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

Grand Chapter
Royal Arch Masons



MASONIC CALENDAR

Ancient Craft Masons commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it ANNO LUCIS (A.L.) "in the year of light".

Scottish Rite, same as Ancient Craft, except the Jewish chronology is used, ANNO MUNDI (A.M.), "in the year of the world".

Royal Arch Masons date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, ANNO INVENTIONIS (A.I.), "in the year of the discovery".

Royal and Select Masters date from the year in which the temple of Solomon was completed, ANNO DEPOSITIONIS (A.Dep.) "in the year of the deposit".

Knights Templar commence their era with the organizations of their order, ANNO ORDINIS (A.O.) "in the year of the order".

Order of High Priesthood date from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchizedek, ANNO BONNEFACIO (A.B.) "in the year of the blessing".

RULES FOR MASONIC DATES

Ancient Craft Masons—

Add 4000 years to the common era. Thus: 1952 and 4000 — 5952.

Scottish Rite—

Add 3760 years to the common era. Thus: 1952 and 3760 — 5712. After September add another year.

Royal Arch—

Add 530 years to the vulgar year. Thus: 1952 and 530 — 2482.

Royal and Select Masters—

Add 1000 years to the common era. Thus: 1952 and 1000 — 2952.

Knights Templar—

From the Christian era take 1118. Thus: 1118 from 1952 — 834.

Order of High Priesthood—

To the Christian era add 1913, the year of Blessing. Thus: 1952 and 1913 — 3865.



RICHARD HOUGHTON
Grand High Priest
1952 - 1953

PROCEEDINGS
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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

ORVILLE AMBROSE CLARK
Grand High Priest
PRESIDING

RICHARD HOUGHTON
ELECTED

HELD IN THE CITY OF PENSACOLA
MAY 21-22, A. D. 1952, A. I. 2482

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THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION WILL BE
 HELD IN THE CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG, MAY 18 - 19, 1953

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION
 OF THE YEAR 1952

Mount Horeb Chapter No. 6, R.A.M., of Pensacola opened a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, in due form. The Grand High Priest and his officers were then received and escorted to their respective stations, after which the officers of the Mount Horeb Chapter retired to the sidelines and the Grand High Priest opened the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in ample form. The Grand Chapter was then convened in Annual Convocation in the city of Pensacola at 9:00 a. m., Wewnesday, May 21st, A. D., 1952, A.I. 2452.

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

GRAND OFFICERS

Orville Ambrose Clark.....	<i>Grand High Priest</i>
Richard Houghton.....	<i>Grand King</i>
Arthur S. Stewart.....	<i>Acting Grand Scribe</i>
Riley James McMaster.....	<i>Grand Treasurer</i>
John Bridges Phelps.....	<i>Grand Secretary</i>
Dorsey Howard Rutter.....	<i>Grand Chaplain</i>
Thomas Erasmus Dickinson.....	<i>Grand Captain of the Host</i>
Alexander Clement Blount.....	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner</i>
Leon Carroll Stewart.....	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain</i>
Herman Julius Wendland.....	<i>Grand Master of the Third Veil</i>
William Joshua Abram.....	<i>Grand Master of the Second Veil</i>
Charles Winn Amold.....	<i>Grand Master of the First Veil</i>
Russell Wilson Houston.....	<i>Grand Sentinel</i>

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS PRESENT

Riley J. McMaster	Frederic A. Riegel
William B. Greer	Wm. L. Marshall
Archie Aitchison	George Albert Lambe
Cleveland R. Horne	Harry Robert Thompson
John B. Phelps	Loren Lambert Dilger
Dorsey H. Rutter	David Meyer Winans
	Carl Henry Papier

REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

Florida	No. 1	— J. T. Williams (Proxy)
Gainesville	No. 2	— H. M. Richarde (H.P.) J. C. Reichert (Proxy) (K.) H. W. Voorhis (Proxy) (S.)
Tampa	No. 3	— John M. Friedel (H.P.) Krama F. DeShea (K.) Jimmy Mintzer (S.)
St. Johns	No. 4	— Not Represented
Halifax	No. 5	— Arthur D. Clawson (H.P.)
Mount Horeb	No. 6	— H. Ralph Watson (H.P.) John M. Straughn (K.) Fred L. Fairchild, Sr. (S.)
Eureka	No. 7	— Harold W. Bremer (H.P.)
Dade City	No. 8	— Not Represented
Putnam	No. 9	— C. D. Andersen (Proxy)
Jericho	No. 11	— John C. Mays (H.P.) Arthur E. Gwinn (Proxy) (K.) William D. Ennis (S.)
Jacksonville	No. 12	— Allie J. Giroir (H.P.) Walter T. Poole (Proxy) (K.)
Ocala	No. 13	— Henry B. Laird (H.P.) H. B. Laird (Proxy)
Monroe	No. 15	— F. Hasky Wight (Proxy)
Plant City	No. 16	— Ira B. Russell (Proxy) (H.P.) Charles W. Lancaster (K.) Lee Russell (Proxy) (S.)
St. Augustine	No. 17	— C. G. Oldfather (Proxy)
Manatee River	No. 18	— Robert C. Trimble (Proxy) (H.P.)
Lake Butler	No. 19	— Frank Wynn (Proxy)
Keystone	No. 20	— Lee R. Halvorsen (H.P.) Roy W. Larson (Proxy) (K.) E. Harold Sapp (S.)
Thomas Brown	No. 22	— John H. Houghton (Proxy) (H.P.) John H. Houghton (Proxy) (K.) John H. Houghton (S.)
Lake Worth	No. 24	— Dennis F. Bell (H.P.) L. J. Shellburg (Proxy) (K.)
Live Oak	No. 25	— John D. Workman (H.P.)
Jefferson	No. 26	— David M. Winans (Proxy)
Indian River	No. 27	— Walter H. J. Howe (H.P.)
Joppa	No. 28	— A. F. Jorgensen (Proxy) (H.P.) A. F. Jorgensen (K.)
Lakeland	No. 29	— Anderson Allen (Proxy) (H.P.) Anderson Allen (K.) Henry M. McClain (S.)
Gadsden	No. 30	— John W. Bates (Proxy) (H.P.) John W. Bates (K.) John W. Bates (Proxy) (S.)

St. Petersburg	No. 31	— Donald E. Brown (H.P.) Andrew Archer (K.)
Jackson	No. 32	— H. A. Duckworth (Proxy)
Eustis	No. 33	— Alex Fox (Proxy) (H.P.) Victor B. Shanor (Proxy) (K.) Alex Fox (Proxy) (S.)
Leesburg	No. 34	— R. G. Thompson (H.P.) William Dunston (Proxy) (S.)
Sarasota	No. 35	— Robert Morris (H.P.)
Lake City	No. 38	— J. W. Nelson (Proxy)
Bay County	No. 39	— Richard Newsham (H.P.) Ray Henry Schmidt (Proxy) (K.) Henry H. Holley (Proxy) (S.)
Crestview	No. 40	— J. C. Bolton (Proxy)
Winter Haven	No. 41	— Frank B. Knoff (Proxy)
Highlands	No. 42	— Not Represented
Clearwater	No. 45	— Martin N. Gerhard (Proxy)
Duval	No. 48	— W. B. Craig (Proxy) (H.P.) Mannie C. Raulerson (K.)
Nassau	No. 49	— Not Represented
Poinciana	No. 50	— Robert L. Thompson (Proxy)
Monroe D. Cushing	No. 54	— Allen Gerald Moon (H.P.) Mannie L. Smith (Proxy) (K.) Joe B. Johnson (Proxy) (S.)
Hill City	No. 55	— B. A. Crum (H.P.) B. A. Crum (Proxy) (K.) A. S. Eppele (Proxy) (S.)
Saint Joseph	No. 56	— H. R. Maige (Proxy)
Surf	No. 57	— Glen W. Heflin (H.P.) Elmer A. Apfel (K.) William H. Baker (S.)

