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**Grand Chapter
Royal Arch Masons**





DAVID MEYER WINANS
Grand High Priest
1948 - 1949

PROCEEDINGS
of the
Grand Chapter
Royal Arch Masons
of the
STATE OF FLORIDA

LOREN LAMBERT DILGER
Grand High Priest
PRESIDING

DAVID MEYER WINANS
ELECTED

HELD IN THE CITY OF WINTER HAVEN
MAY 19, A. D. 1948, A. I. 2478

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of the
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Royal Arch Masons
of the
State of Florida
for
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The One Hundred and Second Convocation of the Grand Chapter
held in the City of Bradenton in May, 1949

ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST ANNUAL CONVOCATION

1948

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida
convened in annual Convocation in the City of Winter Haven, at
10:00 A. M. Wednesday, May 19th, A. D. 1948, A. I. 2478.

The roll being called, there were found to be present the fol-
lowing:

GRAND OFFICERS

Loren Lambert Dilger.....*Grand High Priest*
David Meyer Winans.....*Deputy Grand High Priest*
Leslie C. Bortle.....*Grand King*
Carl Henry Papier.....*Grand Scribe*
Riley James McMaster.....*Grand Treasurer*
John Bridges Phelps.....*Grand Secretary*
Dorsey Howard Rutter.....*Grand Chaplain*
Orville Ambrose Clark.....*Grand Captain of Host*
Richard Houghton.....*Grand Principal Sojourner*
Wilbur Willing Masters, Jr.....*Grand Royal Arch Captain*
Thomas Erasmus Dickenson.....*Grand Master Third Veil*
Alexander Clement Blount.....*Grand Master Second Veil*
Leon Carrol Stewart.....*Grand Master Second Veil*
Herman Julius Wendland.....*Grand Master First Veil*

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

Dr. Henry O. Snow	Cleveland R. Horne
Archie Aitchison	Dorsey H. Rutter
John B. Phelps	Dr. F. William Schultz
Frederic A. Riegel	William L. Marshall
Riley J. McMaster	George A. Lambe
William B. Greer	Harry R. Thompson

REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

Florida	No. 1	— Lester Lewis
Gainesville	No. 2	— J. C. Reichert (Proxy)
Tampa	No. 3	— E. V. Reed (Proxy)
St. Johns	No. 4	— Not represented
Halifax	No. 5	— Harry G. Fletcher (Proxy)
Mount Horeb	No. 6	— W. N. Wilkinson
Eureka	No. 7	— C. W. Arnold
Dade City	No. 8	— Not represented
Putnam	No. 9	— Not represented
Jericho	No. 10	— W. I. Stevenson D. F. Hosford
Jacksonville	No. 12	— W. J. Walker
Ocala	No. 13	— T. E. Dickenson (Proxy)
Monroe	No. 15	— F. Hasky Wight (Proxy)
Plant City	No. 16	— J. R. Gramling
St. Augustine	No. 17	— Not represented
Manatee River	No. 18	— B. L. Hudgins J. R. Burris
Lake Butler	No. 19	— J. T. Holloway (Proxy)
Keystone	No. 20	— J. A. Jackson (Proxy) J. A. Jackson
Thomas Brown	No. 22	— J. H. Willison (Proxy) J. H. Willison
Lake Worth	No. 24	— W. E. Froelich (Proxy)
Live Oak	No. 25	— J. W. Nelson (Proxy)
Jefferson	No. 26	— J. E. Thompson
Indian River	No. 27	— Walter Webb
Joppa	No. 28	— R. V. Ankeny (Proxy)
Lakeland	No. 29	— E. B. Ormsby T. N. Morrison (Proxy) E. W. Brown (Proxy)
Gadsden	No. 30	— N. B. Bevis
St. Petersburg	No. 31	— A. F. Battey
Jackson	No. 32	— A. R. Lambe (Proxy)
Eustis	No. 33	— Ward Estey
Leesburg	No. 34	— L. C. Van Orsdale
Sarasota	No. 35	— F. A. Riegel (Proxy)
Bay County	No. 39	— U. V. Durden George E. Toepfer (Proxy)
Crestview	No. 40	— J. E. Stewart
Winter Haven	No. 41	— P. G. Cole
Highlands	No. 42	— Not represented
Clearwater	No. 45	— A. F. Wright
Duval	No. 48	— C. C. Conners (Proxy)
Nassau	No. 49	— Not represented
Poinciana	No. 50	— L. B. Spaun
M. D. Cushing	No. 54	— Joe B. Johnson (Proxy)
Hill City	No. 55	— A. S. Epple D. A. McIntyre (Proxy)
Saint Joseph	No. 56	— H. R. Maige

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Alberta	Cleveland R. Home	New Brunswick	C. H. Papier
Arkansas	Loren L. Dilger	New Jersey	W. L. Marshall
British Columbia	Ford J. DeHaven	North Dakota	R. J. McMaster
California	Spencer L. Houston	Nova Scotia	A. C. Blount
Canada	H. J. Wendland	Ohio	D. H. Rutter
Connecticut	T. E. Dickenson	Oklahoma	W. B. Greer
Georgia	J. D. Yeager	Oregon	F. A. Riegel
Illinois	Archie Aitchison	Pennsylvania	O. A. Clark
Louisiana	Norman C. Edwards	Queensland	J. B. Phelps
Maryland	Dr. H. O. Snow	South Carolina	A. S. Vance
Michigan	Dr. F. W. Schultz	South Dakota	R. Houghton
Mississippi	W. W. Masters, Jr.	Tennessee	W. E. Froelich
Missouri	Harry Guy	Texas	R. W. Houston
Montana	G. A. Lambe	Vermont	J. E. Ramsdell
		Washington	D. M. Winans

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

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

John B. Phelps	
Dorsey H. Rutter	Wm. B. Greer

RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS

L. Earl Curry	
A. S. Vance	M. E. Clark

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Glen E. Carpenter	
A. F. Battey	E. B. Ormsby

PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES

W. I. Stevenson	
A. E. Harvin	W. N. Wilkinson

DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS

F. A. Riegel	
Sam E. Page	George H. Toepfer

THANKS

Lester Lewis	
C. W. Arnold	R. L. Wheeler

DISTRIBUTION

William B. Greer	
Archie Aitchison	P. G. Cole

The Committee on Distinguished Visitors introduced the following:

James A. Gorham, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, and the personal representative of the Grand High Priest of Ohio; John Calvin Crawford, Jr., Past Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Tennessee, and Past Grand Master of the M. I. Grand Council of R. & S. M. of Tennessee; James I. Walker, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Tennessee, and the present General Grand Principal Sojourner of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; Lawrence C. Petri, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Georgia, and the personal representative of the M. E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A.; L. Earl Curry, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of K. T. of Florida, and a member of the Uniform Committee of the Grand Encampment; Wm. L. Marshall, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida, and a member of the Ritual Committee of the General Grand Chapter; Cleveland R. Horne, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of R. A. M. of Florida, and the Junior Grand Warden of the M. W. Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Florida; John B. Phelps, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, General Grand Marshal of the General Grand Council of R. & S. M. of the U. S. A., and the personal representative of the General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of R. & S. M. of the U. S. A.; and Walter Dubree, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Arizona, General Grand Master of the First Veil of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and the personal representative of the M. E. General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

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

Companion Frank B. Knoff, Past High Priest and the present Secretary of Winter Haven Chapter No. 41, made a pleasing address of welcome. Companion David Meyer Winans, Deputy Grand High Priest, made the response.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS
(which was adopted)

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

Companions, for a few moments we suspend routine business in this Grand Convocation to pay tribute to our deceased Companions who have been called into the presence of the Supreme High Priest to receive their wages for well-spent lives in service to their fellow men and to the glory of the Great Jehovah.

*"We shall miss the hearty handshake,
And the greeting known so well,
But we will strive to meet them yonder,
Where all good Masons hope to dwell!"*

During the year just closing, death has been no respecter of persons and while we are devoutly thankful that no Companion in the active line has gone from us, yet we sorrowfully record the passing away from us of our beloved companion, Past Grand High Priest James C. Clark, who departed this life October 14, 1947. Our Constituent Chapters report the unusually large number of ninety-six Companions who were commanded to present their life work for final inspection. With positive assurance of the resurrection of our beloved dead, and with unflinching faith in the immortality of the soul, we expect to meet and greet these loved ones in the Temple not made with hands eternal in the heavens. We know that the life of the soul cannot be affected by the death of the body. Like Moses at the Burning Bush, many of our departed Brethren met the Great I Am and became filled with that self-denying spirit which impelled them to give bountifully of their lives and means to enrich and ennoble the lives of their fellow beings. Every Mason who seeks and finds the true Light, "Jesus, the Light of the world," lives right, and toils faithfully, will in death, triumph victoriously.

SISTER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Our Sister Grand Jurisdictions have during the year sustained grievous losses, as the following list will reveal:

ALABAMA—Julian Fletcher Spearman, Past Grand High Priest, died July 11, 1946. Robert Snow Wildsmith, Grand Scribe, died June 3, 1947. Guy T. Smith, Grand Secretary, died July 29, 1947. John Newman, Grand Captain of the Host, died December 13, 1947.

ARIZONA—Otis James Baughn, Past Grand High Priest, died February 11, 1948.

CALIFORNIA—William Penn Humphreys, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Treasurer, died July 29, 1947. Edward Byron Spencer, Past Grand High Priest, died August 4, 1947. James Bertram McLees, Past Grand High Priest, died December 16, 1947.

COLORADO—Reuben M. Hershey, Past Grand High Priest, died August 5, 1947. Clem M. Russell, Past Grand High Priest, died August 7, 1947.

DELAWARE—West Alexander Trotter, Past Grand High Priest, died March 19, 1948.

