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GEORGE ALBERT LAMBE
GRAND HIGH PRIEST
1944 - 1945

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Grand Chapter
ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF THE
STATE OF FLORIDA

Ninety-Eighth
Annual Convocation

JOSEPH EDWARD HERRING, *Grand High Priest*
Jacksonville, Florida

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

Held in the City of Jacksonville
May 16 and 17, A. D. 1944, A. I. 2474

OFFICERS
OF THE
Grand Chapter
Royal Arch Masons
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

FOR
1944-1945

George Albert Lambe.....	Grand High Priest	Marianna
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David Meyer Winans.....	Grand Scribe	P. O. Box 34, Monticello
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John Bridges Phelps.....	Grand Secretary	P. O. Box 283, Miami
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Leslie Clayton Bortle.....	Grand Principal Sojourner	1924 S. W. 17th Ave., Miami
Carl Henry Papier.....	Grand Royal Arch Captain	Route 2, Box 25, St. Petersburg
Orville Ambrose Clark.....	Grand Master Third Veil	3210 St. Augustine Rd., Jacksonville
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Richard Houghton.....	Grand Master First Veil	Bartow, Florida
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*Time and place of next Convocation to be
announced by the Grand High Priest*

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Grand Chapter of Florida
NINETY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION
1944

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida convened in its Ninety-Eighth Annual Convocation on the seventh floor of the Masonic Temple, in the City of Jacksonville, at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16th, A. D. 1944, A. I. 2474.

Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 opened a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in due form. High Priest Luther M. Garrett received the Grand High Priest, Joseph E. Herring, and the Grand Chapter Officers and presented them to the Grand Convocation. Carl Henry Papier being absent, E. Comp. A. S. Vance was appointed by the Grand High Priest to fill the vacancy. The Grand High Priest opened the Grand Chapter in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

A salute to the Flag was given.

The Grand High Priest appointed the following Companions as a Committee on distinguished visitors: John B. Phelps, W. R. O'Neal and John L. Hall. The Committee on distinguished visitors introduced the following:

R. E. William B. Greer, P.G.H.P. and the personal representative of the M. E. Charles N. Orr, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

R. E. Thomas Erasmus Dickenson, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Florida.

E. Comp. Frank B. Newell, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida, near the Grand Chapter of Delaware.

M. E. Companion Joseph Edward Herring, Grand High Priest, received the distinguished visitors with Grand Honors.

The Grand High Priest called upon Companion T. C. Imerson, who rendered a brief address welcoming the Grand Officers and members of the Grand Chapter. E. Companion Harry R. Thompson, Grand King, responded.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS

(Which was adopted)

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

We meet today under world conditions such as this generation could not conceive as ever occurring in this country. We have taken pride in the fact that this country was self-sufficient and nothing

could occur in other parts of the world that would disturb us very much. Yet there is today hardly a family in the United States that does not have some member or relative in the far away places of the world. We can only stand and wait.

This year has taken a heavy toll of Past Grand High Priests in other jurisdictions:

- ALABAMA—John H. McCormick; born March 25, 1870, at Washington, D. C.; died September 15, 1943, at Mobile, Alabama.
Henry F. Reese; born December 15, 1863, at Forest Hills, Alabama; died September 20, 1943, at Selma, Alabama.
- COLORADO—Hugh E. Clucas; born March 17, 1855, at Isle of Man; died, August 15, 1943, at Pueblo, Colorado.
- DELAWARE—George O. Fearon; born July 2, 1877, at Whitehaven, Cumberland Co., England; died August 8, 1943, at Smyrna, Delaware.
Frank L. Harrar; born November 13, 1871, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; died August 27, 1943, at Wilmington, Delaware.
- GEORGIA—John Swain; born September 28, 1872, at London, England; died January 2, 1944, at Savannah, Georgia.
- MAINE—Lester Milton Andrews; born December 31, 1868, at Monmouth, Maine; died October 6, 1943 at Oakland, Maine.
- MICHIGAN—James Herbert Thompson; born April 6, 1866, at Flushing, Michigan; died December 20, 1943, at Tampa, Florida.
- MISSISSIPPI—George Boyd Power; born October 24, 1877; died December 7, 1943.
- NEBRASKA—George N. R. Brown; born April 30, 1880, at Whitehall, Illinois; died July 24, 1943, at Hastings, Nebraska.
- NEVADA—Horace I. Brown; born January 23, 1881, at Gallipolis, Ohio; died March 2, 1944, at Reno, Nevada.
- NEW YORK—George E. Briggs; born March 18, 1869, at Peekskill, New York; died February 13, 1944, at Peekskill, New York.
Adrian A. Pierson; born December 27, 1881, at West Burlington, New York; died January 1, 1944, at Cooperstown, New York.
George Rosendale; born September 23, 1873, at New York City; died April 6, 1944, at Brooklyn, New York.
- OHIO—Joseph Kirkup; born June 3, 1859, at Cincinnati, Ohio; died January 11, 1944, at Atlanta, Georgia.
Nelson Williams; born March 23, 1853, at St. Paris, Ohio; died February 11, 1944, at Hamilton, Ohio.
- OREGON—Oscar Hayter; born December 3, 1873, at Dallas, Oregon; died September 13, 1943, at Dallas, Oregon.
- PENNSYLVANIA—George P. Darrow; born February 4, 1859, at Waterford, Connecticut; died June 7, 1943, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Edgar A. Tennis; born October 23, 1856, at Thompsonstown, Pennsylvania; died December 20, 1943, at Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania.
- WEST VIRGINIA—Walter Ogle Coover; born November 25, 1886; died January 20, 1944.
- WISCONSIN—John Edwin Langdon.

All of these Past Grand High Priests had attained the highest position in the Grand Lodge, the Grand Council and the Grand Commandery. There is no word that we can add that will honor them more.

They have fought the good fight; they have kept the faith; they have served their fellow man. Henceforth there is laid up for them the crown of righteousness which only the Lord can give.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the Grand Chapters in each domain, to their local chapters and the families of our companions. To our companions in the Dominion of Canada we extend our sympathy. To our companions in Florida who have stepped out beyond the shadows, we record their names in loving memory.

*"Beyond the last horizon's rim —
Beyond adventure's fartherest quest;
Somewhere they rise, serene and dim —
The happy hills of Rest.*

*"Some evening when the sky is gold —
I'll follow day into the west;
Nor pause, nor heed, till I behold
The happy, happy hills of Rest."*

Fraternally submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

The Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following committees:

RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS

Bryd. Hodgson W. W. Masters, Jr. *Ralph S. Reynolds*
Harry R. Thompson *Arthur S. Rhoads Frank Vincent*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. C. Blunt W. L. Marshall *W. J. Wankelund*
H. J. Wendlands *Archie Aitchison F. Dick*

PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES

Paul Canning F. William Schultze *J. E. Dickerson*
H. S. Chiles *T. E. Dickenson S. Jones*

DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS

H. D. Duckworth William B. Greer *Des. Lovison*
D. H. Rutter *Roy Crull H. E. Newson*

THANKS

W. H. Whealton *Dorsey H. Rutter* *Russell Houston*
Stan Carpenter Charlie Shaw

DISTRIBUTION

C. Raffield Arthur S. Boyer *John S. Hall C. E. Hill*
A. S. Vance *as Vance*

President William B. Greer of the Order of High Priesthood announced that the Council would open at 3:00 p.m. for the purpose of conferring degrees and transacting business.

The Grand Chapter then recessed until 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 17.