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Alberta	Cleveland R. Horne	New Hampshire	Leon C. Stewart
Arkansas	Loren L. Dilger	New Jersey	W. L. Marshall
British Columbia	Ford J. DeHaven	New Zealand	W. J. Walker
California	Spencer L. Houston	North Dakota	R. J. McMaster
Canada	H. J. Wendland	Nova Scotia	A. C. Blount
Colorado	Ernest V. Reed	Ohio	D. H. Rutter
Connecticut	T. E. Dickenson	Oklahoma	W. B. Greer
Georgia	J. D. Yeager	Oregon	F. A. Riegel
Idaho	Arthur S. Stewart	Pennsylvania	O. A. Clark
Illinois	Archie Aitchison	Quebec	D. F. Hosford
Indiana	Walter I. Stevenson	Queensland	J. B. Phelps
Kansas	Glen E. Carpenter	Saskatchewan	W. J. Abram
Kentucky	Winston H. Ward	South Dakota	Richard Houghton
Maine	Charles W. Arnold	Tennessee	W. E. Froehlich
Manitoba	J. T. Williams	Texas	R. W. Houston
Michigan	J. C. Reichert	Vermont	J. E. Ramsdell
Minnesota	C. G. Oldfather	Victoria	G. W. Elston
Missouri	Harry Guy	Virginia	F. H. Wight
Montana	G. A. Lambe	Washington	D. M. Winans
Nebraska	Boyd L. Hudgins	West Australia	W. F. Wynn
New Brunswick	Carl H. Papier	Wisconsin	R. W. Larson

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS PRESENT

District No. 1—Vernon W. Burnell	District No. 5—John Marley
District No. 2—Albert G. Rogers	District No. 6—J. A. Winfield
District No. 3—A. S. Epele	District No. 9—Rush L. Darby
District No. 10—R. G. Thomas	

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

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

John B. Phelps	
Cleveland R. Horne	William B. Greer

DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

Carl H. Papier	
Thomas N. Morrison	Kenneth Sears

TIME AND PLACE

James D. Yeager	
Spencer L. Houston	Boyd L. Hudgins

THANKS

Frank Pumphrey	
J. Forest Diehl	J. C. Reichert

The Committee on Distinguished Visitors introduced the following:

J. Luther Jordan, M.E. General Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and the personal representative of the General Grand High Priest; J. W. Thraikill, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Arkansas; Walter I. Gillette, Past Grand High Priest and personal representative of the M.I. Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Iowa and the personal representative of the R.E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Iowa; Ralph Walter, M.E. Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Pennsylvania; Dr. William I. Gause, M.I. Grand Master, Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina; Claud Stallworth, M.I. Grand Master, Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Alabama; Roy J. Eide, Past M.I. Grand Master, Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Iowa; C. B. Hosaflook, M.I. Grand Principal Conductor of Work, Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina; J. G. Stranch, R.E. Grand Commander, Grand Commandery K.T. of South Carolina; James D. Godwin, M.I. Grand Master of Grand Council R.&S.M. of Florida; Jesse E. Ramsdell, M.E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Florida; Cleveland R. Horne, Past M.W. Grand Master of the M.W. Grand Lodge of F.&A.M. of Florida; Thomas Earl Doss, R.P. Deputy General Grand Master, General Grand Council Royal and Select Masters; John B. Phelps, General Grand Principal Conductor of Work, General Grand Council Royal

and Select Masters and the Grand Master General of the Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour.

All of the distinguished visitors were called upon later to address the Grand Chapter, each bringing a message of interest. Companion J. Luther Jordan, M.E. General Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, delivered at the banquet on Tuesday evening a most interesting address, which brought about the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida extend a vote of thanks and appreciation for the wonderful and timely address delivered at the banquet held on Tuesday, May 20, 1952, in the city of Pensacola, by Companion J. Luther Jordan, M.E. General Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and be it further resolved that Companion Jordan be requested to furnish our Grand Secretary with a copy of the address that it may be printed in the proceedings.

AN ADDRESS

By J. LUTHER JORDAN

General Grand Scribe, General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons

MASONIC GOALS

The immortal Emerson declared in the long ago: "There is a sublime and friendly Destiny by which the human race is guided—the race never dying, the individual never spared—to results affecting masses and ages." It is to such a destiny, to such a goal, that I would guide if I could the sum total of Masonic endeavor.

You know, as I do, that Freemasonry is neither a religion, nor a substitute for religion, even though no man may be admitted to our fellowship unless he declares his belief in the existence of one Supreme Being in some manifestation of His will. You also know that it is not a secret society, nor can it be, since every lesson, every concept, every belief taught in this ancient Craft has been proclaimed from rostrum and printed page. Our only secrets are our modes of recognition and our methods of initiation. You know that Freemasonry is far removed from all that is trivial or ungodly. Nowhere in any degree or ceremony is there a debasing word or thought.

Bound together by a common belief and universal acceptance of such great basic fundamental truths, surely there can be no enduring barriers between men of such ideals. They can and must be joined together in fraternal brotherhood until their influence is felt in the councils of nations. When such influence is a reality there will be no compromise with Godless men, nor sacrifice of right on the altar of

expediency. You and I cheapen Freemasonry and make ourselves hypocrites when we fail to give evidence of moral courage, or to take our stand on the side of honor and integrity in every relationship of life.

The symbols of our Craft reveal to each of us lessons that differ in degree. We see and understand only as God gives us to see the light. We must accept the responsibility to reflect the light as it is revealed to us.

We take the hands of those who knock at Freemasonry's doors. We confer upon them the Entered Apprentice Degree. How often do we teach them that they have come in symbol from the darkness of an unbelieving world to behold the light as revealed in the "Great Light" in Masonry in all its resplendent glory. If their transition from "darkness to light" is real, then they learn at our hands to *walk* in that light; to *sustain* that light; to *reflect* that light in a world yet cursed by darkness, prejudice, ignorance and superstition. Yes, to so reflect that light that others may recognize that they possess something of which the world is yet ignorant. Did you as Entered Apprentices get the lessons of the degree? Are the Lodges of which you are members conferring the degree and instructing your initiates now in such manner that these candidates learn that their trust must be in God; that the "Great Light" is indeed the rule and guide to their faith and practice; that the 24-inch gauge is the measuring stick of their everyday lives whereby each has eight hours for his usual vocation, eight hours for the service of God and distressed worthy brethren and eight hours for refreshment and sleep; that the corners of the rough ashlar must be broken off by the unceasing blows of God's gavel if it is ever to be the perfect ashlar in the Temple Eternal; that charity is not circumscribed by the narrow limits of feeding the hungry, clothing the naked and binding up the wounds of the afflicted but that it has a much wider application; that the upright life before God and man is the duty of each all the way through life; that caution is ever to exercise a watch care over their actions and over the interests of their brethren. All this and more in the Entered Apprentice Degree alone. With all this richness in a single degree, the first, must the candidate be hurried through all the degrees to be able to get the Shrine in the next class. How we need to recognize in these eventful days that we build for time and eternity or else we build for naught.

