.

“I will suggest that you open and close the Chapter on your regular meeting night and if it is necessary for you to meet at some other place, I will issue you a dispensation to meet in some other place beside your Chapter Room.”

March 13, 1943—Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 wrote as follows:

“Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, R.A.M., has received a petition for degrees from Ralph Bishop Rentz, who is a member of Ettiwan Lodge No. 95 of South Carolina.

“Brother Rentz is a soldier, stationed here in Jacksonville, and received his Master Mason Degree in Hurlbert Lodge No. 259, on February 25th, 1943, as a courtesy to Ettiwan Lodge No. 95. His application shows that he has resided in the State of Florida since July 18th, 1942.

“Inasmuch as he has not resided in the State for one year, the Chapter could not receive his application unless in your opinion the fact that he is a soldier in the Armed Services of the United States could warrant his being granted this privilege. The High Priest, and other older members of the Chapter decided that we should hold this application, and write you as to your ruling on the matter.”

I answered:

“This I may not do as it is in conflict with the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Florida, and it would be encroaching on the prerogatives of a Sister Jurisdiction.

“I suggest that you have the Brother make application to the Chapter which holds jurisdiction over him. If elected, request you to confer the degrees by courtesy. This must be done through the office of your Grand High Priest. The Companion may then request a dimit, which he can offer your Chapter.”

March 26, 1943—I had the following request from Indian River Chapter No. 27:

“I have been directed to communicate with you and ask for dispensation to hold our next convocation on Wednesday evening, April 14th, instead of April 21, due to the fact that this date will (4-21-43) conflict with the Grand Lodge proceedings.”

I answered:

“I received your request for a dispensation to hold a regular convocation on April 14th instead of April 21st, your regular meeting night. The day and hour to hold convocations is fixed by by-laws and cannot be changed except by amending the by-laws in regular manner.

“You do not require a dispensation to change the time of a meeting I refer you to Regulation No. 8 of the Grand Chapter which reads as follows:

“No business shall be transacted at a special or called convocation other than that for which the meeting was called. This Rule is not applicable in cases where every member is present at the meeting and no objection is made to transacting such other business. PROVIDED, that receiving petitions and balloting for candidates cannot be done as a special convocation.”

COMMENT: Our law is in a very bad condition. For instance — Not until July 23, 1943 did I find I could grant a dispensation to receive applications and ballot for candidates at a called meeting. I was searching for something else when I found on page 32 — 1935 proceedings that Grand High Priest Archie Aitchison had given such a dispensation and was upheld by the Grand Chapter upon report of the Jurisprudence Committee.

I also found that the Grand High Priest could allow the use of the new or old ritual. Master of the Veils on page 25 of the Constitution Reg. 47, need clearing up. Companion Dame clarified this in a decision, and there are others. Your Grand High Priest is called on for a decision and he has not the time to read every report since 1935, the date the Constitution was adopted.

Every time a ruling is made which either make new laws or changes the old, it should be added to the addendum in the last of the proceedings. It seems to me that a Committee should be appointed to search the proceedings since the adoption of the Constitution of 1935 and bring to the attention of your next Grand Convocation all matters which is either in conflict with or making new law.

It should be the duty of some member of your Jurisprudence Committee, preferably appointed by the Chairman of that Committee, to edit and furnish your Grand Secretary such changes and additions which are made.

DECISIONS

I have made quite a number more decisions, rulings and granted dispensations than my predecessors in some years. I noticed in the proceedings of 1941 the Jurisprudence Committee in their report remarked that it was a pleasure to see the Companions were becoming proficient in Capitular Law. I commented and said it was because there was nothing doing.

Ocala Chapter No. 13 on August 6, 1942, requested a ruling as follows:

“We have a number of Companions located at Belleview, Fla. 12 miles south of Ocala, and several located at Summerfield and Oklawaha, Fla., will you please be so kind as to grant us permission to hold our next regular convocation in Belleview Lodge room Friday, August 28th, for the convenience of the Companions located at the above towns.”

I answered:

“It is not necessary to have permission of the Grand High Priest for you to hold Chapter convocations in any lodge room in your jurisdiction. You may so meet and be governed by your own by-laws as if you were in your own Chapter room. The only requirement is that you notify the Grand High Priest of such convocation. See first regulation on page 50, 1941 proceedings.”

St. Petersburg Chapter No. 31 on October 9, 1942, requested a ruling on accepting petition short of time. I answered as follows:

"In reference to your question about accepting soldiers who have not been in the State a year will have to cite you to the Constitution, Article 5, Section 1, which says you may accept this application if you get a consent of the Chapter in whose jurisdiction he resides. That means, if he has not made Florida his home. If Florida is his new home, he must live here in the State one year and in the Chapter jurisdiction six months."

Winter Haven Chapter No. 41 on October 20, 1942, requested a dispensation to elect and install a Secretary and Captain of the Host. I replied as follows:

"It is not necessary to have a dispensation to elect or appoint and install any officer save that of High Priest of the Chapter. A dispensation must be had to elect a High Priest upon a vacancy occurring in that office."

I also advised—

"To change your by-laws, the matter must be brought up at regular Chapter convocation and lay over for one meeting, and after final action, must be sent to the Grand High Priest for approval."

Mount Horeb Chapter No. 6 on October 27, 1942 wrote me as follows:

"I am today in receipt by mail of a petition for the degrees in Mount Horeb Chapter, accompanied by check for fee, from Brother Thomas Donald Milne, a member of Wheaton, Ill. Lodge No. 269, now a private in the U. S. Army stationed at Eglin Field, Florida, located about twenty-five miles from Crestview, Fla. This brother was transferred to that location July 13, 1942, and only since that date has he been a resident of the State of Florida; furthermore, his present location is under the jurisdiction of Crestview Chapter No. 40, Crestview, Florida.

"Under normal conditions, of course, the brother is not eligible to apply for membership in any Florida Chapter, but in view of the fact that he is in the Armed Forces of the U. S. and without a permanent location, I would appreciate your advising me whether his petition, can be accepted by either Mount Horeb Chapter or Crestview Chapter. The brother apparently prefers Mount Horeb Chapter."

I replied as follows:

"In this particular case you must receive the consent of the Chapter in whose jurisdiction he resides. You can then receive his application immediately. If he has established his residence in Florida, he must live in the State one year and in the jurisdiction of the Chapter six months.

"I will also rule, that in this particular case, he may select the Chapter of his choice to make application."

Gainesville Chapter No. 2 on November 19, 1942 wrote me as follows:

"I wish to inform you that your letter relative to electing and installing officers in June was read at our last convocation and it was voted that I inform you that before we postponed election to that time we wanted a ruling from the Jurisprudence Committee."

I answered:

"Answering your letter of November 19th will take part at a time. Any ruling by the Grand High Priest is not subject to review by the Jurisprudence Committee until he makes his report to the Grand Chapter. This is to set you straight as to Capitular Law.

"If you will read my letter No. 6 carefully, you will see that I did not

issue an order, but requested the time of election and installation be deferred. I am of the opinion that my letters especially No. 5 have not been read to your Chapter."

Also they wrote as follows:

"Could you please inform me on what page of the Proceedings I can find the regulation to put all fees into a charity fund. We have taken no action one way or the other on that."

To which I answered:

"You will find your answer to the question about the freezing of fees on page 27 last resolution. Again I will comment on the unwillingness of the Companions to try to do something for those in distress. This is your money and for you to spend. The Grand Chapter is not trying to take it from you. Note, your Chapter exalted three last year. Do you mean to say you are so hard up that you must have initiation fees to run on?"

Monroe D. Cushing Chapter No. 54 on February 16, 1943, wrote as follows:

"At the request of our Chapter, I am writing to inquire if the fees collected, and held for charity purposes, may be used to pay Grand Chapter per capita in case of necessity."

I answered:

"These fees were set aside for the particular purpose of assisting the widows and orphans of men in the Armed Services and for indigent members, and it will be unlawful to use them for any other purpose. We must have some objective to work for, or we become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. I have labored so hard to try to make the 'Fellers' realize that we must do something more than have meetings, elect and confer the degrees. We must make a place in the world for our order, or we will soon be lost sight of."

Companion Albert Shonberg of Mount Horeb Chapter No. 6, requested a ruling as follows:

"Some misunderstanding has arisen in Mount Horeb Chapter in regard to complying with that portion of the obligation which states that not more nor less than three may be Ex: at one and the same time.

"We are having considerable work in the Chapter and in some cases have more than three in the same class. Please advise if possible the procedure and method we should use in Ex: more than the required number in one and the same evening."

I replied:

"Bring all the candidates along together up to page 126 line 18. Send all candidates out except three and bring them up to line 7 page 127. Then bring the candidates in three at a time until the class is finished and then proceed from line 8 page 127."

Monroe D. Cushing No. 54 on March 26, 1943, wrote as follows:

"Monroe D. Cushing Chapter No. 54 is in receipt of a letter from Bluefield Chapter No. 20, R.A.M., Bluefield, W. Va., under the seal of the Chapter, requesting our Chapter to confer the Capitular Degrees on Brother James Hammond Steele, now a Major at MacDill Field, Tampa. Brother Steele has contacted our Chapter and is very anxious to receive these degrees, and as we have a class of 3 candidates due to receive these degrees commencing with the Mark Degree on April 6th, we would like to accommodate him.

"However, it was the writer's understanding that such requests should

come through the Grand Secretary's Office of the other jurisdiction and then ours."

I answered:

"In replying to your question as to conferring the degrees by courtesy. Bluefield Chapter No. 20, should request their Grand Secretary and he in turn shall request the Grand Secretary of Florida to have this work done.

"If you will get a move on, you will have ample time to complete the arrangements before April 6th."

Winter Haven Chapter No. 41 on July 3, 1943 asked this question:

"I was ordered by the Chapter at last stated meeting to write you regarding accepting and giving degrees to a Brother Mason who has his hand off just above the wrist. He is very anxious to go on but we hesitated in taking his petition. I believe there was a special dispensation granted so that he could be taken into the Blue Lodge."

I replied:

"Your letter of the 3rd in reference to the physical condition of one who petitions for membership, is answered by quoting you Regulation 10, page 16 of the Constitution.

'Physical Perfection is not required in a candidate for degrees in a Chapter. The question of physical qualification is to be determined by each particular Chapter.'

"You see by this that your Chapter is the sole judge of the fitness of the candidate."

DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS

Dispensations

I have issued no dispensations for new Chapters, but have made diligent effort to rehabilitate Lake City and Panama City. These places with live officers can support a Chapter.

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By-Laws

June 8, 1942—I approved By-Laws of Florida Chapter No. 1, to reduce initiation fee from \$20.00 to \$15.00.

November 18, 1942—I approved change of By-Laws for St. Augustine Chapter No. 17, changing amount of dues from \$3.00 per annum to \$1.50 per annum.

December 5, 1942—I approved a change of By-Laws for St. Petersburg Chapter No. 31, to raise the dues from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per annum.

February 11, 1943—I approved change of By-Laws for Mount Horeb Chapter No. 6, reducing fees to \$15.00 for the four degrees.

March 12, 1943—I approved change of By-Laws for Tampa Chapter No. 3, to hold regular convocations on second and fourth Fridays except July, August and September, in which months Chapter calls off.

June 5, 1943—I approved change of By-Laws for Tampa Chapter No. 3, to reduce initiation fee from \$21.00 to \$15.00 for the four degrees.

August 30, 1943—I approved change of By-Laws for Keystone Chapter No. 20 to hold regular convocations on second Friday of each month.

On August 23, I was asked for information on establishing a Chapter at Clearmont, Florida. On looking into the situation, I did not deem it advisable and so wrote Brother Brady, Secretary of the Lodge at Clearmont.

COURTESY WORK

On September 21, 1942, I requested M. E. Wm. B. Greer, President of the Order of High Priesthood to call a special assembly and receive the petition of Companion Walter M. Johnson, High Priest of St. Petersburg Chapter No. 31, for the Order of High Priesthood and to ballot on the same, and if the candidate was elected to request the Grand Chapter of Ohio, to confer the Order of High Priesthood on him. Companion Greer will make full report.