The Grand High Priest reconvened the Chapter at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 17th.

Motion prevailed that the minutes of the last Annual Convocation be adopted as printed.

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

GRAND OFFICERS

Joseph Edward Herring	M. E. Grand High Priest
George Albert Lambe	R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest
Harry Robert Thompson	E. Grand King
Loren Lambert Dilger	E. Grand Scribe
Riley James McMaster	M. E. Grand Treasurer
John Bridges Phelps	M. E. Grand Secretary
William Russell O'Neal	M. E. Grand Chaplain
David Meyer Winans	E. Grand Captain of the Host
Arthur Stevens Rhoads	E. Grand Principal Sojourner
Harry Day Gilmore	E. Grand Royal Arch Captain
Leslie Clayton Bortle	E. Grand Master 3rd Veil
Addison S. Vance	Acting E. Grand Master 2nd Veil
Warren M. Dilsaver	E. Grand Master 1st Veil
Orville Ambrose Clark	E. Grand Sentinel

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

William R. O'Neal	John B. Phelps
John L. Hall	Dorsey H. Rutter
Riley J. McMaster	Frederic A. Riegel
Alex B. Steuart	William L. Marshall
William B. Greer	Archie Aitchison

REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

Florida No. 1	F. W. Farnsworth, H.P.
Gainesville No. 2	Warren S. Taylor, Proxy for Officers
Tampa No. 3	W. H. Whealton, H.P.
St. Johns No. 4	
Halifax No. 5	Frank H. Caton, H.P.
Mount Horeb No. 6	L. L. Dilger, Proxy for H.P.
Eureka No. 7	Chester O. Cornwall, H.P.
Dade City No. 8	
Putnam No. 9	
Jericho No. 11	{ Roy Crull, H.P. James D. Yeager, K.
Jacksonville No. 12	{ Luther N. Garrett, H.P. Sparks Jones, K. Arthur S. Stewart, S.
Ocala No. 13	{ A. S. Hunter, Jr., H.P. C. A. Bangert, Proxy for K.
Monroe No. 15	John D. Gove, Proxy for Officers
Plant City No. 16	
St. Augustine No. 17	
Manatee River No. 18	H. J. Wendland, H.P.

Keystone No. 20	G. W. Hamrick, H.P.
Thomas Brown No. 22	L. Clyde Olive, Proxy for Officers
Lake Worth No. 24	W. E. Froehlich, Proxy for Officers
Live Oak No. 25	Arthur L. Grant, Proxy for Officers
Jefferson No. 26	J. D. Martin, Proxy for Officers
Indian River No. 27	H. E. Newson, H.P.
Joppa No. 28	
Lakeland No. 29	
Gadsden No. 30	{ E. E. Gay, H.P. S. H. Solomon, S.
St. Petersburg No. 31	A. S. Vance, H.P.
Jackson No. 32	J. U. Ketcham, K., Proxy for Officers
Eustis No. 33	
Leesburg No. 34	William Dunstan, H.P.
Sarasota No. 35	Richard E. Halton, Proxy for Officers
Crestview No. 40	C. L. Campbell, Proxy for Officers
Winter Haven No. 41	{ J. W. Carter, H.P. Glen E. Carpenter, S.
Highlands No. 42	S. C. Pardee, Proxy for Officers
Clearwater No. 45	Charley Shaw, H.P.
Duval No. 48	J. O. Biggers, H.P.
Nassau No. 49	S. H. Swearingen, Proxy for Officers
Poinciana No. 50	E. P. Theegarten, H.P.
Monroe D. Cushing No. 54	Arthur S. Boyer, H.P.
Hill City No. 55	

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Alabama	Joseph E. Herring	New Zealand	John D. Gove
Arkansas	Loren L. Dilger	North Dakota	Riley J. McMaster
California	Spencer L. Houston	Ohio	Dorsey H. Rutter
Connecticut	T. E. Dickenson	Oklahoma	W. B. Greer
Delaware	Sumner R. Hall	Oregon	F. A. Riegel
District of Columbia	W. H. Whealton	Pennsylvania	O. A. Clark
Georgia	J. D. Yeager	Quebec	W. H. Spooner
Idaho	Sparks Jones	Queensland	John B. Phelps
Illinois	Archie Aitchison	Scotland	Alex B. Steuart
Louisiana	Norman C. Edwards	South Carolina	A. S. Vance
Manitoba	J. Russell West	South Dakota	W. R. O'Neal
Michigan	F. W. Schultz	Tennessee	W. E. Froehlich
Mississippi	W. W. Masters, Jr.	Texas	R. W. Houston
Montana	C. A. Lambe	Vermont	J. E. Ramsdell
Nebraska	R. E. Halton	Victoria	John L. Hall
New Hampshire	W. R. O'Neal	Washington	D. M. Winans
New Jersey	W. L. Marshall	Wyoming	A. S. Hunter, Jr.
New York	Harry P. Crosier		

The Grand High Priest read a letter from Companion T. Picton Warlow, Past Grand High Priest, expressing regret on his inability to be present at the Convocation.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS

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

Greetings: Companions I can assure you that it is with a great deal of pleasure that I greet and welcome you to this 98th Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida.

To our distinguished visitors, it is indeed a pleasure to have you with us and I hope your stay will be as much pleasure to you as it is to us. And to our Companions who are making this their first visit with us, I hope you will feel as much at home as though you were in your own Chapter Room. And I trust you will gain much knowledge from this meeting.

Companions, as you well know. We have met here this day to review the work done since we last met. Also, to make plans for the future. Not long ago on board a destroyer anchored off the misty shores of Newfoundland, the Atlantic Charter was written. It guarantees to the people of our Democracies, Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Worship, Freedom From Want, Freedom From Fear. When the last shell has exploded and our armed forces have returned to peaceful pursuit, then may we look with great faith to a fair tomorrow, when men may build instead of wreaking destruction; when children everywhere may play in safety and mothers fear no longer for their sons.

Companions, may we this day thank Almighty God that we can still meet as Masons and carry on our Masonic Work unmolested and without the fear of bombs.

Companions, there are three fundamental things which mankind has sought since the day when God breathed into a living being a human soul. The first of these has been food and shelter. The second has been reasonable security and safety. But the third has been freedom of the spirit. As civilization has advanced, men have been inclined to place increasing value on the third of these things and to sacrifice more and more for its possession. This is the reason why the rise of Totalitarian Governments in the world has been so tragic a development. They constitute a reversion to dark and dismal bygone ages from a governmental and social standpoint. The attempt of the forces of dictatorship to induce people to sacrifice completely their liberty on the false promise that they can thereby achieve security and enough to eat, constitutes one of the greatest dangers mankind has ever faced. This is why the issues of this war are so profound, why everything depends upon our winning it completely and unconditionally.

Companions, it is not the Will of God that hatred and greed and intolerance shall dominate the world. He calls upon us to create that brotherhood of man to which we have given only so much of lip-service. This brotherhood is His sublime objective for us. Outside of the Home and the House of God there is nothing in this world more needed than the Spirit of Masonry. Gentle, gracious, and wise, its mission is to form mankind into a great redemption brotherhood, and a league of noble and free men enlisted in the radiant enterprise of working out in time the Love and Will of the Eternal. Masonry is friendship: friendship first, with the Great Companion of whom our own heart tells us is always nearer to us than we are to ourselves, and whose inspiration and help is the greatest fact of human experience. To be in harmony with His purpose, to be open to His suggestions, to be conscious of fellowship with Him—this is Masonry on its Godward side. Then turning manward, friendship sums it all up: to be friends with all men, however they may differ from us in creed or condition, to fill every human relation with the spirit of friendship. Is there anything more or better than this that the wisest and best of men can hope to do? Such is the spirit of Masonry, such is its ideals, and if to realize it all at once is denied us, surely it means much to see it, love it, and labor to make it come true.

