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LOREN LAMBERT DILGER  
*Grand High Priest*  
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Royal Arch Masons

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STATE OF FLORIDA

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*Grand High Priest*

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LOREN LAMBERT DILGER

ELECTED

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HELD IN THE CITY OF TALLAHASSEE

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The One Hundred and First Convocation of the Grand Chapter will be held in the City of Winter Haven May 11 and 12, 1948

## ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF ROYAL ARCH MASONRY

By

DOAK S. CAMPBELL

Tallahassee, Florida,  
June 23, 1947

Considered in the light of the history of Masonry, a mere century is a small segment of time. However, in terms of the life of an individual or the life of our State, a century looms large. As to the history of Royal Arch Masonry in Florida, a century represents a totality. And so, we are gathered together here to celebrate the centennial of the formal and official beginning of a beautiful and important phase of Masonry, the Chapter.

As we contemplate a century of work of the Chapter in Florida it is fitting that we review briefly some of the landmarks in the history of our State and Nation since January 11, 1847. The new State of Florida was an infant among the states. After a long struggle she had finally been admitted to the Union as one state instead of two. The village of Tallahassee was just beginning to discover the difference between territorial and state government. The population of the entire state was but a few thousand. Vast sections of the state, particularly on the peninsula, were wild and uninhabited.

Our Nation also was only in the beginning of its great expansion a century ago. Railroads were novelties and they had not begun to span the country. The telegraph was just beginning to be more than a toy. Texas had just concluded a war for its independence. It was a whole year before anyone had heard of gold in California.

So short had been the time since the adoption of the Constitution of the United States that the struggling Nation had not yet found an adequate means of cementing national unity.

However, there were great national upheavals underway. Already the economic distinctions among the northern and southern sections of our Nation had grown into bitter antagonisms. Already the emotions of people in different sections had been stirred to a point where men ceased to reason dispassionately about many questions of the public interest.

The passions of the people in various sections of the Nation were fired by prejudice and exemplified by unreasoning actions. Several of the great religious bodies split into northern and southern branches, each claiming to have the peculiar blessing and favor of God. The institution of slavery became the chief issue, at least overtly, which overshadowed all other issues. This issue had figured in the admission of our State

to the Union, for it was only possible to secure the admission of a slave state by admitting at the same time a non-slave state.

Nor was the condition of the world one of universal peace and quiet. Midway between the Napoleonic wars and bitter struggle of the seventies, Europe was in seething turmoil. The shadow of the iron helmet of a united Germany was over most of Europe. The decline of Spain as a world power was an accomplished fact. A new Italy was soon to be born. Steam applied to ocean travel gave new impetus to world domination by the British Navy.

The first Christian missionaries had barely gained a foothold in heathen lands. The interchange of ideas among nations was slow and ineffectual.

Into such a world, just a century ago, Royal Arch Masonry became a reality in Florida. In this very community a few true and tried brethren—men whose names loom large in Florida history, perfected the organization and set in motion the Grand Chapter. Coming at such a time, we would be surprised if the work had not met with disappointment and discouragement. Pensacola, Appalachicola, Tallahassee and St. Augustine were a long distance apart in those days. Intercourse was rare and difficult.

Almost before the work got under way the disastrous War between the States overwhelmed the Nation. Under great difficulties the work was kept alive for a time. However, before the War was over, many of the Chapters had ceased to function. Several had been raided by Union troops who had carried away their jewels and their charters.

The rebuilding of the work after the War closely parallels the general struggle that took place in trying to rebuild a ruined and devastated South. However, the spirit of Masonry had not died. The need of its sustaining influence was even more keenly felt in the midst of adversity.

Into such a troubled world, the initial work of the Chapter in Florida was introduced. Scarcely had the organization been accomplished until the War between the States plunged the State into distress. Although the Masonic fire was kept alive, at times it was little more than a glowing ember of hope in the breasts of a few stalwart men to whom Masonry was something of utmost importance. The holocaust of War and Reconstruction left the Chapter like it left almost everything else in the South, an eternal hope which must rise again from the ashes. The glorious truth is that the Chapter did.

I shall not dwell upon the vicissitudes which have attended the developments of the Chapter during the past 50 years except to say that the going has not always been easy. Interest has risen periodically only to lapse again when men's interests became fixed on things less idealistic than Masonry.

But the sum total, as we begin the second century is substantial progress.

And so, as we turn our thoughts forward we may well look to the possibilities that lie ahead. We are compelled to take note of the urgent need of mankind for the application of those basic principles upon which Masonry is founded. The world moves at a dizzying speed. This is true not only with respect to the physical world but also to social, civic and economic affairs. The intensity with which the duties of every day life drive men forward tends to develop tensions, abnormalities, frustrations that are increasingly apparent in every aspect of contemporary life. The moral fiber of our people is subjected to extraordinary stresses. In short, there is extreme need for those benign influences that tend to subdue men's passions and counteract the excesses that deplete the souls of men.

Moreover, this need extends far beyond the individual. On every hand we see evidences of the need of conviction, of courage and fortitude on the part of those who are responsible for government, both voter and officeholder.

Unselfish, wholesome action for the common welfare can come only through persons of those fine traits that are the ideal of every true Mason. Distrust, greed, selfishness, lack of consideration for others—these forces abound in the earth. They can be counteracted by the co-operative action of those who exemplify in their own lives the fine traits that exemplify the tenets of our Order.

One thing we well know, no organized body of men can long keep alive an organization, however worthy, without some purpose other than that of merely keeping the organization alive. The history of all social movements is that they are born out of a great need and for a great purpose. Easily they secure recruits to their cause. They grow larger, and thus, demand a more complex organization. As the leadership becomes professional, interest shifts from the primary purpose to that of promoting the organization. Inevitably, there ensues a tendency to decline. Masonry is not exempt from the operation of this cycle. The history of the Chapter in Florida for the past century clearly exemplifies this fact as we read of the ebb and flow of interest and power.

When speculative Masonry, as we know it today, came into being, the world was in turmoil much as it is today. Existing agencies for the betterment of mankind had lost their grip upon people. The world was ready for some means of promulgating a brotherly love that was more than an empty formalism. In like manner today, the perplexed and troubled world is groping for some social means of counteracting the dangerous forces that have been unleashed by the inventive genius of this generation. Masonry has the principles that can help, in co-operation with other agencies, to make brotherhood possible in the earth. Whether those principles can be made operative in such high purpose depends upon the fidelity with which all of us exemplify those principles.

The next century can be worthy of our high principles and can be so recorded in the archives of time and eternity. We cannot escape the responsibility for the writing of that record.



## ONE HUNDREDTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

1947

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, convened in its One Hundredth Annual Convocation in the Leon County High School Auditorium in the City of Tallahassee, at 2:00 P. M. on Monday, June 23rd, A. D. 1947, A. I. 2477.

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

## GRAND OFFICERS

Harry R. Thompson.....	<i>Grand High Priest</i>
Loren Lambert Dilger.....	<i>Deputy Grand High Priest</i>
David Meyer Winans.....	<i>Grand King</i>
Leslie C. Bortle.....	<i>Grand Scribe</i>
Riley J. McMaster.....	<i>Grand Treasurer</i>
John B. Phelps.....	<i>Grand Secretary</i>
Dorsey H. Rutter.....	<i>Grand Chaplain</i>
Carl H. Papier.....	<i>Grand Captain of the Host</i>
Orville A. Clark.....	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner</i>
Richard Houghton.....	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain</i>
Wilbur W. Masters, Jr.....	<i>Grand Master Third Veil</i>
Thomas E. Dickenson.....	<i>Grand Master Second Veil</i>
Alexander C. Blount.....	<i>Grand Master First Veil</i>
Leon C. Stewart.....	<i>Grand Sentinel</i>

## PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

Henry O. Snow	Riley J. McMaster
Alex B. Steuart	William B. Greer
Archie Aitchison	Cleveland R. Horne
John B. Phelps	Dorsey H. Rutter
Frederick A. Riegel	William L. Marshall
George Albert Lambe	

## REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

Florida.....	1	O. E. Williams Lester Lewis
Gainesville.....	2	H. W. Vories
Tampa.....	3	E. V. Reed (Proxy)
St. Johns.....	4	H. A. Windhorst
Halifax.....	5	W. H. Fanus
Mount Horeb.....	6	L. L. Dilger (Proxy)
Eureka.....	7	C. W. Arnold W. P. Blackburn
Dade City.....	8	(Not Represented)
Putnam.....	9	C. R. Kemp (Proxy)
Jericho.....	11	A. A. Simmon W. I. Stevenson D. F. Hosford
Jacksonville.....	12	H. B. Bird A. E. Harvin W. J. Walker
Ocala.....	13	G. E. Dickinson (Proxy)
Monroe.....	15	Frank L. Miller (Proxy)
Plant City.....	16	(Not Represented)
St. Augustine.....	17	C. G. Oldfather (Proxy)
Manatee.....	18	H. D. Head B. L. Hudgens J. R. Burris
Lake Butler.....	19	(Not Represented)
Keystone.....	20	R. A. Ash
Thomas Brown.....	22	Russell S. Carlton
Lake Worth.....	24	J. D. Workman (Proxy)
Live Oak.....	25	J. W. Nelson (Proxy)
Jefferson.....	26	D. M. Winans (Proxy)
Indian River.....	27	A. F. Thomas
Joppa.....	28	R. V. Ankeny (Proxy)
Lakeland.....	29	T. M. Morrison (Proxy)
Gadsden.....	30	F. J. Betts
St. Petersburg.....	31	B. B. Howard
Jackson.....	32	H. A. Duckworth (Proxy)
Eustis.....	33	Claude Estes
Leesburg.....	34	J. H. Pegram (Proxy)
Sarasota.....	35	M. O. Hammond
Bay County.....	39	M. E. Clark U. V. Durden
Crestview.....	40	(Not Represented)
Winter Haven.....	41	C. Jones
Highlands.....	42	(Not Represented)
Clearwater.....	45	R. I. Carter
Duval.....	48	G. G. Zachry C. C. Conners
Nassau.....	49	S. R. Stevenson
Poinciana.....	50	J. E. Goodman (Proxy)
M. D. Cushing.....	54	E. A. Penn
Hill City.....	55	(Not Represented)
St. Joseph.....	56	M. C. Williams