On June 3, 1943, Grand Secretary Phelps forwarded to me a letter from the Grand Chapter of Georgia, requesting Gainesville Chapter No. 2 to confer all the Capitular Degrees upon Jacob W. Shapiro as a courtesy to Rossville Chapter No. 149, Rossville, Georgia.

Also, a letter from the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts requesting Highland Chapter No. 43 to confer the Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Degrees upon James Rogerson as a courtesy to Easthampton Chapter, Mass.

Also, a letter from the Grand Chapter of New York, requesting Gainesville Chapter No. 2 to confer the Most Excellent and Royal Arch Degrees upon Harold Hunt as a courtesy to Tonowanda Chapter No. 278 of New York.

I directed our Grand Secretary to reply to these requests and say we will be glad to comply and hope we can be of further service.

On January 14, 1943, I directed Secretary Phelps to convey to the Grand High Priest of the District of Columbia my compliments and request him to ask Mount Vernon Chapter No. 3 of Washington, D. C., to confer the Capitular Degrees upon Claude Dunson Pepper, as a courtesy to Florida Chapter No. 1, Tallahassee, Florida.

On my visit to Quincy on July 20, 1943, I found that Gadsden Chapter No. 30 had had a request from our Grand Secretary John, to confer the four degrees on Brother Frank L. DeBord as a courtesy to Lunnberg Chapter No. 66, Victoria, Virginia.

This request had been approved by Grand High Priest C. E. Webber of Virginia and our Grand Secretary requested Gadsden Chapter to comply.

I was present when the degrees were conferred.

WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION

On June 14, Florida Chapter No. 1 requested me to ask for a waiver of jurisdiction from Patchogue Chapter of New York on Brother Joseph Anton Hruby, a member of the Armed Forces of the United States.

On June 17, I directed Companion Phelps to write the Grand Secretary of New York and request him to convey my compliments to his Grand High Priest and ask him to present this petition to Patchogue Chapter for a waiver of jurisdiction. This was speedily granted.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS NEAR THE GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA

We have several vacancies which I did not fill as it is my intention to advise the discontinuance of this useless appendage. If you do not think as I do, your incoming Grand High Priest will have the honor of filling these vacancies.

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I acceded to the request of the Grand High Priest of Canada and on June 22, 1942 I appointed R. E. Companion Kenneth N. Carrie as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Florida near the Grand Chapter of Canada.

On August 17, 1942, I acceded to the request of the Grand High Priest of Nova Scotia and appointed R. E. Companion R. H. Rodgers as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Florida near the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

I did not attend the General Grand Chapter in Salt Lake City in 1942, deciding I would rather spend the time and money working in my own jurisdiction. I could not have done both. I believe the Grand Chapter of Florida is the gainer.

During my term of office, I have been impressed with the earnestness of General Grand High Priest Ray V. Denslow, and his efforts to improve Capitular Masonry. I look forward to better things from the General Grand Chapter.

RITUAL COMMITTEE

In my letter No. 7 of December 1st, I called your attention to the Ritual Committee who were anxious to have your comments. We will have the report of this Committee and see how you were interested.

RITUAL REVISION

On October 27, I sent a letter to the High Priest of each Chapter with the request that the letter be acknowledged.

I received six replies.

This letter told of the ritual revision and requested the High Priest to see that his rituals were brought up to date.

GRAND HISTORIAN

I have been in close touch with our Grand Historian. He has started a history of Capitular Masonry in Florida which will take many years to complete and he has just begun. I hope you will continue him as your Grand Historian.

He cannot make a success unless the several Chapters take an interest and dig up material for a history. Companion O'Neal will render his own report.

SECRETARIES

A Secretary makes or breaks any organization. I am here to tell you that the Grand Chapter of Florida has a majority of good ones. By the same token, we have some who are wrecking their Chapters. When you have to take a Secretary to task over dilatoriness, you will find that Chapter on the way out.

Some of the Secretaries have been a trial to me and other Past Grand High Priests say they had the same experience.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend that Regulations be adopted as follows:

1. That the offices of Treasurer and Secretary of a Chapter shall not be held by one and the same Companion.
2. That complete audit of the accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary shall be made at the end of each fiscal year and a copy of said audit shall accompany the returns, preferably a page in the returns for this purpose.
3. That regulation similar to Reg. No. 276 of the digest of the Grand Lodge of Florida in regard to Emeritus Members be adopted.

4. I am of the opinion and I recommend that a Charter should be arrested when the membership falls below 30. Also, I am of the opinion that a representative, or Past Grand High Priest, together from one and the same Chapter, should not be paid mileage and per diem to exceed fifty per cent of that Chapter's dues to Grand Chapter, to be divided between them. Past Grand High Priests to be accredited to the Chapter of which they were members while holding the office of Grand High Priest.
5. That the picture of the incoming Grand High Priest shall be placed in front of the proceedings instead of the outgoing Grand High Priest.
6. That a page in the proceedings be set aside to record the names of all Companions who have attained 40 years continuous membership as R.A.M. and that they be presented with a small emblem pin at 40 years and a new pin each five years thereafter upon return of the old pin. This page to face the page of living P. G. H. P.
7. That the Jewels of all Officers except those of Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, shall be left in the custody of the Grand Secretary.
8. That a column be added on page in proceedings under heading of Directory of Chapters, showing date of Charter of each Chapter.
9. That all resolutions to be presented to the Grand Chapter shall be presented to the Grand Secretary 45 days before convening of Grand Chapter and the Grand Secretary shall mail a copy of the resolutions to each Past Grand High Priest, each Grand Officer and the High Priest, King, and Scribe of each Chapter, 30 days before Grand Chapter convenes. This also applies to recommendations from the Grand High Priest in his report to Grand Chapter.
10. Clarify Reg. 47—Page 25—Constitution & Regulations of Grand Chapter.
11. Amend the Constitution permitting a Companion to propose a Brother for membership in the Chapter and a ballot be taken on the proposed and if favorable, the Brother shall be invited to join the Chapter upon the payment of the fees.
12. That the Constituent Chapters of this Grand Chapter shall be represented at convocations of this Grand Chapter only by its High Priest, King or Scribe, and that in elections of Grand Officers only the accredited representatives of Chapters, Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers shall be entitled to vote. The Constitution to be amended by striking out the words in Article 2 Section 15. "and Past High Priests of Constituent Chapters present, not holding an office in the Grand Chapter to one (1) vote."
13. That a Committee be appointed to bring Capitular Law in this State up to date and define whose duty it shall be to keep it so.
14. That the Constitution be amended by causing Section 5 of Article 4 to read as follows:
The acts for which a charter shall be forfeited are contumacy to the authority of the Grand Chapter, or the Grand High Priest, violation of the fundamental principles of Royal Arch Masonry, or of this Constitution, or neglecting to meet for one year, the non-payment of dues to the Grand Chapter for one year, and the failure to be represented at Grand Chapter for two consecutive years. The incoming Grand High Priest shall order the Grand Secretary to give immediate notice to delinquents and the charter shall be arrested within sixty days after the adjournment of Grand Chapter unless the High Priest of the Chapter shall give the Grand High Priest assurance of their willingness to comply with this Section.

Finally Companions, this is my report for my term as your Grand High Priest. I am sure conditions are better for the Grand Chapter than they have been for many years. I can see better times ahead if you will all support your Grand High Priest.

I wish to tender my thanks to the Grand Secretary, John B. Phelps. He has attended to all business promptly and efficiently. I believe I have made more calls on his time than has ever been made on a Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter.

I wish to express my appreciation to all of you who have stood by me so nobly. I bespeak for my successor in office the same co-operation, and to those who seem to have lost interest, I say, wake up.

The time has come for me to relinquish my Jewel of office to my successor. I am proud to have been your choice for leadership and thank you for the honor you have conferred on me. I have made many lasting friendships through connection with this body which will be my pleasure to think over in years to come.

Fraternally submitted,

W. L. MARSHALL

Grand High Priest

Motion prevailed that the Report of the Grand High Priest be referred to the Committee on Distribution.

Motion by M. E. Dorsey H. Rutter prevailed that a rising vote of appreciation be given the M. E. Grand High Priest for his zealous work during the past year.

The M. E. Grand Secretary spoke of the efforts that had been made to find the Charter of Nassau Chapter and the results of such efforts.

The Grand Secretary made the following report, and motion prevailed to refer said report to the Committee on Distribution.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT (Which was approved)

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

The following Companions have upon the recommendation of the Grand High Priest of other Grand Jurisdictions been commissioned:

R. H. Rogers near the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia.

Kenneth N. Carrie near the Grand Chapter of Canada.

All Chapters have made correct returns. Dade City Chapter No. 8 cleared record of 1940-41-42. Lake Butler Chapter No. 19 Charter was arrested by Grand High Priest with a financial settlement of \$300.00.

All Chapters have paid their annual dues to the Grand Chapter with certain corrections as noted hereon.

Dade City Chapter for years 1940-41-42.

Tampa Chapter No. 3 overpaid \$1.00 on 1942 dues.

Putnam Chapter No. underpaid \$1.00 on 1942 dues.

Plant City Chapter No. 16 owes 1941 dues \$21.00 and old balance \$98.00.

St. Augustine Chapter No. 17 owes old bal. \$101.00.

Live Oak paid \$20.00 on old account leaving bal. \$120.00.

STATISTICS

Number of members end of year 1941 as shown on page No. 46 of 1942 proceedings listed 2,776 members, this was due to the fact that Dade City Chapter did not make returns at that time, however Dade City Chapter No. 8 has now made returns for 1941 and the correct returns for that year should have been:

1941	2795	
Exalted during year 1942	132	
Reinstated	57	
Affiliated	38	3022
Total including additions	75	
Died	29	
Demitted	87	
Suspended	1	192
Expelled		
Total deductions	35	2830
Net gain		
Net membership after deductions		

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1942-43

Balance as shown in Grand Treasurer's report	\$1,843.80
Receipts from May 22, 1942 to June 30, 1943	3,717.51
Total over all	5,561.31
All checks or monies received by Grand Secretary's office was immediately dispatched to Grand Treasurer and his receipts are here for use of Finance Committee.	2,914.34
Disbursements from May 22, 1942 to June 30, 1943	\$ 738.73
Payroll 1942 Convocation	2,174.41
Vouchers 1 to 63	1.20
Bank charges	2,646.97
Balance as of July 1, 1943	\$ 803.17
Gain in receipts over disbursements	\$2,646.97
Supplemental Report from July 1st to September 11th, 1943	30.00
Balance as of July 1st, 1943	2,616.97
Receipts from July 1st to September 11th, 1943	329.85
Total	2,287.12
Disbursements from July 1st to September 11th, 1943	503.32
Balance as of September 11th, 1943	
Gains in receipts over disbursements, September 11th, 1943	

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. PHELPS
Grand Secretary

M. E. JOHN B. PHELPS: We have always heretofore had three separate proceedings: I have a proceedings in my hand here issued by Utah, the American Rite of Freemasonry, and the proceedings of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery are combined in one volume. I believe it would be to the benefit of this Grand Chapter to do likewise, if it meets with the approval of the Grand Commandery and Grand Council. I move that the plan be adopted by the Grand Chapter, that we combine the three proceedings in the one volume. Motion prevailed.