It is with a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction that I can thank Almighty God, that the Grim Reaper has not invaded the ranks of our official family. I think this is the first time for several years.

VISITATIONS

It had been my intention to visit every Chapter in Florida, but on account of the condition of the world at this time, I had to limit my visitations to only a few. The few Chapters I did visit I was accorded every courtesy and all Chapters were well attended.

On November 5th, 1943, together with E. Companion O. A. Clark and District Deputy Grand High Priest W. W. Masters, Jr., I visited Duval Chapter No. 48.

On November 11th, 1943, together with E. Companion O. A. Clark and District Deputy Grand High Priest W. W. Masters, Jr., I visited my own Chapter, Jacksonville No. 12.

On November 12th, 1943, together with E. Companion O. A. Clark, Past High Priest N. C. Edwards, Edward Gerrits and S. L. Houston, I visited Nassau Chapter No. 49. This Chapter's Charter was restored to them last August, but they conferred the Royal Arch Degree in a manner that would be a credit to any Chapter.

On December 10th, 1943, together with R. E. Harry R. Thompson, M. E. John B. Phelps, E. Companion Leslie C. Bortle, District Deputy Grand High Priest J. Russell West and other Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery of Florida, I visited Jericho Chapter No. 11 and again I had the pleasure of seeing the Royal Arch Degree conferred in a very fine manner, also at this meeting I was very much surprised when M. E. Companion John B. Phelps presented me with an honorary membership card to Jericho Chapter. This I appreciated very much and which I will always honor very highly.

On January 7th, 1944, together with M. E. Companion Riley J. McMaster, M. E. Companion Henry O. Snow, E. Companion Papier and District Deputy Grand High Priest A. P. Green I visited Tampa Chapter No. 3 and was very much surprised at the attendance at this Convocation as there were many more there than I had expected. I had the pleasure of seeing the Mark Master Degree conferred by a new degree team and must say they did a fine job. Monroe D. Cushing Chapter was also well represented at this meeting and I do want to congratulate the two High Priests of Tampa Chapters and the other officers for the fine work they have done and are doing. Again I was very much surprised, but indeed a pleasant one, when M. E. Companion Henry O. Snow presented me with an honorary life membership card for Tampa Chapter No. 3.

On January 21st, 1944, together with M. E. Companion John B. Phelps, W. W. Masters, Jr., District Deputy Grand High Priest, E. Companion H. D. Gilmore, E. Companion O. A. Clark, R. E. Grand Commander T. E. Dickenson, N. C. Edwards, Grand Captain of the Guard of the Grand Commandery of Florida, and Spencer L. Houston, Grand Conductor of Council, of the Grand Council R. & S. M. of Florida, I attended a fellowship meeting and banquet in the Chapter Room of Duval Chapter No. 48. I am sure a lot of good has been derived from this meeting and I think it is a shame that more meetings like this one cannot be had over the State.

On February 22nd, 1944, together with M. E. Companion John B. Phelps, M. E. Companion Dorsey H. Rutter, R. E. Grand Commander Dickenson, E. Ford J. DeHaven, Grand Junior Warden, E. Norman C. Edwards, Grand Captain of the Guard, and District Deputy Grand High Priest Harry J. Guy and Frank Thompson, R. W. Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Florida,

I had the pleasure of attending a York Rite banquet in the Haven hotel at Winter Haven which was largely attended and quite a few Master Masons were at this banquet. M. E. Companion Rutter gave one of his usual fine lectures and I believe the York Rite will derive a lot of good from meetings like this.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

September 15th, 1943, on account of the death of the High Priest I granted Tampa Chapter No. 3 Dispensation to elect a High Priest and such other officers as may be necessary due to this election.

December 17th, I granted to Lake Worth Chapter No. 24, special Dispensation to open their Chapter at 7:30 P. M. instead of 8:00 P. M. on account of Harmonia Lodge 138 F. & A. M. celebrating its Fiftieth Anniversary, and desired to use the Lodge Room this one night.

BY-LAWS APPROVED

December 20th, 1943, I approved an Amendment to By-Laws of Poinciana Chapter No. 50 regarding the secretary's salary, also fees for conferring the four (4) degrees which shall be \$15.00 divided as follows \$5.00 to accompany the petition for the Degree of M.M., \$2.50 for the P.M., \$2.50 for the M.E.M., and \$5.00 for the R.A. Degree. The dues to be \$2.50 payable in advance and the Regular Convocation to be on the second Monday in each month at 8:00 P. M.

December 29th, 1943, I approved an Amendment to the By-Laws of Jericho Chapter No. 11, changing their meeting time from 8 to 7 P. M.

February 14th, 1944, on account of Holy Rood Lodge building having been sold, Tampa Chapter No. 3 had to change their meeting place. I therefore approved their moving to the Scottish Rite Temple.

February 16th, 1944, I approved a change in the By-Laws of Jericho Chapter No. 11 providing for the election of Trustees in their Chapter.

February 16th, 1944, I approved a Resolution to amend the By-laws of Jericho Chapter No. 11 to read as follows:

Life membership may be created upon Companions who remain in affiliation in their lodge upon the payment of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) in cash, which shall be invested so as to create a fund for the payment of dues.

March 9th, 1944, I approved a Resolution to amend the By-Laws of Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 that Article 5, Section 1, of the By-Laws of Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 R. A. M. Amended to read as follows: Every member of the Chapter, except such as are exempt by bodily infirmity, indigency, life membership, or as hereinafter provided, shall pay to the secretary for the use of the Chapter the sum of three dollars and 50/100 cents (\$3.50) per annum payable in advance. However, all Companions who are exalted after July 1st of any year, shall be assessed only one half of the first year dues, and thereafter the regular annual dues shall apply.

DISPENSATION REFUSED

November 11th, 1943, I refused Tampa Chapter No. 3 a special Dispensation to eliminate their annual election of officers, I granted them a special Dispensation in September to hold an election on account of the death of their High Priest and they thought the election should take the place of their annual election, but I ruled not.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. In reading over the old proceedings I find that the General Grand Chapter in 1936 eliminated the office of Deputy Grand High Priest, and

recommended to all Grand Chapters that they do likewise. Some Grand Chapters did eliminate the office and some did not. Knowing that this office is of no use to the Grand Chapter, yet is some expense. There is no mention in the Ritual of a Deputy Grand High Priest, and it further lengthens the span of years over which an officer must serve to eventually become Grand High Priest.

I therefore recommend, that the Office of Deputy Grand High Priest be eliminated.

This will cause no loss to any present officer as the Deputy will advance to Grand High Priest and the King will then become the next man in line to the Grand High Priest. It will only prevent the starting of a new man in line this year, due to usual promotions.

2. Annual returns.

Page 28, Section No. 62. States that annual returns of Chapters are required to be prepared immediately after the close of each Masonic year and forwarded to the Grand Secretary. Annual dues should be forwarded at the same time. Chapters failing to have their returns and dues in the hands of the Grand Secretary on or before April 1st may be allowed representation in the Grand Chapter and their representative placed upon the pay roll by special action of the Grand Chapter, but a fine of five dollars (\$5.00) shall be assessed against such Chapter for such delinquency and collected by the Grand Secretary. Who shall notify the High Priest and the Secretary of the delinquent Chapter of the assessment of the fine.