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

<i>Alberta</i> .....	Cleveland R. Horne	<i>New Jersey</i> .....	William L. Marshall
<i>Arkansas</i> .....	Loren L. Dilger	<i>North Dakota</i> .....	Riley J. McMaster
<i>British Columbia</i> .....	Ford J. DeHaven	<i>Nova Scotia</i> .....	A. C. Blount
<i>California</i> .....	Spencer L. Houston	<i>Ohio</i> .....	Dorsey H. Rutter
<i>Canada</i> .....	H. J. Wendland	<i>Oklahoma</i> .....	William B. Greer
<i>Colorado</i> .....	H. A. Duckworth	<i>Oregon</i> .....	Frederick A. Riegel
<i>Connecticut</i> .....	Thomas E. Dickenson	<i>Pennsylvania</i> .....	Orville A. Clark
<i>Georgia</i> .....	James Dawson Yeager	<i>Queensland</i> .....	John B. Phelps
<i>Illinois</i> .....	Archie Aitchison	<i>South Carolina</i> .....	Addison S. Vance
<i>Louisiana</i> .....	Norman C. Edwards	<i>South Dakota</i> .....	Richard Houghton
<i>Maryland</i> .....	Henry O. Snow	<i>Tennessee</i> .....	W. E. Froehlich
<i>Massachusetts</i> .....	James Booth	<i>Texas</i> .....	Russell W. Houston
<i>Mississippi</i> .....	W. W. Masters, Jr.	<i>Vermont</i> .....	Jesse E. Ramsdell
<i>Montana</i> .....	G. A. Lambe	<i>Victoria</i> .....	Allen A. Simmon
<i>New Brunswick</i> .....	Carl H. Papier	<i>Washington</i> .....	D. M. Winans

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

## DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Henry O. Snow	John B. Phelps	Riley J. McMaster
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## RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS

Boyd L. Hudgins	Lester Lewis	Stanley C. Salter
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## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

W. I. Stevenson	R. A. Ash	Allen Wilcox
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## PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES

A. Shornberg	Eddie Gerrits	Ben B. Howard
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## DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS

H. J. Wendland	F. A. Riegel	T. N. Morrison
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## THANKS

Claude Estes	Glen E. Carpenter	Forrest Diehl
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## DISTRIBUTION

S. L. Houston	A. S. Vance	R. V. Ankeny
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The Committee on Distinguished Visitors introduced the following: O. Frank Hart, M.P. Past General Grand Master and the Present General Grand Recorder of the General Grand Council; Dr. W. Frank Wells, M.P. Past General Grand Master of the General Grand Council; R. Hammond Ethredge, M.I. Grand Master of the Grand Council of R. & S.M. of South Carolina; J. G. Standifer, Past Grand High Priest, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council and the present Junior Grand Deacon of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia; J. R. Bellflower, Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. and the Grand C. Conductor of Council of the Grand Council of Georgia; Robert McL. Strong, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council and Past Grand Commander of Alabama and the personal representative of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the U. S. A.; Hoyt McLendon, Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Commander of Alabama; Tom Q. Ellis, General Grand Captain of the Host and the personal representative of the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; H. D. Corley, Grand Commander Knights Templar of Mississippi; Companion I. J. Shaarf, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council and Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Mississippi; Sid F. Curtis, Grand Secretary-Recorder all York Rite Grand Bodies of Mississippi; D. Peter Laguens, Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar and the present Grand Secretary of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Louisiana; Henry O. Hartman, Grand Commander of Knights Templar and Grand Master of the Grand Council of Louisiana; George R. Crosley, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of K.T. of Arkansas; Louis H. Schneider, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Illinois; Spencer L. Houston, Grand Master of the Grand Council R. & S.M. of Florida; George Albert Lambe, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Florida; Addison S. Vance, Past Grand Monarch of the Grotto of the United States; John B. Phelps, General Grand Marshal and the personal representative of the General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of the U. S. A.

Later during the Convocation, each distinguished visitor addressed the Grand Chapter, bringing to us a message worthy of the high honor conferred upon them.

Honorable Millard Caldwell, Governor of the State of Florida, gave an interesting and inspiring address of welcome. Companion Harry R. Thompson, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Florida, made the response.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY  
(which was adopted)

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

This is a unique privilege accorded us today to pay deserved tribute not only to our Companions deceased during the year just ending, but to those



heroic and sacrificial Companions who labored throughout the Century, the Anniversary of which we are observing at this Grand Convocation.

They laid broad, deep and secure the foundation upon which we are duty-bound to build a superstructure based upon those eternal verities promulgated so ardently by our ancient Brethren. Time would fail us to tell of their heroic sacrifices, or to attempt to recall by name those Companions who dreamed dreams and saw visions of what we are realizing today.

Began in this City a hundred years ago, by men of vision, wisdom and courage, Royal Arch Masonry has been marching down through the Century, far surpassing the fondest expectation of our Sires so that today, this Brotherhood is working in every city, village and hamlet of our State: a mighty host numbering 5,743 now give unlimited devotion to this significant Fraternity.

This is spectacular and who can evaluate the influence exerted by this group of consecrated men. Think of what Masonry has done for home, school, State and government. We can never measure the effect wrought upon men who came under the godlike influence of these giants in Capitular Masonry. We cannot pay too high a tribute to these, our departed Brethren.

Companions, we are the recipients of a blessed heritage, and being so richly endowed with innumerable blessings, both God and man expect us to use this endowment for His glory, for the betterment of our fellow men and for the honor of Masonry. Let us here highly resolve that by the help of God, we will not disappoint these immortals who trod the path before us.

With sincere regret we report that death has invaded the rank of our official family and Subordinate Chapters have suffered heavy losses: ninety-five have gone from us. To the bereaved we extend our deepest sympathy and commend them to the God of all comfort.

We note with compassion that the Grim Reaper has removed many illustrious Companions from our Sister Jurisdictions: to all these we offer brotherly sympathy and remind them that "these dead shall live again." We list below the names of the departed dead:

- ALABAMA—Edward Houston Wills, Past Grand High Priest, died June 4, 1946. Oscar P. Spiegel, Grand Chaplain, died February 6, 1947.
- ARIZONA—Louis Gwaltney Moyers, Past Grand High Priest, died May 16, 1946. John Joseph Sweeney, Past Grand High Priest, died January 23, 1947.
- ARKANSAS—Mark P. Olney, Past Grand High Priest, died March 7, 1947.
- BRITISH COLUMBIA—Ernest Percy Allen, First Principal of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia, died June 24, 1946.
- CALIFORNIA—Leo Valtus Youngworth, Past Grand High Priest, died May 16, 1946. Edwin Paul Norberg, Past Grand High Priest, died September 6, 1946. Thomas A. Davies, Grand Secretary, died January 14, 1947.
- COLORADO—Walter Raleigh Lewis, Past Grand High Priest, died April 10, 1946.

- CONNECTICUT—Elbert L. Darbie, Past Grand High Priest, died August 16, 1946.
- GEORGIA—A. S. Harvey, Past Grand High Priest, died November 22, 1946. Pleasant T. McCutcheon, Honorary Past Grand High Priest, died March 20, 1947.
- ILLINOIS—Harry L. Kelly, Past Grand High Priest, died April 2, 1946. Loyd E. Stickel, Grand Master Third Veil, died February 19, 1947.
- INDIANA—Allen Van Buskirk, Past Grand High Priest, died May 5, 1946. Elwood Barnard, Past Grand High Priest, died January 29, 1947. Roy E. Gifford, Past Grand High Priest, died August 27, 1946.
- IDAHO—George Ray Nead, Past Grand High Priest, died January 30, 1947.
- KANSAS—James Earl McClelland, Past Grand High Priest, died May 4, 1946.
- KENTUCKY—William Davis Cannan, Past Grand High Priest, died November 9, 1946. Albert Aden Hazelrigg, Past Grand High Priest, died December 29, 1946. Ray Gardner Tipton, Past Grand High Priest, died January 12, 1947. Frank Dillman Rash, Past Grand High Priest, died April 18, 1947.
- LOUISIANA—Wynne G. Rogers, Past Grand High Priest, died September 15, 1946. Bradley Walder, Past Grand High Priest, died October 4, 1946. Leon Samuel Haas, Past Grand High Priest, died February 28, 1947.
- MAINE—Cyrus Nathan Blanchard, Past Grand King, died February 3, 1947.
- MICHIGAN—Elwin Fayette Brown, Past Grand High Priest, died January 19, 1947.
- MISSISSIPPI—Joseph Kennard Young, Past Grand High Priest, died January 20, 1947.
- MONTANA—Francis Doremus Jones, Past Grand High Priest, died July 20, 1946. Edward Evered Sweeney, Past Grand High Priest, died November 27, 1946. Russell Dean Miller, Past Grand High Priest, died April 24, 1947.
- NEW HAMPSHIRE—William Franklin Knight, Past Grand High Priest, died November 4, 1946. Halbert Nelson Bond, Past Grand High Priest, died July 14, 1946. Rev. William Porter Niles, Past Grand High Priest, died September 19, 1946. Clifford Hardy Burbee, Past Grand High Priest, died October 18, 1946.
- NEW JERSEY—Thomas H. Steed, Past Grand High Priest, died September 2, 1946. Minot B. Stannard, Deputy Grand High Priest, died November 29, 1946. Frank C. Preiss, Past Grand High Priest, died December 26, 1946. Marion H. Hall, Past Grand High Priest, died January 23, 1947.
- NEVADA—Charles J. Rufison, Past Grand High Priest, died May 25, 1946. Edward A. Ducker, Past Grand High Priest, died August 14, 1946. Herman Leby, Past Grand High Priest, died September 27, 1946. George S. Day, Past Grand High Priest, died March 7, 1947. Thomas Lindsay, Past Grand High Priest, died March 21, 1947.