GEORGIA—Early Hurt Johnson, Hon. Past General Grand High Priest, died September 6, 1947. W. Frank Wells, Past Grand High Priest, died November 7, 1947.

- INDIANA—George Clarence Cole, Past Grand High Priest, died August 1, 1947.
- KANSAS—George W. Trout, Past Grand High Priest, died June 23, 1947.
- MAINE—Henry L. Hunton, Past Grand Scribe, died December 1, 1947. Raymond F. Eastman, Past Grand Scribe, died December 13, 1947. Edward W. Haskell, Past Grand Scribe, died December 23, 1947. Herbert Woodbury Robinson, Past Grand Scribe, died March 9, 1948.
- MASSACHUSETTS—Edward H. Whittemore, Past Grand High Priest, died February 15, 1948.
- MINNESOTA—James Ridler, Past Grand High Priest, died August 16, 1947. William Joseph Works, Past Grand High Priest, died August 26, 1947. Ernest Malmberg, Past Grand High Priest, died October 17, 1947.
- MISSISSIPPI—John Foggo Dixon, Past Grand High Priest, died June 16, 1947. James Henry Johnson, Past Grand High Priest, died December 9, 1947.
- MONTANA—Harlon Leslie Hart, Past Grand High Priest, died November 14, 1947.
- NEBRASKA—William T. Poucher, Past Grand High Priest, died August 16, 1947. Harry D. Cone, Past Grand High Priest, died October 6, 1947.
- OREGON—Lloyd Lytton Scott, Past Grand High Priest, died November 11, 1947.
- PENNSYLVANIA—Albert T. Hanby, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Treasurer, died July 13, 1947.
- TENNESSEE—George G. White, Past Grand High Priest, died August 7, 1947. William Harry Dudley, Past Grand High Priest, died March 23, 1948.
- WEST VIRGINIA—George M. Ford, Past Grand High Priest, died January 24, 1948.
- WISCONSIN—Clarence Hill, Past Grand High Priest, died January 19, 1948.
- WYOMING—Arthur Colley Jones, Past Grand High Priest, died August 31, 1947. Christian H. Hofmann, Grand Scribe, died November 30, 1947.

"How beautiful to be with God,
When earth is fading like a dream,
And from this mist-encircled shore
We launch upon the unknown stream.

No doubt, no fear, no anxious care,
But comforted by staff and rod,
In the faith-brightened hour of Death
How beautiful to be with God.

I will not fear to launch my bark,
Upon the darkly rolling flood,
'Tis but to pierce the mist—and then
HOW BEAUTIFUL TO BE WITH GOD."

Courteously submitted,

D. H. RUTTER.

Resolution

(which was adopted)

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst our friend and associate, Jesse Carroll Clark, who has been for many years active in the service of Masonry, having the following impressive record as a Mason:

Jack Clark, as he was familiarly known, was born on September 2nd, 1890, in Thorntown, Indiana, and died on October 14th, 1947, at Pensacola, Florida. He was initiated an Entered Apprentice on March 26th, 1915, passed to the degree of Fellow Craft on April 13th, 1916, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on May 25th, 1916. He was Worshipful Master of Pensacola Lodge No. 42, F. & A. M. in 1923, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Florida in 1936. He received his Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Degrees on October 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 1919. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree on June 6th, 1918, in Mount Horeb Chapter No. 6, R. & A. M. and became High Priest in 1926. He was admitted to Union Council No. 7, R. & S. M., November 17th, 1921, and became Thrice Illustrious Master in 1927. He was Knighted in Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 1, K. T. on August 28th, 1918, and became Eminent Commander in 1929. He was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida in 1939.

He was a member of the First Methodist Church of Pensacola and active in its choir.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida:

(1) "That in life we are in the midst of death and the wisest cannot know what a day may bring forth. We live but to see those we love pass to the great beyond." While we grieve and mourn for our friend, we submit to the will of Him, in Whom our departed friend so devoutly trusted, knowing that he is all wise and merciful.

(2) That in the passing of our friend we have all sustained a great loss. That during his active years he has rendered to Masonry in his home town and in the State of Florida, outstanding service.

(3) We wish to express to his family our sincerest sympathy in their bereavement.

ALEXANDER C. BLOUNT

REPORT OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST
(which was adopted)

To the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Florida:

Dear Companions:

Being privileged by Almighty God to assemble peacefully in this the first Annual Convocation of the second century of the existence of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, may we give thanks to Him for this manifestation of His loving kindness, being ever mindful of our obligations to love and honor Him.

Companions, I greet you on this occasion and bid you a most hearty welcome. To the many distinguished guests who have honored us by their presence, we extend an especial welcome. We sincerely hope that your visit with us will be a pleasant one, and that upon leaving you will have an earnest longing to meet with us in future convocations. We likewise welcome the Representatives of the Constituent Chapters, especially those attending for the first time. We want you to feel perfectly free to express your opinions and to take an active part in the deliberations of this Grand Convocation.

We express our deep appreciation to the Companions of the beautiful city of Winter Haven for their gracious invitation to assemble in this, the center of the great citrus growing section of our state. We trust that this Convocation will prove to be an inspiration to all the Companions here assembled to go forth and carry on the work of Capitular Masonry with renewed vigor and enthusiasm.

One year ago you elected me to serve as your Grand High Priest. I was not at that time, or have I since, been unmindful of the responsibilities devolving upon me. I have made every reasonable effort to promote the continued advancement of Capitular Masonry in our great state and have discharged the duties incumbent upon me to the best of my ability. I am deeply indebted to the District Deputy Grand High Priests for the splendid work they have accomplished, and for their cooperation and untiring efforts during the year. They have performed a service to the Chapters, and to the Grand Chapter that will prove to be of lasting benefit.

By the Divine Will of the Grand High Priest of the Universe our Official Family has remained unbroken. However, since our last Grand Convocation Most Excellent Companion Jesse C. Clark, Past Grand High Priest, has been summoned to his eternal home. Companion Clark was Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida. Jack, as he was familiarly known by those close to him, was a loyal and ardent member of the fraternity, fearless and outspoken in the defense of his honest convictions. His counsel and advice will be missed by many who depended upon him. Masonry has lost a true friend and supporter and Jack will be missed by his many friends and companions.

We note with sadness the passing of many distinguished Companions from our sister jurisdictions. The Committee on Memorials will submit a report on these worthy Companions.

VISITATIONS

Due to the extreme distances to be traveled, and to other conditions over which I had no control, I have been unable to make as many visitations to the various Chapters as I would like to have made. However, the following visitations were made:

November 14, 1947, in company with District Deputy Grand High Priests Companions Walter S. Brady and Myron E. Clark, I visited Bay County

Chapter No. 39. The Royal Arch Degree was conferred upon six Most Excellent Masters in a very highly satisfactory and efficient manner. There were present at this meeting sixty (60) Companions. After the conferring of the degree, the Companions enjoyed a splendid chicken dinner. This Chapter is progressing nicely and it is encouraging to witness the enthusiasm of the Officers and Companions.

September 29 and 30, 1947, in company with the Grand Secretary, Companion John B. Phelps, I attended the 118th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio, ably presided over by Companion Joseph C. Neer, M. I. Grand Master. During this Assembly the Order of the Silver Trowel was conferred upon a large class of candidates in an exceptionally efficient and impressive manner. Your Grand High Priest was honored by receiving this Order as a courtesy by the Grand Council of Ohio, and was presented with a beautiful lapel emblem, which is prized very highly.

On the afternoon of September 30, 1947, Ohio Priory No. 18, Knights of the York Cross of Honour convened and a large class of eligibles were knighted in a beautiful ceremony.

October 1 and 2, 1947, Companion Phelps and I attended the One Hundred Thirty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Ohio, ably presided over by Companion James A. Gorham, M. E. Grand High Priest. During this Convocation we witnessed the conferring of the Order of High Priesthood upon a class of sixty-five Companions. This was an impressive sight and one to be long remembered.

We were welcomed to these meetings and accorded every courtesy and consideration by the fine group of Companions. Your Grand High Priest was deeply impressed with the magnitude and solemnity of both meetings. To me, the meetings were an inspiration and it is felt that such visitations by the Grand Officers at the Convocations of the Grand Bodies of our Sister Grand Jurisdictions are well worth the efforts involved. I shall ever cherish the memories of the wonderful friendships made with the fine Companions of the great State of Ohio.

November 20, 1947, I attended an "Observance" of Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 6, and witnessed the exaltation of seven Most Excellent Masters to the Sublime Degree of the Royal Arch.

January 12, 1948, at the Regular Meeting of Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 6 and Union Council No. 7, and a Special Conclave of Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 1, I installed the Officers of the three Bodies in a joint installation ceremony.

January 17, 1948, I accompanied seventeen other Companions to Panama City to assist in the institution of a Council in that city. The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Companion Spencer Houston, was present and presided at the institution ceremonies. A splendid dinner was served, after which degree teams from Union Council No. 7, of Pensacola, conferred the Royal and Select, and Super Excellent Master's degrees upon a class of approximately twenty candidates. There were in attendance at this meeting approximately sixty-five Companions.

The Officers and Companions of this new Council are a very enthusiastic and zealous group, and I predict a great future for it.

February 2, 1948, in company with District Deputy Grand High Priest Companion Russell Carleton, I visited, informally, with the Companions of Plant City Chapter No. 16. Because of the occupancy of the Masonic Hall on that evening, a regular Chapter meeting could not be held. However, with the High Priest, Scribe and Secretary and eleven other Companions, the group met in the private dining room of the Plant Hotel, where an enjoyable dinner was served. An open discussion was held with a view to devising ways and means of improving the condition of the Chapter. These Companions are

seriously handicapped by the small number of Companions available to attend meetings. However, with the enthusiasm of the present High Priest, as well as other Officers, it is believed that this Chapter will show marked improvement during this year. It was brought out at this meeting that there are many Blue Lodge Masons within the jurisdiction of this Chapter who do not belong to any Chapter.