In the first three lines of this section it is stated that the returns shall be prepared immediately after the end of the Masonic year which is December 27th. Then it goes on to set April 1st as the deadline date. Well immediately would not appear to me to mean three months hence. Immediately, as I understand the word, means within a few days after December 27th. In a majority of cases a secretary can prepare the return within not to exceed two hours (a few of the larger Chapters excepted). Yet many seem to think that they must wait until the last day and many do not send them in on the last day granted to them, then they feel that they have been badly mistreated when fined.

I recommend that this Section be changed to read as follows.

Annual returns of the Chapters are required to be prepared within thirty days after the close of each Masonic year, which is on St. John's Day, or the 27th of December, and forwarded to the Grand Secretary together with annual dues. In no instance will a Chapter be permitted to forward to the Grand Secretary annual returns and dues after that date without being fined the sum of five (\$5.00) dollars, and the Grand High Priest shall appoint a committee to investigate or he may investigate why the secretary of any Chapter failed to send in said returns as required above, and recommend to the Grand Chapter such action as he may deem advisable.

3. Degrees at Annual Convocations.

For the past several years there has not been any degree work conferred at the Annual Convocations of the Grand Chapter. We have been of recent years too busy or in too big a hurry to get away, which I think is a mistake. The representatives of the Constituent Chapters receive very little by attending the Grand Chapter in its Annual Convocation to broaden their capillar knowledge. If there is not something done then the fraternity will eventually cease to exist from dry rot.

I recommend that the annual dues to the Grand Chapter from the Constituent Chapters be raised from one (\$1.00) dollar to one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25). The twenty-five cents (25c) to be used to pay the expense of a degree team to the Grand Chapter Convocation, and that the team, if

possible, be selected from a Chapter nearest to where the Grand Chapter will meet. The team to be selected by the Grand High Priest.

These are my recommendations, I hope that you will approve them.

COURTESY WORK

Lima Chapter No. 49 of Lima, Ohio, requested Duval Chapter No. 48 to confer the Royal Arch Degree upon one of their candidates.

Walla Walla Chapter No. 1 of Walla Walla, Wash., requested that Highlands Chapter No. 42 of Avon Park confer all the Chapter Degrees of M.M., P.M., M.E.M., and Royal Arch upon one of their candidates.

Canton Chapter No. 10 of Canton, Miss., requested that Mount Horeb Chapter No. 6 confer the M.M., P.M., M.E.M., and Royal Arch upon one of their candidates.

Orleans-Delta Chapter No. 1 of New Orleans, requested that Jericho Chapter No. 11 confer P.M., M.E.M., and R. A. Degree upon one of their candidates.

Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 of Jacksonville, Florida, requested that the Degree of M.M., P.M., M.E.M., and Royal Arch be conferred by Valdosta, Ga., Chapter on one of their candidates.

All these requests came through the proper channel and when the degrees were completed the different Chapters were promptly notified by our Grand Secretary.

REQUEST

On March 20th, 1944, I received a letter from Bro. N. C. Shaffer requesting permission to contact some of the Chapters in Florida to see if he could procure a few Royal Arch pennies for the Masonic Museum in Greensboro, N. C. in order to keep up friendly relations with other Masonic bodies in other states I granted his request and answered as follows:

In reference to your request that you be allowed to solicit from the different Chapters one of their Royal Arch pennies which are given to candidates in the Mark Master Degree, I have no objection to your doing this, but fear you will not meet with much success as we are unable to procure any of these pennies for the duration. Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 has not had any for several months with our name on them and I presume the other Chapters are having the same difficulty.

Accredited Grand Representatives, knowing that it is quite an honor to be the Grand Representative of another Grand Jurisdiction, and that we have several Companions representing two Grand Jurisdictions, I have therefore tried to divide these honors up by recommending the following as Grand Representatives near the Grand Chapter of Florida. All commissions have been received and delivered.

- Nov. 8th, 1943—Addison S. Vance of St. Petersburg for South Carolina.
- Nov. 13th, 1943—James Dawson Yeager of Miami for Georgia.
- Nov. 16th, 1943—J. Russell West of Miami for Manitoba.
- Nov. 18th, 1943—Orville A. Clark of Jacksonville for Pennsylvania.
- Nov. 20th, 1943—William H. Spooner of Miami for Quebec.
- Nov. 26th, 1943—James M. Gauld of Ft. Lauderdale for Rhode Island.
- Nov. 28th, 1943—W. W. Masters of Jacksonville for Mississippi.
- Nov. 28th, 1943—Harry P. Crosier of Jacksonville for New York.
- Dec. 9th, 1943—Sparks Jones of Jacksonville for Idaho.
- Jan. 9th, 1944—A. S. Hunter of Ocala for Wyoming.
- Jan. 17th, 1944—W. H. Whealton of Tampa for District of Columbia.
- Feb. 3rd, 1944—Thomas E. Dickenson of Ocala for Connecticut.

APPOINTMENTS

March 9th, 1944, I appointed Companion Geo. E. Umhau as Grand Representative of Florida near the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia.

On account of the shortage of gasoline and tires, and knowing that I would be unable to visit all the Chapters in the State, I appointed the following District Deputies in the hope that they would be some help to me, and I am glad to say that some of them have been of great assistance. Of course, the gas shortage conflicted with their work also:

- J. Russell West of Miami, District No. 1.
- H. J. Wendland of Bradenton, District No. 2.
- Harry J. Guy of Winter Haven, District No. 3.
- A. P. Green of St. Petersburg, District No. 4.
- Jessie E. Ramsdell of Orlando, District No. 5.
- Alfred B. Jennings of Ocala, District No. 6.
- Harry Taylor of Deland, District No. 7.
- Wilbur W. Masters, Jr. of Jacksonville, District No. 8.
- B. J. Owen of Tallahassee, District No. 9.
- Loren Dilger of Pensacola, District No. 10.

On March 15th I received a letter from our M. E. Grand Secretary giving me a list of Chapters which had not sent in their annual report. I at once sent out a letter to each of these Chapters, asking them to please get their report to the Grand Secretary as soon as possible, and I am glad to say this letter had very good results. Am also glad to report that most of the Chapters have shown a gain the past year.

FINANCES

I have signed vouchers No. 1 to 23 in the amount of \$1,579.63. I feel that our Grand Chapter is in better condition now in every respect than it has been for many years. I am not claiming any of the credit, but the credit should go to those officers and Chapters that have worked for the upbuilding of Royal Arch Masonry.

And now, in conclusion, my Companions, I want you to know it has been a real pleasure to serve you as Grand High Priest and I want to thank each Grand Officer and all the Companions for the wonderful support they have given me, and to our M. E. Grand Secretary words cannot express how much I appreciate the help he has been to me. He has always been ready and willing to help me in anyway he could and always with a smile.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH E. HERRING

Grand High Priest

Motion prevailed that the Grand High Priest's address be referred to the Committee on Distribution.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

(Which was adopted)

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

Your Grand Treasurer submits the following Report:

July 1, 1943

Balance Page 28 Proceedings 1943	\$2,646.97
Received from Grand Secretary	3,399.00

Disbursements		\$6,045.97
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Payroll	\$ 566.53
Warrants 64-73	333.35
Warrants 1-23	1,579.63
Bank charges	.97
	2,480.48

Balance May 1, 1944	\$3,565.49
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First National Bank, Tampa, Balance	\$3,574.19
Less No. 23 outstanding	8.70

\$3,565.49

Investment U. S. Baby Bond value	2,460.00
Accrued earning	30.00

Present Value	\$2,490.00
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EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND

July 1, 1943

Balance	\$ 395.86
Interest on savings account	1.97

Balance May 1, 1944	\$ 397.83
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Fraternally submitted,

R. J. McMASTER
Grand Treasurer

A motion prevailed to refer the Grand Treasurer's report to the Finance Committee.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

(Which was adopted)

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

Your Grand Secretary submits the following report:

All Commissions for Grand Representatives were issued or forwarded promptly.