- NEW YORK—Roy B. Davis, Past Grand High Priest, died February 27, 1947.
- NOVA SCOTIA—Donald Fisher Fraser, Past Grand High Priest, died March 31, 1946.
- OKLAHOMA—Harold Bliss Downing, Past Grand High Priest, died July 5, 1946.
- OHIO—Lester E. Whitehead, Grand Guard, died May 12, 1946. John H. Baer, Past Grand High Priest, died March 11, 1947.
- PENNSYLVANIA—Walter Nuttall, Grand Scribe, died May 3, 1946. John M. Core, Past Grand High Priest, died August 9, 1946.
- SOUTH DAKOTA—Marcus Poznansky, Past Grand High Priest, died March 12, 1947.
- TENNESSEE—Charles Taylor Sullivan, Grand Master First Veil, died August 20, 1946.
- TEXAS—James D. Crenshaw, Past Grand High Priest, died October 23, 1946. Ben F. Brown, Past Grand High Priest, died January 28, 1947.
- WASHINGTON—William Allen Fairweather, Past Grand High Priest, died August 19, 1946. Charles Paine Kimball, Past Grand High Priest, died February 25, 1947.

These are the names of those Illustrious Companions who departed this life during the past year but no mortal man can record the names nor measure the influence of these glorious Companions who lived and wrought in our State during the past century. Today, I hear their voices saying unto us, "Carry on, teach the imperishable lessons of Truth, and live like men who realize the destiny of man is in our keeping."

To which summons we reply:

"We will keep faith with you who die,  
We catch the torch, we hold it high,  
We hear your call, we will be true,  
With faith and courage on we go.

Sleep on brave dead in Florida sand,  
Until the morning that reveals  
The sacrifice you made for us,  
Then take your place where spirits glow.

We'll meet you at the trumpet call  
That wakes the dead, then one and all  
March forward to the Grand Review  
And there behold the rich rewards awaiting you."

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. RUTTER.

REPORT OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST  
(which was adopted)

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

Companions, we are gathered here today in the One Hundredth Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter and I extend to you a hearty welcome, and to the many distinguished visitors and guests it is a great pleasure to have you with us on this occasion, and I hope that your stay will be a most pleasant one.

It has been indeed a great honor to have been chosen as your Grand High Priest to serve during this Centennial Year, one which will always be cherished by me as the greatest gift which can be bestowed by this Grand Chapter and I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for this privilege of serving the Grand Chapter.

One hundred years has just been marked up in the history of the Grand Chapter of Florida since its first Grand Convocation. It was in the City of Tallahassee, on the 11th day of January, 1847, when there were present the requisite number of Chapters to form and organize a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the State of Florida. There were at that time only three Royal Arch Chapters in existence in the state, namely, Florida Chapter No. 32, organized under dispensation from the Grand Chapter, dated February 7, 1828, at Tallahassee. The second in this group was St. Augustine Chapter No. 4, chartered in 1844 by the Grand Chapter of South Carolina, and third, Magnolia Chapter No. 16, located at Apalachicola, which was chartered by the Grand Chapter of Virginia, April 15, 1845.

Of these three Chapters which officially organized the Grand Chapter of Florida, Magnolia Chapter has long since ceased to exist. St. Augustine Chapter, after a lapse of several years, again applied for a charter and has been carrying on since 1903. Florida Chapter No. 1, as whose guests we are now assembled, has carried on continuously since that time. Thus has Royal Arch Masonry in Florida, from the time of its organization with only three Chapters, progressed steadily, with more interest being displayed in Capitular Masonry with each passing year.

It has been my misfortune to have suffered an illness during most of my year as your Grand High Priest, therefore I was unable to make as many visitations to the Chapters as I had planned, and I hope that the Chapters will accept my sincerest regrets.

At this time I wish to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the District Deputy Grand High Priests for the many visits made to the Chapters in their districts and carrying on in my stead. Each one of them has submitted splendid reports and from the information reaching me, they have accomplished much good in helping the Chapters who needed advice in ritualistic work as well as in the dispatch of their business. Each and every one of these District Deputies has stimulated the Chapters to a greater interest in Royal Arch Masonry and also to a better co-operation than has heretofore been shown among the Companions.

Being unable to attend the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter, and also the inability of the Deputy Grand High Priest, Excellent Companion Loren L. Dilger, and Excellent Companion David M. Winans, Grand King, and Excellent Companion Leslie C. Bortle, Grand Scribe, to attend, I designated Most Excellent Companion John B. Phelps, Grand Secretary, to whom was issued the usual proxies, to represent the Grand Chapter of Florida at this Triennial. Most Excellent Companion Phelps has submitted his report on the Proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, held in Winnipeg on September 2 to 5, and it is attached to this report and will be printed in the Proceedings.

Death has invaded our official family this past year, when one of our Grand Officers, Excellent Companion Herman Edward Newson, of Cocoa, Grand Master of the First Veil, passed away on November 18, 1946.



## MONUMENTS FOR PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

I appointed Companion John D. Cove as chairman of a committee, to be selected by him, who could best assist him to obtain markers on the graves of P.G.H.P. John L. Hall, P.G.H.P. T. Picton Warlow and P.G.H.P. William R. O'Neil.

A monument has been arranged for by the Grand Lodge on the grave of P.G.H.P. Warlow, but for the lack of the necessary materials has not been completed. An inscription will be added on this monument for Ex-Companion Warlow as Past Grand High Priest. The bill for this lettering will be \$23.00.

A marker for the grave of P.G.H.P. William R. O'Neil has been placed in Greenwood Cemetery at Orlando. The placing of a marker on the grave of P.G.H.P. John L. Hall, arrangements for which have not yet been completed. A complete report on this matter will be made by Companion John D. Cove.

## VISITATIONS

On October 16, 1946, visited Indian River Chapter No. 27, with M. E. Companion John B. Phelps and Companion J. D. Yeager. After a banquet at the Presbyterian Church, the Royal Arch degree was conferred at the Temple.

On March 31, 1947, visited Keystone Chapter No. 20, Fort Lauderdale, and witnessed the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree, and then presented a lapel pin to the Past High Priest of that Chapter.

Officially visited Jericho Chapter No. 11, on Past High Priest night, at which time the Royal Arch degree was conferred by the Past High Priests.

## DUPLICATE CHARTER

A duplicate charter was issued to Indian River Chapter No. 27. A fire had destroyed the Temple of Indian River Chapter, in which all of their paraphernalia, including their Charter, had been completely destroyed.

## BOUNDARY LINE FOR GAINESVILLE CHAPTER OUTLINED

In an inquiry from Gainesville Chapter as to a boundary line for that Chapter, the following was outlined for their jurisdiction:

There is no boundary that I can find as setting forth the exact boundary for your Chapter activities. I have talked with our Grand High Priest, and he has authorized me to make the following as an equitable boundary or area:

Highway No. 441 distance from Gainesville to Ocala is thirty-seven (37) miles so highway No. 47-A would be a good dividing line. Of course, Gainesville would have up to and including such towns as are on that highway.

Highways Nos. 13 and 41 to Williston all towns between Gainesville and Williston and Williston as a neutral city available to both Ocala or Gainesville. It being twenty-five miles to Williston from both Gainesville and Ocala.

Highway No. 13 to Cedar Keys seems nearer to Gainesville than Ocala so you would have Cedar Keys and all towns between in your territory.

Highway No. 14 to Cross City would all be in your territory. Also Highway No. 10 would all be in your territory, from immediately south of Bronson to Fannin. Bronson would be in your territory.

Highway No. 441 to and including High Springs and all towns between would be in your territory.

Highway No. 41, Archer to High Springs, would be in your territory. Not beyond High Springs north.

Highway No. 13, from Gainesville to State Highway No. 68, would be in your territory.

Highway No. 14, south from Gainesville to Hawthorne, only then south on Highway No. 31 to Lochloosa, Lochloosa being a neutral town. State Highway No. 99, north to a distance halfway between Gainesville and Lake Butler,

also all towns and State and County roads in all territory adjacent to Gainesville based on the distance halfway between Gainesville and the city next which has a Chapter in its limits.

This is the only way I can see that the territory can be equitably divided, and I sincerely hope that it meets with the approval of your Chapter. If not, then you may state your case and we will give consideration to your suggestions or proposals.

DISPENSATION GRANTED TO FORM A CHAPTER U. D.  
IN PORT ST. JOE, GULF COUNTY, FLA.

Issued a dispensation to organize a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, U. D., in Port St. Joe, Gulf County, Fla., after receiving a petition in due form signed by eleven companions residing in Port St. Joe who had conformed to the proper requisites and being duly approved by Bay County Chapter No. 39. This Chapter U. D. to be known as St. Joseph Chapter, U. D. The companions signing the petition for dispensation were Ben C. Williams, Raymond R. Wilks, Fennon Tally, James R. Griggs, D. L. Owens, Watson Smith, Gadi W. White, Burley E. Parker, B. H. Smith, J. R. Norton, Henry R. Maige, Jr., all members of Bay County Chapter No. 39, Royal Arch Masons, at Panama City, Fla.

P. G. H. P. G. Albert Lambe, at my request, presided at the instituting of this Chapter, assisted by D.D.G.H.P. H. A. Duckworth, on October 9, 1946. Companion Ben C. Williams was appointed to act as High Priest, Watson Smith, King, and Fennon Tally, Scribe. Fourteen petitions were received and acted upon, after being duly elected. All of the Chapter degrees were conferred on these candidates.

A full report of this convocation was made by Most Excellent Companion Lambe and also a copy of the minutes.

## DISPENSATIONS REFUSED

Request from Tampa Chapter No. 3, for dispensation to hold an election for High Priest, as the present High Priest, Companion A. M. Muniz, had been transferred to Jacksonville by his company. I referred them to Article IV, Section 11 of the Constitution.

Apparently this Companion had not moved beyond the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, therefore the dispensation was refused.

## RULING ASKED

St. Petersburg Chapter requested a ruling on the petition of candidate for the Capitular degree, who resided at St. Petersburg part of the year, spends the other part in the North somewhere, whether they could accept this petition. This man formerly lived in California where he still maintains his legal residence and votes by absentee ballot.

I referred them to Regulation 42, Section 1—"A Master Mason, before making application for exaltation in this Grand Jurisdiction, must have resided in the State of Florida for a period of not less than twelve months and must have resided continuously within the jurisdiction of the Chapter to which he makes application for a period of six months."