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

(Which was approved)

July 1st and August 1st

To the M. E. Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Florida,
your Grand Treasurer submits the following report:

May 1st Balance Page 16 Proceedings 1942		\$1,843.80
Received from Grand Secretary		3,717.51
		\$5,561.31
<i>Disbursements</i>		
Warrants 2-63, incl.	\$2,174.41	
Payroll	738.73	
Bank charge	1.20	
		\$2,914.34
July—August 1st Balance		\$2,646.97
First National Bank of Tampa		
U. S. Baby Bonds May 1st, 1942—Value	\$2,370.00	
Accrued Earnings July 1st, 1942, August 1, 1943	90.00	
August 1st, 1943—Total Value		\$2,460.00

GRAND CHAPTER EDUCATIONAL FUND

1942		
May 1, 1942—Balance	\$ 327.61	
Received from Educational Secretary	63.12	
Interest on Savings Account	5.13	
August 1, 1943 Balance	\$ 395.86	

Fraternally submitted,
RILEY J. McMASTER
Grand Treasurer

RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES

From July 1st to September 11th, 1943

9-3-43 Received from Grand Secretary		30.00
<i>Warrants</i>		
8-26-43 No. 64	\$ 175.00	
8-26-43 No. 65	9.43	
8-26-43 No. 66	5.00	
8-26-43 No. 67	62.88	
8-26-43 No. 68	31.25	
9-4-43 No. 69	6.19	
9-4-43 No. 70	20.00	
9-4-43 No. 71	8.00	
9-4-43 No. 72	12.10	
		\$ 329.85

Considerable discussion was had concerning Page 30 of the Constitution, Regulation 6 and 7, in regard to the scholarship fund. at the conclusion of which M. E. William R. O'Neal moved that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee for its recommendation as to the carrying out of the provisions of the resolution heretofore adopted. Motion prevailed.

M. E. William R. O'Neal made a report on the compilation of a history and the difficulty he was encountering in obtaining the data for such history. Suggestions were made for the collection of material of historic value.

The M. E. Grand High Priest called upon the General Grand High Priest, M. E. Ray Vaughn Denslow to address the Grand Chapter.

M. E. RAY VAUGHN DENSLOW: I never like to talk to men when they are hungry. Companions, there are a lot of things I would like to talk to you about. I would like to talk to you more about Freemasonry in the world and a lot of the conditions that confront us rather than give you what might be termed "shop talk." Some of the things that your Grand High Priest has read from his address prompted me to say a few words in reply. It was a very constructive address and I can recall what a committee said to me one time when I made a similar address twenty-four years ago. They said it was a good address, but when that bunch of "buzzards," meaning the Past Grand High Priests, gets hold of it there won't be much left. And there wasn't as much left as I thought there would be. I like to hear from a man with ideas. Sometimes we think there are things about it that just won't work. There was a little lodge out in a small "hill billy" town in the Ozarks, and some of the committee that went out and looked it over reported that this lodge was held up over a saloon. The bartender was a member of the lodge. The window lights were all out and a lot of planking had been torn up from the floor. In fact, the place was not at all conducive to Masonic dignity. Well, the Grand Master ordered the lodge to appear and show cause why they should not lose their charter. One of the brothers appeared before the committee and said, "Yes, that is all very true; the conditions are just as you say, but after all there is a reason. The window lights are out but the hall is small and needs ventilation, and, as far as the bartender is concerned, he is a perfect gentleman and just as good as any of the other members of the lodge, and, in fact as good a citizen as we have in the town. The hole in the floor comes in very handy, because we haven't any spittoons and the brothers all use it for that purpose. And as far as anyone getting hold of the secrets of that lodge is concerned, I have been a member for fourteen years and I ain't ever learned any of them myself."

Your Grand High Priest had something to say about the General Grand Chapter, and he expressed his belief that we are trying to do something good in the world. I think a great deal of our difficulty is that we have never put our display out in the show-case, so to speak, and sometimes that becomes necessary if we are to exist. Someone asked why we didn't as Masons do more for our brothers in the first World War. A lot of the blame for that was laid upon the shoulders

of Joe Tumulty. Tumulty had nothing to do with it. It was because we were not united. I talked to General Pershing a few years ago about the whole proposition. He said that every fraternal organization in this country wanted to go over and do it. He could not deal with five hundred organizations and he plainly told the Masons he could not and that was one of the things they were up against.

In the Grand Chapter we have something that you can talk about. In the first place, our organization is the largest organization in this country. It was established in 1797, and came into existence about the time our American Government came into existence. We did not have any sort of organized Masonry whatever. We got together up in Connecticut and established the Grand Chapter in 1797. They had a lot of hit and miss degrees, but they finally created the Super-Excellent and Most Excellent Master, and they made them beautiful degrees. They formed a General Grand Chapter for the New England States. There they accomplished something. But they created a Deputy General Grand High Priest, who was to represent the General Grand High Priest. While that office was later eliminated I see you still have it hanging onto you. When they organized Grand Chapters they still retain that "ifth wheel," the Deputy Grand High Priest. There isn't anything about your ritual in Florida for a Deputy Grand High Priest. Half of the Grand Chapters in the United States have already abolished that office. In is not worth a thing to you. When we organized the General Grand Chapter it consisted of some of the most important men of the time. Thomas Smith Wood was to American Masonry what William Preston and Anderson were to foreign Masonry. His was the first Monitor we have in the Lodge. The first Monitor we have in the Chapter is the Thomas Smith Wood Monitor of 1797. They proceeded to set up these monitorial degrees and started teaching ritualistic degrees, and they established chapters all over the country, and finally in 1819 they went out and set up Missouri Chapter No. 1 of St. Louis, the first Chapter west of the Mississippi. They carried on, moving westward, and finally today we have sixteen chapters located in countries outside of the continental United States. We have four chapters in Alaska, one in Fairbanks, the furthest on the top of the world; one at Nome, the furthest west on the continent; Anchorage and Cordova. We have one in Honolulu. We had one in Manila, Phillipines, one in Shanghai, China, we don't know what has happened to that. We have a Chapter down in Chili, which has been in existence since 1859. We have Chapters at either end of the Panama Canal, and three Chapters in old Mexico, one at Mexico City, one at Tampico and one at Monterey. We have one on the Isle of Pines, Cuba, Porto Rico, Nicaragua, and other countries in South America want to establish Grand Chapters under the General Grand Chapter of the United States. This General Grand Chapter means something to you in the State of Florida. You have

just as much interest in it as anybody else. You have some twenty-one Past Grand High Priests, and each one of them has a right to come there and vote for whatever he feels is right, and if there is something he does not like or something he thinks the General Grand Chapter should do he has a right to come and urge it and see that it is enacted. There are a lot of things that the General Grand Chapter has done. We have not reached the place where we tell the Grand Chapter of Florida or South Carolina or anyone else what you have to do. We can provide ways to enable you to do something worth while. The General Grand Chapter of the United States and the General Grand Council of the United States are the two most democratic organizations in Freemasonry, and democracy is something even in Masonry today. Those are the things that count.

I am not going to take too much of your time. The question has been asked, what is it costing? It cost you \$27.65 last year for membership in the General Grand Chapter. That is not very much money. That is one cent per capita. What is done with that? We gave back practically \$27 when we sent the "Royal Arch Mason" magazine to every Past Grand High Priest and the first three officers of your Grand Chapter, and you got your money back. It cost me \$135 or \$140 to come down here from Kansas City, Mo., to visit your Grand Chapter. I hope I can go away feeling I have done something for your Grand Chapter. It will take the Grand Chapter of Florida several years to pay that back at \$27.65 a year. For many years you had Cary B. Fish, a fine gentleman who was for a long time identified with the General Grand Chapter. He received his expenses for every year he was on that job and attended meetings of the General Grand Chapter, wherever they happened to be. He probably received in the course of time some thousands of dollars from it, more money than you will probably pay in the next twenty years. I just mention that to show that you are getting something back from the General Grand Chapter.

Now, the General Grand Chapter at Salt Lake City authorized the publication of the Royal Arch Mason magazine. It is a job to put out a magazine like that. When we started out with the first edition of the Royal Arch Mason we put out five thousand paid copies to the list of Royal Arch Masons we had, and in June we put out a second edition and had to print six thousand copies. In September we sent out seven thousand copies to subscribers, and right now I don't know whether I could take your subscription or not because of the priority on paper. I think for the amount of material that enters into this magazine you are going to get your money's worth. After all, a man who is a Royal Arch Mason should be an educated Mason. He should be a man who knows more about Masonry than anything else. I don't want your subscription. If you want to

subscribe, you send it to the Royal Arch Mason, and your Grand Secretary knows where to send it. I am not trying to push the sale of subscriptions. The General Grand Chapter has established something. Something was said today about the Grand Chapter of Ohio increasing some 745 in membership this last year. They did it because they put out advertising. They sent out some seven or eight hundred subscriptions to this magazine in the State of Ohio, and that is some of the results. Not only that but they distributed this pamphlet that the Grand High Priest has. It has a strong appeal in the selling of Royal Arch Masonry to the younger element. Then there is another thing the General Grand Chapter has done for you. The ritualistic work was formerly in quite a chaotic state. The work in the various Grand Chapters was not at all uniform. The General Grand Chapter has unified the work and made it conform throughout the United States. Before the work was made uniform, there were Grand Chapters that did not include in their degrees the fundamental principles of Royal Arch Masonry. Even today, in foreign countries, they do not confer the degrees we have in our Royal Arch system. In England, for example, they have a Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons. Then they have a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, which is another group. They do not confer the Degree of Past Master or Most Excellent Master. They confer the degree of installing a Master in a Lodge. The Degree of Most Excellent Master is primarily an American institution. Some day we are going to offer you the finest history of Masonry that has even been published. The General Grand Chapter realized the need for such a work several years ago, and a committee has been working on it for ten or twelve years.

I have used twenty-five minutes of your time, and I have tried to talk to you about things you are interested in. I have had a lot of experience in the General Grand Chapter. I have worked at it for thirty-seven or thirty-eight years. I started at the bottom and have had to go through all the problems of all the bodies. I know Masons in small towns and Masons in the larger places have their problems. We have our problems in our General Grand Chapter and in the Grand Chapters. Talking about the question of getting petitions, as I said to you awhile ago, you cannot sell anything unless you have something to sell. You fellows must have a show case and display your wares. You have got to carry on some type of work, and if you don't do anything you are not going to be of any aid to your organization. These boys of ours are going to come back and say, "What have the Masons done?" I have written a letter to every Grand Master of Masons in the United States asking what they are going to do. We are going to provide the vehicle for your Grand Chapters to cooperate with other Grand Chapters. We will furnish the machinery. I don't recall whether I have a letter from Grand High Priest Marshall. If you will find out what it is you have to sell, and then

go out and sell it. We have to take a man when he is coming into Masonry and get his petition. That is when he is interested. You are not going to get him as a rule when he gets forty-five years old and try to interest him in the Capitular degrees. He has already received his interest before that time and he isn't going to be interested unless you have something to be interested in. In my opinion, advertising of this type is all right. He sees this pamphlet and his interest is aroused. I sent over a hundred of these to a Chapter in Rochester, N. Y. They mailed them out. Ten petitions came back in the next mail, which is unusual, so they sent five hundred more of them, but you cannot always count on these circulars bringing in candidates because it won't do it unless they have a special interest in the matter. You can't always talk Royal Arch Masonry to them; talk Ancient Craft Masonry, and then show them how Royal Arch Masonry is a part of it, and in his search for philosophy or symbolism he will find no higher philosophy than that of the Royal Arch Degree. If I could talk to you further about our General Grand Chapter, I know that not one of you will ever consider withdrawing from such an organization as the General Grand Chapter. The Grand Chapter of Manitoba has just recently come into the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and instead of losing members we are gaining them."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION
(Which was adopted)

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

Your Committee on Distribution reports as follows:

We recommend that that portion of the M. E. Grand High Priest's address as refers to Memorials, be referred to the Committee on Memorials.

That that portion referring to finances, be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts, and that the remainder of said report be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

We recommend that that portion of the Grand Recorder's report that refers to Finance be referred to the Finance Committee.

That that portion which refers to Returns and Credentials be referred to the Returns and Credentials Committee.

Fraternally submitted
RALPH G. REYNOLDS
O. A. CLARK
JOHN L. HALL
Committee

M. E. JOHN B. PHELPS: I would like it noted that we deeply regret the inability of M. E. William B. Greer to attend this Grand Convocation.

It was announced that the Order of High Priesthood will be conferred at eight o'clock a. m. on Wednesday, September 15, so that the Grand Chapter may proceed with its Convocation immediately thereafter. Those Past High Priests or present High Priests who are eligible will report at that time.

The report of the Committee on Returns and Credentials, by E. . Harry R. Thompson, was read and motion prevailed that the same be adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS
(Which was adopted)

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter 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 that all Chapters have made returns.