RETURNS

All Chapters have made correct returns and paid dues with the one exception of St. Augustine No. 17, which made their returns but have paid no dues. Owes an old balance also of \$101.00.

Putnam No. 9 paid a balance on 1942 dues of \$1.00.

Plant City No. 16 owes an old balance of \$98.00 as well as dues for 1941 in the amount of \$21.00.

Live Oak No. 25 paid \$20.00 on old account, leaving a balance of \$100.00.

STATISTICS

The number of members listed last year on page No. 59 was	2830
Exalted in 1943	328
Reinstated	124
Affiliated	41
Total additions	493
Died	84
Dimitted	22
Suspended	45
Total deductions	151
Net Gain for year 1943	342
Membership after deductions	3172
Emeritus members exempt from dues	98
Ministers	146
Total exemptions	244

FINANCE

Balance as shown on page No. 28 of 1943 proceedings	\$2,646.97
Receipts all sources	3,399.00
Total over all	\$6,045.97
Disbursements	
Pay roll for 1943 Convocation	\$ 566.53
Warrants No. 64 to 73 of 1943 and 1 to 23 of 1944	1,912.98
Bank Charges	.97
Total disbursements	\$2,480.48
Balance as of April 30th, 1944	\$3,565.49

I would like to call to your attention that several of our Past Grand High Priest have passed away in the past few years and I am sorry to say but there has not been anything accomplished towards placing markers or stones to their graves. This should be given immediate attention.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. PHELPS
Grand Secretary

A motion prevailed to refer the report of the Grand Secretary to the Committee on Distribution.

REPORT OF 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 Grand High Priest's address as refers to memorials be referred to the Committee on Memorials. That portion referring to finances be referred to the Committee on Finance, and all portions of his address where it refers to the law of Capitular Masonry be referred to the Committee on Capitular Jurisprudence.

We recommend that, that portion of the Grand Secretary's report that refers to finances be referred to the Committee on Finance, and that portion which refers to returns and credentials be referred to the Committee on Returns and Credentials.

Fraternally submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

A motion prevailed that the incoming Grand High Priest endeavor to collect all delinquent dues owed to the Grand Chapter by several constituent Chapters.

A motion prevailed that the incoming Grand High Priest endeavor to have markers placed at the graves of our deceased Past Grand High Priests, and that the Grand Chapter defray such additional expense as may be necessary to add inscription, in the event that the Past Grand High Priests were Past Grand Masters of the Grand Council.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(Which was adopted)

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

Your Committee on Unfinished Business, having examined the Proceedings of the last Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Florida, find the following items to report, which in the opinion of your Committee, come properly under its jurisdiction:

On page 36 of the proceedings, these proposed amendments to the Regulations, which were carried over for action at this Convocation, are as follows:

Proposed amendment to Section No. 3 of the Constitution: 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.

On page 25 of the Proceedings, a proposed amendment to the Constitution 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.

After submitting the foregoing items, we find nothing further for the action of this committee.

Fraternally submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

The Committee on Unfinished Business referred to the Grand Chapter the following items for consideration which were discussed:

Relative to proposed amendment to Section No. 3 of the Consti-

tution, a motion prevailed that this be referred to the Committee drafting the new Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

Relative to proposed amendment to the Constitution, Section 5, Article 4, a motion prevailed that this also be referred to the committee drafting the new Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES (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 prevails throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

The Grand High Priest appointed a committee consisting of John B. Phelps and Dorsey H. Rutter to present our distinguished visitor M. W. Brother Warren S. Taylor, Grand Master of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida. Brother Taylor was welcomed by the Grand High Priest and received with Grand Honors.

The Grand Secretary read a letter from the Sesqui-Centennial Observance Committee of the General Grand Chapter relative to Constituent Chapters increasing their membership ten per cent per year for the next three years.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS (Which was adopted)

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

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

We find that all Chapters have made returns and have paid dues for 1943.

We find that the following Chapters are not represented:

St. Johns No. 4, Dade City No. 8, Putnam No. 9, Plant City No. 16, St. Augustine No. 17, Joppa No. 28, Lakeland No. 29, Eustis No. 33, and Hill City No. 55.

Plant City No. 16 owes an old balance of \$98.00 in addition to unpaid dues of \$21.00 for 1941.

St. Augustine No. 17 owes an old balance of \$101.00.

Live Oak No. 25, paid \$20.00, and owes an old balance which has been reduced to \$100.00.

Fraternally submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

The Grand High Priest called upon M. W. Brother Warren S. Taylor to address the Grand Chapter at this time. Brother Taylor's remarks were brief but appropriate.

An announcement was made relative to a banquet which was to be served that evening.

The Grand High Priest called for election of officers for the ensuing year.

Tellers were appointed and election proceeded with the following results:

George Albert Lambe.....	Grand High Priest
Harry R. Thompson.....	Deputy Grand High Priest
Loren L. Dilger.....	Grand King
David M. Winans.....	Grand Scribe
Riley G. McMaster.....	Grand Treasurer
John B. Phelps.....	Grand Secretary

Resolution proposed by M. E. Joseph Herring to abolish the office of Deputy Grand High Priest, being a Constitutional amendment, necessarily will have to lay over for a period of one year.

The Grand Chapter recessed at 12:00 noon, Wednesday, May 17th, until 2:00 p.m.

The Grand Chapter reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

A motion prevailed to present a membership button to all those who have been members for twenty-five years and over. The button will bear the numeral of years of membership.

A motion prevailed that the Grand High Priest appoint a Committee of three to arrange for the centennial celebration in 1946.

J. Russell West, D.D.G.H.P. of the First District, made the following report:

REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY

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

Your District Deputy for the First District wishes to report as follows: On March 10th, 1944, I made an official visit to my home Chapter Jericho, No. 11. I observed the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree and the averaging about fifteen candidates. Their finances are in excellent condition, and the meetings are well attended.

On April 3rd, 1944, I visited Lake Worth Chapter No. 24. Their work was also very good in the Royal Arch Degree. Their finances are good, although they have not been having many candidates. They are improving in this, though, and the outlook is good.

I visited Keystone Chapter on April 14th. They did not confer any Degrees, but they had some candidates in line. The work in the opening was good except in some cases where the officers were newly appointed to replace those called into the Service. These few used Rituals. I found quite a few members carried on the roll, who had not paid dues in some years. The new

Secretary is getting after these and has collected some. They will not carry them after the end of this year. However, their financial condition is good.

I was not able to visit Joppa Chapter No. 28 owing to traveling conditions. However I wrote the Secretary and he states that their finances are in good condition, but they have a small attendance, owing to the fact that some members are short of help and can't attend, and the membership is scattered. Since they have had few candidates, two this year, they do not have regular practice in the work and some of them have to use Rituals.