February 3, 1948, in company with the Grand Royal Arch Captain, Companion Richard Houghton, and District Deputy Grand High Priest, Companion Russell Carleton, I attended a District meeting in Winter Haven of Chapter No. 41. There were in attendance thirty-five Companions from the Chapters of this District, and visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions. Present among the visitors were Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Maryland, Right Eminent W. Scott Walb, the Past Grand Lecturer of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Illinois, and our own Companion Ford DeHaven, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Florida.

Interesting talks were made by several of the Companions, after which a delightful dinner was served. The Companions at this meeting gave every evidence of being intensely interested in Capitular Masonry and are giving a good account of themselves by their increased interest and activities.

February 4, 1948, an exceptionally fine and enthusiastic Convocation was held in Monroe Chapter No. 15, in Sanford. This was a District meeting of the Chapters of the Fifth District and was arranged by our very active, energetic and efficient Grand Master of the First Veil and District Deputy Grand High Priest, Companion L. C. Stewart. A splendid dinner was served, after which the Convocation was conducted under the able direction of Companion Stewart. In attendance were the following Grand Chapter Officers and approximately sixty-five other Companions:

Dorsey H. Rutter, Grand Chaplain; John B. Phelps, Grand Secretary; L. C. Stewart, Grand Master of the First Veil and District Deputy Grand High Priest of the Fifth District, and Lyle R. Lazear, District Deputy Grand High Priest of the Sixth District. The Convocation was honored by the presence of Companion and Sir Knight Harry L. Taylor, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Florida, and Companion Spencer L. Houston, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Florida. An exceptionally fine and inspiring address was delivered by the Grand Chaplain, Companion Rutter, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. I feel that I am expressing the opinion of all present when I say that this was a highly successful and enthusiastic meeting and one conducive of much good within the District. Each Chapter in the District was represented.

February 5, 1948, in company with the Grand Secretary, Companion John B. Phelps and District Deputy Grand High Priest, Companion Lyle R. Lazear, I attended a District Meeting in Eustis Chapter No. 33. Prior to the meeting a very fine dinner was served which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Present at this meeting was also Companion T. E. Dickinson, Grand Master of the Third Veil. There were in attendance forty-one Companions including visitors from the Grand Jurisdictions of Michigan, Indiana, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Missouri. The Grand Secretary, Companion Phelps, delivered a splendid address which was enthusiastically received. Based upon the enthusiasm in evidence at this meeting, a great future is predicted for this up-and-coming Chapter. Your Grand High Priest, and Grand Secretary, are deeply grateful for the many courtesies extended by the Eustis Companions. They are especially indebted to Companion Claud Estes for a very pleasant stay in the beautiful little city of Eustis. Companion Estes devoted his entire time to the promotion of our personal pleasure. Thanks a million, Claud.

February 6, 1948, in company with Companions Phelps and Lazear, I attended a meeting of Leesburg Chapter No. 34. After enjoying a splendid chicken dinner, twenty-one Companions assembled and held a very inspiring and enjoyable meeting. While this Chapter has not been progressing in an entirely satisfactory manner, it is believed that under the guidance of a completely new corps of Officers, with the single exception of the Secretary, that greater things are in store for this Chapter. This was the first meeting held since the new Officers were elected, and it was an inspiration to see them in action. These Companions appear to be truly interested and I am persuaded to believe that we will see renewed activities in Leesburg Chapter.

February 24, 1948, in company with District Deputy Grand High Priest, Companion Walter S. Brady and fourteen other Companions from Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 6, I attended a regular Convocation of Crestview Chapter No. 40. The Most Excellent Masters degree was conferred upon a class of eight candidates, after which all Companions enjoyed a fine fish dinner served by the ladies of the Eastern Star. Following the dinner, the Royal Arch degree was conferred. Both degrees were conferred by members of Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 6. The fact that Crestview Chapter is capable of conferring all degrees must not be overlooked for these Companions do confer all three degrees in a highly satisfactory manner. There were present at this Convocation seventy Companions, an exceptionally fine gathering of Royal Arch Masons. The District Deputy Grand High Priest and Officers and Companions are to be congratulated upon the success of this meeting.

Considerable agitation for the incorporation of certain portions of the old Ritualistic work was noted. These Companions feel that if this were incorporated in the presently used ritual, it would prove to be advantageous to their, as well as all other Chapters, in the state. This Conclave was a very successful and inspiring one, and from the interest manifested it is predicted that Crestview Chapter go steadily forward in its endeavors.

Your Grand High Priest and other Grand Officers were very graciously welcomed in all Chapters visited, and every courtesy, kindness and honor was extended us. For these demonstrations of fraternal affections we are all deeply appreciative.

It is the opinion of your Grand High Priest that meetings such as those held with the Chapters mentioned above create enthusiasm amongst the Companions, and it is strongly recommended that the holding of future meetings of that type be encouraged by the Grand Chapter Officers.

BOUNDARY LINES

In reply to an inquiry by Lake Butler Chapter No. 19, I ruled that the towns of Lawtey, Brooker and Starke are within the territorial jurisdiction of Lake Butler Chapter No. 19. I also declared Lake City to be a neutral city and that either Lake Butler Chapter No. 19, or Live Oak Chapter No. 25 may accept and act upon petitions from applicants of the town of Lake City.

April 16, 1948, in reply to a request from St. Joseph Chapter No. 56 to maintain jurisdiction over the Counties of Franklin and Gulf, I stated as follows:

Article V, Section 7, of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida, states that a Chapter shall not confer the degrees upon a candidate who resides nearer some other Chapter, without the consent of such Chapter. In view of the above, an applicant must make application to the Chapter nearest his legal residence, except that by special dispensation the Grand High Priest may waive this regulation in individual cases.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

November 29, 1947, I granted a dispensation for Indian River Chapter No. 27 to elect officers at 6 o'clock P. M. on the date of its regular Convocation, November 17, 1947. In this connection I directed that, insofar as possible, the membership be notified of the change in the hours of meeting either by written notice or by means of the press. December 22, 1947, I granted a dispensation for Monroe Chapter No. 15 to hold a joint installation of officers with Sanford Lodge No. 62, F. & A. M. In this connection I stated as follows:

"Your installation, of course, in the presence of Blue Lodge Masons, should be treated in the same light as a public installation and paragraph 38 of the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida will be strictly adhered to."

January 9, 1948, I granted a dispensation to Monroe Chapter No. 15 to elect a High Priest because of the fact that the regularly elected High Priest could not serve after he had been elected. Since the High Priest elect could not serve, I ruled that a High Priest could be elected at the next, or any subsequent regular Convocation of the Chapter, provided the following conditions were met:

(a) That Chapter have in its possession at the time of the election a written statement from the present High Priest-elect, that he cannot accept the office to which he had been elected.

(b) The members of the Chapter, insofar as is reasonably possible, be notified to the effect that a High Priest would be elected at the appointed Convocation. Such notification to be given prior to such Convocation.

March 17, 1948, I authorized Highlands Chapter No. 42, of Avon Park, to hold their future Convocation in their new building. I advised that this authority extended to, and remained in effect until, and pending the indication of the new meeting place in the By-Laws of this Chapter.

RULINGS REQUESTED

The following situation was verbally explained by the Secretary of Bay County Chapter No. 39, and a ruling requested concerning the status of the Companion in question:

A Companion, James R. Griggs, who had not removed his membership from Bay County Chapter No. 39, signed the petition for the institution of a Chapter at Port St. Joe. This Chapter operated Under Dispensation for some time, receiving a Charter in June, 1947. Companion Griggs was appointed Master of one of the Veils of the newly chartered Chapter, St. Joseph No. 56 while still retaining his membership in Bay County Chapter No. 39. The question was: To what Chapter does Companion Griggs rightfully belong? I replied as follows:

"In accordance with paragraph 44 of the Regulations of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida, it will be necessary for Companion Griggs to dimit from Bay County Chapter No. 39, as he is a Charter member of St. Joseph Chapter No. 56, which Chapter must report him as a member for the year 1947."

Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 requested information concerning the time limit on the validity of a dimit. I replied that the validity of a dimit has no time limit and may be accepted at any time with an application for membership, but that the applicant should be investigated in the usual manner prior to his acceptance.

Gainesville Chapter No. 2 requested information concerning dual membership, stating that a Companion whose membership was in Virginia desired to become a member of the Gainesville Chapter and still retain his membership in Virginia.

I ruled that since Florida does not permit Dual Membership, it would be necessary for the concerned Companion to dimit from his Chapter in Virginia and affiliate with Gainesville Chapter No. 2 in order to become a member of that Chapter. I did suggest that the Companion could, if elected by Gainesville Chapter, become an honorary member of the Chapter but could not hold office or vote.

Gainesville Chapter No. 2 requested a decision regarding the matter of Life Membership of Companions who had paid dues amounting to more than fifty dollars (\$50.00).

I replied that the matter of Life Membership was under the cognizance of the Chapter concerned, and that the only restriction by the Grand Chapter was that no Life Membership shall be granted for a sum less than fifty dollars (\$50.00). Further, that Life Membership must be governed by the concerned Chapter in accordance with the provisions of such Chapter's By-Laws, and that the amount of dues paid prior to application for such Life Membership had no bearing on the subject unless so stated in the By-Laws.

BY-LAWS APPROVED

July 24, 1947, I approved a change in the By-Laws of Tampa Chapter No. 3, changing the regular meeting nights from the first and third Mondays to the first and third Fridays of each month.