We find the following Chapters are not represented:

Gainesville No. 2, St. John's No. 4, Mt. Horeb No. 6, Dade City No. 8, Putnam No. 9, Plant City No. 16, St. Augustine No. 17, Manatee River No. 18, Lakeland No. 29, Eustis No. 33, Leesburg No. 34, Crestview No. 40, Highlands No. 42, Clearwater No. 45, Hill City No. 55.

All Chapters have paid dues, with the following exceptions:

Tampa No. 3, overpaid \$1.00.

Putnam No. 9, underpaid \$1.00.

Plant City No. 16, 1941 dues—\$21.00 and old balance \$98.00.

St. Augustine No. 17, old balance \$101.00.

Live Oak No. 25, old balance \$120.00.

Fraternally submitted

HARRY R. THOMPSON
RUSSELL W. HOUSTON
A. S. VANCE
Committee

The Grand Convocation adjourned, to reconvene at eight o'clock this evening.

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The Companions gathered at Morocco Temple, at six o'clock P. M. to partake of a dinner prepared by the Refreshment Committee.

(Evening Session, 8 P. M.)

The Grand Chapter reconvened at eight o'clock P. M., with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, M. .E. .William R. O'Neal, and the singing of "God Bless America" and pledge to flag.

REPORT ON COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATION AND BY-LAWS
(Which was adopted)

We, your Committee on Dispensation and By-laws, find that all matters submitted by the Grand High Priest have been properly done.

Fraternally submitted

FREDERIC A. RIEGEL
W. A. BELK
CHARLES GILDERSLEEVE
Committee

M. .E. .WILLIAM R. O'NEAL: M. .E. .T. Picton Warlow, who is the senior member of the Committee on Jurisprudence, was unable to be present tonight, and he asked me to make the report for him. With your permission I shall make it now. The report is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE
(Which was adopted)

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

Your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred portions of the M. .E. . Grand High Priest's address, report that they have carefully examined into the various matters and things so referred to them and find:

That the edicts and dispensations granted and refused, all being within the prerogative of the Grand High Priest, need no comment at our hands.

We recommend that all the recommendations of the Grand High Priest referred to us viz: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 13 be approved and No. 4, 11, 12 and 14 be referred back to the floor of the Grand Chapter without recommendation.

Decisions: We recommend that all decisions be approved.

We express the hope that the representatives of the particular Chapters present at this Grand Convocation will see that the Grand High Priest's address be read in their respective Chapters. Our Grand High Priest has not only attended to the usual duties of his office, but has by his earnest efforts been of great service to the Craft.

Fraternally submitted,

T. PICTON WARLOW
ARCHIE AITCHISON
FREDERIC RIEGEL
JOHN B. PHELPS
D. H. RUTTER
JOHN L. HALL
W. R. O'NEAL
Committee

E. .SPENCER L. HOUSTON: That portion referred back to the floor was that portion of your address that said that the voting power should be to the representatives and to the members, officers of the Grand Chapter; is that right?

THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST: I will read you No. 4. The Jurisprudence Committee referred this back to the Grand Chapter and that was very proper because it was a matter for the membership

to decide, and you may adopt it as it is, or you may alter it or discard it. Recommendation No. 4 was read.

Motion prevailed that Recommendations No. 4 and No. 12 be *NOT* approved.

M. E. WILLIAM R. O'NEAL: Without asking the Committee on Jurisprudence to retire, I ask unanimous consent that proposed amendment to Section 3, Article 4, reading as follows, be received and laid over for one year:

To Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons:

Proposed amendment to Section No. 3, Article No. 4 Regulations; that said regulation be amended to read by adding the words after Grand Secretary second line the words "Fifteen days" in lieu of "on Saturday." Also by adding the words "The Grand Secretary shall file copies of said address to members of Jurisprudence Committee," so that the regulation when adopted will read: "4. The Most Excellent Grand High Priest is requested to file in the office of the Grand Secretary fifteen days in advance of Annual Convocation copies of his annual address together with all necessary papers and correspondence relating thereto. The Grand Secretary shall file copies of said address to members of Jurisprudence Committee."

Proposition to add to Section 23 of Regulations have added thereto this provision; "That a Committee of five for Capitular Jurisdiction, one of which shall be appointed for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, one for five years and fill the vacancy by appointing each year for a period of five years, and the committee shall meet one day before meeting of Grand Convocation."

Proposed amendment to Section No. 3 of the Constitution as proposed in recommendation No. 11: That said section three have added after the last word in said section the words "Provided also that a Companion may propose a Masonic brother who is eligible to receive the Royal Arch Degrees for membership in the Chapter when so proposed. A ballot shall be taken as required by this Constitution and if favorable the brother be invited to join the Chapter upon payment of the required fee." This motion must lay over for one year.

Resolution: "Resolved that the money now on hand in the Educational Loan Fund shall be reserved for loans to students."

Jurisprudence Committee,

By WM. R. O'NEAL

M. E. WILLIAM L. MARSHALL: Your Jurisprudence Committee recommends that all other matters in the recommendation be adopted. I want to do this open and above board. No. 11 reads "amend the Constitution." It will have to go through the same procedure. That is, a resolution must be prepared and submitted, for laying over until next year, permitting a Companion to propose a Brother for membership in the Chapter and a ballot be taken on the petition, etc.

This suggestion by the Grand High Priest was approved.

A Committee was appointed to codify the laws, consisting of Ralph G. Reynolds, Wm. R. O'Neal and John Phelps.

Motion prevailed to adopt the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence amending the regulation concerning the filing of proposed resolutions fifteen days before the opening of the Grand Chapter.

Motion prevailed to adopt the report of the Jurisprudence Committee concerning the proposed amendment for the appointment of five members on the Jurisprudence Committee, to be appointed for one year, two years, three years, four years and five years.

M. E. DORSEY H. RUTTER: I have been asked to bring this matter before the Grand Chapter. A number of Aprons and some of the Jewels are missing. You know if you have any of these. Report it to the Grand Secretary, so that he can get the proper paraphernalia for our Grand Chapter to supplant the missing items.

M. E. JOHN B. PHELPS: I had the Aprons reconstructed and the Jewels regilded that were in my possession, and they look very nice, but there are one or two that are missing and I have not been able to locate them. I would like authority to order such Jewels and Aprons as are necessary to rehabilitate the entire officers' equipment.

Motion prevailed that the Grand Secretary be authorized to get the Aprons and Jewels to replace those that are missing.

M. E. JOHN B. PHELPS: This is a resolution presented by R. Houghton, Past High Priest of Thomas Brown Chapter of Bartow:

To the M. E. Grand High Priest and Companions of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Florida:

Greetings: Believing it to be for the best interest of the York Rite Bodies, I herewith offer the following:

Be it resolved that in the election of officers in this Grand Chapter R.A.M.: No Companion who is an officer of either the Grand Council R & SM's or the Grand Commandery K's T (except the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary) shall be eligible for election or appointment to office in this Grand Chapter under an interim of two years; provided however, those officers now in line if elected or appointed.

Be it further resolved that in the election of officers in this Grand Chapter the election shall continue thru and include the office of Royal Arch Captain; all other officers shall be appointed by the Grand High Priest elect and no Master of the Veil shall be eligible for election following his year of service under appointment.

Be it still further resolved that should these resolutions be for any reason in conflict with Grand Chapter Laws; they are then offered for amendment to the Grand Chapter R.A.M. Laws.

Sincerely and Fraternally submitted,
R. HOUGHTON. P.H.P.

A motion prevailed that this resolution be not approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS
(Which was adopted)

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

Your Committee on Unfinished Business begs to report as follows:

We have examined the Proceedings of the last Annual Convocation, and we find three items, which, in the opinion of your Committee, come properly under its Jurisdiction.

On page 28 of the 1942 Proceedings, we find a proposal to amend the Constitution changing the time for filing Annual Returns from December 27th to June 24th in each year, as contained in Article V, Section 1.

On page 28 of the 1942 Proceedings, we find a proposal to amend Article V, Section 4 of the Constitution changing the time of Annual Convocations from the third Tuesday in May in each year at 10 o'clock, A. M. to the second Monday in September at 2 o'clock, P. M.

On page 29 of the Proceedings of 1942, we find a proposal to amend Article IV, Section 8 of the Constitution changing the election of the first five officers of Subordinate Chapters to the first regular Convocation of the Chapter following the fourteenth day of May and not later than the fifteenth day of June in each year.

With the exception of the foregoing items, we find nothing for the action of this Committee.

Fraternally submitted,
CHESTER O. CORNWALL
BERTON FISHER
Committee

The Grand Chapter adjourned until 10 o'clock on Wednesday, September 15th, those High Priests eligible for the Order of High Priesthood to appear at 8 o'clock A. M.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, SEPTEMBER 15
A.D. 1943, A.B. 3856

The Annual Assembly of the Order of High Priesthood was held on the sixth floor of the Masonic Temple in the City of Jacksonville, on Wednesday morning, September 15, A.D. 1943, A.B. 3856, at 8:00 o'clock. Meeting was opened with prayer by the Chaplain, M. E. Dorsey H. Rutter.

The roll call showed all officers present except M. E. William B. Greer, President.

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

The Secretary-Treasurer made his report showing that as Treasurer he had on deposit in the Bank in Miami \$323.82, received from the Barnett National Bank of Sarasota and including \$39 from the funds collected at last year's Annual Assembly. One dollar was spent for expenses. He reported that he had 17 bibles on hand, so it was

not necessary to buy any. Motion prevailed that the report of the Secretary-Treasurer be received and filed.

Motion prevailed that the Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to purchase approximately \$250 of War Bonds.

Motion prevailed that the Secretary-Treasurer be paid \$25 for services and expenses.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

Be it resolved by the Order of High Priesthood in regular meeting assembled at Jacksonville, Florida, this 15th day of September, 1943, that the funds of this body be deposited with the First Federal and Loan Association of Miami, Florida, and that the same may be deposited and/or withdrawn by the Secretary-Treasurer of this Order to-wit: John B. Phelps and the said Association is hereby authorized to honor all checks and drafts upon the funds belonging to this Order when signed by the said John B. Phelps.

Motion prevailed that any member of the Order of High Priesthood who is not on the payroll or receiving per diem in any of the other bodies be paid his expenses to the Grand Convocation but not the per diem.

The Election of Officers resulted as follows:

William B. Greer	M. E. President
Archie Aitchison	E. Vice-President
Dorsey H. Rutter	E. Chaplain
John B. Phelps	E. Secretary-Treasurer
J. Russell West	E. Master of Ceremonies
Wm. L. Marshall	E. Conductor
L. Earl Curry	E. Herald
Loren L. Dilger	E. Steward
Russell W. Houston	E. Sentinel

Bills for supplies amounting to \$1.00 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:

Hugh E. Boring, Jacksonville 12
J. M. Gauld, Keystone 20
Thomas J. Morris, Jericho 11
Orville A. Clark, Jacksonville 12
F. F. Wuerffel, Jefferson 26
Stanley G. Salter, St. Petersburg 31
Berton Fisher, Halifax, 5
A. S. Hunter, Jr., Ocala 13

It was reported that E. Walter M. Johnson of St. Petersburg 31 requested that the Order of High Priesthood be conferred upon him by Ohio Chapter. The Grand High Priest of Florida made the request and the Secretary-Treasurer wrote to Ohio Chapter and they gladly conferred the degree upon him, the fee of \$4 having been paid.

The above-named candidates were all anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

The minutes were read and adopted, and the Assembly closed with prayer by the E. Chaplain at 9:30 o'clock A. M.

ARCHIE AITCHISON

Acting President

JOHN B. PHELPS

Secretary-Treasurer

Wednesday, September 15, 1943

The Grand Chapter reconvened at 10 o'clock A. M. The opening prayer was delivered by the Grand Chaplain, M. E. William R. O'Neal, followed by the salute to the flag of the United States.

