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GRAND CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH MASONS  
GRAND COUNCIL, ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS  
GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

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Grand Chapter  
ROYAL ARCH MASONS

STATISTICAL DATA

of the

Grand Chapter  
ROYAL ARCH MASONS

of the

STATE OF FLORIDA

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Our Nation, which the Masonic Fraternity has had a large part in building, has been engaged, for the past four years, in the most destructive war that history has ever recorded and as many of our Companions are serving in the armed forces, we were happy to cooperate with the government when it requested that meetings, where the attendance would be in excess of fifty, not be held.

The Grand High Priest, knowing that it was impossible to invite all who were members of the Grand Chapter and at the same time comply with this request, called off the meeting of the Grand Chapter for this time.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
OFFICERS  
OF THE  
**Grand Chapter**  
**Royal Arch Masons**  
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA  
FOR  
1945 - 1946

George Albert Lambe	Marianna	Grand High Priest
Harry Robert Thompson	4100 S. W. 13th St., Coral Gables	Deputy Grand High Priest
Loren Lambert Dilger	1512 Gonzalez St., Pensacola	Grand King
David Meyer Winans	P. O. Box 34, Monticello	Grand Scribe
Riley James McMaster	P. O. Box 1810, Tampa	Grand Treasurer
John Bridges Phelps	P. O. Box 283, Miami	Grand Secretary
William Russell O'Neal	P. O. Box 3827, Orlando	Grand Chaplain
Arthur Stevens Rhoads	P. O. Box 782, Cocoa	Grand Captain of the Host
Leslie Clayton Bortle	1924 S. W. 17th Ave., Miami	Grand Principal Sojourner
Carl Henry Papier	Route 2, Box 25, St. Petersburg	Grand Royal Arch Captain
Orville Ambrose Clark	3210 St. Augustine Road, Jacksonville	Grand Master Third Veil
Wilfred Everett Froehlich	230 Malverne Rd., West Palm Beach	Grand Master Second Veil
Richard Houghton	Bartow	Grand Master First Veil
Wilbur Willing Masters, Jr.	817 Dante Place, Jacksonville	Grand Sentinel

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

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT  
Grand Chapter R.A.M.—May 1, 1945

May 1, 1944	
Balance, Page 14—Proceedings 1944	\$3,574.19
Received from Grand Secretary	5,146.71
	\$8,720.90
Disbursements	
Warrant No. 23	\$ 8.70
Payroll	707.23
Warrants 1-31, inc. (No. 29 missing)	2,352.61
Bank charges	1.09
	3,069.63
May 1, 1945, Balance	\$5,651.27
Balance First National Bank	\$5,676.27
Warrant No. 21 outstanding	25.00
	\$5,651.27
Educational Loan Fund:	
May 1, 1944, Balance	\$397.83
Received from Grand Sec'y.	25.00
Interest on Savings	3.97
	\$426.80
May 1, 1945, Balance	\$426.80

Fraternally submitted,

R. J. McMASTER.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the M. E. Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Florida:  
Your Grand Secretary submits the following report:

RETURNS

All chapters have made returns and paid dues with the following exceptions:  
Plant City No. 16 owes an old balance of \$119.00.  
St. Augustine No. 17 paid the dues for 1943, and paid \$26.00 on its old account.  
Live Oak No. 27 paid \$20.00 old account.  
Lakeland No. 29 have made no returns nor paid dues.

STATISTICS

Number of members for year 1943 shown on page No. 38 ..... 3,172  
Lakeland not reporting returns this year (deduct) ..... 30

Total to be considered as of the beginning of year 1944 ..... 3,142

Exalted ..... 739  
Reinstated ..... 121  
Affiliated ..... 53  
Total additions ..... 913  
Died ..... 57  
Dimitted ..... 27  
Suspended ..... 38  
Total deductions ..... 122  
Ministers ..... 153  
Emeritus ..... 194  
Total exemptions ..... 347  
Net gain for the year 1944 ..... 791  
Total Membership at end of year 1944 ..... 3,933

FINANCE

Balance in Bank April 30, 1944 ..... \$3,574.19  
Receipts all sources ..... 5,141.71

Total ..... \$8,715.90

Disbursements:  
Pay Roll for 1944 Convocation ..... \$ 707.23  
Warrants Nos. 1 to 31 ..... 2,347.61  
Bank charges ..... 1.09  
Total disbursements ..... \$3,055.93

Balance in Bank as of April 30, 1945 ..... \$5,659.97

EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND

Balance in Bank as of April 30, 1944 ..... \$397.83  
Receipts from payments on loans ..... 25.00  
Interest on savings account ..... 3.97

Balance in Bank as of April 30, 1945 ..... \$426.80

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. PHELPS,  
Grand Secretary.