With all too brief instruction, and that most often in the catechism alone, we take the candidate and confer upon him the Fellow Craft Degree. Do we seek to beautify and adorn his mind as the liberal arts and sciences are portrayed? Do we make plain the avenues by which useful knowledge gains access to the human mind, namely, through the God-given senses for which we have the responsibility of a proper use? Do we make clear that the candidate is in symbol passing from ignorance unto wisdom or learning; that in stages he travels a mystic stairway that leads through life's toilsome journey to a celestial lodge whose Master is High Priest of Heaven and earth. Does

the Fellow Craft learn that a well ordered life must have a column of strength to support it—strength of character, strength of will, strength of endurance? Does he on the other hand observe the column of beauty and grasp its symbolic meaning and glorify the graces that adorn human life? These and other lessons just in the first two degrees. But I hasten on.

The Fellow Craft is given casual instruction in the catechism of the degree and we bring him to a Master's lodge. There in our symbolic teaching he is the principal actor in a symbolic lesson so profound, yet so elemental; a lesson that the men of this troubled world need as they need nothing else—the passing in symbol from death unto life. The tragedy of tragedies is that so many men see only a meaningless rite; a ceremony; a play; and fail to see that we seek to teach in symbol that every sinning son of Adam's race must be "raised from a dead level to a living perpendicular" if he is ever to walk in newness of life; and that there is but one strong grip under Heaven or among men whereby that result may be obtained.

The enduring values, the eternal truths we would propogate among men are spiritual values. The things of earth are earthy and pass away with the passing days. Marble temples and all physical values moulder into dust and become but a memory. The things of the spirit are eternal and are the sheet anchor of our faith in these perilous hours. Although the truths we seek to teach are veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols, they should be so revealed to the initiate that even the least thoughtful will understand the fundamental concepts that we enjoin. If our initiates become imbued with the solid substance of our lessons, there is small liklihood that they will fall by the wayside along the journey, or that they will wander into forbidden paths. Can you believe that such a Mason will make political expediency his God; that such a Mason can traffic in the prejudice and ignorance of his fellow human beings; that such a Mason can foster and encourage racial ill will among the races of men?

I have a firm conviction that if we did a better job in our Blue Lodges we would have a larger percentage of the kind of Masons you and I know that we need. In our rush to get a lot of degrees, as if there were any merit in numbers, we lose sight of the basic fundamentals so essential to a well ordered Masonic life. If our Masonic teaching doesn't carry over into life in a work-a-day world, then it isn't worth much in this world, nor the world to come.

We are assembled tonight in our capacity as Capitular Masons. Never lose sight of the fact however that we are always Blue Lodge Masons. What of our own Capitular degrees? In the Mark Master's degree, there is portrayed in symbol important lessons pertaining to man's relation to man. We offer a professed creed in that regard but it, too, must carry over into everyday life. This troubled world needs to recognize anew that the products of ones toil are his own; that he has rights and obligations therewith that all men should respect and

that he himself should recognize. Good work, true work, square work is entitled to just recompense and no man has the right to claim as his own the products of another's toil. Every man must present work that will pass the Great Overseer's inspection before he is entitled to the rewards of a well spent life. We hear much of the fact that the laborer is worthy of his hire and that an honest day's work is entitled to an honest day's pay. We need also to recognize that an honest day's pay deserves an honest day's work. The workman in any vineyard that gives less than his best in order to protect the less efficient or the indolent is robbing his employer just as truly as the employer who grinds his workmen into the dust is robbing them. Both violate the plain lessons of the Mark Master's degree. Again in the Mark degree we are taught the ancient law that the Lord of the vineyard is at liberty to do with his own as he wishes so long as he keeps faith with his obligations and commitments. We have departed from that lesson in this modern world and set us as a god a policy of "free" things. To sustain the policy of something for nothing we take from one group the products of their honest labors and give them to those unwilling to pay the price of producing for themselves. I would to God that we might learn that taking from you and giving to me doesn't make anything "free." Nothing is free in this world except the gifts of the bountiful Heavenly Father—the air that we breathe—the rain that falls on the just and the unjust—the life giving rays from God's sun in yonder's sky. These things are free. All other gifts so glibly referred to as "free" are the products of someone's toil. We hear a lot about security in these days. Did it ever occur to you that security can be purchased at too great a cost. Do we forge the chains of our own slavery under the guise of giving security? Man's relation to man is revealed in broad outline in the symbolism of the Mark Masters Degree. We would do well to study this degree in the light of the present day social order.

I pass on to invite your attention to man's relation to authority that we seek to teach in the Past Masters Degree. Some must rule and teach, others submit and obey. Only those who have succeeded in the severe school of discipline and become masters of themselves can supply suitable leadership for less fortunate ones than themselves. Each and all must remember that there is a higher, a nobler, a wiser, a greater authority to whom every knee shall bow and every tongue confess. Self a subject although a king—self a servant but still a master—self a craftsman yet a ruler of the craft. The true Ruler whose scepter is justice; whose kingdom is in the hearts of men; whose throne is builded in love is the model every ruler of earth should seek to imitate. Men must respect authority in any well ordered society. Authority must be worthy of respect. The symbolism of both concepts is taught in the Past Masters Degree.

With a clear understanding of man's relation to authority the initiate arrives at the completed Temple to learn man's proper relation to observance, to ceremony, as a Most Excellent Master. The labor is

done. The principal arch of the temple is completed. The stone rejected by the builders is in its proper place. God is in His Heaven and all is right with the world. Is it any wonder that Most Excellent Masters can exclaim in exultant hearts—"For He is good, for His mercy endureth forever." When men see man's proper relationship to man, to authority, to observance the Shekinah shines in their hearts and they are ready to penetrate the veils, equipped with the signet of truth, and learn as Royal Arch Masons man's relation to God.

How often have we heard that primal declaration: "In the beginning God created the Heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said "Let there be light; and there was light." This august declaration antedates time and eternity. "In the beginning God"—here the word translated "God" is "Elohim"—the creative manifestation of the Infinite to the objects of His creation. Elohim (God) walked and talked with His son in the garden. In all the inspired record given for our guidance in the early chapters of the "Great Light" we continually find the revelation of the creative God—Elohim—calling order out of chaos; following the fleeting darkness from the eastern sky to the farthest western horizon and crowning His handiwork with man into whose nostrils he breathed the breath of life and man became a living soul, endowed with privileges and prerogatives not even vouchsafed to the angels.

But there came the day when man valued lightly his high estate and through transgression was separated from his intimate walk with his Creator.

In the councils of Infinite Wisdom the choicest family of earth was called in the Ur of the Chaldees to get up and get out into a land that they did not know, nor did their fathers before them know, and as a reward for their obedience to the Heavenly vision certain covenants were vouchsafed to them. These covenants I do not here recount, but they were recounted to Abram and his name changed to Abraham. Because there was no higher authority by which the Heavenly Father could swear He declared "By myself have I sworn" to keep and fulfill these covenants. But it was not "Elohim" speaking—it was El Shaddi—translated God Almighty here speaking, a revelation of a second attribute of the Infinite—the Covenant keeping manifestation of the Eternal God.

In due time there came a son of promise to Abraham's household in the person of Isaac and the Covenant Keeping God—El Shaddai—recounted to him, when he had reached manhood's estate, the self same covenants that had been given to Abraham long before. Continue if you please the wondrous story. It has vital significance to Royal Arch Masons.

To Isaac's home came twin sons, but in due time one of them became the child of promise. When he was a man, he went as stiff

necked old Jacob, down to Bethel. There he struggled all night with the angel but at dawn he clung to the angel and declared he would not let him go until he blessed him. Jacob limped away with a new name—Israel—A prince with God, and has listened to the selfsame covenants vouchsafed to Abraham and his seed in the distant long ago.