I ruled that a man's legal residence is the place where he exercises his voting privileges, and he couldn't establish a residence in one state and still cast his vote in another state. Therefore, in my opinion, this man is still a resident of California and his petition could not be accepted by a Chapter in Florida.

St. John's Chapter No. 4 asked for a ruling whether there was a specified time to lapse before again applying for reinstatement for non-payment of dues, after being rejected. There not being any regulations to the contrary, I ruled that petition could be filed at the next regular convocation.

## APPOINTMENTS

Owing to the untimely death of one of our Grand Officers in line, I make the following appointments so that we might continue to have a full corps of officers in the Grand Chapter:

Appointed Excellent Companion Frederick C. Briggs to the office of Grand Master of the First Veil.

I requested Excellent Companion Loren L. Dilger, Deputy Grand High Priest, to install Companion Briggs at a regular convocation of Mount Horeb Chapter. This installation was made on March 17.

I also appointed to the office of Grand Sentinel, Companion Leon C. Stewart, of Indian River Chapter No. 27. Companion Stewart was installed into this office, by my request, by Past High Priest Robert L. Geiger, at a regular convocation of that Chapter on March 19.

## BY-LAWS APPROVED

November 25, 1946—Approved by-laws of Florida Chapter No. 1. These by-laws were adopted in 1945, but had never been submitted for the approval of the Grand High Priest. However, as they were duly adopted and conformed to the laws as laid down by the Grand Chapter, I approved them.

August 5, 1946—Approved by-laws of Bay County Chapter No. 39. They conformed to the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Chapter and also included the changing of the regular convocations to the Second and Fourth Fridays of each. Apparently this Chapter did not have any by-laws for their governments since their charter was restored in February, 1945.

April 17, 1947—Approved a set of by-laws for St. Joseph Chapter U. D., so that they may have by-laws to govern them until such time as they apply for a charter.

## AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS APPROVED

July 9, 1946—Approved amendment to by-laws of Ocala Chapter No. 13, to making the fee for the Chapter degrees to \$30.00, instead of \$20.00.

July 29, 1946—Approved amendment to by-laws of Gadsden Chapter No. 30, to change the regular convocation to the Third Monday of each month instead of the Third Tuesday.

October 11, 1946—Approved amendment to by-laws of St. Augustine Chapter No. 17, to raise the annual dues to \$3.00, instead of \$1.50.

January 21, 1947—Approved amendment to by-laws of Poinciana Chapter No. 50, to make the fee for the Chapter degrees \$20.00. (\$5.00 to be paid at the conferring of each degree).

January 24, 1947—Approved the amendment to the by-laws of Jericho Chapter No. 11, to change the regular convocations to the First Friday of each month.

May 16, 1947—Approved amendment to by-laws of Thomas Brown Chapter No. 22, changing regular convocations from the First and Third Thursdays to the First and Third Fridays of each month. This amendment to the by-laws was adopted by Thomas Brown Chapter on May 16, 1946, but through an oversight or negligence on the part of the former secretary, this resolution was not submitted to the Grand High Priest for approval at that time. With the election of a new High Priest, this matter was taken care of as soon as discovered by him. And as the High Priest has shown a desire to carry out the requirements of the Grand Chapter with regard to amendments to by-laws, therefore, I approve this amendment.

May 22, 1947—Approved amendment to the by-laws of Gadsden Chapter No. 30, to change its regular convocations to be held on the Third Monday in each month, as follows: October 1-April 1, at 7:30 p.m., and from April 1 to October 1, at 8:00 p.m.

## APPOINTMENT OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

I made the following appointments of Grand Representatives of Florida near other Grand Jurisdictions:

Companion G. E. Huenerberg, Grand Representative of Connecticut.

Companion Mark C. Morgan, Grand Representative of Illinois.

Companion F. I. Ullvot, Grand Representative of Iowa.

Companion F. F. Boustridge, Grand Representative of New Zealand.

Companion Gordon W. Parks, Grand Representative of Wisconsin.

## FINANCES

During the year, I have signed warrants on the Treasurer numbering from 1 to 38, inclusive, totaling \$3,595.68, which are herewith attached.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend that a regulation be adopted as follows:

Suspended Members—A member suspended for non-payment of dues can only be reinstated after a petition for reinstatement has been properly submitted, which shall take the same course as a petition for initiation; provided, any such petition which is rejected may be renewed by new petition at the end of three months from date of such rejection. A unanimous vote of the members present by ball ballot shall be necessary to reinstate the suspended member.

I recommend that in the proposed new Constitution, in Article IV, Section 2, entitled Committees, (2) Jurisprudence (5), that this committee be composed of all Past Grand High Priests, instead of Five, as proposed.

I recommend that all Chapters be sent a copy of the Constitution and laws of the Grand Chapter, to guide them in the proper procedure in amending their by-laws and the necessity of submitting these amendments to the Grand High Priest, for approval. Apparently this is not covered in their own by-laws.

## CONCLUSION

And in conclusion I wish to say it has been a real pleasure to have presided as your Grand High Priest at this Centennial Convocation.

And I wish at this time to extend my most sincere thanks to Most Excellent Companion John B. Phelps, our Grand Secretary, who has helped me many times by visiting several Chapters and also attending several district meetings, which I was unable to attend, and in being prompt and efficient in taking care of the work of office of the Grand Secretary.

I also wish to thank the Grand Officers and especially the District Deputy Grand High Priests for the great help they have given me during my year as Grand High Priest.

My year as Grand High Priest has come to an end and this is my final report. I was unable to carry out the many plans I had made, but did my very best.

Fraternally submitted,

HARRY R. THOMPSON,

*Grand High Priest.*

## REPORT OF JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

(which was adopted)

The report of the Grand High Priest has been reviewed by the Jurisprudence Committee and is hereby approved.

Fraternally submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.



## GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

(which was adopted)

May 1, 1946 - JUNE 1, 1947

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

Your Grand Treasurer submits the following report.

May 1st, 1946—Balance Page 21, Proceedings 1946.....	\$ 9,253.74
Received from Grand Secretary .....	6,833.80
	<u>                    </u>
	\$ 16,087.54

## DISBURSEMENTS

Warrant No. 26 .....	\$ 5.00
Warrant No. 27 .....	36.35
Warrant No. 28 .....	144.00
Warrants No. 1-38 Inc. ....	5,510.74
Bank Charges .....	1.09
	<u>                    </u>
	5,697.18

June 1, 1947—Balance First National Bank of Tampa..... \$ 10,390.36

## EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND

May 1st, 1946—Balance .....	\$ 771.58
Received from Grand Secretary .....	90.00
Interest .....	7.75
	<u>                    </u>

Balance First Nat. Bk. of Tampa Sav. Ac. No. 50601.....\$ 869.33

## INVESTMENT

U. S. Baby Bonds.....	\$ 2,550.00
Accrued Earnings .....	30.00
	<u>                    </u>
	\$ 2,580.00

Fraternally submitted,

RILEY J. McMASTER,  
Grand Treasurer.

## GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

(which was adopted)

To the M. E. Grand Chapter 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 except Tampa No. 3, which has not as yet submitted returns which would pass.

Tampa Chapter No. 3 in paying this year's returns used the \$5.00 which they had overpaid last year and in addition still owes a balance of.....\$ 7.00  
Dade City No. 8 overpaid in the amount of.....\$ 1.00  
Plant City No. 16 owes an old balance of.....119.00  
Live Oak No. 25 paid \$60.00 on old account and owes a balance of.....20.00  
Indian River No. 27 owes a balance on 1946 dues of.....2.00  
Gadsden No. 30 owes a balance on 1946 dues of.....1.00

## STATISTICS

Number of members listed last year on page No. 42 of the Chapter returns..	5,007
Exalted .....	752
Reinstated .....	135
Affiliated .....	79
	<u>                    </u>
Total additions .....	966

## DEDUCTIONS

Died .....	95
Demitted .....	63
Suspended .....	70
Expelled .....	2
	<u>                    </u>
Total deductions .....	230
Total members at end of year 1946.....	5,743
Net gain for year 1946.....	736
Ministers .....	163
Emeritus .....	138

## FINANCE

Balance in bank as shown on page No. 21 of Grand Treasurers.....	\$ 9,077.09
Receipts all sources .....	6,833.80
Educational Loan Fund receipts .....	90.00
	<u>                    </u>
Total receipts and balance.....	\$16,000.89
Disbursements—	
Warrants Nos. 1 to 38, including Pay Roll.....	\$5,510.74
Bank charges .....	1.09
	<u>                    </u>
Total disbursements .....	\$ 5,511.83
Balance in Bank as of January 1st, 1947.....	<u>\$10,489.06</u>

The above figures do not include balance in bank in the Educational Loan Fund as shown on page No. 22 in the amount of \$771.58.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. PHELPS,  
Grand Secretary

Motion prevailed cancelling the balance of twenty dollars owed to the Grand Chapter by Live Oak Chapter No. 25.

After much discussion, the Constitution, Rules and Regulations as prepared by the Committee designated for this purpose by the Jurisprudence Committee was adopted and ordered printed.

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 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 and Treasurer's reports 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.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

Motion prevailed that Companion J. H. Pegram be granted the right to represent Leesburg Chapter No. 34 at this Convocation.

Motion prevailed that the District Deputy Grand High Priest be allowed expenses in attending to the duties of their office.

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, having examined the Proceedings of the last Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Florida, find that there is no unfinished business pending for the action of this committee.

Fraternally submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

At this time the Grand Chapter recessed until 9:00 A. M., June 24th, 1947.

The Grand Chapter reconvened at 10:30 A. M., June 24th, 1947 in the Masonic Temple.

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

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

We, your Committee on Returns and Credentials, find that the list of Grand Officers and Grand Representatives of Chartered Chapters are correct as furnished by the Grand Secretary at roll call.

We find that all Chapters are represented except:

Dade City No. 8, Plant City No. 16, Lake Butler No. 19, Crestview No. 40, Highlands No. 42, Hill City No. 55.