December 11, 1947, I approved a change in the By-Laws of Jericho Chapter No. 11 to hold regular convocations on the second and fourth Friday nights at 7 o'clock P. M., in the regular Chapter rooms, or in such meeting place as the Chapter may determine by regular and appropriate action.

January 22, 1948, I approved a change in the By-Laws of Lake Worth Chapter No. 24 to raise the fees to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and, to present a copy of the book, "Light From the Sanctuary of the Royal Arch" to its newly exalted members. Also, for this fee the Chapter is to defray the expense of engraving Mark Master's pennies.

I consider this to be an example worthy of imitation by the other Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction, and a means to create interest in the Chapter by its newly exalted members.

January 23, 1948, I approved a change in the By-Laws of Highlands Chapter No. 42, changing the regular meeting night from the second Monday to the second Friday of each month at 8 o'clock P. M.

April 14, 1948, I approved an amendment to the By-Laws of St. John's Chapter No. 4, setting the fees at twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) instead of fifty dollars (\$50.00) as previously established.

APPOINTMENT OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

January 22, 1948, upon recommendation of the Grand High Priest of Mississippi, I appointed Companion William D. Neal as representative of the Grand Chapter of Florida near the Grand Chapter of Mississippi.

January 26, 1948, upon proper recommendation, I appointed Very Excellent Companion John March to be the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Florida near the Supreme Grand Chapter of Victoria, Australia.

February 21, 1948, upon recommendation of the Grand High Priest of Delaware, I appointed Companion Russell C. Matchett as the representative of the Grand Chapter of Florida near the Grand Chapter of Delaware.

RECOMMENDATIONS

In view of the confusion that exists as to the boundary lines of some of the Chapters throughout the state, insofar as jurisdiction is concerned, I recommend that a committee be appointed to study the situation and prescribe equitable territorial jurisdictions of the Chapters where the distances involved may lead to confusion. This committee to report at the Grand Convocation in 1949.

I also recommend that this, or another committee, investigate the advisability of re-districting the state with a view to having a more equitable and balanced distance factor within the Districts. At present, some of the Districts contain Chapters that are more widely separated than would be if combined, in some cases, with Chapters in another District. The purpose in mind in this recommendation is to lessen the distances necessary to be traveled by the District Deputies in some of the more extended Districts.

There has been brought to my attention, from several of the Chapters, a desire on the part of both, Officers and Companions, to revert to certain portions of the old Ritual governing the conferring of degrees. I have given this matter a great deal of study, and can realize the reasonableness of such desire. I, therefore, recommend the appointment of a committee to investigate and make a study of this matter and report their findings, and make recommendations to the Grand Chapter at its regular Convocation in 1949.

The matter of suspension for non-payment of dues has been of grave concern and one which should receive especial attention by all Chapters. As an example, one Chapter with a membership of approximately 225 Companions, suspended 21 for non-payment of dues. It is believed that if many of these Companions had been contacted by a committee, appointed for that purpose, prior to their suspension, that they would have remained members.

In order to eliminate the possibility of suspending a member who, if the matter of his arrearage in dues was brought to his attention, might remain a member, I quote a recommendation of the Grand High Priest of Ohio which was brought to my attention by our Grand Chaplain, and which I consider to be of such import as to merit the earnest consideration of this Grand Chapter. The recommendation is quoted verbatim:

"Always bear in mind there is no use in many exaltations if we lose a great number thru suspensions for non-payment of dues. May I stress that you High Priests have those who signed the petitions of your delinquent members contact them rather than a committee which is not in intimate contact with these members. I am positive if this is followed out we can eliminate loss of membership thru suspensions."

To those Chapters that do not appoint committees to contact the delinquent members, and I fear that we have some that do not, I cannot too vigorously urge you to follow out the plan indicated in the above. It is strongly recommended that each High Priest appoint a committee, preferably composed of the Companions that signed the petition, to contact each delinquent Companion prior to his suspension for non-payment of dues.

I recommend that Chapters, especially the smaller ones, establish set periods when degrees will be conferred rather than receive a petition and not know just when the degrees will be conferred. Such procedure precludes the possibility of electing a candidate and then have him wait in suspense for weeks, and sometimes months, without knowing when he is to receive his degrees.

When application is made, and the Chapter sets dates ahead for the degree work, the applicant can be informed of the exact time that he will report for his degrees and, there is no uncertainty in the mind of the candidate, or the Chapter, concerning procedures to be carried out.

One of the larger Chapters has been carrying out this method of procedure for the past two or three years with marked success.

The fact is recognized that many of the Chapters, especially those with a small membership, encounter great difficulties in obtaining a quorum to hold their regular Convocations. This results in fewer meetings being held and a general lack of interest in the Chapter's business affairs.

This is considered to be an extremely unhealthy condition and every effort should be made to overcome it.

In view of the above, I recommend that paragraph 75 of the Regulations of the Grand Chapter be amended to read:

Seven Royal Arch Masons are necessary to constitute a quorum to transact business, but such quorum may be made up of five members of any chartered Chapter, of which a Council Officer or a Past High Priest must be one, together with two additional Companions of any Chapter.

A quorum so composed may open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the transaction of any business or for conferring degrees, except the Royal Arch degree which shall require a requisite number of 9 Royal Arch Masons.

The remainder of paragraph 75, indicated above, shall remain in effect and unchanged.

INVITATIONS

During the year I have received invitations to attend many and various Masonic meetings in this, as well as other Grand jurisdictions. Because of unavoidable circumstances I was unable to accept all invitations, however, I did attend all local meetings including several in central Florida. It was my especial privilege to attend the Grand Chapter Convocation of Ohio.

It was with sincere regrets that, because of illness, I was unable to attend the Centennial celebration of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, as I had made all arrangements to do.

FINANCES

I have signed vouchers Nos. 1 to 35, inclusive, amounting to Twenty-three Thousand Twenty-six Dollars and Five Cents (\$23,026.05).

An itemized list of these expenditures will appear in the Grand Secretary's report.

CONCLUSION

Within a few hours I shall have completed my year's service as your Grand High Priest. It has been a genuine pleasure to serve in this capacity and is an honor and a privilege for which I am justly proud.

I deeply appreciate the confidence of the Companions, and trust that in some way I have demonstrated my sincerity of purpose in an effort to be of genuine service and benefit to our fraternity.

I sincerely thank all those who have been of assistance in my efforts during the past year. The Grand Officers and the District Deputy Grand High Priests have been extremely co-operative and have rendered invaluable service to the fraternity. Especially do I desire to thank my very dear friend, Companion Phelps, Grand Secretary, for his advice, counsel and support. I have leaned heavily upon him and in every instance when called upon he has responded willingly and promptly. If I have, to any degree, been successful in my efforts to promote the continued well being of Capitular Masonry, the credit is due in a large measure to John's help.

I have been unable to accomplish many of the things that I would like to have accomplished during the past year, however, I have in every way possible within my limited capabilities, labored for the continued welfare of our institution.

It is extremely unpleasant for me to relinquish this highly honorable position within our fraternity with a feeling of uneasiness concerning our institution and its future well being. Masonry has in the past, and will in the future, survive and forge steadily forward so long as liberty, justice and freedom shall reign in this great country of ours, and I have no misgivings along those lines. However, everyone with a knowledge of past and present conditions knows the perilous times we have gone through and the unsatisfactory conditions that confront us at the present time. Those of us who have had loved ones give up their lives fighting for the preservation of those priceless privileges that were purchased with the life's blood of our forefathers, cannot but realize, possibly in a more genuine way, the imminence of a very real and grave danger.

We, as Masons, are particularly charged with the responsibility of leading the way in the great undertaking of protecting and perpetuating our American way of life. If that way is to continue it will be because of the efforts of Masons, and others whose high ideals parallel those of the members of the Masonic fraternity.

Companions, our duty is clear. No member of our fraternity can mistake or fail to recognize his own individual responsibility, and having so recognized it, honorably shirk it.

Within the borders of this great land of ours are those who would wrest from our grasp the freedom and liberty that we enjoy—the only way of life with which we are acquainted. Sinister forces are tacitly working, unceasingly, day and night, to aid and abet the efforts of the only country in the world today that positively refuses to arbitrate or endeavor in any reasonable way to settle international problems in a peaceful manner. Seemingly, the only language that can be understood by that country is that spoken by bombs, guns and physical force. Peace on earth, good will toward men has no place in its way of thinking.

With these conditions a horrible reality is it not time for us as Masons, and Americans, to take heed of the dire consequences of procrastination? Too many of us, I fear, have the mistaken idea that Masonry is in no danger. Why should it be, they reason, after all these centuries of existence? No doubt before Masonry became a mockery in the eyes of those in power, and was ultimately wiped out.

I say to you in all seriousness that with world conditions as they are today, no one can tell with any assurance of correctness just what the outcome of our national or international problems will be, or the results of our efforts to settle them.

It is not beyond the scope of a reasonable imagination to forecast a future war so terrible in its methods of destruction that the horrors of the last war would pale into insignificance by comparison, and upon the successful

prosecution of such war, should it be forced upon us, will depend the future destiny of our fraternity and the continuation of our American way of life.

I challenge you, Companions, to be alert, at your posts of battle, ever ready and anxious to strike at the very heart of any movement that has the semblance of being un-American in its efforts, or that is not in accord with the high and noble principles and ideals of our great fraternity. Our duties cannot be mistaken or misunderstood. We cannot, we must not, we will not fail in the discharge of those duties.

And finally, as I vacate the high office to which you Companions have so graciously elevated me, I bespeak for my successor the same loyal support and co-operation that has been mine during the past year. I again say that I appreciate that loyalty and the very great honor that you saw fit to confer upon me.

With the abiding wish that the Supreme High Priest of Heaven and Earth may continue to bless and protect you, one and all, I thank you.