The resolution concerning the scholarship amendment was then read by the M. E. Grand Secretary, and after discussion the mover of the resolution withdrew the same temporarily and it was referred to the Finance Committee, a motion to that effect prevailing. A report of Finance Committee on this subject

Motion prevailed that the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business be accepted.

The resolution proposed on page 28 of the 1942 Proceedings relative to Annual Returns, Annual Convocations and Annual election of officers of constituent chapters was presented on the floor for final vote and were rejected.

A resolution was presented by E. Herbert Chiles and read by the M. E. Grand Secretary, as follows:

A PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Two hundred (\$200.00) dollars of the funds of this Grand Chapter shall be set aside annually to create scholarships in the Florida State College for Women at Tallahassee and the University of Florida at Gainesville, this sum to be divided equally between the two and to be given as a scholarship in their senior year in school only. A committee to be known as the "Grand Royal Arch Chapter Educational Committee" to select the two students each year who shall be beneficiaries of this fund.

REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE

This Committee submits the following:

Income of this Grand Chapter from May 1st, 1942 to August 1st, 1943, was	\$3,717.51
Expenses of this Convocation to date are	2,068.33
Leaving a balance to take care of Chapter in recess.	\$1,649.18

The recommendation of this Committee is: These Scholarships should not be set up at this time.

Fraternally submitted,

T. E. DICKENSON

J. A. FITE

J. E. RAMSDELL
Committee

Motion prevailed that the report of the committee be adopted.

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

Resolved that Article No. 50 of the Constitution now reading:

"The representatives of the particular Chapters in attendance at the Grand Chapter who are entitled to mileage shall be paid actual mileage from the location of their respective Chapters."

(Signed) H. S. CHILES

Motion prevailed that resolution be referred to the Finance Committee to report on this subject.

Committee recommends this resolution be not eliminated.

Fraternally submitted,

T. E. DICKENSON

J. A. FITE

J. E. RAMSDELL

Motion prevailed that the report of the committee be adopted.

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

Resolved; That the per capita tax be seventy-five cents, to cover the operation of the Grand Chapter.

Resolved that Article No. 49 be changed to read:

"Officers of the Grand Chapter and Past High Priests shall receive SEVEN dollars per diem and FIVE cents for each mile traveled in coming to and returning to each Grand Convocation."

(Signed) H. S. CHILES

Motion prevailed that resolution be referred to Finance Committee.

Committee recommends this article be not changed.

Fraternally submitted,

T. E. DICKENSON

J. A. FITE

J. E. RAMSDELL

Motion prevailed that the report of the committee be adopted.

Announcement was made by E. L. Earl Curry as to the conferring of the York Cross of Honor in the adjoining lodge room after the adjournment of the Grand Chapter.

REPORT OF PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES COMMITTEE

(Which was adopted)

To the M. E. Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons 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,

ARCHIE AITCHISON
S. H. SOLOMON
Committee

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND

(Which was adopted)

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

Secretary's Report, Year Ending September 14, 1943

5-19-42 Savings Account No. 50601, First National Bank, Tampa \$327.61

Receipts—

Paid on Notes		\$38.27	
Paid on Interest	\$56.73	56.73	
Less		95.00	
50 per cent Int. Sec. Fees	\$28.37		
Due Secretary 5-31-42	3.51	31.88	63.12

Bank Interest Collected by Treasurer 390.73
5.13

Balance in Savings Account No. 50601 \$395.86

Per cent of Bank Interest Due Secretary, \$2.56

HERBERT S. CHILES, Secretary.

Motion prevailed to leave the time and place of the next Grand Chapter Convocation in the hands of the incoming High Priest.

A resolution to repeal the resolution adopted at the 1942 Convocation of the Grand Chapter concerning the setting aside of the fees for the degrees for the use and benefit of such widows, orphans and indigent members of the Chapters and the same being applied the way it may be needed, and the motion for the rescinding of that resolution prevailed.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

(Which was adopted)

To the M. E. Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons 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 \$4,717.12; also

the books of the Treasurer and Secretary of the Educational Loan Fund and find them correct with a balance on hand of \$395.86.
General Fund divided as follows:

Checking account, First National Bank of Tampa	\$2,347.12
U. S. Baby Bonds	2,370.00
	\$4,717.12

We recommend the following appropriations:

Grand Secretary's Salary	\$1,300.00
Grand Treasurer's Salary	200.00
Payroll attached hereto	550.18
	\$2,050.18

We also recommend the Grand Secretary be authorized to purchase a Past Grand High Priest's jewel and apron for the incoming Grand High Priest, to be presented at our next Grand Convocation, and the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay for same.

We recommend that in the interest of economy that:

The payroll of this Grand Chapter be limited to the Grand Chapter Officers; Past Grand High Priests; and one accredited representative of each constituent Chapter, and that all Committees be drawn from these Past Grand High Priests and accredited representatives, except standing committees.

That the Grand Secretary be authorized to draw such warrants as may be necessary to cover expenses that may arise during the recess of this Grand Chapter that are authorized by the Grand High Priest, and the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay the same.

We also recommend that hotel bills and meals of the General Grand High Priest and General Grand Council Officers be paid and that the Grand Secretary be authorized to draw warrants and Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay same and these bills be pro-rated between this Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. RAMSDALL
T. E. DICKENSON
J. A. FITE

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed as tellers Companions Spencer L. Houston, J. Russell West and S. H. Solomon. The Grand Chapter then proceeded with the Annual Election of Officers, with the following result:

Joseph E. Herring	M. E. Grand High Priest
G. Albert Lambe	R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest
Harry R. Thompson	E. Grand King
Loren L. Dilger	E. Grand Scribe
Riley J. McMaster	M. E. Grand Treasurer
John B. Phelps	M. E. Grand Secretary

Closing addresses were made by O. Frank Hart and W. Frank Wells.

The Grand High Priest-elect made the following appointments of Grand Officers:

GRAND OFFICER APPOINTED

D. M. Winans	E. Grand Captain of the Host
Arthur S. Rhoads	E. Grand Principal Sojourner
Harry D. Gilmore	E. Grand Royal Arch Captain
Leslie C. Bortle	E. Grand Master 3rd Veil
Carl H. Papier	E. Grand Master 2nd Veil
W. M. Dilsaver	E. Grand Master 1st Veil
Orville A. Clark	E. Grand Sentinel

INSTALLATION

The Grand Officers-elect and Grand Officers appointed were duly installed by M. E. Companion O. Frank Hart; M. E. Dorsey H. Rutter, Grand Marshal, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

M. E. JOSEPH E. HERRING: I thank you for this high honor, and I assure you I will rule and govern this Grand Chapter to the best of my ability. There has never been a man who sat in this chair that did not make mistakes. I know I will make several mistakes, but it will be from the head and not the heart. I want to have a meeting of the Grand Officers at six o'clock this afternoon in the adjoining room. I have something to bring before them.

A Past Grand High Priest's Jewel and Apron were presented to retiring Past Grand High Priest William L. Marshall with appropriate remarks by M. E. Companion John B. Phelps, which were replied to by M. E. Companion William L. Marshall.

M. E. JOSEPH E. HERRING: What our Junior Past Grand High Priest has accomplished is going to make it hard for me to live up to, but I will do my very best and want the support of the other Grand Officers during my term of office.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST

PRINTING

John B. Phelps

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE

William R. O'Neal, 5 years
Archie Aitchison, 3 years

Wm. B. Greer, 4 years
D. H. Rutter, 2 years

Frederic A. Riegel, 1 year

GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA

EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND

John B. Phelps

F. William Schultz

R. J. McMaster

COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS

William R. O'Neal

Henry O. Snow

Archie Aitchison

CORRESPONDENCE

John B. Phelps

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Russell W. Houston

Harry R. Thompson

Joel A. Fite

FINANCE

Jesse E. Ramsdell, 3 years

Joel A. Fite, 1 year

T. E. Dickenson, 2 years

Motion prevailed that the Grand Chapter authorize an audit to be made of the educational loan fund.

The Grand High Priest-elect directed M. E. John B. Phelps to install E. Leslie C. Bortle, Grand Master of the 3rd Veil.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THANKS
(Which was adopted)

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

To the Companions of Jacksonville Chapter Royal Arch Masons, No. 12 we express our heartiest thanks for their unbounded hospitality in entertaining this Grand Chapter.

We deeply appreciate the preparations they have made for us. We are grateful to the press in giving publicity to the affairs of this Grand Chapter.

We thank the York Rite bodies for the excellent banquet given us in Morocco Temple and for the Shrine band in rendering such inspiring music. Paul Tanner always thrills his audiences with his beautiful voice and his choice music.

It was with grateful hearts that we welcomed the General Grand High Priest, Companion Ray V. Denslow, whose remarkable and illuminating address will never be forgotten.

And it has been a high privilege to have with us W. Frank Wells, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council whose radiant personality, manly character and timely address will prove a blessing to Florida York Rite Masonry.

O. Frank Hart, General Grand Recorder of the General Council, to all intents and purposes, a member of our American Rite bodies, is always a welcome visitor with us. He is a great Mason, a real man, with a living message for living men. May he come again.

Fraternally submitted,

D. H. RUTTER
ARTHUR S. BOYER
W. B. HAGAN
Committee

No further business appearing, the foregoing minutes were adopted as recorded.

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

JOSEPH E. HERRING,
Grand High Priest

Attest:

JOHN B. PHELPS,
Grand Secretary



To the Memory of the

Companions of
Our Grand Jurisdiction

Who have passed on to that eternal life
during the year.

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This Page we fraternally dedicate.
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To the relatives and friends of those who have passed to that greater life, we offer the consolation embraced in the teachings of our fraternity. Birth and death are but the portals between which we enjoy an earthy existence bounded on either side by the boundless stretches of a vast eternity. Earthly life, an infinitesimal part of a vast whole, cannot be the ultimate object of creation, nor the grave the futile end of our dreams and hopes. The same power which gives us faith to look beyond the grave can and will vindicate this faith of his children.

*We cannot say and will not say
That they are dead
They are just away:
With a cheery smile
And a wave of the hand
They have wandered into Heaven land.*

OFFICERS
OF THE
General Grand Chapter
1942-1945

Ray Vaughn Denslow.....	<i>General Grand High Priest</i>
Trenton, Missouri	
Wilber Allen Scott.....	<i>General Grand King</i>
87 Weybosset Street, Providence, Rhode Island	
Early Hurt Johnson.....	<i>General Grand Scribe</i>
Court House, Columbus, Georgia	
Edmund Elmer Morris.....	<i>General Grand Treasurer</i>
Union National Bank, Kansas City, Missouri	
Roscoe R. Walcutt.....	<i>General Grand Secretary</i>
1605 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio	
Edward Whipple Spottwood.....	<i>General Grand Captain of the Host</i>
Missoula, Montana	
Fred Herbert Pocock.....	<i>General Grand Principal Sojourner</i>
707 Court Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana	
Earl Elliot Dusenbery.....	<i>General Grand Royal Arch Captain</i>
209 Masonic Temple, Des Moines, Iowa	
Albert Leon.....	<i>General Grand Master 3rd Veil</i>
93-95 Smith Street, Perth Amboy, New Jersey	
Walter Charles Haight.....	<i>General Grand Master 2nd Veil</i>
P. O. Box 127, Visalia, California	
Ward Abram Rowbottom.....	<i>General Grand Master 1st Veil</i>
705 East Wells Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin	
Harry Warner Harvey.....	<i>General Grand Custodian of Work</i>
7211 University Avenue, Chicago, Illinois	
James Luther Jordan.....	<i>General Grand Sentinel</i>
P. O. Box 747, Baton Rouge, Louisiana	

TRUSTEES OF THE PERMANENT FUND
John W. Nielson, Chairman, Concordia, Kansas (Deceased)
Allen M. Wilson, Manchester, N. H.
Fred H. Pocock, Fort Wayne, Indiana

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

1910	T. Picton Warlow, Orlando
1916	William R. O'Neal, Orlando
1920	Henry O. Snow, First National Bank, Tampa
1921	John L. Hall, City Hall, Jacksonville
1924	Earl L. Wirt, Babson Park
1925	T. T. Todd, Pensacola
1926	E. L. Shear, 147 Fairview Avenue, Daytona Beach
1928	Riley J. McMaster, P. O. Box 1810, Tampa
1929	John Pasco, P. O. Box 47, Raleigh, North Carolina
1930	Stafford Caldwell, Tallahassee
1931	Alex B. Steuart, c/o McDonald Construction Co., Lakeland
1932	William B. Greer, Quincy
1934	Archie Aitchison, 2600 Fairfield Avenue S., St. Petersburg
1935	George A. Dame, Inverness
1936	Cleveland R. Horne, Tallahassee
1938	John B. Phelps, P. O. Box 283, Miami
1939	Jesse C. Clark, P. O. Box 521, Pensacola
1940	Dorsey H. Rutter, 437 Broadway, Orlando
1941	Frederic A. Riegel, Sarasota
1941	F. Wm. Schultz, (Honorary) Sarasota
1942	Wm. L. Marshall, Tallahassee, 322 E. Call St.