All Chapters have made correct returns and paid their dues with the following exceptions:

Dade City No. 8 overpaid 1946 dues.....	\$ 1.00
Plant City No. 16 owes an old balance 1946 dues.....	119.00
Gadsden No. 30 owes an old balance 1946 dues.....	1.00

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

Motion prevailed that Companion E. V. Reed be granted the right to represent Tampa Chapter No. 3 at this Convocation.

Motion prevailed that Companion D. M. Winans be granted the right to represent Jefferson Chapter No. 26 at this Convocation.

Companion William L. Marshall, P.G.H.P., who is a member of the Committee on Rituals of the General Grand Chapter, was introduced at this time.

Each District Deputy Grand High Priest made very interesting reports of the activities of the Chapters in their respective Districts.

Motion prevailed that the Grand Secretary be authorized to purchase sufficient copies of the book entitled "Light From the Sanctuary of the Royal Arch," by Companion Charles Albert Snodgrass, P.G.H.P. of Tennessee, to supply one copy to each Constituent Chapter and to each of the Grand Officers.

Motion prevailed that the Grand Secretary be authorized to purchase sufficient copies of the magazine issued by the General Grand Chapter entitled "The Royal Arch Mason" to supply one copy to each Constituent Chapter and to each of the Grand Officers.

The following resolution was adopted:

That a member of any Chapter in this or any other Grand Jurisdiction, upon certification from the Secretary that said petitioner is in good standing, may petition for membership in any Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction without first having obtained a demit from his Chapter. Such petition, taking the same course as any other petition for affiliation. If such petition is approved by unanimous ballot of the Chapter petitioned, such facts shall be certified by the Secretary of the Chapter petitioned to the Secretary of the Chapter of which the petitioner is a member, accompanied by the petitioner's request for a demit. Upon such demit being granted, same shall be filed with the Secretary of the Chapter petitioned and said petitioner shall then be declared a member of the Chapter petitioned.

Motion prevailed that the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be printed in these proceedings.

Motion prevailed that the address of the Grand Orator of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, made on the evening of June 22nd, 1947, be printed in these Proceedings.



The Grand Chapter recessed at 12:15 P. M. until 2:00 P. M.

The Grand Chapter reconvened at 2:20 P. M. At this time the Grand High Priest called for election of Officers for the ensuing year. The following tellers were appointed: J. D. Yeager, W. J. Walker, T. N. Morrison. The following officers were elected:

- Loren L. Dilger.....Grand High Priest
- David M. Winans.....Deputy Grand High Priest
- Leslie C. Bortle.....Grand King
- Carl H. Papier.....Grand Scribe
- Riley J. McMaster.....Grand Treasurer
- John B. Phelps.....Grand Secretary
- Dorsey H. Rutter.....Grand Chaplain

The Grand High Priest-elect announced the following appointments:

- Orville A. Clark.....Grand Captain of the Host
- Richard Houghton.....Grand Principal Sojourner
- Wilbur W. Masters, Jr.....Grand Royal Arch Captain
- Thomas E. Dickenson.....Grand Master of the Third Veil
- Alexander C. Blount.....Grand Master of the Second Veil
- Leon C. Stewart.....Grand Master of the First Veil
- Herman J. Wendland.....Grand Sentinel

At this time an invitation was issued by Companion Samuel E. Page, Secretary of Winter Haven Chapter No. 41, on behalf of the Companions of that Chapter, requesting the Grand Chapter of Florida hold its next Annual Convocation in the City of Winter Haven. This invitation was accepted and the second week in May was designated as the time.

Motion prevailed that the Committee which drafted the Constitution, Rules and Regulations have one thousand copies printed.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE  
(which was adopted)

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

The Finance Committee has checked the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find them correct with a balance in the First National Bank of Tampa, Florida, of.....\$10,390.60  
First National Bank of Tampa, Florida (U. S. Bonds).....2,580.00

We have checked the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer of the Educational Loan Fund, and find them correct with a balance in the First National Bank of Tampa, Florida, of.....\$ 869.33

Grand Total.....\$13,839.93

From the General Fund of \$10,390.60, we recommend the following appropriations:

Pay Roll attached.....	\$1,426.30
Salary of Grand Secretary.....	1,200.00
Salary of Grand Treasurer.....	150.00
Expenses of Grand High Priest.....	40.00
Expenses of District Deputies.....	26.55
Expenses of Centennial Committee.....	400.00
Total.....	\$3,242.85

We also recommend that the sum of \$869.33, in the Educational Loan Fund, be transferred to the General Fund, and this account closed, and that all monies accruing from this account in the future be deposited in the General Fund.

From this General Fund we recommend that the amount of \$4,000.00 be invested in either coupon or registered government bonds for this Grand Chapter.

We further recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to draw warrants, and the Grand Treasurer pay same to cover necessary expenses of this Grand Chapter while in recess. That the Grand Secretary be instructed to purchase a Past Grand High Priest apron, and watch or jewel, whichever is selected, and have ready for presentation at the next Grand Convocation; that he draw warrants for same and Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay same.

Fraternally submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

An invitation was issued by the Companions of Bradenton on behalf of Manatee River Chapter No. 18, to the Grand Chapter to hold its 1949 Annual Convocation in that city. The Companions of Manatee River Chapter No. 18 were given a vote of thanks and assured that action would be taken at the proper time.

Motion prevailed that two hundred and fifty dollars be allotted by the Grand Chapter for the purpose of entertainment by Winter Haven Chapter No. 41.

Motion prevailed that the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida would look with favor upon the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons increasing its dues from the present sum of 1c per member to 2c per member.

Motion prevailed that Companion Brinkley, Chairman of the Housing Committee in Tallahassee, be given a vote of thanks for his excellent work.



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 to date.

Peace and harmony prevails throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

REPORT ON DISPENSATIONS 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, have examined the work and proceedings of Saint Joseph Chapter, U. D., and recommend that the Charter be granted.

We find that all other matters submitted by the Grand High Priest have been properly executed.

Respectfully 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 Florida Chapter No. 1 for their excellent hospitality extended to this Grand Chapter in receiving 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 co-operation which they have given you, and the courtesy with which they received us. We are very grateful for the address of welcome by Gov. Millard F. Caldwell, and the welcoming address of Mayor George I. Martin. We, also, are not unmindful of the vast amount of effort which the ladies of our host Companions, the ladies of the various Committees, and the ladies of Tallahassee Chapter O. E. S. No. 119 have exerted in preparation for the entertainment of our visiting ladies. We deeply appreciate the co-operation of the State Officials, and of the hotels for making our visit a pleasant one.

To the School Authorities we are deeply grateful for their fine co-operation, and the use of Leon County High School.

The hospitality shown us on this the 100th anniversary of the Grand Chapter of Florida is one that will be long remembered by all who were in attendance.

Fraternally yours,

THE COMMITTEE.

Companion William L. Marshall, acting as installing officer, assisted by Companion William B. Greer as Grand Marshal, installed the officers who had been chosen to serve the Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

Past Grand High Priest Apron and Jewel were presented by Companion John B. Phelps to the retiring Grand High Priest, Harry R. Thompson.

The Grand High Priest made the following appointments to Committees as well as the District Deputy Grand High Priest for the ensuing capitular year:

JURISPRUDENCE

All Past Grand High Priests

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

Harry R. Thompson

PRINTING

John B. Phelps

MEMORIALS

Dorsey H. Rutter

John D. Gove

George Albert Lambe

FINANCE

Joel A. Fite—Three years

Jesse E. Ramsdell—Two years

Russell W. Houston—One year

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

District 1—Rosswell A. Ash

District 6—Lyle R. Lazear

District 2—H. J. Wendland

District 7—Edward Gerrits

District 3—Russell E. Strawn

District 8—W. H. Bellinger

District 4—Russell S. Carleton

District 9—Myron E. Clark

District 5—Blenus Williams

District 10—Walter S. Bradey

The Grand High Priest and several of the officers made short talks on their expectations for the activities of the Grand Chapter during the coming year.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter closed with a prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Attest:

JOHN B. PHELPS,  
*Grand Secretary*

LOREN L. DILGER,  
*Grand High Priest*

## ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

Annual Assembly June 24th, 1947, A. B. 3860.

The Annual Assembly of the Order of High Priesthood was held in the Masonic Temple in the City of Tallahassee, Tuesday morning, June 24th, A. D. 1947, A. B. 3860, at 7:30 A. M. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The roll call showed the following officers present:

William B. Greer.....	<i>President</i>
Archie Aitchison.....	<i>Vice President</i>
Dorsey H. Rutter.....	<i>Chaplain</i>
John B. Phelps.....	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>
Russell W. Houston.....	<i>Master of Ceremonies</i>
Loren L. Dilger.....	<i>Conductor</i>
Jesse E. Ramsdell.....	<i>Herald</i>
Richard E. Houghton.....	<i>Steward</i>
Glen C. Carpenter.....	<i>Sentinel</i>

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

## REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER TO THE ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

June 20, 1947

Your Secretary-Treasurer submits the following report:

Money in First Savings Loan Association of Miami as of May 15th, 1946.....	\$ 339.29
Twenty-five candidates at \$5.00 each.....	125.02
Interest on account.....	5.25
Total as of June 20th, 1947.....	\$ 469.56

## DISBURSEMENTS:

Twenty-five Bibles from the John C. Winston Company.....	\$ 82.42
Salary for Secretary-Treasurer.....	25.00
Total Disbursements.....	\$ 107.42
Balance in Bank as of June 20th, 1947.....	362.14

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. PHELPS,  
*Secretary-Treasurer.*

Due Secretary for money expended:

Bibles for 1947 Class, 25 at \$3.75 each, inc. tax.....	\$ 94.96
Express on Seal to Greer.....	1.53
To be deducted from moneys received from Class of 1947.....	\$ 96.49
Plus Secretary-Treasurer's salary.....	25.00
	\$ 121.49

Motion prevailed that fees be set for the same amount as last year, which was five dollars for each member.