LOREN L. DILGER,
Grand High Priest.

Pensacola, Fla., May 1st, 1948.

Motion prevailed that the Representatives of the following Chapters who came without proxies be seated: E. V. Reed, Sr., Tampa; W. J. Walker, Jacksonville; T. E. Dickenson, Ocala; A. R. Lambe, Jackson; F. A. Riegel, Sarasota; and C. C. Conners, Duval.

Motion prevailed that the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter be held in the City of Bradenton, in May, 1949.

Motion prevailed that Grand Officers, Past Grand High Priest and Delegates of Constituent Chapters be paid seven dollars (\$7.00) per diem, and five cents per mile.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION
(which was adopted)

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

Your Committee on Distribution reports as follows:

We recommend that the portion of the G.H.P. address that refers to Memorials be referred to the Committee on Memorials. The portion referring to Finances be referred to the Committee on Finance, and all portions of said address relative to the Law of Capitular Masonry be referred to the Committee on Capitular Jurisprudence.

We recommend that the portion of Grand Secretary's and Grand Treasurer's Report referring to Finances be referred to the Committee on Finance, and the portion referring to Returns and Credentials be referred to the Committee on Returns and Credentials.

Fraternally submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

Motion prevailed that our Distinguished Visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions be made Honorary Members of this Grand Chapter: Companions James I. Walker, John Calvin Crawford, Jr., Lawrence C. Petri, James A. Gorham, and Walter Dubree were so honored.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT
(which was adopted)

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

Your Grand Treasurer submits the following report:

May 1st, 1947—Balance page 18, Proceedings 1947.....	\$ 10,390.36
Received from Grand Secretary.....	\$ 9,668.47
Educational Loan Fund	878.03
	<u>\$ 10,546.50</u>
	\$ 20,936.86

DISBURSEMENTS

Warrants 1 to 35	\$ 3,026.05
J. B. Phelps (refund)	10.00
Pay Roll for 1947	2,030.31
United States Government Bonds	4,000.00
Bank Charges	1.33
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 9,067.69</u>
	\$ 11,869.17

Warrants outstanding—

Number 29	\$ 60.00
Number 30	18.00
Number 31	15.00
Number 32	227.28
Number 33	102.00
Number 34	30.00
Number 35	35.71
Total Warrants outstanding	\$ 507.99
Balance in Bank as of May 1st, 1948.....	<u>\$ 12,377.16</u>

INVESTMENTS

United States Government Bonds, value.....	\$ 2,820.00
United States Government Bonds, value.....	4,000.00

Fraternally submitted,

RILEY J. McMASTER,
Grand Treasurer

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT
(which was adopted)

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

Your Grand Secretary submits the following report:

All commissions for Grand Representatives were issued or forwarded promptly.

RETURNS

Tampa No. 3 paid an old balance from 1946.....	\$ 7.00
Plant City No. 16 owes an old balance.....	119.00
Indian River No. 27, paid on old balance for 1946.....	2.00
Gadsden No. 30 paid an old balance from 1946.....	1.00
Clearwater No. 45 owes a balance from 1947.....	7.75
Poinciana No. 50 overpaid dues of 1947.....	1.25

STATISTICS

Number of Members listed last year on page No. 45.....	5,745
Exalted	675
Reinstated	100
Affiliated	120
Total additions	895
Died	96
Demitted	71
Suspended	123
Expelled	1
Total deductions	291
Present membership	6,347
Net Gain for year 1947.....	604
Ministers	170
Emeritus	135

FINANCE

Balance in Bank as shown on Page 18, Grand Treasurer's Report.....	\$ 10,390.36
Receipts all sources	9,668.47
Educational Loan Fund transferred to General Fund.....	878.03
Total receipts, balance and transferred.....	<u>\$ 20,936.86</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

WARRANTS Nos. 1 to 35 inclusive.....	\$ 3,026.05
Bank Charges	1.33
Pay Roll for 1947 Convocation	2,030.31
Government Bonds bought	4,000.00
Refund to John B. Phelps	10.00
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 9,067.69</u>
Balance in Bank as of May 1st, 1948.....	<u>\$ 11,869.17</u>

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. PHELPS,
Grand Secretary

Miami, Florida, May 1st, 1948

At this time the Grand Chapter recessed until 2:00 P. M. At 2:00 P. M. the Grand Chapter again was called to labor.

Motion prevailed that the District Deputy Grand High Priest present and who were not already carried on the pay roll be so placed.

Motion prevailed that the Grand Secretary be allowed the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for expenses in attending the General Grand Chapter Convocation in New York in October.

Motion prevailed that the Grand Chapter contribute the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) for the program of entertainment in Bradenton for the Grand Bodies of the York Rite of Freemasonry for May, 1949.

Motion prevailed to amend Section No. 58, Page 35, of the Regulations regarding life members to read: Life membership shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) instead of fifty dollars as shown in the book on Constitution and Regulations.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND SECTION 58—LIFE MEMBERS, OF THE REGULATIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA

The amount specified in this section for Life Membership does not seem adequate in view of the fact that the annual dues in the Chapter will vary from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per year. The \$50.00 paid to the Chapter could not be invested in any security to accrue enough interest in that space of time to take care of the annual dues to the Grand Chapter. In the course of a short period the Chapter granting these Life Memberships at \$50.00 would find itself in financial difficulties.

Therefore, be it resolved that Section 58—Life Members, which reads:

LIFE MEMBERS

58. By properly adopted and approved by-laws Chapters may provide for "Life Memberships," but no such "Life Membership" shall be granted for less than fifty (\$50.00) dollars. Chapters must pay annual dues to Grand Chapter on said "Life Members," and such members shall never be placed on the "Emeritus" list. In event of death of such member, any sum paid for said membership shall revert to its Chapter.

Be amended to read:

LIFE MEMBERS

58. By properly adopted and approved by-laws Chapters may provide for "Life Memberships," but no such "Life Membership" shall be granted for less than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars. Chapters must pay annual dues to Grand Chapter on said "Life Members," and such members shall never be placed on the "Emeritus" list. In event of death of such member, any sum paid for said membership shall revert to its Chapter.

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

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

To The M. E. Grand Chapter of 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 all Chapters are represented except: St. Johns No. 4, Dade City No. 8, Putnam No. 9, St. Augustine No. 17, Highlands No. 42, and Nassau No. 49.

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

Tampa No. 3 paid an old balance from 1946 of.....	\$ 7.00
Indian River No. 27 paid an old balance from 1946 of.....	2.00
Gadsden No. 30 paid an old balance from 1946 of.....	1.00
Clearwater No. 45 owes a balance from 1947 of.....	7.75
Poinciana Chapter overpaid dues of 1947.....	1.25

Fraternally submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES
(which was adopted)

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

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances has had the following matter presented to it:

Florida Chapter No. 1 R. A. M. located at Tallahassee, Florida, requests that the date of its Charter as carried on page 46 of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of R. A. M. State of Florida of 1947, be changed from 1878 to 1847 as shown on the original Charter now in their possession and displayed on the wall of their Chapter room at Tallahassee, Florida.

Your Committee after reviewing the facts hereby recommends that this request be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS, CHARTERS AND BY-LAWS
(which was adopted)

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

Your Committee on Dispositions, Charters and By-Laws begs to report that we find no uncompleted business carried over from last year's session for the action of this Committee.

No matters of business have been submitted for action at this Grand Convocation.

Fraternally submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CAPITULAR JURISPRUDENCE
(which was adopted)

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

The Jurisprudence Committee begs to submit the following report:

We have reviewed that part of the Report of Grand High Priest properly referred to us and find . . .

The ruling on request of St. Joseph Chapter No. 56 relative to jurisdiction over Franklin and Gulf Counties is correct, except the request for waiver of jurisdiction must be made by the Chapter receiving the petition and not by the petitioner.

The dispensation granted to Indian River Chapter No. 27 to elect officers prior to regular Constitutional day and hour, was in error and should not have been granted. The Grand High Priest is without authority to set aside or change the By-laws of a Chapter.

With reference to recommendation for appointment of special committee to study jurisdictional matters and report to next Grand Convocation, we consider this as being entirely within the duties of the Grand High Priest who should settle such individual questions submitted to him on the merits of each case.

With reference to appointment of Committee for redistricting the State, we believe the Grand High Priest has been clothed with the authority to create new Districts, or to change the boundaries of existing districts.

We further recommend that the proposed change in Regulation No. 75 governing the constitutional number required for opening a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, be not approved.

Under "By-Laws Approved," The Grand High Priest reports approval of By-Law of Jericho Chapter 11 authorizing holding meetings on stated dates,

"In regular Chapter rooms or in such meeting places as Chapter may determine."

To prevent misunderstanding, the Committee calls attention to Article 4, Section 15 of Constitution, which provides that a Chapter may hold convocation in any lodge room within its territorial jurisdiction.

We recommend that all other rulings, decisions, dispensations, and By-Laws approved, be approved by The Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
(which was adopted)

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

We, your Finance Committee, have checked the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find them correct, with a balance:

First National Bank of Tampa	\$ 11,869.17
United States Government Bonds	6,820.00
Total	\$ 18,689.17
From the General Fund of	\$ 11,869.17

We recommend the following appropriations:

Pay Roll, subject to corrections	\$ 1,232.50
Salary of Grand Secretary	1,200.00
Salary of Grand Treasurer	200.00
Pro-rata expense of the Grand Convocation, 1949	250.00
Pro-rata expense of this Grand Convocation, 1948	250.00
Expense of the Grand High Priest	227.28

We further recommend that \$4,000.00 of this General Fund be invested in United States Government Bonds.

That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to rent, in the name of the Grand York Rite Bodies, a safety deposit box in some Tampa bank, with the recommendation that the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer only have access to this box, for deposit of bonds and other valuable papers.