To Israel's household came 12 sons, one of whom was sold into slavery by his jealous elder brothers. In the providence of the covenant keeping God—El Shaddai—this was to be the means of succor for the distressed household of Israel, when the days of famine came and 70 souls went down into Egypt to reunite the covenant family of Israel and to secure the necessities of life. There they were to remain 400 years, to grow into a people two million strong. The Covenant Keeping God—El Shaddai—continued to watch over them and one day appeared to Moses as he kept the flocks of Jethro in the back side of the desert. The appearance was in the burning bush so strikingly portrayed in the Royal Arch degree. To Moses was given a commission from on high to lead this people out. He obeyed the divine instructions and for 40 years led them in their wilderness journey until they came one day to Sinai's lonely mount. Moses was called up into the mountain and there midst the lightning and mighty thunder received the tablets of stone on which was graven the law—the basic fundamental law—that governs this fair land in this good hour. But listen to me!!! It was not Elohim (God) nor El Shaddai (God Almighty) speaking that day. It was a third revelation of the Infinite to the children of His creation. Heretofore we have seen the Heavenly Father in His creative capacity; then in His covenant keeping capacity; here we see Him as Royal Arch Masons are taught to see Him—in His Royal, His Kingly capacity—the Lord of Lords and King of Kings—The Jehovah God.

My companions, the rubbish of the old temple is cleared away. In its stead a new temple is erected. Every stone is in its place. The Holy of Holies is fully equipped. The High Priest is there—I know—because I can hear the ringing of the bells on His garments. The symbolic story is entrusted to your keeping. If in your heart of hearts recognize the sovereignty of the Jehovah God and crown Him Lord of Lords and King of Kings, then you will have come into man's proper relationship and you have full title to the designation—EXALTED. That is the goal of the individual Royal Arch Mason.

So much for the chief goal of the most important unit in Royal Arch Masonry, namely, the individual Royal Arch Mason. May we look briefly at the group or mass of Royal Arch Masons that constitute the organizational structure and think of how that organizational structure can best aid the individual Royal Arch Mason to attain his goal, and best promote EXALTATION among men of good will in the ends of the earth.

I think the structure already exists. It only remains to utilize it. The structure consists of three individual constituent parts. These parts are: first, the individual constituent Chapter of Royal Arch Masons

wheresoever located and regardless of what jurisdiction may hold sway. Second, the individual Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in its capacity in the jurisdiction it serves. Third, the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. These three groupings provide a structural organization not matched in potential power for good anywhere else in this troubled world. Their relationships are in no case that of sovereign and subject but rather of Body and member. Whatsoever hurts the humblest Royal Arch Mason in the remotest Chapter on earth hurts Royal Arch Masonry. Whatsoever helps the least of these to attain the richness that goes with exaltation in its fullest sense helps Royal Arch Masonry; and what is more promotes the ends of brotherhood in the ends of the earth. Democratic in spirit; in organization and in administration this structure magnifies the individual and makes him of infinite worth in the sight of God and man. When correctly understood it is my considered judgement that there is no conflict of interest, nor overlapping in fields of service.

The individual constituent Chapter with officers and membership properly trained and interested perform a job that no other group of Masons can perform. They take the individual Master Mason by the hand so to speak and lead him to the pinnacle we call exaltation that I have tried to picture this night. No Grand Chapter or General Grand Chapter can perform that service.

The individual Grand Chapter gives strength, encouragement, supervision, discipline when needed, instruction, and more to individual Chapters. It draws on its representative membership for leadership in every phase of Chapter activity. It is the clearing house, the pooling of resources material and spiritual, to provide the best in guidance to the end that the local Chapter may do the most for the individual Royal Arch Mason.

You and I as members of the great Royal Arch family are reasonably well acquainted with the local Chapter and the Grand Chapter. Since the General Grand Chapter is more remote and not so intimately connected with our Capitular life we may not know as much about it as we should. I pass on in these remaining moments to touch some highlights of this member of the Royal Arch family of which I have the honor to be the representative on this occasion.

The General Grand Chapter is the largest Masonic group on earth under one head. It can attain ends and accomplish results that no Grand Chapter can hope to attain alone. Take a look at a few of these. We publish *The Royal Arch Mason*, a magazine to promote the interests of Ancient Craft Masonry. More than 50,000 Masons now get this publication four times a year. The day is not too far distant when 100,000 Masons will be getting "more light" from its inspiring pages. Need I remind you that each of us one day most solemnly declared, "That wheresoever God may cast my lot there will I be found dispensing true Masonic light and knowledge to my lesser informed brethren." No single agency in all of freemasonry can or is more

adequately discharging that responsibility than the General Grand Chapter through The Royal Arch Magazine.

In the Southern end of this continent and in the entire continent further South in this hemisphere the mother tongue is the Spanish language. The General Grand Chapter has translated the entire Chapter Ritual, all four degrees into the Spanish language and made it available to our Spanish-speaking Companions wheresoever dispersed. Our Chapters in the Latin countries are growing in numbers, in interest and in influence as a result of this worthwhile contribution. No individual Chapter or Grand Chapter could ever have attained such an end.

Our Ritual is now being translated into the German language such that our Companions who use that language as their mother tongue may likewise come to know and understand the lessons we seek to teach.

Our Ritual has already been translated into the Arabic language. Who can catch a vision of the potential power for good that these contributions may exercise in a war-torn world? Could any Grand Chapter alone ever make such a contribution?

I sat in a great auditorium one day with 1,500 Royal Arch Masons and listened to one of our Companions from Canada describe the 3,000-mile unguarded border between his country and ours; how it ought to excite the admiration of the world; how it is an example that all nations of earth could emulate; how men of good will in mutual respect and confidence can adjudicate any differences across the council table in the spirit of the lowly Nazarene, each recognizing that the Jehovah God holds in His hands the final destiny of men and nations. Then the speaker declared that the red and white and blue of his flag, and our flag and the flag of our Companions to the South of us could mingle to form a flag that would wave over this continent as a symbol of brotherly love and Companionship—the flag of a United Freemasonry. At that moment the Union Jack, the Stars and Stripes and the Tricolor of Mexico from a common standard fluttered to the breeze, their folds intermingling to give a symbolism that brought tears to that great throng and would have warmed a heart of stone. Can you envision the day when brotherhood may encompass the earth under the banner of the Royal Craft? It isn't too much to hope for, yea, it isn't too much to pray for.

In faraway Alaska Royal Arch Masonry has been firmly planted by the General Grand Chapter and a Grand Chapter in that jurisdiction is not far in the future. In the Philippines, in China, in Chile, in Nicaragua, in Cuba, in the Canal Zone Royal Arch Masonry has outposts that teach the lessons I have tried to convey to you earlier this night, and along with them all the other lessons of our Royal Art.

I would to God that every Royal Arch Mason of this continent could catch the vision, could grasp the potential power for good in this troubled world, that a united Capitular Masonry could foster and

promote. If they did, surely the immortal dream of the inspired writer that one day swords would be beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks and the nations of earth would make war no more.

I pray that the Royal Arch Masons of earth may shortly have the courage, the attitude of mind and heart to minimize the things that divide and hinder and hurt and to magnify the things that unite and heal and strengthen to the end that Royal Arch Masonry may keep the rendezvous it has with destiny. May the exaltation of each of you be made complete in the Celestial Chapter where the High Priest of Heaven and earth forever rules, forever reigns.

Thanks for your fine attention.

Motion prevailed that the distinguished visitors to this Grand Chapter be made honorary members.

An address of welcome was given by Companion Loren L. Dilger, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Florida with the response by Companion Richard Houghton, Grand King of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Florida.

Motion prevailed that a duplicate charter be issued by the Grand Secretary to Live Oak Chapter and that Live Oak Chapter be required to have a photostatic copy made and sent to the Grand Secretary's office for his file.

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

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

Your Committee on Returns and Credentials finds that the list of Grand Officers and Representatives of Chartered Chapters is correct as furnished by the Grand Secretary at roll call. We find that all Chapters are represented, except St. John No. 4, Dade City No. 8, Highlands No. 42, Nassau No. 49.