DIRECTORY OF CHAPTER OFFICERS

Chapter	No.	High Priest	King	Scribe	Treasurer	Secretary	Secretary's Address
Florida	1	R. W. Ashmore, Jr.	J. T. Williams	O. E. Williams	M. E. Tolson	W. C. Hoffman	P. O. Box 1046, Tallahassee
Gainesville	2	Carrol B. Emerson	Ancil N. Payne	H. W. Vories	H. F. Zetrouer	Burton J. Otte	Univ. Sta., Gainesville
Tampa	3	A. D. Fielding	Antonio Muniz, Jr.	M. A. Hollingsworth	R. J. McMaster	H. S. Chiles	406 E. Francis Ave., Tampa
St. Johns	4	M. H. Lowe	N. N. Jacobs	G. B. Zeigler	H. A. Windhorst	J. F. Franey	116 N. Orange Ave., Deland
Halifax	5	J. L. Santmyers	Ralph L. Wheeler	Fred J. Chambers	H. G. Fletcher	E. L. Shear	147 Fairview Ave., Daytona Beach
Mount Horeb	6	W. S. Brady	J. P. Cummings	A. C. Blount	Howard McLean	W. E. Acceta	1602 N. 10th Ave., Pensacola
Eureka	7	W. R. Sprague	H. A. Fisk	B. E. Purcell	T. Picton Warlow	C. E. Hill	520 Park Lake Ave., Orlando
Dade City	8	T. B. Forsburg	Dr. W. W. Slone	F. L. Himmelw'ght	G. E. Houdlette	G. E. Houdlette	Dade City
Putnam	9	A. R. Haile	W. C. McRoberts	A. J. Ammen	J. E. Brown	C. R. Kemp	Palatka
Jericho	11	J. D. Yeager	J. Forrest Diehl	A. A. Simmon	R. W. Houston	H. R. Thompson	4100 S. W. 13th St. Coral Gables 34
Jacksonville	12	Sparks Jones	A. S. Stewart	H. B. Bird	J. E. Herring	H. P. Crozier	316 Masonic Temple Jacksonville 2
Ocala	13	A. K. Smith	J. F. Roesell	W. L. Tomlinson	S. H. Christian	B. L. Adams	115 Monroe St., Ocala
Monroe	15	W. A. Stansfield	J. V. Jones	L. T. Sheppard	J. D. Gove	F. L. Miller	Sanford
Plant City	16	L. G. Dormany	W. L. Hicks	W. A. Nagel	T. C. Calmes	R. A. Daniel	Plant City
St. Augustine	17	A. E. Cook	A. L. Sigman, Sr.	Dr. R. C. Conley	A. E. Pilgrim	C. G. Oldfather	P. O. Box 842, St. Augustine
Manatee River	18	H. J. Windland	E. G. Pierce	B. G. Arnold	H. S. Moody	P. J. Hampton	Bradenton
Keystone	20	G. R. Lovejoy	D. F. Robinson	G. M. Wall	W. E. Daniel	J. N. Cain	117 S. E. First St., Ft. Lauderdale
Thomas Brown	22	G. B. Garrard	I. E. Richardson	R. E. Carleton	R. M. Oglesby	J. A. Parramore	Bartow