The President called for election of officers with the following results:

William B. Greer.....	<i>President</i>
Archie Aitchison.....	<i>Vice President</i>
Dorsey H. Rutter.....	<i>Chaplain</i>
John B. Phelps.....	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>
Russell W. Houston.....	<i>Master of Ceremonies</i>
Loren L. Dilger.....	<i>Conductor</i>
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Richard E. Houghton.....	<i>Steward</i>
Glen C. Carpenter.....	<i>Sentinel</i>

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

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R. W. Ashmore, Jr.....	Florida Chapter No. 1
H. W. Vories.....	Gainesville Chapter No. 2
W. H. Fanus.....	Halifax Chapter No. 5
A. Shonberg.....	Mount Horeb Chapter No. 6
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Harry B. Bird.....	Jacksonville Chapter No. 12
H. D. Head.....	Manatee River Chapter No. 18
Rosswell A. Ash.....	Keystone Chapter No. 20
R. S. Carleton.....	Thomas Brown Chapter No. 22
W. H. Bellinger.....	Jefferson Chapter No. 26
A. F. Thomas.....	Indian River Chapter No. 27
Robert L. Geiger.....	Indian River Chapter No. 27
F. S. Betts.....	Gadsden Chapter No. 30
Benjamin B. Howard.....	St. Petersburg Chapter No. 31



M. O. Hammond.....	Sarasota Chapter No. 35
M. E. Clark.....	Bay County Chapter No. 39
Sam A. Williams.....	Bay County Chapter No. 39
Ralph I. Carter.....	Clearwater Chapter No. 45
Grady G. Zachry.....	Duval Chapter No. 48
Mannie L. Smith.....	M. D. Cushing Chapter No. 54
Ernest A. Penn.....	M. D. Cushing Chapter No. 54
B. C. Williams.....	St. Joseph Chapter No. 56

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.

Attest:

JOHN B. PHELPS,  
*Secretary-Treasurer*

WILLIAM B. GREER,  
*President*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE  
(which was adopted)

FOREWORD

Your committee on behalf Grand Chapter of Florida in submitting the following report reviewing of the various Grand Jurisdictions, respectfully solicits your indulgence and pardon for being unable to report anything as like as full as the occasion warrants because of the limited space allowed in the proceedings. I am, therefore, confining this report mostly to statistics and limited comments, realizing while so doing that the most valuable information and admonitions given by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, First Principles, and Grand Z.'s is far more interesting and educational than anything else that we could place before the craft especially at the time when the negative or destructive forces are issuing a challenge by their actions, that is going to require the serious and solemn thinking of every Mason in this readjustment period to bring about the kind of peace that will be lasting.

Your committee wishes to comment and congratulate all the Jurisdictions who are again encouraging and taking up the Fraternal correspondence reports and printing them in the proceedings in order to bring the craft into a closer confederation. We also wish to call attention and compliment all of the Grand Chapters that are so effectively educating the craft by the publishing of monthly bulletins through the cooperation of their Constituent Chapters and

the work accomplished by the Grand Jurisdictions who have active committees on work. Some of the Grand Jurisdictions who are using newsprint to publish the Grand Chapter proceedings and distributing them to every Royal Arch Mason, we hope will produce real results in creating interest in their local chapters as well as the Grand Chapter and there is no doubt but that it cannot help but bring them closer together, especially when your Foreign Correspondent has made a very complete report, as this alone will give every Royal Arch Mason an opportunity to know something about what Masonry is doing outside of his own Constituent Chapter.

Your Correspondent wishes to extend to every Grand Secretary, and Grand Scribe his sincere thanks and appreciation for the courtesies extended, and acknowledge with gratitude the cooperation given in order that he may be able to review all of the proceedings. Now as our review of all the various proceedings is ended, our greatest regret is that we cannot through the following pages express our sincere appreciation of the wonderful knowledge of the works of the craft in all of these various Grand Jurisdictions, and can not be given to every Royal Arch Mason and received the same as it has been received by us that an understanding of our mutual objectives and the peace of the world can only be founded on the sublime principles of our order in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man.

Fraternally submitted,

G. A. LAMBE,  
*Past Grand High Priest*

ARIZONA—The 56th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Arizona was held in Tucson, April 2, 1946. They have 16 Chapters with a membership of 1,257 with a net increase of 165. No Foreign Correspondence report.

CALIFORNIA—The 92nd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of California was held in Los Angeles, April 23, 1946. They have 122 chapters with a membership of 20,583 and a net gain of 1,711. Has a very complete Foreign Correspondence report.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—The 79th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the District of Columbia was held in the Masonic Temple in Washington, D. C., February 13, 1946. They have 16 chapters with a membership of 4,314 and a net gain of 252. Has a Foreign Correspondence report.

DELAWARE—The 78th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Delaware was held in the Masonic Temple of Wilmington, January 16, 1946. They have 5 chapters with a membership of 1,010 and a net gain of 22.

GEORGIA—The 124th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Georgia was held in Macon, April 17, 1946, with a membership of 11,710 and net gain of 2,161 and 162 highest numbered chapter. Has Foreign Correspondence report.

IDAHO—The 38th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Idaho, was held in Boise, May 6th and 7th, 1946. Idaho has 24 Chapters with a Membership of 2,180 and net gain of 105. Foreign Correspondence Committee gave a splendid report. Idaho also has a Grand Lecturer and from his report he visited every Chapter in the Jurisdiction. They have complete list of returns of each chapter in their proceedings.



- INDIANA—The 101st Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Indiana was held at Terre Haute, October 16th and 17th, 1946. Indiana has 163 numbered chapters, Membership of 24,433, with a net gain of 1,703. No Foreign Correspondence report.
- IOWA—The 90th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Iowa was held at Muscatine, April 9, 1946. Iowa has 97 Chapters with a membership of 11,458. No Foreign Correspondence report.
- KANSAS—The 81st Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Kansas was held at Topeka, February 11th and 12th, 1946. Kansas has a membership of 12,058 with a gain of 963 and 92 Chapters. No Foreign Correspondence report.
- MASSACHUSETTS—The 147th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Massachusetts was held at Boston, December 11, 1945. Massachusetts has 21,337 members with a net gain of 416 and their Chapters are identified by name. No Foreign Correspondence report.
- MARYLAND—The 148th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Maryland was held at Baltimore, December 11, 1945. Maryland has 26 active Chapters with a membership of 6,393 and a net gain of 405. Officers and members of subordinate Chapters are listed. Very interesting Foreign Correspondence report.
- MONTANA—The 57th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Montana was held at Helena, June 11, 1946. Montana has 34 numbered Chapters with a membership of 3,174 and net gain of 241. Complete list of officers of subordinate Chapters. Very unique Foreign Correspondence report by McAllister.
- MISSISSIPPI—The 100th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Mississippi was held at Meridian, February 13th and 14th, 1946. Mississippi has 49 Chapters completely listed with a membership of 4,843 and net gain of 775. List of returns from subordinate Chapters. No Foreign Correspondence report.
- MAINE—The 121st Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Maine was held at Portland, May 7th, 1946. Maine has 72 Chapters with 10,772 members and a net gain of 422. Good Foreign Correspondence report.
- NEW MEXICO—The 49th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of New Mexico was held at Albuquerque, May 13, 1946. New Mexico has 13 Chapters, membership of 1,618 all listed and a net gain of 195. The Foreign Correspondence committee of New Mexico reports that he makes his 16th report. This is one of the smallest Jurisdictions. New Mexico is aware of the knowledge furnished by their reviewing committee.
- NORTH DAKOTA—The 57th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of North Dakota was held at Fargo, January 15th and 16th, 1946. North Dakota has 24 Chapters with a total membership of 2,251 and a net gain of 199. Foreign Correspondence committee reported.
- NEW YORK—The 150th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of New York was held at the Masonic Temple at Albany, February 4th and 5th, 1947. New York has 215 Chapters with a total membership of 33,481 and a net increase of 871. A splendid Foreign Correspondence report was given. This is the first 1947 proceedings the Committee of Florida 1946 activities reported. Very favorable.
- NEW HAMPSHIRE—The 127th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of New Hampshire was held in the Freemasonry Hall in the city of Concord, May 14th, 1946. New Hampshire has 26 Chapters with a membership of 3,275 and a net gain of 80. No Foreign Correspondence report.

- NEBRASKA—The 80th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Nebraska was held at Omaha, December 4th and 5th, 1946. Nebraska has 49 Chapters with a membership of 5,873 and a gain of 411. The Grand Lecturer had been discontinued because of lack of funds and then earnestly recommend the re-establishment as they felt the need of it in official visits. Foreign Correspondence committee reported reviewing all proceedings and without exceptions. All proceedings reviewed showed net gains without any quotations.
- OREGON—The 85th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Oregon was held in the Masonic Temple at Portland, April 10, 1946. Oregon has 45 Grand Chapters with a total membership of 5,699 and a net gain in the past year of 643. No Foreign Correspondence report.
- OKLAHOMA—The 57th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Oklahoma was held at Tulsa, April 16th and 17th, 1946. Oklahoma has 21 Chapters with a membership of 6,067 and a net gain of 426. Foreign Correspondence report given very completely.
- PENNSYLVANIA—The 150th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Pennsylvania was held at Philadelphia, December 27th, 1945. Pennsylvania has 151 Chapters, 2 Mark Lodges, a total membership of 33,562 with a net gain of 476. The Foreign Correspondence committee was divided into 5 sections and certain sections of correspondence assigned so naturally the proceedings of Pennsylvania has a very complete correspondence report.
- RHODE ISLAND—The 149th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Rhode Island was held in Providence, March 12, 1946. Rhode Island has 15 Chapters with a membership of 5,547 and a net gain of 54. Foreign Correspondence committee, Edward M. Wheeler, gave a very brief report on the reviewing of 6 other Grand Jurisdictions.
- SOUTH CAROLINA—The 133rd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of South Carolina was held at Columbia, April 17th and 18th, 1946. South Carolina has 33 Grand Chapters with a present membership of 2,190 and a net gain of 459. Foreign Correspondence committee gave a very complimentary report.
- SOUTH DAKOTA—The 56th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of South Dakota, was held at Mitchell in the Masonic Temple, December 11, 1945. South Dakota has 33 Chapters with a total membership of 2,628 and a gain of 286. Foreign Correspondence committee did not report because of cost of printing.
- TENNESSEE—The 117th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Tennessee was held in the Grand Lodge Building at Nashville, January 28th and 29th, 1946. Tennessee has 68 Chapters and shows a wonderful gain in membership with now on roll 7,948, showing a net gain of 1,101. Foreign Correspondence report is very complete by J. I. Walker, Past Grand High Priest.
- TEXAS—The 97th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Texas was held in the Masonic Temple of Waco, Texas, December 2nd and 3rd, 1946. Texas has 208 Chapters, total membership of 32,399, showing an increase during the year of 3,835. The Grand Chapter of Texas publishes a complete list of names of all members. Anyone visiting the Grand Chapter of Texas and being acquainted with the conditions under which they operate would see that this is very necessary, however, the custom is not practiced by most Jurisdictions. Foreign Correspondence committee gave a very complete report which is in the proceedings.