All Chapters have made returns and paid dues for the year.

Fraternally submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

Motion prevailed that each chapter in this grand jurisdiction be required to purchase a lapel button to be presented to each candidate being exalted to the sublime degree of the Royal Arch, the purchaser may secure the address of the manufacturer from the Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST

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

Distinguished Guests and Companions:

Today as I come before you to render an account of my stewardship as your Grand High Priest, I do so with a great deal of humbleness and humility, because of the fact that I have not been able to accomplish the things which were intended at the beginning of my term of office.

On May 17th, 1951 you elevated me to the highest office and greatest honor in your power to bestow, and for the confidence reposed in me, I will feel forever grateful.

First, I would like to thank each member of this Grand Body, and also other members of our York Rite Bodies over the State for the splendid co-operation extended during this Capitular year, and most of all, for the encouraging messages received from Companions all over this State who I am most proud to call my friends, informing me of their continued supplication to Almighty God in my behalf. These expressions of sympathy and love will be stored in the archives of my memory so long as God in His infinite wisdom sees fit to allow your humble servant to continue in the cares and scenes of this transitory existence.

Second, please permit me to extend to the distinguished visitors and guests a cordial welcome to this 105th Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida. It is hoped that your sojourn with us will be a very pleasant one.

Today we have assembled here in the beautiful City of Pensacola for our annual Convocation, and within the space of a few hours this assembly will pass into history.

On behalf of the Officers and Members of this Grand Chapter I extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all Committees and Companions who have labored as a unit to make our stay here one long to be remembered.

To the Officers, both elective and appointive, may I express to you my sincere thanks for your continued help and assistance during this year.

To the incoming Officers of this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, we do now pledge our continued cooperation and support, and will be only too happy to abide by your requests at any future time, always remembering that although we have attained the highest rank in this organization, yet we are only another member of this great Fraternity. We have served to the very best of our ability and truly hope that what we have done will meet with the approval of all concerned.

LOCAL VISITATIONS

Please permit me to state here that I am not satisfied with the visitation program that has existed during the year. I had hoped to be able to see many more Chapters as well as many more Companions during the year.

On July 31, 1951. Upon the request of interested members of Tampa Chapter No. 3 and Monroe D. Cushing Chapter No. 54, in company with E. Companion Edward Gerrets, we visited Tampa where a joint meeting of these Chapters was held for the discussion of the subject of consolidation. Most all of the Grand officers were present.

September 14, 1951. This meeting was a joint Convocation of both of our Tampa Chapters, Tampa No. 3 and Monroe D. Cushing No. 54, called by your Grand High Priest and arranged under his direction. It was on this occasion that the order setting aside and abating the action of this Grand Body on May 17, 1951, was delivered to them.

October 18, 1951. In company with Companions Ralph G. Reynolds, Edward Gerrets, Arthur S. Stewart and several other Companions we journeyed to Palatka, where we assisted in the conferring of the Chapter degrees by Putnam Chapter No. 9.

October 22, 1951. Again in company with the same Companions as mentioned above, and Past Grand Commander Norman C. Edwards, we journeyed to St. Augustine, where we witnessed the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree by the officers and members of St. Augustine Chapter No. 17. These Companions are to be complimented for their fine work, and the distance they have traveled in the last few years. They deserve lots of credit.

December 4, 1951. Still again in company with those mentioned above and a goodly number of Companions in addition to them, we attended a York Rite meeting at St. Augustine. The Grand Commander, our own Alexander Clement

Blount, was the principal speaker. The meeting was well attended and enjoyed as well as a chicken pie dinner which was served by the faithful Ladies and our Sisters of the Order of The Eastern Star.

January 2, 1952. On the invitation of St. Petersburg Chapter No. 31 R.A.M. we attended the Installation Ceremonies held on the above date. The officers were installed by our Junior Past Grand High Priest Carl Henry Papier who did a most wonderful job, assisted by E. Companion Russell E. Strawn, Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery of Florida who acted as Grand Marshall. While in the City we had the pleasure to be entertained at the Masonic Home of Florida, and would like to state here, that from our observation during our short but interesting visit, our Masonic Home is now being operated on the highest scale of efficiency under the most able direction of Brother Daniel H. Partin, to who we say: A GOOD JOB DAN.

January 4, 1952. While we were in this section of the State we held over and visited a joint Installation ceremony of the Officers of Tampa Chapter No. 3 and Monroe D. Cushing Chapter No. 54 at Tampa. This was also a most interesting meeting. There was in attendance one hundred and twenty four Companions, and upon inquiry it was learned that this was the first time in the history of these two Chapters, or as far back as any one could remember, that these Chapters had come together for a joint installation of officers.

February 19, 1952. In company with about a dozen local Companions we had the pleasure to journey to the City of Gainesville, where we attended a meeting of Adoniram Association. As far as we know, this is the only organization of its kind in the State. A very good time was enjoyed by everyone present, after which refreshments were served, which made the visit a double pleasure. Again your Grand High Priest was the principal speaker.

February 25, 1952. In company with several local Companions we journeyed to the City of Lake Butler, where after almost a feast furnished by the Companions there, a fine meeting was held. There was not a large gathering there, but the interest and enthusiasm of these Companions are at a high pitch.

March 13, 1952. In company with Companions Edward Gerrets, Ralph G. Reynolds and William J. Walker we visited a District meeting and a twenty-five year anniversary of Hill City Chapter No. 55 R.A.M. at Brooksville. The meeting was called to order by E. Companion A. S. Epple, D.D.G.H.P. of the Third District. All Chapters in the Third District were well represented.

March 19, 1952. We attended a grand meeting at Ocala. This was also a District affair. Most Excellent Companion John Bridges Phelps our most popular Secretary and Recorder of the Grand York Rite Bodies being in attendance. Rite Eminent Grand Commander Alexander Clement Blount, Right Excellent Grand King, Richard Haughton, and a goodly number of other distinguished Masons. As we took our places around the table on which was an ample supply of delicious Ham with plenty of trimmings, there was plenty of good wholesome fellowship in evidence at this meeting. Your Grand High Priest was honored by being the principal speaker here.

March 20, 1952. On the way back from Ocala we stopped over at Palatka, where we were afforded the privilege of conferring the Royal Arch Degree on a class of twenty two for Putnam Chapter No. 9. After the first section of this degree was conferred, and about that time our Most Excellent Secretary-Recorder John Bridges Phelps with his escort E. Companion Charles W. Arnold, Grand Master of the First Veil arrived in all their splendor, someone, to-wit E. Companion Cristen D. Anderson, our hard hitting, go-getter of this section of the State, announced that dinner was ready, then we enjoyed a grand time around another table. Putnam Chapter No. 9 is really up and going.

April 1, 1952. This was a very enjoyable meeting, although there was not many present, it was here that your Grand High Priest had the most pleasant surprise of the entire year. In company with E. Companion Edward Gerrets we arrived in Tallahassee about an hour before the time for the meeting to

start. At meeting time there appeared Past Grand High Priests William L. Marshall, William B. Greer and Cleveland R. Horne, who at present is the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Florida. Your Grand High Priest was introduced by Most Worshipful Companion Horne, an honor we shall always cherish.

April 15, 1952, we attended the Annual Grand Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Florida in the City of Jacksonville. We were treated most courteously at this communication also.