Lake Worth	24	P. A. Dreher	Claude L. Findley	Wm. G. Mason	G. W. Brown	L. J. Shellburg	Box 429, W. Palm Beach
Live Oak	25	J. W. Nelson	J. D. Cundif	H. L. Johns	B. W. Helvenston	A. H. Grant	Live Oak
Jefferson	26	W. H. Bellinger	G. W. McDaniel	F. C. Bird	D. M. Winans	E. S. Blair	Monticello
Indian River	27	H. E. Newson	Walter Webb	A. F. Thomas	R. H. Wall	C. H. Kiser	Cocoa
Joppa	28	Jean Sample	J. W. Yates	J. R. McDaniel	W. E. Tylander	R. V. Ankeny	Ankona
Lakeland	29						
Gadsden	30	F. L. DeBoard	J. D. Godwin	I. N. Sheppard	E. E. Gay	N. W. Sandy	Quincy
St. Petersburg	31	W. W. Caffyn	R. E. Strawn	B. B. Howard	W. M. Brinker	A. F. Battey	548 6th St., No., St. Petersburg
Jackson	32	H. A. Duckworth	J. W. Kitcham	P. C. Stone	F. M. Golson	E. L. Taylor	Marianna
Eustis	33	S. B. Jones	J. M. Wolfe	J. E. Marley	O. M. Grimstead	O. M. Grimstead	Eustis
Leesburg	34	Wm. Dunstan	R. P. Butler	E. B. Fletcher	J. H. Pegram	J. H. Pegram	Leesburg
Sarasota	35	S. C. Wallace	John Abbott	H. S. Taylor	Stephen Kruffa	F. A. Riegel	Sarasota
Crestview	40	W. J. Stuckey	Mayo Ferndon	S. B. Powell	J. M. Edge	C. L. Campbell	Crestview
Winter Haven	41	F. B. Knaff	G. E. Carpenter	P. G. Cole	F. J. DeHaven	H. J. Guy	Winter Haven
Highlands	42	V. G. Walters	Edward Hasti	K. F. Harris	F. M. Smith	L. H. Alsmeyer	Sebring
Clearwater	45	Robert Ford	Otis McFarland	Ralph Carter	Charlie Shaw	Charlie Shaw	909 Plaza St., Clearwater
Duval	48	J. E. Masters	S. W. Edwards	G. F. Taehry	N. C. Edwards	C. R. Leavitt, Sr.	Rm. 7, 1050 Hendricks Ave., So. Jacksonville
Nassau	49	F. A. Trosnok	C. S. Carr	T. F. Sullivan	W. S. Whitney	C. H. Whiteside	Fernandina
Poinciana	50	Alvin Gorton	T. P. Bartleson	R. G. Oliphant	S. R. Hall	N. G. Stout	1909 Larchmont, Ft. Myers
M. D. Cushing	54	L. C. Barfield	M. L. Smith	E. A. Penn	V. M. Douglas	C. A. Lewis	316 Franklin St., Tampa 2
Hill City	55	Cyde Lanier	D. D. T. Hedrick	A. G. Fridy	W. D. Meeges	A. Keathly	Brooksville