We further recommend that expenses of District Deputy Grand High Priests be paid on presentation of bills at the next Annual Convocation.

That the expense of the incoming Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary be paid for the attendance at the next Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter.

That the Grand Secretary purchase and have on hand for presentation at our next Annual Convocation, a Past Grand High Priest Apron and Jewel, or Watch, whichever he selects; that the Grand Secretary be authorized to draw warrants, and the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay for same.

We further recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to draw warrants and the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay for the necessary expense of the Grand Chapter while in recess.

Fraternally submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

Resolution to amend the Constitution, Article No. 2, Section No. 6 to eliminate the office of Deputy Grand High Priest was referred to the Committee on Capitular Jurisprudence, who in turn returned it to the floor of the Grand Chapter for action and was adopted.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE (which was adopted)

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

The matter referred to this committee amending Article 2, Section 6, of constitution, being a question of policy and not of law. We, your committee, refer it back to Grand Chapter for their action.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

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

Believing that it would be to the best interests of the Grand Chapter to abolish the office of the Deputy Grand High Priest, in that it would shorten the number of years to be served by the officers in line, and also save the expense of one Grand Officer to the Grand Chapter, and in view of the fact that this office has been abolished in the General Grand Chapter some years ago, I offer the following resolution to amend the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, Article II, Section 6, which reads:

ELECTIVE OFFICERS

Sec. 6.—The elective officers of this Grand Chapter shall be:

- Grand High Priest.....titled "Most Excellent"
Deputy Grand High Priest.....titled "Right Excellent"
Grand King.....titled "Right Excellent"
Grand Scribe.....titled "Right Excellent"
Grand Treasurer.....titled "Right Excellent"
Grand Secretary.....titled "Right Excellent"
Grand Chaplain.....titled "Right Excellent"

Be it hereby resolved that Section 6, titled Elective Officers, be amended to read:

ELECTIVE OFFICERS

Sec. 6.—The elective officers of this Grand Chapter shall be:

- Grand High Priest.....titled "Most Excellent"
Grand King.....titled "Right Excellent"
Grand Scribe.....titled "Right Excellent"
Grand Treasurer.....titled "Right Excellent"
Grand Secretary.....titled "Right Excellent"
Grand Chaplain.....titled "Right Excellent"

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THANKS (which was adopted)

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

We, the members of your committee on Thanks, wish to express our deepest appreciation to the companions of Winter Haven Chapter No. 41 for their excellent hospitality extended to this Grand Chapter in receiving the Grand Chapter in royal style.

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 Chapter through their newspapers. We wish to thank these newspapers for their splendid cooperation which they have given us, and the courtesy with which they received us.

We are very grateful for the address of welcome by Companion Frank B. Knoff, Secretary of Winter Haven Chapter No. 41. We also are not unmindful of the vast amount of effort which the ladies of our host chapter, the ladies of the various committees and the good ladies of the Presbyterian Church for such a wonderful banquet so tastefully prepared and so well served. We deeply appreciate the tours so well organized and planned to Cypress Gardens, the Canning Plant, Singing Tower and the Phosphate Mines for the Companions and our ladies.

To the ladies of the Woman's Club we are deeply grateful for their fine cooperation, and for the use of their building while in Winter Haven. Also Radio Station WSIR for broadcasting publicity of the meetings.

The hospitality shown us by Winter Haven Chapter No. 41 is one that will be long remembered by all who were in attendance.

Fraternally yours,

THE COMMITTEE

Motion prevailed that one of the degrees of the Chapter be conferred at each Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

Motion prevailed to strike from the Regulations Section No. 65 as shown on page 36, which read: Pages in the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter shall be set apart each year for recording the names of the Companions who have passed within the Veils during the year.

The Grand High Priest called for election of Officers to serve the Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. The following tellers were appointed: Lyle Lazear, W. N. Wilkinson and P. G. Cole. The following Officers were elected:

- David Meyer Winans.....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

Motion prevailed that the fees for the next annual assembly be set at six dollars (\$6.00) for each Companion applying for membership.

President called for the annual election with the following results:

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

Petitions for the Order was received from present and past High Priest, which were accepted and elected to receive the Order as follows:

Florida.....	No. 1	— Lester Lewis
Mount Horeb.....	No. 6	— A. C. Blount
Mount Horeb.....	No. 6	— W. N. Wilkinson
Eureka.....	No. 7	— C. W. Amold
Jericho.....	No. 11	— W. I. Stevenson
Monroe.....	No. 15	— F. Hasky Wight
Plant City.....	No. 16	— J. R. Gramling
Manatee River.....	No. 18	— B. L. Hudgins
Lakeland.....	No. 29	— F. E. Wilson W. J. Abram E. B. Ormsby
Gadsden.....	No. 30	— N. B. Bevis
Eustis.....	No. 33	— L. R. Lasear H. W. Fogg
Leesburg.....	No. 34	— L. C. Van Orsdale
Panama City.....	No. 39	— U. V. Durden
Winter Haven.....	No. 41	— C. A. Seymour
Clearwater.....	No. 45	— A. F. Wright O. H. McFarland
Poinciana.....	No. 50	— L. B. Spaun
Hill City.....	No. 55	— A. S. Eppele D. A. McIntyre
Saint Joseph.....	No. 56	— H. R. Maige

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

A Motion prevailed that the Secretary-Treasurer be given twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars for his services and expenses.

Motion prevailed that Companion William B. Greer be made President Emeritus of the Order.

Motion prevailed that our distinguished guests be made honorary members of the Order. Companions William A. Grayless, John C. Crawford, Jr., James I. Walker, Walter Dubree, Lawrence C. Petri, and James A. Gorham were so honored.

Council was closed with prayer by the Chaplain.

ARCHIE AITCHISON,
President.

Attest:
John B. Phelps

To the Memory of the
Companions of This Grand
Jurisdiction

Who have passed on to that eternal life
during the year

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This Page we fraternally dedicate
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*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.



LIVING PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS
With the Year of Service and Address

1920	Henry O. Snow.....	801 S. Howard, Tampa
1924	Erle L. Wirt.....	Babson Park
1925	T. T. Todd.....	Pensacola
1926	E. L. Shear.....	147 Fairview Ave., Daytona Beach
1928	Riley J. McMaster.....	2911 Angeles St., Tampa
1929	John Pasco.....	P. O. Box 47, Raleigh, N. C.
1930	Stafford Caldwell.....	Tallahassee
1931	Alex B. Stuart.....	1816 Jetton Ave., Tampa
1932	William B. Greer.....	Quincy
1934	Archie Aitchison.....	2600 Fairfield Ave. So., St. Petersburg
1935	George A. Dame.....	Fernandina
1936	Cleveland R. Horne.....	Tallahassee
1938	John B. Phelps.....	P. O. Box 283, Miami
1940	Dorsey H. Rutter.....	140 No. Palmetto Ave., Daytona Beach
1941	Frederic A. Riegel.....	1021 Citrus Ave. So., Sarasota
1941	Dr. F. William Schultz (Honorary).....	Sarasota
1942	Wm. L. Marshall.....	322 E. Call St., Tallahassee
1943	Joseph Edward Herring.....	324 E. Seventh St., Jacksonville
1944-45	George Albert Lambe.....	Marianna
1946	Harry Robert Thompson.....	4100 S. W. 13th St., Coral Gables
1947	Loren Lambert Dilger.....	1512 Gonzalez St., Pensacola

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United States of America
1946-1948

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Kentucky	T. P. Robinson	Orlando
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New Zealand	John D. Gove	Sanford
North Carolina	David Scroggs	St. Petersburg
North Dakota	Riley J. McMaster	Tampa
Nova Scotia	A. C. Blount	Pensacola
Ohio	Dorsey H. Rutter	Melbourne
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Oregon	Frederic A. Riegel	Tallahassee
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Queensland	John B. Phelps	Miami
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		Greybull, Box 726

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

Table with columns: GRAND HIGH PRIESTS, DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS, GRAND KINGS, GRAND SCRIBES, GRAND TREASURERS, GRAND SECRETARIES, GRAND CHAPLAINS. Lists names of officers from 1847 to 1893.

*Deceased

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

Table with columns: GRAND HIGH PRIESTS, DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS, GRAND KINGS, GRAND SCRIBES, GRAND TREASURERS, GRAND SECRETARIES, GRAND CHAPLAINS. Continuation of officer lists from 1893 to 1920.