OUT OF STATE VISITATIONS

On September 30, 1951 we arrived in the beautiful City of Little Rock, Arkansas, for the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter. Our memories will ever linger around the happenings of the evening of that day, when we attended the Sunday evening services of the First Presbyterian Church. This meeting being arranged for this purpose and we shall never forget the sacredness of the occasion. It was most beautifully conducted. On the following morning the General Grand Council of the World was opened in the Albert Pike Memorial Building. This assembly consumed the greater part of two days, but the most important part of this meeting was the election of our beloved Recorder John Bridges Phelps to the high office of General Grand Principle Conductor of Work. Our Most Worthy Companion John was elected by the FISH SCALE method.

The two days that followed, Wednesday and Thursday were filled to the brim with activity, there was never a dull moment, Florida was very ably represented, Companions from all over the State, it was almost as if we were in our home State, and the Companions of that State just wouldn't stop doing for us. Time and space does not permit us to do justice to the occasion, but this meeting will forever be stored in the archives of our memory.

June 18, 1951. On the invitation of the Grand High Priest of the State of Georgia we had the privilege of attending a Convocation of Brunswick Chapter. Your Grand High Priest was received with Grand Honors, and we had the pleasure of witnessing the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree (Georgia Style). I hereby invite your attendance any time the occasion presents itself.

July 16, 1951. We attended in response to the invitation of the Grand High Priest of Georgia an open York Rite Meeting in the City Auditorium in Brunswick, Ga. The principle speaker being E. Companion Tom Q. Ellis, General Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter, who is always on the job when it comes to making an address.

April 16, 1952. Attended the annual Convocation of the Grand Council and Grand Chapter of the State of Georgia in the City of Macon. The Grand Chapter of Georgia Royal Arch Masons was opened at 10:00 A. M. on the above date. After the opening ceremonies, which was most impressive, your Grand High Priest was introduced and given the privilege of the floor. We were glad to convey to them the greetings from Florida Royal Arch Masons. On the following day a motion prevailed that your humble servant be made an honorary member of that Grand Body.

Grand Representatives of Florida Near Other Grand Jurisdictions Appointed.

June 12, 1951. Comp. Buford Walker of Mississippi, Grand Representative of The Grand Chapter of Florida near the Grand Chapter of Mississippi.

July 28, 1951. Dr. Thomas William Lee Wilson, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Florida near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Western Australia.

August 29, 1951. Comp. Albert Horace Smith-Finkell, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Florida near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland, Australia.

September 8, 1951. Comp. Fred L. Montgomery, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Florida near the Grand Chapter of Arizona.

September 19, 1951, Comp. Millard H. Robbins, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Florida near the Grand Chapter of Virginia.

October 30, 1951. Comp. Millard W. McConnell, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Florida near the Grand Chapter of Indiana.

April 16, 1952. Comp. Harold Victor Hume Watch, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Florida near the Country of New South Wales.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

On July 2, 1951, I granted a Special Dispensation to Keystone Chapter No. 20 Royal Arch Masons to confer the Chapter Degrees at the Tabernacle at Pompano Beach, Fla., on Saturday afternoon and evening, July 7, 1951. Provided, that suitable security arrangements can be made. No Balloting.

CHANGE OF BY-LAWS APPROVED

On June 14, 1951 for Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, raising the fee for Life Membership from \$100.00 to \$150.00.

On July 2, 1951, for Plant City Chapter No. 16, at Plant City, to change their meeting time from the first and third Tuesdays to first Friday in each month.

On September 13, 1951, for Live Oak Chapter No. 25 at Live Oak, to change their fees and dues. That the fee be raised from \$15.00 to \$25.00 and the dues be raised from \$2.50 to \$4.00 beginning with the year 1952.

On December 21, 1951, for Clearwater Chapter No. 45, at Clearwater, to change their meeting night from the First and Third Fridays to the Second and Fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p. m.

On January 1, 1952, for Keystone Chapter No. 20, at Fort Lauderdale, to raise their dues to \$4.00 effective in 1952.

On February 22, 1952, for Putnam Chapter No. 9, at Palatka, to change their time of meeting from the Second and Fourth Fridays to the Second Thursday of each month.

On February 25, 1952, for Lake Butler Chapter No. 19, at Lake Butler, to change their meeting time from the Fourth Monday to the Second Thursday of each Month.

On March 3, 1952, for Ocala Chapter No. 13 at Ocala to change their time of meeting from the Fourth Friday to the First Tuesday in each month.

On March 24, 1952, for St. Petersburg Chapter No. 31 at St. Petersburg, to raise their Fees and Dues. The Fees for the Degrees be raised from \$20.00 to \$35.00. That the Dues be raised from \$3.00 to \$4.00. Also that the compensation of the Secretary be raised from 65 cents per paying member to 75 cents, with the minimum compensation of \$100.00 per year, payable monthly.

On March 24, 1952, I approved a set of by-laws for Crestview Chapter No. 40 at Crestview.

On April 22, 1952, for Joppa Chapter No. 28, at Fort Pierce, to change their meeting night from the first Friday Night in each month at 7:30 p. m. to the first Tuesday Night in each month at 7:30 p. m.

All changes of by-laws being submitted to me for my approval in regular form.

THE TAMPA CONTROVERSY

Most of us are acquainted with the legislation which was passed by this Grand Body at its Convocation last year regarding a condition in Tampa which had existed over a period of several years. Upon the recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee who had been called together at the order of the Grand High Priest. This Committee having to appear before it representatives from both Tampa Chapter No. 3 and Monroe D. Cushing Chapter

No. 54, Royal Arch Masons, who related to this Committee some of the conditions that then existed, and upon the information given by the persons concerned, the Committee then made their report to this Grand Body in the form of a recommendation that both Tampa Chapter No. 3 and Monroe D. Cushing Chapter No. 54 begin at once to consolidate, and by the acts of such consolidation be known and recognized as Tampa-Cushing Chapter No. 3.

That this consolidation proceeding be consummated not later than October 1, 1951. It was further recommended that should either of these Chapters refuse to comply with these instructions, its Charter would be forfeited, and the Grand High Priest so instructed.

I would like to call your attention at this time to the fact that neither of these Chapters refused to abide by the ruling of this Grand Body. On or about July 6, 1951, Tampa Chapter No. 3 adopted a resolution to consolidate according to the proceedings as found on page seventeen 1951. However, about the same date Monroe D. Cushing Chapter No. 54 passed a resolution requesting that the Grand High Priest investigate further into the cause of the controversy before taking action as was made mandatory by this Grand Body should either of the Chapters refuse to consolidate. This request was taken under advisement, and upon further investigation it was established that the Jurisprudence committee was not in possession of all facts pertaining to the question involved at the time the recommendation was made. About this time E. Companion A. S. Epele, District Deputy Grand High Priest of the Third District, which includes these Chapters in the Jurisdiction, advised that most all of the Companions concerned in Tampa would like to get together at a called Convocation of both Chapters and discuss the merits of such a move, requesting the presence of the Grand High Priest. I advised Companion Epele that I would be there at the time and place decided upon by them.

In a few days I was advised that the date for the meeting had been set for July 31 in the Hall of John Darling Lodge F. & A. M. I at once dispatched a communication to all officers of this Grand Chapter advising them of the meeting and extending to them an invitation to be present, because it was my desire to do what I was going to do or what was necessary to be done with the full knowledge of all parties concerned. This was not a summons to them, but an invitation to come if they were interested.

Almost all of the officers of this Grand Chapter responded and were present. The ones that could not attend advised that the date was not convenient with them and therefore they were unable to attend.

The meeting was called to order by E. Companion H. J. Daniel, High Priest of Monroe D. Cushing Chapter No. 54. There was a good representation from both Chapters present. Every Companion present was afforded the privilege of the floor and a minority of the Companions present accepted. This meeting revealed that many of the Companions of both Chapters did not know anything about any differences existing between Tampa Chapter No. 3 and Monroe D. Cushing Chapter 54. Most of the Companions who accepted the floor expressed themselves as sorry that such a condition existed.