STATISTICS 1944

Number	Chapter 1944	Membership Last Year	Exalted	Reinstated	Affiliated	Total	Died	Dimitted	Suspended N. P. D.	Ministers	Emeritus	Present Membership	Net Gain	Net Loss	Dues Paid
1	Florida	129	26	0	0	155	2	1	0	3	6	152	23	0	172.00
2	Gainesville	188	58	0	1	247	3	6	0	16	15	142	54	0	173.00
3	Tampa	146	12	0	2	160	6	7	0	7	16	159	13	0	158.00
4	St. Johns	39	1	1	0	41	0	1	0	6	2	39	0	0	33.00
5	Halfax	65	13	0	0	78	2	1	1	1	6	83	18	0	94.00
6	Mount Horsh	132	67	1	1	202	1	0	0	4	3	201	69	0	265.00
7	Eureka	112	19	0	0	132	3	0	3	5	8	126	14	0	138.00
8	Dade City	14	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	13.00
9	Putnam	28	0	0	0	28	1	0	0	5	6	37	0	1	48.00
10	Joricho	341	74	0	0	415	4	3	0	2	6	428	27	0	489.00
11	Jacksonville	327	40	0	0	367	2	0	0	8	6	370	43	0	460.00
12	Ocala	108	12	0	0	120	2	0	1	5	4	119	11	0	129.00
13	Monroe	84	1	0	0	85	0	0	0	3	5	87	0	0	89.00
14	Plant City	24	1	0	0	25	0	0	0	2	3	24	0	0	19.00
15	St. Augustine	31	39	1	0	71	0	0	0	6	6	76	45	0	115.00
16	Manatee River	101	35	0	2	136	1	0	0	7	6	142	1	0	126.00
17	Key Stone	48	17	0	0	65	3	1	0	4	5	72	1	0	84.00
18	Thomas Brown	168	48	2	1	219	1	0	0	2	3	187	19	0	210.00
19	Lake Worth	103	12	17	0	132	1	0	0	14	5	168	65	0	208.00
20	Live Oak	47	14	0	0	61	1	0	0	1	3	59	12	0	70.00
21	Jefferson	56	12	0	0	68	1	0	0	3	3	77	0	0	89.00
22	Indian River	30	0	0	0	30	1	0	0	1	2	29	0	0	45.00
23	Lakeland	62	27	0	0	89	0	1	2	10	3	91	29	0	117.00
24	Gadsden	214	15	7	2	228	3	2	0	20	2	221	17	0	219.00
25	St. Petersburg	48	70	6	0	124	1	0	0	2	2	124	76	0	191.00
26	Jackson	31	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	1	30.00
27	Leesburg	22	0	2	1	24	0	0	0	1	1	23	0	0	24.00
28	Sarasota	44	10	1	0	55	0	0	0	6	3	49	5	0	52.75
29	Crystalview	86	6	1	0	93	1	0	0	1	1	101	15	0	109.00
30	Winter Haven	38	6	2	0	44	2	0	0	2	2	42	4	0	52.00
31	Highlands	30	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	37	7	0	42.00
32	Clearwater	102	68	1	1	171	3	1	0	7	6	171	65	0	237.00
33	Duval	26	12	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	38	12	0	30.00
34	Nassau	40	4	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	34.00
35	Poinciana	68	11	1	0	80	0	0	0	0	0	80	12	0	87.00
36	Monroe D. Cushing	40	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	34.00
37	Hill City	21	7	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	31	10	0	41.00

SUMMARY

Membership Last Year	3,172
Exalted	739
Reinstated	121
Affiliated	53
Died	58
Dimitted	27
Suspended, Non-Payment of Dues	38
Ministers	155
Emeritus	196
Present Membership	3,962
Net Gain	793
Net Loss	3
Dues	\$4,492.75

DIRECTORY OF CHAPTERS

CHAPTER	No. of Ch'rs.	Date	LOCATION	TIME OF MEETING
Florida	1	1878	Palmhassce	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 July and August
Halfax	5	1895	Daytona Beach	Second Thursday
Mount Horsh	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
Joricho	11	1900	Miami	Second and Fourth Friday
Jacksonville	12	1884	Jacksonville	Second Fourth Thursday, Fourth Thursday optional
Ocala	13	1888	Ocala	Fourth Friday
Monroe	15	1893	Sanford	Second and Fourth 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
Key Stone	20	1895	Ft. Lauderdale	First and Third Thursday
Thomas Brown	22	1871	Barrow	Second Friday
Lake Worth	24	1904	West Palm Beach	First and Third Thursday
Live Oak	25	1895	Live Oak	Second Tuesday
Jefferson	26	1905	Monticello	First Monday
Indian River	27	1906	Thiessville	First Wednesday
Lakeland	28	1906	Port Pierce	First Friday
Gadsden	29	1909	Lakeland	First Tuesday except July to October
St. Petersburg	30	1909	Quincy	Third Tuesday
Jackson	31	1910	St. Petersburg	First and Third Wednesday
Eustis	32	1910	Marionna	Second and Fourth Thursday
Leesburg	33	1914	Leesburg	Third Monday
Sarasota	34	1914	Sarasota	Second Tuesday
Crystalview	35	1915	Sarasota	Second Thursday
Winter Haven	40	1920	Crystalview	Second and Fourth Tuesday
Highlands	41	1920	Winter Haven	First and Third Thursday except July, August and September
Clearwater	42	1920	Avon Park	Second Monday except July, August and September
Duval	45	1922	Clearwater	First and Third Friday
Nassau	48	1922	South Jacksonville	First and Third Friday except August and September
Poinciana	49	1901	Fernandina	Second and Fourth Thursday
M. D. Cushing	50	1923	Fort Myers	Second Tuesday
Hill City	54	1927	Tampa	First and Third Tuesday except July, August and September
	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.