*Deceased

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

	GRAND HIGH PRIESTS	DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS	GRAND KINGS	GRAND SCRIBES	GRAND TREASURERS	GRAND SECRETARIES	GRAND CHAPLAINS
1920	John L. Hall*	R. J. Kishpaugh*	Ely P. Hubbell*	Erie L. Wirt	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	W. B. Y. Wilkie*
1921	R. J. Kishpaugh*	Ely P. Hubbell*	Ely P. Hubbell*	E. L. Sheer	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	W. B. Y. Wilkie*
1922	R. J. Kishpaugh*	Ely P. Hubbell*	E. L. Sheer	Cary B. Fish*	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	W. B. Y. Wilkie*
1923	Ely P. Hubbell*	E. L. Sheer	R. J. McMaster	R. J. McMaster	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	W. B. Y. Wilkie*
1924	Erie L. Wirt	F. L. Sood	Cary B. Fish*	Stafford Caldwell	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	W. B. Y. Wilkie*
1925	F. L. Sood	Cary B. Fish*	Stafford Caldwell	John Pasco	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	W. B. Y. Wilkie*
1926	R. J. McMaster	R. J. McMaster	Stafford Caldwell	John Pasco	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	Dorsey H. Rutter
1927	Cary B. Fish*	Stafford Caldwell	John Pasco	Wm. B. Greer	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	Dorsey H. Rutter
1928	R. J. McMaster	Stafford Caldwell	Wm. B. Greer	R. P. Buckmaster	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	Dorsey H. Rutter
1929	John Pasco	Alex B. Steuart	Wm. B. Greer	Archie Aitchison	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	Dorsey H. Rutter
1930	Stafford Caldwell	Alex B. Steuart	R. P. Buckmaster	Archie Aitchison	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	Dorsey H. Rutter
1931	Alex B. Steuart	Wm. B. Greer	R. P. Buckmaster	Archie Aitchison	Marcus Endel*	Wilber P. Webster*	Dorsey H. Rutter
1932	Wm. B. Greer	R. P. Buckmaster	Archie Aitchison	George A. Dame	R. J. McMaster	Wilber P. Webster*	Dorsey H. Rutter
1933	R. P. Buckmaster	Archie Aitchison	George A. Dame	Cleveland R. Horne	R. J. McMaster	Wilber P. Webster*	Albert E. Calkins*
1934	Archie Aitchison	Cleveland R. Horne	Cleveland R. Horne	Lloyd Head*	R. J. McMaster	Wilber P. Webster*	Albert E. Calkins*
1935	Cleveland R. Horne	Lloyd Head*	Lloyd Head*	John B. Phelps	R. J. McMaster	Wilber P. Webster*	Albert E. Calkins*
1936	Cleveland R. Horne	Lloyd Head*	John B. Phelps	John B. Phelps	R. J. McMaster	Wilber P. Webster*	Albert E. Calkins*
1937	Lloyd Head*	John B. Phelps	John B. Phelps	Jesse C. Clark	R. J. McMaster	Wilber P. Webster*	Albert E. Calkins*
1938	John B. Phelps	Jesse C. Clark	Jesse C. Clark	Dorsey H. Rutter	R. J. McMaster	Wilber P. Webster*	Joseph B. Keller*
1939	Jesse C. Clark	Dorsey H. Rutter	Dorsey H. Rutter	Frederic A. Hegel	R. J. McMaster	Wilber P. Webster*	Joseph B. Keller*
1940	Dorsey H. Rutter	Frederic A. Hegel	Frederic A. Hegel	Joseph E. Herring	R. J. McMaster	Wilber P. Webster*	Joseph B. Keller*
1941	Frederic A. Hegel	Wm. L. Marshall	Joseph E. Herring	G. Albert Lambe	R. J. McMaster	Wilber P. Webster*	Joseph B. Keller*
1942	Wm. L. Marshall	Joseph E. Herring	G. Albert Lambe	G. Albert Lambe	R. J. McMaster	Wilber P. Webster*	Wm. R. O'Neal*
1943	J. E. Herring	G. Albert Lambe	Harry R. Thompson	Harry R. Thompson	R. J. McMaster	Wilber P. Webster*	Wm. R. O'Neal*
1944	G. A. Lambe	H. R. Thompson	L. L. Dilger	L. L. Dilger	R. J. McMaster	Wilber P. Webster*	Wm. R. O'Neal*
1945	G. A. Lambe	H. R. Thompson	L. L. Dilger	L. L. Dilger	R. J. McMaster	Wilber P. Webster*	Wm. R. O'Neal*
1946	H. R. Thompson	L. L. Dilger	D. M. Winans	L. C. Bortle	R. J. McMaster	Wilber P. Webster*	D. H. Rutter
1947	L. L. Dilger	D. M. Winans	L. C. Bortle	L. C. Bortle	R. J. McMaster	Wilber P. Webster*	D. H. Rutter
1948	L. L. Dilger	D. M. Winans	L. C. Bortle	L. C. Bortle	R. J. McMaster	Wilber P. Webster*	D. H. Rutter
1949	L. L. Dilger	D. M. Winans	L. C. Bortle	L. C. Bortle	R. J. McMaster	Wilber P. Webster*	D. H. Rutter

*Deceased

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Tampa	3	A. B. Eger	H. King	E. V. Reed, Jr.	R. J. McMasters	F. V. Reed	Tampa, 3004 Bay Court
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Hollywood	5	R. L. Wilkinson	F. M. Humphrey	E. M. Miller	H. C. McLean	W. E. Acosta	Daytona Beach, 147 Fairview Ave.
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Eureka	7	C. W. Arnold	W. P. Bullock	P. Marz	H. C. McLean	H. W. Brenner	Orlando, 2218 DeCade St.
Dade City	8	A. W. Broadway	H. C. Cooper	D. C. Hayes	F. L. Himmelfwright	G. Nichollette	Dade City
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Jacksonville	10	A. E. Harvin	W. J. Walker	F. L. Tubbs	S. T. E. Dickenson	H. B. Adams	Jacksonville, 1735 Walnut St.
Ocala	11	A. L. Quixey	R. B. Wright, Jr.	F. L. Tubbs	S. T. E. Dickenson	H. B. Adams	Ocala, 115 Monroe St.
Monroe	12	A. L. Quixey	R. B. Wright, Jr.	F. L. Tubbs	S. T. E. Dickenson	H. B. Adams	Plant City
Plant City	13	A. L. Quixey	R. B. Wright, Jr.	F. L. Tubbs	S. T. E. Dickenson	H. B. Adams	Plant City
St. Augustine	14	A. L. Quixey	R. B. Wright, Jr.	F. L. Tubbs	S. T. E. Dickenson	H. B. Adams	St. Augustine, P. O. Box 842
Manatee River	15	A. L. Quixey	R. B. Wright, Jr.	F. L. Tubbs	S. T. E. Dickenson	H. B. Adams	Bradenton, 320 16th St. W.
Lake Butler	16	A. L. Quixey	R. B. Wright, Jr.	F. L. Tubbs	S. T. E. Dickenson	H. B. Adams	Bradenton, 320 16th St. W.
Keystone	17	A. L. Quixey	R. B. Wright, Jr.	F. L. Tubbs	S. T. E. Dickenson	H. B. Adams	Bradenton, 320 16th St. W.
Thompson's Bluff	18	A. L. Quixey	R. B. Wright, Jr.	F. L. Tubbs	S. T. E. Dickenson	H. B. Adams	Bradenton, 320 16th St. W.
Keystone	19	A. L. Quixey	R. B. Wright, Jr.	F. L. Tubbs	S. T. E. Dickenson	H. B. Adams	Bradenton, 320 16th St. W.
Thompson's Bluff	20	A. L. Quixey	R. B. Wright, Jr.	F. L. Tubbs	S. T. E. Dickenson	H. B. Adams	Bradenton, 320 16th St. W.
Live Oak	21	A. L. Quixey	R. B. Wright, Jr.	F. L. Tubbs	S. T. E. Dickenson	H. B. Adams	Bradenton, 320 16th St. W.
Jefferson River	22	A. L. Quixey	R. B. Wright, Jr.	F. L. Tubbs	S. T. E. Dickenson	H. B. Adams	Bradenton, 320 16th St. W.
Indian River	23	A. L. Quixey	R. B. Wright, Jr.	F. L. Tubbs	S. T. E. Dickenson	H. B. Adams	Bradenton, 320 16th St. W.
Joppa	24	A. L. Quixey	R. B. Wright, Jr.	F. L. Tubbs	S. T. E. Dickenson	H. B. Adams	Bradenton, 320 16th St. W.
Lakeland	25	A. L. Quixey	R. B. Wright, Jr.	F. L. Tubbs	S. T. E. Dickenson	H. B. Adams	Bradenton, 320 16th St. W.
Lakeland	26	A. L. Quixey	R. B. Wright, Jr.	F. L. Tubbs	S. T. E. Dickenson	H. B. Adams	Bradenton, 320 16th St. W.
Lakeland	27	A. L. Quixey	R. B. Wright, Jr.	F. L. Tubbs	S. T. E. Dickenson	H. B. Adams	Bradenton, 320 16th St. W.
Lakeland	28	A. L. Quixey	R. B. Wright, Jr.	F. L. Tubbs	S. T. E. Dickenson	H. B. Adams	Bradenton, 320 16th St. W.
Lakeland	29	A. L. Quixey	R. B. Wright, Jr.	F. L. Tubbs	S. T. E. Dickenson	H. B. Adams	Bradenton, 320 16th St. W.