I have enjoyed visiting these Chapters and was graciously received in all of them. I also think they appreciated an official visit from the District Deputy. I also appreciate the honor of representing you in this District.

Respectfully submitted,

J. RUSSELL WEST
D.D.G.H.P., 1st District

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

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

We, your Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws, find that all matters submitted by the Grand High Priest have been properly done, except that we request that the dispensation granted to Lake Worth Chapter No. 24 be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

Fraternally submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THANKS (Which was adopted)

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

We, the members of your Committee on Thanks, wish to express our deepest appreciation to the Companions of Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 for their excellent hospitality extended to this Grand Chapter. They received our Grand Officers in royal fashion.

We are not unmindful of the vast amount of effort which they have exerted extending through many weeks in preparation for our coming. For many, they have made reservations in the various hotels and publicized the coming of our Grand Bodies through their newspapers. We wish to thank these newspapers for the splendid cooperation which they have given you, and the courtesy with which they received us.

We recall that in the early years of the Grand Chapter, this was our permanent home and while we have enjoyed visiting in other parts of the State, we are always happy to come home to Jacksonville and this Temple, made dear and sacred to us by the associations of Companions of other days.

Fraternally submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS
(Which was adopted)

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

We, your Committee, to whom was referred the codification and revision of the Constitution, rules and regulations of the Grand Chapter of Florida, would respectfully report that we have prepared a copy for the consideration of the M. E. Grand Chapter, and respectfully request that the same be submitted to the Committee on Jurisprudence for action, and recommendation, and further request that the committee, having performed its duties, be discharged.

Fraternally submitted,
THE COMMITTEE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE
(Which was adopted)

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

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was submitted such portions of the report of the M. E. Grand High Priest, would respectfully report that we have examined the same, and congratulate the M. E. Grand High Priest on the energy and attention which he has given to the office during these most trying times.

The increase in membership over the past year speaks well of the effort which he and his associates have made.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

1. We concur in the Dispensation of September 15th, granting Tampa Chapter to elect High Priest and other officers, due to the death of the High Priest.
2. Dispensation to Lake Worth Chapter. We realize the situation as outlined, but do not concur in the authority of the M. E. Grand High Priest to set aside the by-laws of any subordinate Chapter.

BY-LAWS APPROVED

We concur in the approval of the by-laws as stated in the report.

DISPENSATION REFUSED

We concur in this action.

RECOMMENDATIONS

With reference to the recommendation that the office of Deputy Grand High Priest be abolished. We recommend that this matter be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for consideration in connection with the drafting of the proposed new constitution.

FEEES FOR DEGREES

This is a matter for the Constituent Chapters to determine.

RETURNS

We concur in the recommendation of payment of dues and the filing of returns to the Grand Chapter.

COURTESY WORK

Your Committee appreciates the opportunity that Constituent Chapters have had to confer work by courtesy, and approve the permission given.

APPOINTMENTS

We concur and approve all the appointments made.
Fraternally submitted,
THE COMMITTEE

George Albert Lambe, Grand High Priest-elect, announced the appointive officers.

The officers for 1944-1945 were installed by William B. Greer, P.G.H.P., as installing officer and William L. Marshall, P.G.H.P., as grand marshal.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE
(Which was adopted)

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

We have examined the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and find them correct, with a balance in the fund of \$6,055.49. Also the books of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Educational Loan Fund, and find them correct in the amount of \$397.83.

In the General Fund:

Checking account, First National Bank of Tampa.....	\$3,565.49
United States Government Bonds.....	2,490.00
	<u>\$6,055.49</u>

From this fund your Finance Committee recommends the following appropriation:

Grand Secretary's salary.....	\$1,300.00
Grand Treasurer's salary.....	200.00
Payroll for this Grand Convocation attached hereto.....	720.13
	<u>\$2,220.13</u>

We further recommend the Grand Secretary be authorized to purchase a Past Grand High Priest Apron and Jewell, or a watch or ring, equal to the cost of the Jewel, whichever the Grand High Priest selects and have ready for presentation at the next Grand Convocation, and the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay for the same.

We further recommend that in the interest of economy this Grand Chapter payroll be limited to the Grand Officers, Past Grand High Priests, and one accredited representative from each constituent Chapter entitled to representation and standing committees. All other committees to be drawn from these officers, Past Grand High Priests and accredited representatives.

We further recommend the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary be authorized to draw warrants for necessary expenses of the Grand Chapter during recess and the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay the same.

Fraternally submitted,
THE COMMITTEE

John B. Phelps, P.G.H.P., presented a P.G.H.P. jewel and apron to Joseph Edward Herring, who responded with a short talk.

A motion prevailed that the recommendation of P.G.H.P. Joseph Edward Herring regarding annual dues to Grand Chapter be raised from one dollar (\$1.00) to one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) be not adopted.

A motion prevailed that the Grand Chapter invite a degree team to confer a degree at some specified time during the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter and that they be paid mileage and per diem same as all members of Grand Chapter.

A telegram was read by the Grand Secretary from the officials of Miami Beach inviting the Grand Chapter to hold its 1945 Annual Convocation in their city. The Grand High Priest ordered it referred to a committee on time and place.

A motion prevailed that one hundred dollars (\$100) be appropriated to defray Grand Chapter share of expenses for the annual Convocation.

M. E. George Albert Lambe, G.H.P., spoke on the conditions of the Masonic Fraternity and his hopes for the year.

Grand High Priest Lambe stated that he had visited Grand Chapter of Georgia and brought fraternal greetings from them to the Grand Chapter of Florida.

A motion prevailed to create Frank B. Newell, G.P.C. of W. of the Grand Council of Delaware, an Honorary Member of this Grand Chapter.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST
JURISPRUDENCE

- William L. Marshall, 322 E. Call Street, Tallahassee..... 5 years
- William R. O'Neal, P. O. Box 3827, Orlando..... 4 years
- William B. Greer, Quincy..... 3 years
- Archie Aitchison, 2600 Fairfield Ave. S., St. Petersburg..... 2 years
- Dorsey H. Rutter, 473 Broadway, Orlando..... 1 year

EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND
F. William Schultz

- John B. Phelps
- Riley J. McMaster

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE
John B. Phelps

PRINTING

- John B. Phelps
- Harry R. Thompson

HISTORY
William R. O'Neal

- W. L. Marshall
- Dorsey H. Rutter

MEMORIALS
William R. O'Neal

- John B. Gove
- Dorsey H. Rutter

GENTENNIAL
Ralph G. Reynolds

- John B. Phelps
- Harry R. Thompson

FINANCE

- Joel A. Fite, 3 years
- Thomas E. Dickenson, 1 year
- Jesse E. Ramsdell, 2 years

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

- First District..... J. Russell West
- Second District..... J. H. Wendland
- Third District..... Richard Houghton
- Fourth District..... Addison S. Vance
- Fifth District..... Jesse E. Ramsdell
- Sixth District..... Thomas E. Dickenson
- Seventh District..... George Rimmer
- Eighth District..... Wilbur W. Masters, Jr.
- Ninth District..... W. H. Bellinger
- Tenth District..... F. C. Briggs

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter closed in ample form with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

GEORGE ALBERT LAMBE,
Grand High Priest

Attest:

John B. Phelps.

Grand Secretary



PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

Annual assembly May 16th, A. D. 1944, A. B. 3857.

The annual assembly of the Order of High Priesthood was held on the seventh floor of the Masonic Temple in the City of Jacksonville, Tuesday afternoon, May 16th, A. D. 1944, A. B. 3857, at 3:00 p.m. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The roll call showed all officers present except L. Earl Curry, Herald.