ROLL OF COMPANIONS WHO HAVE BEEN MEMBERS FOR FORTY
CONSECUTIVE YEARS OR MORE

Name	Address	Years
Carpenter, Rev. W. J.	Gainesville	40
Chase, Joshua C.	Sanford	53
Ely, James W.	Pensacola	40
Forbes, Bleecker	Pensacola	43
Girtman, James D.	Miami	43
Hill, Will L.	Gainesville	44
Stevens, Frank W.	Pensacola	40
Stewart, Lewis C.	Fort Myers	46

I am sure there are many more, however this is all that has been accredited to me by the Secretaries of the constituent Chapters.

John B. Phelps
Grand Secretary.

GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA
GRAND SECRETARIES

STATE	NAME	ADDRESS
Gen. Grand Chapter	Roscoe R. Walcutt	1605 Eight E. Broad St., Columbus
Alabama	Guy T. Smith	Masonic Temple, Montgomery
Arizona	H. A. Drachman	Tucson, Box 229
Arkansas	John Q. Wolf	Batesville
California	Thomas A. Davies	Room 423, Masonic Temple, San Francisco
Colorado	Harry W. Bundy	319 Masonic Temple, Denver
Connecticut	Wm. L. Cort	Masonic Temple, 285 Whitney Ave., New Haven
Delaware	John W. Macklem	Masonic Temple, 818 Market St., Wilmington
District of Columbia	J. Claude Keiper	Masonic Temple, Washington
Florida	John B. Phelps	Box 283, Miami
Georgia	W. J. Penn, Jr.	Macon, 801 Mulberry Street
Idaho	Edward H. Way	Box 1753, Boise
Illinois	Edward E. Core	Springfield, Box 174
Indiana	Charles C. Thomas	Box 514, Marion
Iowa	George E. Masters	Glenwood
Kansas	Elmer F. Strain	Masonic Grand Lodge Bldg., Topeka
Kentucky	Ray G. Tipton	Irvine
Louisiana	Lee W. Harris	Alexandria, Box 404
Maine	Convers E. Leach	Masonic Temple, Portland
Maryland	Charles H. Welden	Masonic Temple, Baltimore
Massachusetts	Raymond T. Sewall	209 Masonic Temple, Boston
Michigan	Clyde M. Wilson	Jowosso, Masonic Temple
Minnesota	John H. Anderson	Masonic Temple, St. Paul
Mississippi	Sid F. Curtis	Meridian
Missouri	Ray V. Denslow	Trenton
Montana	Luther T. Hauberg	Helena, Box 896
Nebraska	Lewis E. Smith	401 Masonic Temple, Omaha
Nevada	E. C. Peterson	Carson
New Hampshire	J. Melvin Dresser	44 S. Main St., Concord
New Jersey	Chas. D. McCracken	53 N. Union St., Lambertville
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque, P. O. Box 535
New York	Carl G. Wilhelms	New York City, Masonic Hall
North Carolina	Wm. Richie Smith	Box 1059, Raleigh
North Dakota	Walter L. Stockwell	Masonic Temple, Fargo
Ohio	Mont C. Hambright	907 First Nat'l Bank Bldg., Springfield
Oklahoma	I. A. Lathim	Muskogee Masonic Temple
Oregon	D. Rufus Cheney	Portland, Masonic Temple
Rhode Island	Wilbur A. Scott	87 Weybosset St., Providence
South Carolina	O. Frank Hart	502 Palmetto State Bldg., Columbia
South Dakota	Elvin S. Strain	Masonic Library Bldg., Sioux Falls
Tennessee	T. E. Doss	Nashville, Box 216
Utah	Bert Atwater	Salt Lake City, Masonic Temple
Vermont	Arnon H. Grout	Burrington, Masonic Temple
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West Virginia	George M. Ford	Hawley Bldg., Wheeling
Wisconsin	Wm. F. Weiler	705 East Wells St., Milwaukee
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Non-Associate States		
Pennsylvania	John C. F. Kitselman	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia
Texas	T. M. Bartley	Masonic Temple, Waco
Virginia	James M. Clift	Richmond, Masonic Temple
Foreign		
Alberta	C. A. MacPherson	1412 Second St., N.W., Calgary
British Columbia	Geo. Hugh MacKay	Vancouver, 1955 Charles Street
Canada	Edwin Smith	712 Temple Bldg., Bay & Richmond Sts., Toronto
England	Sidney A. White	London, Freemasons Hall Gt., Queens St., W. C. 2
Ireland	H. C. Shellard	Freemasons' Hall, Moleworth St., Dublin
Manitoba	T. Sellar Cook	29-161 Langside St., Winnipeg
New Brunswick	Roy E. Crawford	St. Johns, Box 177
New South Wales	Frederick R. Sinden	Wellington, Box 1295
New Zealand	F. J. Rea	Sydney, Box 1295
Nova Scotia	H. S. Theakston	Wellington, Masonic Temple
Quebec	W. W. Williamson	Halifax, Box 3172
Queensland	S. W. Coulter	Montreal, Box 3172
Saskatchewan	F. B. Reilly	Box 425, F.G.P.O., Brisbane
Scotland	Geo. A. Howell	Regina, 410 Darke Blk.
South Australia	R. Owen Fox	75 Queen St., Edinburgh
Victoria	H. O. Thomas	Box 19, Bundles St., Adelaide
West Australia	H. C. Anderson	164-170 Flinders St., Melbourne C. I. 65 St. George's Terrace, Perth

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN FLORIDA

Alabama	Joseph E. Herring	Jacksonville
Alberta	Cleveland H. Horne	Tallahassee
Arizona	C. Constantine	Sarasota
Arkansas	Loren L. Dilger	Pensacola
British Columbia	Earle L. Wirt	Babson Park
California	Spencer L. Houston	Jacksonville
Canada	Chester DeRocher	Bradenton
Colorado	Bradford C. Webb	Ocala
Connecticut		
Delaware	Sumner R. Hall	Fort Myers
District of Columbia	John E. Mattocks	Orlando
Georgia		
Idaho		
Illinois	Archie Aitchison	St. Petersburg
Indiana	Raymond A. Williams	Miami
Iowa	E. L. Shear	Daytona Beach
Kansas	Jesse C. Clark	Pensacola
Kentucky	T. P. Robinson	Orlando
Louisiana	Norman C. Edwards	Jacksonville
Maine	Mack Tyner	Laurel Hill
Manitoba	Ralph L. Gillett	Tampa
Maryland	Henry O. Snow	Tampa
Massachusetts	James Booth	St. Petersburg
Michigan	F. William Schultz	Sarasota
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Mississippi		
Missouri	Harry Guy	Winter Haven
Montana	George Albert Lambe	Marianna
Nebraska	Richard E. Halton	Sarasota
Nevada	Richard W. Ervin	Tallahassee
New Brunswick	Carl H. Papier	St. Petersburg
New Hampshire	William R. O'Neal	Orlando
New Jersey	William L. Marshall	Tallahassee
New South Wales	John D. Grether	Jacksonville
New Mexico	R. T. Shafer	Gainesville
New York	Joseph E. Herring	Jacksonville
New Zealand	John D. Gove	Sanford
North Carolina	David Scruggs	St. Petersburg
North Dakota	Riley J. McMaster	Tampa
Nova Scotia	T. Picton Warlow	Orlando
Ohio	Dorsey H. Rutter	Orlando
Oklahoma	William B. Greer	Quincy
Oregon	Frederic A. Riegel	Sarasota
Pennsylvania	W. D. Hoyt	Eustis
Quebec	Harry S. Benson	Daytona Beach
Queensland	John B. Phelps	Miami
Rhode Island	Samuel E. Fleet	Live Oak
Saskatchewan	Jesse Reeves	Quincy
Scotland	Alex B. Stuart	Tallahassee
South Carolina	Earnest V. Reed	Tampa
South Dakota	William R. O'Neal	Orlando
Tennessee	W. E. Froehlich	West Palm Beach
Texas	Russell W. Houston	Miami
Utah	Percy J. Hampton	Bradenton
Vermont	J. E. Ramsdell	Orlando
Victoria	John L. Hall	Jacksonville
Virginia	Stafford Caldwell	Tallahassee
Washington	D. W. Winans	Monticello
West Australia	W. W. Sloan	Dade City
West Virginia	Hal G. Young	West Palm Beach
Wisconsin	George A. Dame	Inverness
Wyoming	Emery G. Pierce	Bradenton

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Illinois	Harry H. Kester	Greenfield, 10 W. Main St.
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Iowa	Ora H. Miller	Dodge City, Masonic Temple
Kansas	Richard W. Evans	Fort Thomas, 19 E. Vernon Lane
Kentucky	Fred E. Phillips	New Orleans, Masonic Temple
Louisiana	D. Peter Lagunas, Jr.	Portland, Box 974
Maine	E. Murry Graham	Winnipeg
Manitoba	James Cavers	Annapolis, 1403 Popla St.
Maryland	Bernard Anderson	Boston, 141 Mills St.
Massachusetts	J. Lawton Whitlock	Tampa, 2402 Ardson Place
Michigan	James H. Thompson	Duluth, 5711 Wyoming Street
Minnesota	Lawrence S. Munro	Clarksville
Mississippi	James H. Johnson	Kirksville, 709 S. Halliburton
Missouri	James M. DeWitt	Kirkman, 101 West Lamme Street
Montana	Channell A. MacKenzie	Bozeman, 1930 South 10th St.
Nebraska	Harry O. Hartwell	Omaha, 1930 Washington St.
Nevada	Carl Sorenson	Reno, 840 New Brunswick, Fairvill, New Brunswick
New Brunswick	Guy J. Gabel	84 Manawagonish Road Cape Porpoise, Maine, Box 291
New Hampshire	Charles L. Wentworth	New Brunswick
New Jersey	Charles H. Turton	Albuquerque
New Mexico	Oliver J. Olin	Burwood, Lildorset & Wyatt Ave.
New South Wales	Alfred Wm. Creed	Cuba, N. Y., 5 Elm St.
New York	Robert C. Guild	Wanganui, 48 Pitt Street
New Zealand	Ernest Senior	Oxford College
North Carolina	Frank M. Pinnix	Dickinson
North Dakota	Otto Hennings	Charlottetown, Prince Edward Isl.
Nova Scotia	R. H. Rogers	Bartlett
Ohio	Oliver H. Ormiston	Norman, 817 South Lahoma
Oklahoma	Newton A. Hale	Marshfield
Oregon	N. H. Gunderson	Doylestown, Box 442
Pennsylvania	Walter M. Carwithen	Montreal
Quebec	J. Hamilton Ferns	Brisbane, Botany Street, Clayfield
Queensland	John Robert Kelly	Newport, R.F.D. No. 2
Rhode Island	Jethro H. Peckham	Shaunavon
Saskatchewan	William J. Smith	Glasgow, Mossgriel Rd., New Lands
Scotland	John Hewat	Great Falls
South Carolina	Lemuel Wylie Pittman	Hurley
South Dakota	Roland S. Almond	Johnson City, 1305 Baxter St.
Tennessee	William Henry Blackwell	Dallas, City Hall
Texas	D. C. McCord	326 "B" I. St.
Utah	George B. Torry	Windsor
Vermont	J. Harold Stacey	Melbourn, Collins Street
Victoria	Baron Marks	Richmond, 4528 Seminary Ave.
Virginia	W. Norvell Woodward	Seattle, 3033 27th Avenue West
Washington	Edgar D. Griffith	Clearmont, Bay View Terrace
West Australia	Harold Walby	Charleston
West Virginia	James P. Mace	Tax Commissioner's Office Marshfield
Wisconsin	James A. Turner	Greybull
Wyoming	Homer Z. Zorn	