Now may I express myself again to you, that this meeting did not in any way influence the decision of your Grand High Priest in the least, but he did obtain further information and was more convinced that the Jurisprudence Committee was not in possession of all the facts when this body made its recommendation to the Grand Chapter.

On August 14, 1951, I issued a directive to the High Priest of Tampa Chapter No. 3 and also to the High Priest of Monroe D. Cushing Chapter No. 54 to have the membership of their Chapters summoned to a joint meeting of both Chapters to be held at a time and place agreeable to both Chapters on any evening during the weeks of the 9th or 16th of September, except Wednesday or Saturday evenings. In a few days I was advised that the date and place of the meeting had been agreed upon. The date being September 14, 1951, in the Hall of Hillsborough Lodge F. & A. M., and was furnished a copy of the summons that was issued to the members of both Chapters. On August 23,

1951, I issued a directive to E. Companion A. S. Epele, District Deputy Grand High Priest of the Third District, to be present, also, as he was in possession of all that had been done up to the present time and it was my desire to keep him up to date.

In company with E. Companion Edward Gerrets I arrived in the City of Tampa, Florida, on the evening of September 14, 1951. Up to this time I had not divulged my intentions to any person in that City. Not even the Companion who accompanied me there knew what the results of this meeting would be. No one met me when I arrived because no one knew the time of my arrival. However, E. Companion Epele, after checking hotels for some time, found me, but he was not in possession of any information as to what I intended to do.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p. m. on September 14, 1951, by E. Companion A. S. Epele District Deputy Grand High Priest of the Third District. There was a good representation from both Chapters present, something over two hundred Companions had answered the summonses they had received. After prayer was offered the meeting was turned over to the Grand High Priest, who after a few brief remarks issued the following order, and delivered a copy into the hands of the High Priests of both Tampa Chapter No. 3 and Monroe D. Cushing Chapter No. 54, Royal Arch Masons.

Jacksonville, Florida, September 14, 1951.

To the High Priest, King, Scribe and Members of Tampa Chapter No. 3 and Monroe D. Cushing Chapter No. 54, Royal Arch Masons, Tampa, Florida,

COMPANIONS:

The matter of the consolidation of Tampa Chapter No. 3 and Monroe D. Cushing Chapter No. 54, Royal Arch Masons, as having been recommended by the Jurisprudence Committee of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Florida, as recorded on pages 17 and 18 of the 1951 Proceedings under date of May 17, 1951. The said matter having been by me thoroughly investigated, and it appearing that the said committee at the time of this action, was not in possession of all facts appertaining to said case, and further, that the consolidation of the two Chapters aforementioned would not, in the opinion of your humble servant, serve the best interest of Capitular Masonry in this State, NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT SO ORDERED: That, by the authority in me vested as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Florida, That the action so taken by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida, as recorded on pages 17 and 18 of the 1951 Proceedings of said Grand Chapter, relative to the consolidation of Tampa Chapter No. 3 and Monroe D. Cushing Chapter No. 54, Royal Arch Masons, also any proceedings that may be in existence at this time, of any action taken by either of the two Chapters concerned relative to their consolidation, BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY SET ASIDE AND ABATED.

Dated this 14th day of September, A. D. 1951, A. I. 2481, at Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida.

ORVILLE A. CLARK, *Grand High Priest.*

INVITATIONS

During this Capitular year your Grand High Priest has received many invitations to attend Grand Convocations of other Grand Jurisdictions, but owing to a physical condition was able to accept only a few of them.

It was with much regret that I was unable to attend the Grand Meeting in Tennessee in January of this year. I did, however, dispatch our beloved Grand King, Richard Haughton, authority to represent me at the time. He reported a wonderful trip, and was accorded all the honors that such a journey carries with it.

VOUCHERS EXECUTED

During this fiscal year, your Grand High Priest has attached his signature to vouchers No. 1 through No. 41 in the amount of \$3,790.22. All

vouchers and records are in the hands of the finance committee, and available for your perusal and study.

NOTICE OF DECEASED

On the morning of February 19, 1952, I received notice by telegram from our Secretary John B. Phelps of the passing of our beloved Past Grand High Priest, Henry O. Snow. I was much depressed and saddened by the news of his passing, because of the fact that we had the pleasure when in Tampa on January 4 to have a short but pleasant visit with Dr. Snow, at which time he seemed to be in excellent spirits, chatting and joking as was his usual custom.

Immediately upon receiving this sad news I at once, realizing my inability to attend in person, contacted E. Companion A. S. Epele, District Deputy Grand High Priest of the Third District, requesting that he act as my special representative at the funeral services of Doctor Snow, which was scheduled to be held in the Hall of Hillsborough Lodge F. & A. M. on February 20, 1952.

In his passing we are reminded that, "The life of man is not completed here. Though removed from our sight he does not cease to be. You cannot crowd a life into three score years and ten, or complete the Spiritual Temple within life's mortal span. Life is something more than the form we see and the voice we hear. The influence of all right-living men is immortal. The dead are really the living. There is no force so potent as that which emanates from a living personality. Therefore, we are guided by the memory of those we have known and loved long since and lost awhile."

The committee on memorials will of course give this their undivided attention in their report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

During this Capitular year it has come to the attention of your Grand High Priest that there are several Companions in our state who have transferred their membership from one Chapter to another. Of course a decision of this nature is left to the good judgment of the individual Companion. But when a Companion takes a Demit from one Chapter and affiliates with another Chapter he loses his identity as far as the value of his MARK is concerned, because there is no provision in our Constitution and Laws governing the issuance of another Mark to a Companion who receives his membership in a Chapter by affiliation.

THEREFORE, I recommend, That when any Companion transfers his membership from one Chapter to another, or, when a Companion is accepted as a member of a Chapter in this State who held a Demit from a Chapter outside of this Grand Jurisdiction that said Chapter be empowered with authority to issue to the Companion a new Mark, thereby re-establishing his identity.

I further recommend, That, No Chapter in this State be allowed to issue to any Companion, or person, other than their own members a MARK for any purpose, and that each constituent Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction be notified of this in writing by the Grand Secretary.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, may I again express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the opportunity of serving this Grand Chapter as Grand High Priest and for the many favors and courtesies extended to me during my term of office. Also for the splendid cooperation which I have realized from everyone in every respect.

And now, the time of my departure is at hand. I have finished my course, but it is not I who would say "I have fought a good fight." This of course is again left in your hands, and your humble servant will abide by your decision.

May I be permitted to leave with you, this thought, that, "Freemasonry has ever been termed the 'Royal Art,' not because it has in all ages been patronized by royal personages and men of distinction, but because it is of all arts the most noble; the art that teaches man how to perfect his Temple of

Virtue by pursuing the 'Royal Law,' that law of universal love and universal brotherhood."

"These things I command you," said the Master, "that ye love one another." James also says, "If ye fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Throughout all of the degrees and symbolism of Masonry, culminating in the Royal Arch Degree, the search for the WORD has been but a symbolic expression of the Search for TRUTH. The attainment of this TRUTH is the design of all Masonic labor. Divine Truth—the knowledge of God—is typified in the Masonic system under the mystical expression of the TRUE WORD, and if the Masonic student has found in the Royal Arch that measure of enlightenment its sublime symbolism is intended to teach, he will pursue his Masonic search to its ultimate conclusion, where, "At the base of the Triangle in the covenant of a new faith he may find that Great Light that will open the way for him to the Great White Throne above, where, in the presence of the Great Trinity, he may receive at last the full and complete revelation of DIVINE TRUTH."

"There, the designs upon the trestleboard will be seen completed; for the broken Triangle shall be restored."