- UTAH—The Grand Chapter R.A.M., Grand Council, and the Grand Commandery of Utah, all bound in one cover same as Florida York Rite Masons met in Salt Lake City, June 4, 1946, for their 35th Annual Convocation. Utah has 6 chapters, total membership of 953 and total gain of 73. Very complete Foreign Correspondence report.
- VIRGINIA—The 138th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of R.A.M. of Virginia was held in Richmond, October 23rd and 24th, 1945. Returns of their Commanderies showed their membership to be 12,801 with a net gain of 1,117 and 72 Chapters. Virginia gave a list of all Chapters and members and a very complete correspondence report, by E. Fonno Heath.
- VERMONT—The 129th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Vermont was held at Burlington, June 11, 1946. Vermont has 28 chapters with a membership of 3,880 and a net gain of 128. Also give a complete list of Grand Jurisdiction membership.
- WYOMING—The 38th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Wyoming was held at Casper, July 10, 1945. Wyoming has 18 Chapters with a total membership of 2,064 and a gain of 242. Complete list of their officers and members of Grand Chapter.
- WASHINGTON—The 62nd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Washington was held at Yakima, May 6, 1946. Washington has 45 Chapters, membership of 7,168 and a net gain of 933. Committee on Foreign Correspondence gave a brief report.
- WISCONSIN—The 96th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Wisconsin held at Milwaukee, May 7th and 8th, 1946. Wisconsin has 116 Chapters, 16,646 members, with a gain of 686. Foreign Correspondence committee gives very nice report although did not review all jurisdictions.
- ALBERTA—The 32nd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, Canada, met in the city of Calgary, May 8, 1946. T. J. Cumberland Grand First Principle. Alberta has 24 chapters and a membership of 2,802 with a net increase of 112. They carry a permanent committee on work whose duties are very similar to the Grand Lodge F.A.M. of Florida. The Grand Chapter proceedings consumes 110 pages of which 57 is turned over to the Foreign Correspondence committee. The Foreign Correspondence committee consist of 6 members.
- NEW BRUNSWICK—The 58th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of New Brunswick was held in the city of St. John, June 28, 1945. New Brunswick has 11 chapters with a membership of 1,044 and a net increase of 9. Carries no Foreign Correspondence report.
- ONTARIO—The 88th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Ontario, Canada, was held in the city of Hamilton, Ontario, April 24th and 25th, 1946, presided over by Colonel Reginald Van Every Conover, O.B.E., V.D. Most Excellent Grand Z. Ontario has 253 numbered Chapters and a total membership of 17,087 with a net increase of 499. In the Grand Z. address we wish to quote: "Our nation and the world at large, needs as never before, the beneficent influence of Free Masonry to bind up the broken hearts, to show to the world at large that a sincere belief in the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God, is the only framework upon which it is possible to build peace and security amongst the nations, and to secure for posterity those freedoms which are our heritage." The Grand Chapter proceedings consumes 174 pages, and the Foreign Correspondence report 118 pages. These companions evidently are aware of the value of contact afforded through the Foreign Correspondence committees of other Grand Jurisdictions. George R. Gardener was their reviewer. I wish it were possible that our Grand Commandery could give as complete a review as is given by the Grand Commandery of Canada.

- BRITISH COLUMBIA—The 28th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia was held in the Masonic Temple of Victoria, June 18, 1946. British Columbia has 28 chapters with a membership of 2,249 and a net increase of 169. John H. Morgan is the Grand Z. A report of a special committee on Education outlined a program giving a complete report on the advisability of a monthly Bulletin issued by the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, which was considered clause by clause and adopted as a whole by the Grand Chapter. I wish that it were possible that the Grand Chapter of Florida could have followed out this program. Foreign Correspondence review makes this comment: "It is pleasing to note that the practice of printing reviews in the proceedings, which in many instances were discontinued during the war for economic reasons, is again being taken up. Reviews are so helpful in bringing the various jurisdictions into closer communion one with the other. We rejoice with each other in our joys, and Aye, how often we sorrow with each other in our sorrows. It cements a wonderful Bond of Friendship between Knights of the Round Table." J. J. Miller Reviewer's report covers 50 pages.
- MANITOBA—The 23rd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba was held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, February 13, 1946, presided over by Most Excellent Companion R. S. Jones, Grand Z. who recommends that the proceedings of the Grand Chapter be printed on regular paper and a copy of same be given to each Chapter so that every Companion may have one copy. This was also approved by the committee on education. Was approved and adopted by the Grand Chapter. Foreign Correspondence committee gave an interesting report commenting on the gain made by the various jurisdictions whose proceedings he had received. Manitoba has 17 chapters with a total membership of 1,374 and a gain of 73.
- QUEBEC—The 69th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Quebec, was held in the city of Montreal, March 27, 1946. Quebec has 24 chapters with a total membership of 2,484 with a net gain of 99. Committee on Foreign Correspondence contains 36 pages in a proceedings of 106 pages.
- SASKATCHEWAN—The 23rd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan was held in the Masonic Temple at Prince Albert, May 23, 1946. Saskatchewan has 26 chapters with a membership of 1,959 and a net gain of 227. No Foreign Correspondence report.
- ENGLAND—Supreme Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of England. Appreciate the quarterly of the Supreme Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of England. Quarterly Convocation held in Freemasons Hall in London. The Committee appreciates the report of these Excellent Companions and sincerely hope that the time will soon pass when they will not be forced in the interest of economy to omit the names of their officers and the reports that they would so much like to have in their quarterly proceedings. We extend to these companions our very best wishes for a speedy recovery.
- SCOTLAND—Supreme Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Scotland. Received a quarterly for 1946-1947 Scotland Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons which was held in Edinburgh, June 21, 1946, and from the reports they show splendid progress.



To the Memory of the  
Companions of This Grand  
Jurisdiction

Who have passed on to that eternal life  
during the year

This Page we fraternally dedicate

*God of the living, in whose eyes  
Unveiled thy whole creation lies,  
All souls are thine; we must not say  
That those are dead who pass away,  
From this, our world of flesh set free,  
We know them living unto thee.*

—John Ellerton.



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Connecticut	G. E. Huenerberg	Bridgeport, 889 Howard Ave.
Delaware	Frank B. Newell	Tampa, 220 W. Comanche Ave.
Dist. of Columbia	George E. Umhau	Washington, D. C., 4817 36th St., N. W.
Georgia	William A. Sims	Atlanta, Box 475
Idaho	Frank W. Perry	Pocatello
Illinois	Mark C. Morgan	Chicago, 6259 Wavelan
Indiana	Donald J. Pickett	Evansville, 1007 Washington Ave.
Iowa	F. I. Ulvot	Staux City, 1007 S. Mulberry St.
Kansas	Richard W. Evans	Dodge City, Box 966
Kentucky	Fred E. Phillips	Fort Thomas, 19 E. Vernon Lane
Louisiana	D. Peter Laguens, Jr.	New Orleans, 300 Masonic Temple
Maine	E. Murray Graham	Portland, Box 974
Manitoba	William Carve	Winnipeg, 604 Cathedral Ave.
Maryland	Bernard Anderson	Annapolis, 1403 Poplar St.
Massachusetts	J. Lawton Whitlock	Boston, 141 Mills St.
Michigan	Paul P. Belsor	Chelsea
Minnesota	Lawrence S. Munro	Duluth, 5711 Wyoming St.
Mississippi	James H. Johnson	Clarksville, P. O. Box 50
Missouri	James M. DeWitt	Kirksville, 709 S. Halliburton
Montana	Channell A. Mackenzie	Bozeman, P. O. Box 549
Nebraska	Harry O. Hartwell	Omaha, 2210 Spencer St.
Nevada	Carl Sorenson	Reno, 840 Washington St.
New Brunswick	Guy J. Gabel	Fairville, New Brunswick, 84 Manawagonish Road
New Hampshire	Charles L. Wentworth	Cape Porpoise, Maine, Box 291
New Jersey	Charles H. Turton	New Brunswick
New Mexico	Oliver J. Olin	Albuquerque
New South Wales	John Edwards	Concord, 35 Gipps St.
New York	Roland T. Pettit	Sacket's Harbor
New Zealand	F. F. Baustridge	Greymouth, Blackmore St.
North Carolina	Frank M. Pinnix	Oxford, c/o Oxford College
North Dakota	James C. McCormack	Devils Lake
Nova Scotia	R. H. Rogers	Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island
Ohio	Oliver H. Ormiston	Bartlett
Oklahoma	Newton A. Lale	Earlsboro, Rt. No. 1
Oregon	Nelson H. Gunderson	Marshfield
Pennsylvania	Walter M. Carwithen	Doylstown, Box 442
Quebec	J. Hamilton Ferns	Montreal
Queensland	John Robert Kelly	Brisbane, Botany St., Clayfield
Rhode Island	Jethro H. Peckham	Newport, R.F.D. No. 2
Saskatchewan	William J. Smith	Shanawson
Scotland	James Mackenzie	Inverness, Harrowden Rd.
South Carolina	Lemuel Wylie Pittman	Great Falls, 40 Pine Crest Ave.
South Dakota	Roland S. Almond	Hurley
Tennessee	William Henry Blackwell	Johnson City, 1305 Baxter St.
Texas	D. C. McCord	Dallas, 820 N. Beckley Ave.
Utah	George B. Torry	Salt Lake City, 325-B 1 Street
Vermont	J. Harold Stacey	Windsor
Victoria	Baron Marks	Melbourne, Collins St.
Virginia	W. Norvell Woodward	Richmond, 4528 W. Seminary Ave.
Washington	Edgar D. Griffith	Seattle, 3033 27th Ave., West
West Australia	Harold Walby	Clearmont, 62 Bay View Terrace
West Virginia	James P. Mace	Charleston, 506 Nancy Street
Wisconsin	Gordon W. Parks	Milwaukee, 618 N. 63rd
Wyoming	Homer Z. Zorn	Greybull, Box 726



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From Its Organization to Date

Table with 7 columns: GRAND HIGH PRIESTS, DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS, GRAND KINGS, GRAND SCRIBES, GRAND TREASURERS, GRAND SECRETARIES, GRAND CHAPLAINS. Lists names and dates from 1847 to 1884.