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

The Secretary-Treasurer made his report showing that he had on deposit in the First Saving's Loan Association of Miami the sum of \$282.21. A motion prevailed that the report be adopted.

A motion prevailed that the fees be set at the sum of five dollars (\$5.00) for each membership.

A motion prevailed that E. Companions Frank B. Newell and Glen E. Carpenter be made Honorary Members of this Council.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

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

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

F. W. Farnsworth.....	Florida Chapter No. 1
W. H. Whealton.....	Tampa Chapter No. 3
Frank K. Caton.....	Halifax Chapter No. 5
Chester O. Cornwall.....	Eureka Chapter No. 7

Roy Crull.....	Jericho Chapter No. 11
Luther N. Garrett.....	Jacksonville Chapter No. 12
G. W. Hamrick.....	Keystone Chapter No. 20
E. E. Gay.....	Gadsden Chapter No. 30
Addison S. Vance.....	St. Petersburg Chapter No. 31
Jack W. Carter.....	Winter Haven Chapter No. 41
Charlie Shaw.....	Clearwater Chapter No. 45
E. P. Theegarten.....	Poinciana Chapter No. 50
Arthur S. Boyer.....	Monroe D. Cushing Chapter No. 54

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

A motion prevailed that the Secretary-Treasurer be given \$25 for his services and expenses.

Minutes were read and adopted and the Council closed with prayer by the Chaplain.

WILLIAM B. GREER,
President

JOHN B. PHELPS,
Secretary

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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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One by one they are drifting away
Over the breast of the silent sea.
One by one they are passing o'er
To a home that awaits them on the other shore;
To a home where joy and peace are given
To a perfect rest, to a Glorious Heaven.

OFFICERS
OF THE
General Grand Chapter
1942-1945

Ray Vaughn Denslow..... *General Grand High Priest*
Trenton, Missouri
EARLY HURT JOHNSON..... *General Grand King*
Early Hurt Johnson..... *General Grand Scribe*
Court House, Columbus, Georgia
Edmund Elmer Morris..... *General Grand Treasurer*
Union National Bank, Kansas City, Missouri
Roscoe R. Walcutt..... *General Grand Secretary*
1605 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio
Edward Whipple Spottswood..... *General Grand Captain of the Host*
Missoula, Montana
Fred Herbert Pocock..... *General Grand Principal Sojourner*
707 Court Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana
Earl Elliot Dusenbery..... *General Grand Royal Arch Captain*
209 Masonic Temple, Des Moines, Iowa
Albert Leon..... *General Grand Master Third Veil*
93-95 Smith Street, Perth Amboy, New Jersey
Walter Charles Height..... *General Grand Master Second Veil*
P. O. Box 127, Visalia, California
Ward Abram Rowbottom..... *General Grand Master First Veil*
705 East Wells Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Harry Warner Harvey..... *General Grand Custodian of Work*
7211 University Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
James Luther Jordan..... *General Grand Sentinel*
P. O. Box 747, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

TRUSTEES OF THE PERMANENT FUND
Allen M. Wilson, Manchester, New Hampshire
Fred H. Pocock, Fort Wayne, Indiana

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

- ✓ 1910 T. Picton Warlow, Orlando *612-614 METCALF BLDG*
- ✓ 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, care McDonald Construction Co., Lakeland
- ✓ 1932 William B. Greer, Quincy.
- ✓ 1934 Archie Aitchison, 2600 Fairfield Avenue S., St. Petersburg
- 1935 George A. Dame, Fernandina
- 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, 322 E. Call Street, Tallahassee
- 1943 Joseph Edward Herring, 324 E. Seventh Street, Jacksonville

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	44
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.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE
GRAND SECRETARIES

STATE	NAME	ADDRESS
Gen. Grand Chapter	Roscoe R. Walcutt	1605 Eight E. Broad St., Columbus
Alabama	Guy T. Smith	Masonic Temple, Montgomery Box 98.
Arizona	H. A. Drachman	Tucson, Box 229
Arkansas	John Q. Wolf	Batesville C.D. Hill 700-SCOTT ST & ROCK AVE.
California	Thomas A. Davies	Room 423, Masonic Temple, San Francisco
Colorado	Harry W. Bundy	319 Masonic Temple, Denver-2
Connecticut	Wm. E. Coe	Masonic Temple, 285 Whitney Ave.
Delaware	John W. Macklem	New Haven Box 838 - NEW BRITAIN
District of Columbia	John W. Macklem	Masonic Temple, 818 Market St., WILMINGTON
Florida	J. Claude Kaiser	Masonic Temple, Washington
Georgia	John B. Phelps	Box 283, Miami
Idaho	W. J. Penn, Jr.	Macon, 801 Mulberry Street
Illinois	Edward H. Way	Box 1753, Boise
Indiana	Edward E. Core	Springfield, Box 174
Iowa	Charles C. Thomas	Box 514, Marion Box #6
Kansas	George E. Masters	Glenwood
Kentucky	Elmer F. Strain	Masonic Grand Lodge Bldg., Topeka 320 W - 8th St.
Louisiana	Ray G. Tipton	Irvine
Maine	Lee W. Harris	Alexandria, Box 404
Manitoba	Convers E. Leach	Masonic Temple, Portland 415 CONGRESS ST
Maryland	T. Sellar Cook	29-161 Langside St., Winnipeg
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Oklahoma	William B. Greer	Quincy
Oregon	Frederic A. Riegel	Sarasota
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Table listing Grand Representatives of Florida by state, including names and addresses. Includes handwritten notes like '220 W. COMANCHE AVE' and '19 APR'.

PAST ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA From Its Organization to Date

Table listing Past Elective Officers of the Grand Chapter of Florida, categorized by role: Priests, Deputy Grand High Priests, Grand Kings, Grand Scribes, Grand Treasurers, Grand Secretaries, and Grand Chaplains.

Vertical handwritten notes on the left margin, including names like 'JAMES C. MCGARRY', 'ALBERT EDWARDS', and 'JOHN EDWARDS'.

Handwritten notes: '220 W. COMANCHE AVE' and '19 APR'.

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Handwritten note: 'Box 726'.

PAST ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA—(Continued)

GRAND HIGH PRIESTS	DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS	GRAND KINGS	GRAND SCRIBES	GRAND TREASURERS	GRAND SECRETARIES	GRAND CHAPLAINS
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. Montsalvige*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1888 Marcus Endel*	Fred S. Goodrich	Wm. M. McIntosh*	Chas. H. Munger	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
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*	F. S. Wilmarth*	F. P. Meresereau	John H. Stevens*	John H. Stevens*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1891 T. S. Wilmarth*	F. P. Meresereau	I. E. Webster*	Silas B. Wright*	Henry S. Ely*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
					(DeW. C. Dawkins*	
1892 Irving E. Webster*	Silas B. Wright*	W. M. McIntosh*	John H. Stevens*	Henry S. Ely*	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*	Warren Tyler*	Irving E. Webster*	W. A. McLean*	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1896 Wm. H. Jewell*	Warren Tyler*	Wilber P. Webster*	Wilber P. Webster*	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*	Wm. M. McIntosh*
					(T. G. Hutchinson*	
1898 Wilber P. Webster*	James Carnell*	E. E. Haskell*	A. M. Cushman*	Marcus Endel*	W. A. McLean*	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1899 James Carnell*	E. E. Haskell*	A. M. Cushman*	J. R. Wetherell*	Marcus Endel*	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*		L. F. Blalock	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster*
1917 D. B. Palmer*		L. F. Blalock	W. V. Carter*	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster*
1918	L. F. Blalock	W. V. Carter*	H. O. Snow	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	W. B. Y. Wilkie*
1919 W. V. Carter*	H. O. Snow	John L. Hall	R. J. Kishpaugh*	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	W. B. Y. Wilkie*
1920 H. O. Snow	John L. Hall	R. J. Kishpaugh*	Ely P. Hubbell*	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
				(Marcus Endel*		
1931 Alex B. Steuart	Wm. B. Greer	R. P. Buckmaster	Archie Aitchison	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*	Albert E. Calkins*
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	Cary B. Fish*	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*	Joseph R. Keller*
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	Sumner R. Hall	Wm. R. O'Neal
					John B. Phelps	Wm. R. O'Neal
1942 Wm. L. Marshall	Joseph E. Herring	G. Albert Lambe	Harry R. Thompson	R. J. McMaster	John B. Phelps	Wm. R. O'Neal
1943 J. E. Herring	G. Albert Lambe	Harry R. Thompson	L. L. Dilger	R. J. McMaster	John B. Phelps	Wm. R. O'Neal