PAST ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA

From Its Organization to Date

	PRIESTS GRAND HIGH	DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS	GRAND KINGS	GRAND SCRIBES	GRAND TREASURERS	GRAND SECRETARIES	GRAND CHAPLAINS
1847	Thos. Douglas*	John P. Duval*	Harry R. Taylor*	Geo. W. MacRae*	Edwin D. Nash*	John B. Taylor*	Edwin L. T. Blake*
1848	John P. Duval*	Isaac H. Bronson*	Geo. W. MacRae*	D. S. Graham*	Thomas Brown*	John B. Taylor*	Edwin L. T. Blake*
1849	Isaac H. Bronson*	Harry R. Taylor*	D. S. Graham*	R. A. Shine*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	Charles E. Dyke*
1850	Harry R. Taylor*	D. S. Graham*	R. A. Shine*	Gad Humphreys*	David C. Wilson*	John B. Taylor*	Edwin L. T. Blake*
1851	Thomas Brown*	Gad Humphreys*	Alfred A. Fisher*	Benj. Sawyer	David C. Wilson*	John B. Taylor*	Geo. M. McDonald*
1852	R. A. Shine*	Sam'l B. Stephens*	Samuel Boardman*	D. G. McLean	David C. Wilson*	John B. Taylor*	Charles E. Dyke*
1853	Sam'l Boardman*	J. M. Davidson*	C.A.M. Mitchell*	James S. Rust*	David C. Wilson*	John B. Taylor*	E. G. Asny
1854	J. Wayles Baker*	Thomas Y. Henry**	James Ellenwood*	John L. McKinnon*	David C. Wilson*	John B. Taylor*	Homer Hendee
1855	J. Wayles Baker*	Edward R. Ives*	Joseph S. May*	James Ellenwood*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	Homer Hendee
1856	Thos. Hayward*	Edward R. Ives*	John L. McKinnon*	David S. Walker*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	Charles E. Dyke*
1857	Gad Humphreys*	James Ellenwood*	John L. McKinnon*	Charles E. Dyke*	John S. Bond*	John B. Taylor*	J. R. Plummer
1858	Thos. Hayward*		D. P. Holland*	Calvin Davis*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	John Penny
1859	D. P. Holland*		Geo. F. Baltzell*	Josiah Payne*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	John Penny
1860	Thomas Y. Henry*	Geo. F. Baltzell*	Geo. D. Fisher*	Charles Slager*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	Edwin L. T. Blake*
1861	Geo. F. Baltzell*	James Ellenwood*	Franklin Branch*	Charles Slager*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	John Penny*
1862	Geo. F. Baltzell*	James Ellenwood*	Charles Slager*	D. C. Dawkins*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	Thomas A. Carruth*
1863	Geo. F. Baltzell*	James Ellenwood*	Green H. Hunter*	Wm. H. Arendell*	Thomas Hayward*	Hugh A. Corley*	Columbus Smith*
1864	Geo. F. Baltzell*	James Ellenwood*	Thos. K. Leonard*	Wm. H. Arendell*	Thomas Hayward*	Hugh A. Corley*	Columbus Smith*
1865	David Jones*	D. C. Dawkins*	B. S. Fuller	Elias Earle*	T. Preston Tatum*	Hugh A. Corley*	Columbus Smith*
1866	David Jones*	D. C. Dawkins*	Elias Earle*	A. J. Lea*	T. Preston Tatum*	Hugh A. Corley*	Samuel C. Craft
1867	David Jones*	Wm. Morrill*	Charles Slager*	Chas. K. Sparhawk*	T. Preston Tatum*	Hugh A. Corley*	Wm. A. McLean*
1868	James Ellenwood*	Wm. Morrill*	Charles Slager*	M. M. T. Hutchinson	T. Preston Tatum*	Edw. Bradford, Jr.*	Thomas A. Carruth*
1869	C. D. Dawkins*	M.M.T.Hutchinson*	H. H. Berry*	Michael Bowes*	T. Preston Tatum*	Edw. Bradford, Jr.*	Thomas A. Carruth*
1870	C. D. Dawkins*	Chas. Slager*	Charles Mundee*	Samuel Pasco*	T. Preston Tatum*	W. M. McIntosh*	Edwin L. T. Blake*
1871	C. D. Dawkins*	James Ellenwood*	Wm. Morrill*	Theodore Ball*	T. Preston Tatum*	W. M. McIntosh*	Thomas A. Carruth*
1872	Wm. Morrill*	Hugh A. Corley*	John C. Ley	James L. Taylor*	T. Preston Tatum*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1873	Michael Bowes*	Samuel Pasco*	John S. Driggs*	Benj. G. Alderman*	D. L. Oakley	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1874	Michael Bowes*	John S. Driggs*	Benj. G. Alderman*	D. C. Wilson*	Wm. A. Young*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1875	Henry W. Long*	Edmund P. Jordan*	Wm. T. Weeks	W. W. Tucker*	D. L. Oakley	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1876	John S. Driggs*	Charles J. Allred*	W. W. Tucker*	John T. Miller*	D. L. Oakley	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1877	John S. Driggs*	George R. Jones*	W. W. Tucker*	John T. Miller*	L. McConihe*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1878	Enos Wasgate*	Robert J. Perry*	G. E. Wentworth*	Geo. S. Hallmark*	L. McConihe*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1879	Robert J. Perry*	Robert J. Perry*	Geo. S. Hallmark*	Hugh A. Corley*	L. McConihe*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1880	Robert J. Perry*	Geo. S. Hallmark*	Wm. E. Anderson*	Wm. A. McLean*	L. McConihe*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1881	W. A. McLean*	Wm. E. Anderson*	Warren F. Scott*	John G. Ellis*	L. McConihe*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1882	W. A. McLean*	Wm. E. Anderson*	Warren F. Scott*	G. S. Hallmark*	L. McConihe*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1883	Geo. S. Hallmark*	Wm. E. Anderson*	Warren F. Scott*	J. W.V.R.Plummer*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1884	Wm. E. Anderson*	Warren F. Scott*	J.W.V.R.Plummer*	Angus Patterson*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*

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	GRAND HIGH PRIESTS	DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS	GRAND KINGS	GRAND SCRIBES	GRAND TREASURERS	GRAND SECRETARIES	GRAND CHAPLAINS
1885	Wm. E. Anderson*	J. W.V.R.Plummer*	Angus Patterson*	Marcus Endel*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1886	Angus Patterson*	Marcus Endel*	F. S. Goodrich	John G. Ellis*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John S. Wharton
1887	Angus Patterson*	Marcus Endel*	F. S. Goodrich	R. A. Montsalvtge*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1888	Marcus Endel*	Fred S. Goodrich	Wm. M. McIntosh*	Chas. H. Munger	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1889	Marcus Endel*	Fred S. Goodrich	James W. Boyd*	Chas. H. Munger	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1890	J. W. Boyd*	T. S. Wilmarth*	F. P. Mersereau	John H. Stevens*	John H. Stevens*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1891	T. S. Wilmarth*	F. P. Mersereau	I. E. Webster*	Silas B. Wright*	Henry S. Ely*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1892	Irving E. Webster*	Silas B. Wright*	W. M. McIntosh*	John H. Stevens*	Henry S. Ely*	{ DeW. C. Dawkins* W. A. McLean*	W. A. McLean*
1893	Silas B. Wright*	Wm. M. McIntosh*	J. H. Stevens*	Henry S. Ely*	Warren Tyler*	W. A. McLean*	Irving E. Webster*
1894	Wm. M. McIntosh*	John H. Stephens*	Wm. H. Jewell*	Warren Tyler*	Wilber P. Webster*	W. A. McLean*	Irving E. Webster*
1895	John H. Stephens*	Wm. H. Jewell*	Warren Tyler*	Wilber P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster*	W. A. McLean*	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1896	Wm. H. Jewell*	Warren Tyler*	Wilber P. Webster*	Olin S. Wright*	Irving E. Webster*	W. A. McLean*	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1897	Warren Tyler*	Wilber P. Webster*	James Carnell*	E. E. Haskell*	Irving E. Webster*	{ W. A. McLean* T. G. Hutchinson*	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1898	Wilber P. Webster*	James Carnell*	E. E. Haskell*	A. M. Cushman*	Marcus Endel*	{ T. G. Hutchinson* W. A. McLean*	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1899	James Carnell*	E. E. Haskell*	A. M. Cushman*	J. R. Wetherell*	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1900	E. E. Haskell*	A. M. Cushman*	J. R. Wetherell*	T. G. Hutchinson*	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1901	A. M. Cushman*	J. R. Wetherell*	T. G. Hutchinson*	Louis C. Massey*	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1902	J. R. Wetherell*	T. G. Hutchinson*	Louis C. Massey*	Olin S. Wright*	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster*
1903	T. G. Hutchinson*	Louis C. Massey*	Olin S. Wright*	Joseph R. Keller*	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster*
1904	Louis C. Massey*	Olin S. Wright*	Joseph R. Keller*	Wm. S. Ware*	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	John H. Weddell*
1905	Olin S. Wright*	Joseph R. Keller*	Wm. S. Ware*	F. W. Armstrong	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	John H. Weddell*
1906	Joseph R. Keller*	Wm. S. Ware*	F. W. Armstrong	T. Picton Warlow	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	John H. Weddell*
1907	William S. Ware*	F. W. Armstrong	T. Picton Warlow	John H. Waddell*	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster*
1908	John H. Weddell*	Samuel Pasco*	T. Picton Warlow	F. B. Stoneman*	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster*
1909	Samuel Pasco*	T. Picton Warlow	F. B. Stoneman*	Robert McClellan*	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster*
1910	T. Picton Warlow	F. B. Stoneman*	Robert McClellan*	H. N. Sweeting*	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster*
1911	F. B. Stoneman*	Robert McClellan*	H. N. Sweeting*	John M. Caldwell*	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster*
1912	Robt. McClellan*	H. N. Sweeting*	John M. Caldwell*	Will C. Address*	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster*
1913	H. N. Sweeting*	John M. Caldwell*	Will C. Address*	Wm. R. O'Neal	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster*
1914	John M. Caldwell*	Will C. Address*	Wm. R. O'Neal	D. B. Palmer*	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster*
1915	Will C. Address*	Wm. R. O'Neal	D. B. Palmer*		Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster*
1916	Wm. R. O'Neal	D. B. Palmer*			Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster*
1917	D. B. Palmer*		L. F. Blalock		Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster*
1918		L. F. Blalock	W. V. Carter*		Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster*
1919	W. V. Carter*	H. O. Snow	John L. Hall		Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	W. B. Y. Wilkie*
1920	H. O. Snow	John L. Hall	R. J. Kishpaugh*		Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	W. B. Y. Wilkie*