\* Deceased

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DIRECTORY OF CHAPTER OFFICERS

Chapter	No.	High Priest	King	Scribe	Treasurer	Secretary	Secretary's Address
Gadsden	30	F. J. Betts	N. B. Bevis	F. R. Payne	L. Griffith	R. A. Bush	Quincy, Route 2
St. Petersburg	31	B. B. Howard	S. L. Boyett	C. C. Hogan	W. M. Brinker	A. F. Bailey	St. Petersburg, 548 6th St. N.
Jackson	32	F. C. Moore	D. W. Wells	F. J. Barnes	C. M. Gelson	A. W. Kelly	Marianna
Leesburg	33	B. P. Butler	R. L. Sturcho	W. Dunston	A. S. Halong	C. H. Pearam	Luska, P. O. Box 1023
Sarasota	34	M. O. Hammond	G. A. Winer	J. S. Nickolas	S. Kruppa	F. A. Riegel	Sarasota, 1021 Citrus Ave. S.
Bay County	35	M. E. Clark	R. V. Durden	W. C. Cooper	W. L. Brewton	H. H. Turner	Penama City, 337 Oak Ave.
Winter Haven	36	C. L. Stewart	B. G. Cowers	S. Matthews	C. Turner	W. B. Stuckey	Crestview
Highlands	37	K. F. Harris	I. F. Spooner	G. G. Peen	L. S. Hardin	V. G. Witters	Winter Haven, 464 Ave. C S. E.
Clearwater	38	R. I. Carrer	A. Wright	R. C. Connors	N. C. Edwards	R. S. Dowe	Clearwater, 1003 Jasmine Way
Duval	39	S. A. Stevenson	R. M. Naugle	J. G. Abels	W. S. Whiney	H. F. Bryan, Sr.	Jacksonville, 1618 Hendricks Ave.
Nassau	40	F. R. Deen	F. R. Deen	C. G. Holland	N. G. Bartleson	H. F. DeRick	Fernandina
Polk	41	F. A. Peltin	W. E. Peltin	V. D. Lanier	N. G. Stout	N. G. Stout	Fort Myers, P. O. Box 1135
M. D. Cushing	42	E. C. Bloom	R. Scarborough	R. Scarborough	W. D. Loyer	W. D. Loyer	Bonapa, 309 East Jean St.
Hill City	43	Ben C. Williams	W. L. Smith	Fennon Tally	R. R. Wilks	R. B. Shaw	Port St. Joe, Box 994

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1946

Number	CHAPTER 1946	1946											Dues Paid		
		Membership Last Year	Exalted	Reinstated	Affiliated	Total	Died	Demitted	Suspended N. P. D.	Expelled	Ministers	Emeritus			
1	Florida	172	24	3	0	199	2	2	6	0	3	6	189	17	207.00
2	Gainesville	147	21	1	1	173	5	2	1	0	14	4	165	18	179.00
3	Tampa	192	19	4	1	214	14	3	0	0	10	10	196	4	197.00
4	St. Johns	42	5	0	0	47	2	0	0	0	5	5	42	0	60.00
5	Holifax	117	46	7	3	173	1	1	2	0	6	6	159	52	214.00
6	Mt. Horeb	239	19	0	4	262	4	2	1	0	1	5	255	16	274.00
7	Eureka	155	17	0	3	177	5	1	0	0	6	6	171	16	184.00
8	Dade City	21	7	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	1	4	27	6	30.00
9	Palmam	54	5	2	0	63	0	0	0	0	4	9	52	6	61.00
10	Jericho	542	92	7	7	648	8	4	17	0	3	3	619	77	720.00
11	Jacksonville	460	35	4	8	507	8	3	4	0	8	6	492	32	526.00
12	Ocala	126	10	1	1	138	2	2	1	0	4	4	135	9	137.00
13	Monroe	107	13	3	0	123	3	0	0	0	7	7	120	13	123.00
16	Plant City	22	0	1	1	25	1	0	0	0	3	2	24	1	20.00
17	St. Augustine	129	13	0	2	144	3	2	0	0	0	0	139	10	153.00
18	Manatee River	47	11	7	2	67	0	1	1	5	5	7	61	14	66.00
19	Lake Butler	32	4	1	1	37	0	0	0	0	2	2	37	5	38.00
20	Keystone	167	49	1	1	222	4	2	1	0	7	4	215	48	259.00
22	Thomas Brown	77	21	1	1	104	1	3	2	0	1	6	98	21	121.00
24	Lake Worth	210	8	2	2	222	2	4	2	0	5	6	214	4	218.00
25	Live Oak	202	22	8	0	232	2	4	6	0	14	5	220	18	297.00
26	Jefferson	56	2	0	0	58	2	0	0	0	3	1	56	0	56.00
27	Indian River	121	45	5	1	172	4	5	2	0	7	3	101	40	208.00
28	Joppa	46	1	1	0	52	1	1	1	0	0	2	49	3	54.00
29	Lakeland	49	15	25	1	92	2	1	0	0	2	2	86	37	119.00
30	Gadsden	104	25	4	2	135	3	1	0	0	10	3	131	27	149.00
31	St. Petersburg	231	16	3	5	255	4	4	0	0	2	8	247	16	263.00
32	Jackson	104	9	1	5	119	1	1	0	0	5	2	117	13	122.00
33	Eustis	43	15	0	1	59	1	1	4	0	1	1	53	10	68.00
34	Leesburg	32	6	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	1	2	37	5	41.00
35	Sarasota	64	0	4	0	68	0	3	0	1	6	2	64	0	61.00
39	Bay County	96	38	8	1	143	0	6	0	0	0	0	137	41	189.00
40	Crestview	115	21	0	0	136	1	0	3	0	0	0	132	17	153.00
41	Winter Haven	112	14	3	6	135	0	0	3	0	1	2	132	20	144.00
42	Highlands	45	1	1	0	48	1	1	2	0	0	1	44	0	47.00
43	Clearwater	44	6	8	3	61	2	0	0	0	2	2	59	15	73.00
48	Duval	255	66	4	3	330	2	1	0	1	9	0	325	71	392.00
49	Nassau	48	2	2	0	52	0	1	2	0	1	0	49	1	52.00
50	Polk	62	6	2	1	71	0	1	1	0	0	6	69	7	71.00
54	Monroe D. Cushing	65	10	0	1	77	2	0	2	0	3	2	73	7	102.00
55	Hill City	31	6	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	2	0	37	6	41.00
		5007	752	135	79	5973	95	63	70	2	163	138	5743	738	2,36,489.00

SUMMARY

Membership last year	5,007
Exalted	752
Reinstated	135
Affiliated	79
Total	5,973
Died	95
Demitted	63
Suspended N. P. D.	70
Expelled	2
Total Deductions	230
Total Membership 1946	5,743
Net Gain for year	736
Ministers	163
Emeritus	138
Total dues for year 1946	6,489



### DIRECTORY OF CHAPTERS

Chapter	Date of No. Charter	Location	Time of Meeting
Florida	1 1878	Tallahassee	Second Monday
Gainesville	2 1879	Gainesville	Fourth Monday optional
Tampa	3 1882	Tampa	Third Tuesday
St. Johns	4 1885	DeLand	First and Third Friday except July, August and September
Halifax	5 1895	Daytona Beach	Third Friday except July and Aug.
Mount Horeb	6 1874	Pensacola	Second Thursday
Eureka	7 1887	Orlando	Second Monday
Dade City	8 1895	Dade City	First and Third Monday except July, August and September
Putnam	9 1899	Palatka	First and Third Fridays
Jericho	11 1900	Miami	First Thursday
Jacksonville	12 1854	Jacksonville	First Friday
Ocala	13 1888	Ocala	Second Thursday, Fourth optional
Monroe	14 1893	Sanford	Fourth Friday
Plant City	15 1893	Plant City	Second and Fourth Tuesday
St. Augustine	16 1903	St. Augustine	First and Third Tuesday
Manatee River	17 1904	Bradenton	Second and Fourth Tuesday
Lake Butler	18 1904	Lake Butler	Second Tuesday
Keystone	19 1845	Ft. Lauderdale	Fourth Monday
Thomas Brown	20 1895	Bartow	First and Third Mondays
Lake Worth	22 1871	West Palm Beach	First and Third Thursday
Live Oak	24 1904	Live Oak	First and Third Monday
Jefferson	25 1895	Monticello	Second Tuesday
Indian River	26 1905	Titusville	First Monday
Joppa	27 1905	Fort Pierce	Third Wednesday
Lakeland	28 1905	Lakeland	First Friday
Gadsden	29 1909	Quincy	Second and Fourth Thursdays
St. Petersburg	30 1909	St. Petersburg	Third Monday
Jackson	31 1910	Marianna	First and Third Wednesday
Eustis	32 1910	Eustis	Second and Fourth Thursday
Leesburg	33 1914	Leesburg	Third Monday
Sarasota	34 1914	Sarasota	Second Tuesday
Bay County	35 1915	Panama City	Second Thursday
Crestview	39 1945	Crestview	Second and Fourth Fridays
Winter Haven	40 1920	Winter Haven	Second and Fourth Tuesday
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	Fernandina	First and Third Friday except August and September
Poinciana	50 1923	Fort Myers	Second and Fourth Thursday
M. D. Cushing	54 1927	Tampa	Second Tuesday
Hill City	55 1927	Brooksville	First and Third Tuesday except July, August and September
St. Joseph	56 1947	Port St. Joe	Second Thursday
			Second and Fourth Fridays

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.