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DIRECTORY OF CHAPTERS

CHAPTER	No.	Date Ch'rd	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. Johns	4	1885	DeLand	Third Friday except July
Halifax	5	1895	Daytona Beach	Second Thursday and August
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	Palatka	First Thursday
Jericho	11	1900	Miami	Second and Fourth Friday
Jacksonville	12	1854	Jacksonville	Second Fourth Thursday, Fourth Thursday optional
Ocala	13	1888	Ocala	Fourth Friday
Monroe	15	1893	Sanford	Second and Third Tuesday
Plant City	16	1893	Plant City	First and Third Tuesday
St. Augustine	17	1903	St. Augustine	Second and Fourth Tuesday
Manatee River	18	1904	Bradenton	Second Tuesday
Keystone	20	1895	Bradenton	Second Tuesday
Thomas Brown	22	1871	Ft. Lauderdale	Second Friday
Lake Worth	24	1894	Barlow	First and Third Thursday
Live Oak	25	1895	West Palm Beach	First and Third Monday
Lake Worth	26	1895	Live Oak	Second Friday
Jefferson	27	1905	Monticello	First Monday
Indian River	28	1906	Titusville	Third Wednesday
Joppa	29	1906	Port Pierce	First Friday
Lakeland	29	1909	Lakeland	Fourth Tuesday except July to October
Gadsden	30	1909	Guincy	Third Monday
St. Petersburg	31	1910	St. Petersburg	First and Third Wednesday
Jackson	32	1910	Marianna	Second and Fourth Thursday
Eustis	33	1914	Eustis	Third Monday
Leesburg	34	1914	Leesburg	Second Tuesday
Sarasota	35	1915	Sarasota	Second Thursday
Crestview	40	1930	Crestview	Second and Third Thursday
Winter Haven	41	1920	Winter Haven	First and Third Thursday except July, August and September
Highlands	42	1920	Avon Park	Second Monday except July, August and September
Clearwater	45	1922	Clearwater	First and Third Friday
Duval	48	1922	South Jacksonville	First and Third Friday except August and September
Nassau	49	1901	Fernandina	Second Monday
Poincianna	50	1923	Fort Myers	Second Monday
M. D. Cushing	54	1927	Tampa	First and Third Tuesday except July, August and September
Hill City	55	1927	Brooksville	Second Tuesday

The above dates of Charters are best obtainable from the files of the Grand Secretary's office. If any Charter dates are incorrect change will be made if proper evidence is furnished.

STATISTICS—1943

	Number	Number Last Year	Exalted	Reinstated	Affiliated	Total	Died	Demitted	Suspended N. P. Dues	Present Number	Net Gain	Net Loss	Ministers	Emeritus
Florida	1	118	14	0	2	134	5	0	0	129	11	0	3	8
Gainesville	2	91	0	0	0	91	3	0	0	88	0	0	15	12
Tampa	2	135	9	4	4	153	6	1	1	146	11	0	7	21
St. Johns	4	43	0	0	0	43	1	0	0	39	0	0	4	1
Halifax	5	59	4	3	4	70	2	3	3	65	6	0	6	4
Mount Horeb	6	106	29	1	0	136	4	0	0	132	26	0	1	4
Eureka	7	108	5	1	2	116	2	1	1	112	4	0	5	7
Dade City	8	18	0	1	0	19	1	1	1	17	0	0	1	5
Putnam	9	34	0	0	0	35	2	0	5	28	0	6	5	6
Jericho	11	266	70	11	3	350	5	2	2	341	75	0	0	27
Jacksonville	12	290	45	3	3	339	10	0	2	327	37	0	0	6
Ocala	13	106	2	6	0	114	5	0	1	108	2	0	5	5
Monroe	15	87	0	0	0	87	1	2	2	84	0	3	7	7
Plant City	16	23	0	2	0	25	0	0	1	24	1	0	3	3
St. Augustine	17	32	0	3	0	35	4	0	0	31	0	1	0	2
Manatee River	18	35	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	35	0	0	6	6
Keystone	20	94	7	3	1	105	3	1	0	101	7	0	5	7
Thomas Brown	22	41	0	3	2	51	0	3	0	48	7	0	3	2
Lake Worth	24	155	8	2	4	169	1	0	0	168	13	0	3	6
Live Oak	25	88	16	5	0	109	1	3	2	103	15	0	12	6
Jefferson	26	46	0	3	0	49	1	1	0	47	1	0	4	3
Indian River	27	50	6	5	1	61	2	2	1	56	6	0	7	3
Joppa	28	45	0	1	0	46	1	0	3	42	0	3	1	3
Lakeland	29	32	0	0	0	32	1	0	1	30	0	2	2	2
Gadsden	30	46	11	7	2	66	3	1	0	62	16	0	8	3
St. Petersburg	32	191	19	4	2	216	8	2	2	204	13	0	0	14
Jackson	32	43	5	5	3	56	0	0	8	48	5	0	2	3
Eustis	33	31	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0
Leesburg	34	22	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	2
Sarasota	35	47	1	1	1	50	3	1	0	46	0	1	5	1
Crestview	40	39	8	0	0	47	0	0	3	44	5	0	2	1
Winter Haven	41	70	12	7	1	90	2	1	1	86	16	0	0	6
Highlands	42	34	3	3	0	40	1	1	0	38	4	0	0	3
Clearwater	45	12	2	17	0	31	0	0	1	30	18	0	0	6
Duval	48	75	26	3	1	105	0	0	0	105	30	0	7	0
Nassau	49	0	13	8	5	26	0	0	0	26	26	0	0	0
Poincianna	50	37	0	5	1	43	2	0	1	40	3	0	0	4
Monroe D. Cushing	54	60	13	2	0	75	4	0	3	68	8	0	3	3
Hill City	55	21	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	0

SUMMARY

Exalted	328
Reinstated	124
Affiliated	41
Died	84
Demitted	22
Suspended, Non-Payment of Dues	45
Gain	366
Loss	24
Net Gain	342
Present Membership	3,172

2830
364
372
4935
542
2980
342
3172

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.

1937

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 I. 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 to 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 Lodge degrees upon duly elected candidates and do the work with the working quorums; Mark Masters Lodge 5, Past Masters Lodge 3, Most Exalted 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.

1942

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.