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GRAND HIGH PRIESTS	DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS	GRAND KINGS	GRAND SCRIBES	GRAND TREASURERS	GRAND SECRETARIES	GRAND CHAPLAINS
1921 John L. Hall	R. J. Kishpaugh*	Ely P. Hubbell*	Erle L. Wirt	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	W. B. Y. Wilkie*
1922 R. J. Kishpaugh*	Ely P. Hubbell*	Erle L. Wirt		Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	W. B. Y. Wilkie*
1923 Ely P. Hubbell*	Erle L. Wirt	T. T. Todd	E. L. Shear	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	W. B. Y. Wilkie*
1924 Earl L. Wirt	T. T. Todd	E. L. Shear	Cary B. Fish*	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	W. B. Y. Wilkie*
1925 T. T. Todd	E. L. Shear	Cary B. Fish*	R. J. McMaster	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	W. B. Y. Wilkie*
1926 E. L. Shear	Cary B. Fish*	R. J. McMaster	Stafford Caldwell	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	W. B. Y. Wilkie*
1927 Cary B. Fish	R. J. McMaster	Stafford Caldwell	John Pasco	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	W. B. Y. Wilkie*
1928 R. J. McMaster	Stafford Caldwell	John Pasco	Alex B. Steuart	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	W. B. Y. Wilkie*
1929 John Pasco	Stafford Caldwell	Alex B. Steuart	Wm. B. Greer	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	Dorsey H. Rutter
1930 Stafford Caldwell	Alex B. Steuart	Wm. B. Greer	R. P. Buckmaster	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	Dorsey H. Rutter
1931 Alex B. Steuart	Wm. B. Greer	R. P. Buckmaster	Archie Aitchison	Marcus Endel* (R. J. McMaster)	Wilber P. Webster*	Dorsey H. Rutter
1932 Wm. B. Greer	R. P. Buckmaster	Archie Aitchison	George A. Dame	R. J. McMaster	Wilber P. Webster*	Dorsey H. Rutter
1933 R. P. Buckmaster	Archie Aitchison	George A. Dame	Cleveland R. Horne	R. J. McMaster	Wilber P. Webster*	Albert E. Calkins*
1934 Archie Aitchison	George A. Dame	Cleveland R. Horne	J. Lloyd Head*	R. J. McMaster	Wilber P. Webster*	Albert E. Calkins*
1935 Geo. A. Dame	Cleveland R. Horne	J. Lloyd Head*	John B. Phelps	R. J. McMaster	Cary B. Fish*	Albert E. Calkins*
1936 Cleveland R. Horne	J. Lloyd Head*	John B. Phelps	Jesse C. Clark	R. J. McMaster	Cary B. Fish*	Albert E. Calkins*
1937 J. Lloyd Head*	John B. Phelps	Jesse C. Clark	Dorsey H. Rutter	R. J. McMaster	Cary B. Fish*	Albert E. Calkins*
1938 John B. Phelps	Jesse C. Clark	Dorsey H. Rutter	Frederic A. Riegel	R. J. McMaster	Cary B. Fish*	Joseph R. Keller*
1939 Jesse C. Clark	Dorsey H. Rutter	Frederic A. Riegel	Wm. L. Marshall	R. J. McMaster	Cary B. Fish*	Joseph R. Keller*
1940 Dorsey H. Rutter	Frederic A. Riegel	Wm. L. Marshall	Joseph E. Herring	R. J. McMaster	Cary B. Fish*	Joseph R. Keller*
1941 Frederick E. Riegel	Wm. L. Marshall	Joseph E. Herring	G. Albert Lambe	R. J. McMaster	Cary B. Fish*	Joseph R. Keller*
1942 Wm. L. Marshall	Joseph E. Herring	G. Albert Lambe	Harry R. Thompson	R. J. McMaster	Sumner R. Hall	Wm. R. O'Neal
					John B. Phelps	Wm. R. O'Neal

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Monroe	15	K. G. Soderbloom	Marvin J. Meeks	R. H. Williams	J. D. Gove	C. J. Rumph	Box 532, Sanford
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St. Augustine	17	L. O. Davis	R. C. Dubbs	A. E. Pilgrim	A. E. Pilgrim	C. J. Oldfather	Box 842, St. Augustine
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Keystone	20	James M. Gauld	G. W. Hamrick	D. F. Robinson	W. E. Daniel	J. A. Lawson	Fort Lauderdale
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Eustis	33	S. B. Jones	W. R. Battle	J. M. Wolfe	I. B. Booth, Jr.	J. R. Ashmore	Eustis
Leesburg	34	Wm. Dunstan	Walter H. Dick	E. B. Fletcher	J. H. Pegram	J. H. Pegram	Leesburg
Sarasota	35	Hubert Sicks	Edward Dow	S. E. Wallace	F. A. Sansoucy	F. A. Riegel	Sarasota
Crestview	40	R. C. Lipscomb	W. H. Ward	Paul Brett	Dr. E. A. Fleming	C. L. Campbell	Crestview
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Highlands	42	J. M. Stephenson	P. A. Correll, Jr.	V. G. Watters	F. M. Smith	D. G. Perry	Avon Park
Clearwater	45	Wm. L. Randolph	Leland S. Hardin	D. F. Crawford	C. Shaw	C. Shaw	Clearwater
Duval	48	D. W. Carpenter	J. O. Biggers	J. E. Masters	N. C. Edwards	C. R. Leavitt, Sr.	7 Masonic Temple, South Jacksonville
Nassau	49	E. S. DuBose	S. H. Swearingen	C. D. Ruleshauser	W. S. Whitney	P. E. Stapleton	Fernandina
Poincianna	50	J. D. Denman	E. P. Theegarten	Alvin Gorton	S. H. Hall	Nathan G. Stout	Box 1135, Fort Myers
D. Cushing	54	Arthur F. Tidwell	J. U. Rutishauser	Arthur S. Boyer	V. M. Douglas	Charles A. Lewis	316 Franklin St. Tampa
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DIRECTORY OF CHAPTERS

CHAPTER	No. of Ch't'r	Date	LOCATION	TIME OF MEETING
Florida	1	1828	Tallahassee	Second Monday
Gainesville	2	1879	Gainesville	Third Tuesday
Tampa	3	1882	Tampa	First and Third Friday except July, August and September
St. John	4	1885	Deland	Third Friday except June, July, and August
Hallfax	5	1895	Daytona Beach	Second Thursday
Mount Horeb	6	1874	Pensacola	Second Monday
Eureka	7	1887	Orlando	First and Third Monday except July, August and September
Dade City	8	1895	Dade City	First and Third Monday
Putnam	9	1889	Pahaka	Second and Fourth Friday
Jerieho	11	1900	Miami	Second and Fourth Friday
Jacksonville	12	1854	Jacksonville	Second Thursday optional
Ocala	13	1888	Ocala	Thursday optional
Monroe	15	1893	Sanford	Fourth Friday
Plant City	16	1893	Plant City	Second and Fourth Tuesday
St. Augustine	17	1903	St. Augustine	First and Third Tuesday
Manatee River	18	1904	Bradenton	Second and Fourth Tuesday
Keystone	20	1895	Ft. Lauderdale	Second Tuesday
Thomas Brown	22	1871	Barlow	Second Tuesday
Lake Worth	24	1904	West Palm Beach	First Thursday
Lave Oak	25	1895	Live Oak	First and Third Monday
Jefferson	26	1905	Monticello	Second Friday
Indian River	27	1906	Titusville	First Monday except July, August, and September
Joppa	28	1906	Fort Pierce	Third Wednesday
Lakeland	29	1909	Lakeland	First Friday
Gadsden	30	1909	Quincy	Fourth Tuesday except July to October
St. Petersburg	31	1910	St. Petersburg	Third Monday
Jackson	32	1910	Marianna	First and Third Wednesday
Eustis	33	1914	Eustis	Second and Fourth Wednesday
Leesburg	34	1914	Leesburg	Third Monday
Sarasota	35	1915	Sarasota	Second Tuesday
Crestview	40	1920	Crestview	Second Thursday
Winter Haven	41	1920	Winter Haven	Second Tuesday except July, August and September
Highlands	42	1920	Avon Park	First and Third Thursday except July, August and September
Clearwater	45	1922	Clearwater	Second Monday except July, August and September
Duval	48	1922	South Jacksonville	First and Third Friday
Nassau	49	1901	Poinciana	Third Friday
Poinciana	50	1923	Fort Myers	Second Monday
M. D. Cushing	54	1927	Tampa	Second and Fourth Monday
Hill City	55	1927	Brooksville	First and Third Tuesday except July, August and September
				Second Monday

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GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA

STATISTICS—1942

CHAPTER	Number	Number Last Year	Exalted	Reinstated	Affiliated	Total	Died	Demitted	Suspended N. P. Dues	Suspended U. M. C.	Expelled	Present Number	Net Gain	Net Loss	Ministers	Emeritus
Florida	1	112	6	2	2	122	3	1	0	0	0	118	6	0	3	10
Gainesville	2	87	7	1	1	96	3	1	0	0	0	91	4	0	15	12
Tampa	3	137	2	3	0	142	3	2	0	0	0	135	0	2	7	23
St. John	4	43	0	1	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	6	1
Hallfax	5	67	0	0	0	67	2	0	0	0	0	59	8	0	6	4
Mount Horeb	6	91	21	0	2	114	2	0	0	0	0	106	15	0	1	5
Eureka	7	109	1	0	0	110	3	0	0	0	0	108	0	0	1	5
Dade City	8	199	1	0	0	199	1	0	0	0	0	198	33	0	1	11
Putnam	9	19	0	0	0	19	1	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	1	8
Jerieho	11	34	0	0	0	34	4	0	0	0	0	266	0	0	8	10
Jacksonville	12	233	12	8	3	306	8	1	0	1	106	290	4	0	5	10
Ocala	13	102	6	0	2	110	3	0	0	0	0	106	4	0	7	3
Monroe	15	86	2	0	0	88	0	0	0	0	0	87	1	0	3	4
Plant City	16	26	0	0	0	26	0	1	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	5
St. Augustine	17	28	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	2
Manatee River	18	46	0	1	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	1	4
Keystone	20	92	0	0	0	92	2	0	0	0	0	90	6	0	0	6
Thomas Brown	22	41	0	0	0	41	2	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	4
Lake Worth	24	156	0	0	0	156	0	0	0	0	0	156	0	0	1	4
Lave Oak	25	82	0	0	0	82	0	0	0	0	0	82	0	0	0	4
Jefferson	26	42	13	2	1	57	2	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	3	4
Indian River	27	56	0	0	0	56	4	0	0	0	0	52	0	0	0	11
Joppa	28	42	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0
Lakeland	29	44	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	0
Gadsden	30	46	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0
St. Petersburg	31	194	3	2	5	204	3	0	0	0	0	191	0	0	0	0
Jackson	32	45	1	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	0
Eustis	33	33	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0
Leesburg	34	25	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0
Sarasota	35	34	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0
Crestview	40	39	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0
Winter Haven	41	39	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0
Highlands	42	68	0	0	0	68	0	0	0	0	0	68	0	0	0	0
Clearwater	45	11	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0
Duval	48	63	13	0	0	76	1	0	0	0	0	75	1	0	0	0
Nassau	49	38	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0
Poinciana	50	63	0	0	0	63	0	0	0	0	0	63	0	0	0	0
M. D. Cushing	54	38	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0
Hill City	55	61	1	0	0	61	0	0	0	0	0	61	0	0	0	0
		21	0	1	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	0

Exalted	132
Reinstated	57
Affiliated	38
Died	75
Demitted	29
Suspended, Non-Payment of Dues	87
Expelled	1
Suspended, U. M. C.	0
Net Gain	35
Present Membership	2,830

Regulations

Adopted Since Publication of Digest

Regulation No.—.

Constituent 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 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.

1937

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 jurisdictions 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 cannot 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.

Regulation No. 60 amended 1941:

Nine members of a Chapter are necessary to constitute a quorum to transact any business, but such quorum may be made up of five members of any constituent Chapter of which a Council officer or Past High Priest, must be one, together with four 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, provided that the High Priest may call meetings of the Lodges respectively to confer the working quorums; Mark Masters Lodge 5, Past Masters Lodge 3, Most Excellent Masters Lodge 2, all of whom are not required to be Royal Arch Masons: and for such purposes the Chapter need not be opened in the Royal Arch Degree.

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Article V.

Section 3. The degrees of the Chapter shall not be conferred for a less sum than fifteen dollars, and then only upon Master Masons, who are members of Lodges in good standing, whose petitions have been duly presented in writing at a regular Convocation, reported upon by a Committee of Investigation, and unanimously accepted by the Chapter.

PROVIDED, That the fees and dues of Ministers of the Gospel who are actively engaged in ministerial work may be remitted by the Chapters.

Grand Chapter
ROYAL ARCH MASONS