DIRECTORY OF CHAPTER OFFICERS

Chapter	No.	High Priest	King	Scribe	Treasurer	Secretary	Secretary's Address
Gadsden	30	N. B. Bevis	T. R. Payne	W. H. Rogers	I. W. Bates	R. A. Bush	Quincy
St. Petersburg	31	S. L. Boyett	C. W. Hogan	W. H. Rogers	I. W. Bates	R. A. Bush	St. Petersburg, 548 6th St. No.
Jackson	32	S. L. Barnes	C. W. Little	O. Houghton	F. M. Galsom	A. W. Kelly	Marianna
Eustis	33	V. C. Chapman	P. Little	M. Foggs	O. M. Grimstead	S. B. Jones	Eustis, Box 123
Sarasota	34	J. H. Chapman	J. S. Moore	A. G. Rodger	R. P. Butler	H. Pegram	Leesburg 1021 S. Citrus Ave.
Sarasota	35	J. H. Chapman	J. S. Moore	A. G. Rodger	R. P. Butler	H. Pegram	Sarasota, P. O. Box 425
Bay County	36	J. E. Stewart	W. C. Cooper	R. L. Darby	W. C. Brewster	C. H. Knuff	Leesburg 1021 S. Citrus Ave.
Crestview	37	J. E. Stewart	W. C. Cooper	R. L. Darby	W. C. Brewster	C. H. Knuff	Crestview, Box 257
Winter Haven	38	J. E. Stewart	W. C. Cooper	R. L. Darby	W. C. Brewster	C. H. Knuff	Winter Haven, 454 Ave. C. S. E.
Highlands	39	J. E. Stewart	W. C. Cooper	R. L. Darby	W. C. Brewster	C. H. Knuff	Avon Park, Box 671
Clearwater	40	J. E. Stewart	W. C. Cooper	R. L. Darby	W. C. Brewster	C. H. Knuff	Clearwater, 311 Vine Ave.
Highlands	41	J. E. Stewart	W. C. Cooper	R. L. Darby	W. C. Brewster	C. H. Knuff	Jacksonville, 332 Sheridan Rd.
Clearwater	42	J. E. Stewart	W. C. Cooper	R. L. Darby	W. C. Brewster	C. H. Knuff	Jacksonville, Box 257
Duval	43	J. E. Stewart	W. C. Cooper	R. L. Darby	W. C. Brewster	C. H. Knuff	Ft. Myers, P. O. Box 1185
Nassau	44	J. E. Stewart	W. C. Cooper	R. L. Darby	W. C. Brewster	C. H. Knuff	
Poinciana	45	J. E. Stewart	W. C. Cooper	R. L. Darby	W. C. Brewster	C. H. Knuff	
Monroe D.	46	J. E. Stewart	W. C. Cooper	R. L. Darby	W. C. Brewster	C. H. Knuff	Tampa 4, 309 E. Jean St.
Hill City	47	J. E. Stewart	W. C. Cooper	R. L. Darby	W. C. Brewster	C. H. Knuff	Brooksville, P. O. Box 175
Cushing	48	J. E. Stewart	W. C. Cooper	R. L. Darby	W. C. Brewster	C. H. Knuff	Port St. Joe
Hill City	49	J. E. Stewart	W. C. Cooper	R. L. Darby	W. C. Brewster	C. H. Knuff	
Nassau	50	J. E. Stewart	W. C. Cooper	R. L. Darby	W. C. Brewster	C. H. Knuff	
St. Joseph	51	J. E. Stewart	W. C. Cooper	R. L. Darby	W. C. Brewster	C. H. Knuff	
St. Joseph	52	J. E. Stewart	W. C. Cooper	R. L. Darby	W. C. Brewster	C. H. Knuff	
St. Joseph	53	J. E. Stewart	W. C. Cooper	R. L. Darby	W. C. Brewster	C. H. Knuff	
St. Joseph	54	J. E. Stewart	W. C. Cooper	R. L. Darby	W. C. Brewster	C. H. Knuff	
St. Joseph	55	J. E. Stewart	W. C. Cooper	R. L. Darby	W. C. Brewster	C. H. Knuff	
St. Joseph	56	J. E. Stewart	W. C. Cooper	R. L. Darby	W. C. Brewster	C. H. Knuff	

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1947

Number	CHAPTER 1947	STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1947														
		Membership Last Year	Exalted	Reinstated	Affiliated	Total	Died	Dimitted	Suspended N. P. D.	Expelled	Ministers	Emeritus	Present Membership	Net Gain	Net Loss	Dues Paid
1	Florida	189	10	2	2	203	2	2	0	0	0	199	10	0	257.00	
2	Gainesville	165	38	4	4	207	4	4	0	0	0	201	36	0	313.75	
3	Tampa	196	14	4	4	218	0	0	0	0	0	210	14	0	282.50	
4	St. Johns	55	3	2	2	60	0	0	0	0	0	60	5	0	72.00	
5	Halifax	189	25	0	0	214	0	0	0	0	0	195	26	0	282.50	
6	Mount Horeb	250	11	0	0	261	0	0	0	0	0	252	7	0	343.75	
7	Eureka	171	13	0	0	187	4	4	0	0	0	175	4	0	248.75	
8	Dade City	27	2	1	1	30	0	0	0	0	0	30	3	0	36.50	
9	Putnam	63	4	1	1	69	0	0	0	0	0	64	1	0	86.00	
10	Jericho	619	65	4	4	692	0	0	0	0	0	676	57	0	983.75	
11	Jacksonville	452	32	3	3	490	11	11	0	0	0	519	27	0	714.50	
12	Ocala	120	6	0	0	126	0	0	0	0	0	124	4	0	193.00	
13	Monroe	24	3	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	27	3	0	33.75	
14	Plant City	139	14	0	0	153	0	0	0	0	0	149	10	0	221.00	
15	St. Augustine	37	3	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	36	3	0	47.25	
16	Manatee River	98	6	0	0	104	0	0	0	0	0	96	2	0	123.00	
17	Lake Butler	215	24	0	0	239	0	0	0	0	0	219	0	1	35.25	
18	Keystone	98	6	0	0	104	0	0	0	0	0	103	5	0	140.50	
19	Thomas Brown	214	16	0	0	230	0	0	0	0	0	224	10	0	307.75	
20	Lake Worth	220	18	0	0	238	0	0	0	0	0	219	0	1	298.75	
21	Live Oak	85	30	2	2	117	0	0	0	0	0	90	34	0	169.50	
22	Jellerson	161	28	0	0	189	0	0	0	0	0	183	22	0	276.75	
23	Indian River	49	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	47	2	0	62.00	
24	Joppa	85	16	0	0	101	0	0	0	0	0	112	26	0	173.75	
25	Lakeland	131	13	0	0	144	0	0	0	0	0	144	13	0	199.00	
26	Gadsden	247	34	0	0	281	0	0	0	0	0	275	32	0	428.00	
27	St. Petersburg	117	9	0	0	126	11	11	0	0	0	119	2	0	162.75	
28	Jackson	53	16	2	2	73	0	0	0	0	0	71	16	0	117.00	
29	Eustis	137	13	1	1	152	0	0	0	0	0	146	9	0	202.50	
30	Leesburg	37	7	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	33	3	0	40.50	
31	Sarasota	64	4	0	0	68	0	0	0	0	0	66	14	0	242.75	
32	Bay County	132	28	0	0	160	0	0	0	0	0	146	14	0	180.25	
33	Crestview	132	4	0	0	136	0	0	0	0	0	131	0	1	180.25	
34	Winter Haven	44	4	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	48	4	0	71.75	
35	Highlands	59	3	0	0	62	0	0	0	0	0	65	6	0	106.00	
36	Clearwater	325	23	0	0	348	0	0	0	0	0	335	9	0	454.75	
37	Duval	49	11	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	58	9	0	96.25	
38	Nassau	69	2	0	0	71	0	0	0	0	0	71	2	0	97.00	
39	Poinciana	49	2	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	191.50	
40	Monroe D.	93	24	1	1	122	3	3	0	0	0	116	23	0	191.50	
41	Cushing	37	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	44.25	
42	Hill City	0	4	0	0	25	29	1	0	0	0	28	28	0	44.25	
43	St. Joseph	0	4	0	0	25	29	1	0	0	0	28	28	0	44.25	
		5743	675	100	120	6638	86	71	123	1	170	135	6347	608	4	\$9,256.25

SUMMARY

Membership Last Year	5,743
Exalted	675
Reinstated	100
Affiliated	120
Died	96
Dimitted	71
Suspended, N. P. D.	123
Expelled	1
Ministers	170
Emeritus	135
Present Membership	6,347
Net Gain	604
Dues	\$9,256.25

DIRECTORY OF CHAPTERS

Chapter	No. Charter	Date of Charter	Location	Time of Meeting
Florida	1	1847	Tallahassee	Second Monday Fourth Monday optional
Gainesville	2	1879	Gainesville	Third Tuesday
Tampa	3	1882	Tampa	First and Third Friday except July, August and September
St. Johns	4	1885	DeLand	Third Friday except July and Aug.
Hallifax	5	1895	Daytona Beach	Second Thursday
Mount Horeb	6	1874	Pensacola	Second Monday
Eureka	7	1887	Orlando	First and Third Monday except July, August and September
Dade City	8	1895	Dade City	First and Third Fridays
Putnam	9	1889	Palatka	First Thursday
Jericho	11	1900	Miami	Second and Fourth Fridays
Jacksonville	12	1854	Jacksonville	Second Thursday, Fourth 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
Lake Butler	19	1945	Lake Butler	Fourth Monday
Keystone	20	1895	Fl. Lauderdale	First and Third Mondays
Thomas Brown	22	1871	Bartow	First and Third Fridays
Lake Worth	24	1904	West Palm Beach	First and Third Monday
Live Oak	25	1895	Live Oak	Second Tuesday
Jefferson	26	1905	Monticello	First Monday
Indian River	27	1906	Titusville	Third Wednesday
Joppa	28	1906	Fort Pierce	First Friday
Lakeland	29	1909	Lakeland	Second and Fourth Tuesdays
Gadsden	30	1909	Quincy	Third Monday
St. Petersburg	31	1910	St. Petersburg	First and Third Wednesday
Jackson	32	1910	Marianna	Second and Fourth Thursday
Eustis	33	1914	Eustis	Second Thursday
Leesburg	34	1914	Leesburg	Second Tuesday
Sarasota	35	1915	Sarasota	Second Thursday
Bay County	39	1945	Panama City	Second and Fourth Fridays
Crestview	40	1920	Crestview	Second and Fourth Tuesday
Winter Haven	41	1920	Winter Haven	First and Third Thursday except July, August and September
Highlands	42	1920	Avon Park	Second Tuesday except July, August and September
Clearwater	45	1922	Clearwater	First and Third Friday
Duval	48	1922	South Jacksonville	First and Third Friday except August and September
Nassau	49	1901	Fernandina	Second and Fourth Thursday
Poinciana	50	1923	Fort Myers	Second Tuesday
M. D. Cushing	54	1927	Tampa	First and Third Tuesday except July, August and September
Hill City	55	1927	Brooksville	Second Thursday
St. Joseph	55	1947	Port St. Joe	Second and Fourth Mondays

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.