"There, the noon-tide of bliss will eternally shine;" for the Compass of Faith shall transcend the Square of Reason.

"There, the scales of doubt and darkness shall fall from our eyes, and the wise purposes of the Divine Architect be revealed in all their beauty and splendor;" for the Circle of Universal Peace shall be attained, and the reign of the Blessed Immanuel, the Prince of Peace, the Great Captain of our Salvation, shall become universal and eternal.

Fraternally yours,

ORVILLE A. CLARK, *Grand High Priest.*

REPORT OF YOUR COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION

(which was adopted)

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

Your Committee on Distribution recommends the following:

1. That the address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest be accepted and incorporated in the minutes of this Grand Chapter.
2. That the expressions of thanks be referred to the Committee on Thanks.
3. That the special dispensations and changes in By-Laws be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.
4. That that part of the reports pertaining to Finance be referred to the Committee on Finance.
5. That that part of the report referring to the action of the Grand Chapter as recommended by the Jurisprudence and Laws Committee, as listed on Pages 17 and 18 of the 1951 Proceedings be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.
6. That the section of the report dealing with the passing of our beloved Most Excellent Companion, Henry O. Snow, be referred to the Committee on Necrology.
7. AND, we recommend that that portion of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary and the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer's Report pertaining to Finance be referred to the Committee on Finance. AND, that portion referring to Returns and Credentials be referred to the Committee on Returns.

Fraternally submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS

(which was adopted)

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions:

As every Mason knows, Low Twelve is a solemn hour. We are now assembled to commemorate and recall the names of the 119 Companions who heard the stroke of twelve and have entered through the innermost veil.

Bowing thus to the summons of the Supreme Grand High Priest, these Companions have passed since our Grand Convocation from these finite shores, guided by the omnipotent hand of a loving God, to the realms of everlasting peace and rest.

Our active line of Officers is unbroken, for which we are devotedly thankful. But Past Grand High Priest Dr. Henry O. Snow answered the roll call and has gone from us. We know his zeal and efficiency in all the York Rite bodies. We shall miss him greatly.

As is true from year to year, our Sister Grand Jurisdictions have seen many Companions sever these earthly relationships nevermore to return again. But thank God, we as Masons, have a profound faith in the resurrection of the body and an assurance of the immortality of the soul. Consequently, we confidently look for a nobler life beyond the grave.

Today, our Fraternity stands between an old world that is dying and a new world struggling to be born. It is for us as consecrated Masons to highly resolve to daily live our principles and spread our teaching of Brotherhood among the sons of men. Whatever is done, must be done *now* if our civilization is to endure.

THE DEPARTED DEAD FROM OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

ARKANSAS—William Banks Ward, P.I.G.M.

ALABAMA—Louis J. Wright, P.I.G.M.

ALBERTA—Harold William B. Bell, Past Grand First Principal.

ARIZONA—Harry A. Drachman, P.I.G.M.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—George H. Mackay, P. Grand First Principal; Gerald H. Sedger, Past Grand Principal; Alexander E. Davidson, Past Grand First Principal.

COLORADO—Anthony Riesenerker, P.G.H.P.

CALIFORNIA—Floyd B. Beckwith, P.G.H.P.; Hugh King McKeivitt, Grand Treasurer; Hiatt Tisdale, P.G.H.P.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—Simon Bube, P.G.H.P.; Harry A. Strong, P.G.H.P.

IDAHO—Alonza Cone, Grand Lecturer.

INDIANA—Glen N. Schwartz, Grand Steward; Samuel L. Shirley, P.G.H.P.

KANSAS—Charley B. Erskine, P.G.M.; William E. Hutchinson, P.G.H.P.

KENTUCKY—William B. Morrow, Grand Captain of the Host.

MAINE—E. Murry Graham, P.G.K.

MARYLAND—Joseph S. Haas, P.G.H.P.

MANITOBA—Dr. Ben S. Bailey, P.G.F.P.

MASSACHUSETTS—Raymond T. Sewall, Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN—Verne Elroy Nelson, P.G.K.

MONTANA—Alfred Whitworth, P.G.H.P.; Edward W. Spottswood, P.G.H.P.; John S. Harrison, IV., Grand Treasurer; Llewellyn L. Callaway, P.G.H.P.; Dr. Ira W. Stam, G.H.P.; Herbert L. Lange, G.H.P.; Luther T. Hauberg, G.R.

NEW JERSEY—Charles B. McCracken, P.G.H.P.; Albert Leon, P.G.H.P.

NEBRASKA—John R. Stine, P.G.H.P.

NEVADA—George N. Doyle, P.G.H.P.

NEW YORK—John H. O'Brien, P.G.H.P.; Frank A. Lobee, P.G.H.P.; Chauncey B. Hammond, P.G.H.P.

OKLAHOMA—Ben H. Frohock, P.G.H.P.; Edward P. Gallup, P.G.H.P.

NORTH DAKOTA—William Hall, P.G.H.P.

OREGON—Frank W. Settlemier, P.G.H.P.

OHIO—Royal A. Walkup, P.G.H.P.

QUEBEC—Walter W. Williamson, Grand Scribe "E".

WISCONSIN—Frank R. Graham, P.G.H.P.

WYOMING—Archibald MacCarty, Grand Chaplain; Robert H. Lawrence, P.G.H.P.; Carl F. Kneisel, P.G.H.P.

SASKATCHEWAN—Walter E. Bristome, Past Grand First Principal; Judge E. R. Wylie, Past Grand First Principal.

SOUTH DAKOTA—Oliver A. Bray, Grand Treasurer.

TEXAS—Thomas M. Bartley, Past G.S.

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. RUTTER

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

MAY 1st, 1952

(which was adopted)

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

Your Grand Treasurer submits the following report:

May 1st, 1951 Bank Balance, Page 13, Proceedings 1951.....	\$ 13,713.85
Received from Grand Secretary.....	\$ 11,365.55
U. S. Government Bonds Interest.....	550.00

11,915.55

Total Receipts and Balance..... \$ 25,629.40

DISBURSEMENTS

Payroll.....	\$ 2,862.30
U. S. Bonds Purchased.....	4,000.00
Warrants 1951 a/c.....	782.53
Warrants Numbers 1 to 41 Inclusive.....	3,790.22
Bank Charges.....	1.60

11,436.65

Balance..... \$ 14,192.75

Warrants Outstanding:

Number 37..... 4.12

Number 41..... 75.90

80.02

May 1st, 1952 Bank Balance..... \$ 14,272.77

U. S. Government Bonds in Safety Deposit Box 2319 at First National Bank of Tampa, in the amount of.....	\$ 24,000.00
Bank Certificate attached.	

Fraternally submitted,

RILEY J. McMASTER,
Grand Treasurer

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

(which was adopted)

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida:

Your Grand Secretary submits the following report:

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

All Commissions for Grand Representatives were issued or forwarded promptly.

ANNUAL RETURNS

All Chapters have made correct returns and paid the necessary dues, except Putnam Chapter No. 9, overpaid due to not having taken credit for three Emeritus Members in the amount of \$3.75.

STATISTICS

Membership as of December 27th, 1950.....	7,550
Exalted during the year 1951	577
Reinstated during the year 1951	49
Affiliated during the year 1951	91
Total additions during the year 1951.....	717
Died during the year 1951.....	119
Demitted during the year 1951	47
Suspended during the year 1951	250
Expelled during the year 1951.....	1
Total deductions for year 1951.....	417
Net Gain for the year 1951.....	300
Present Membership as of December 27th, 1951.....	7,850
Emeritus Members exempt from dues.....	167

FINANCES

Balance in First National Bank of Tampa May 1st, 1951.....	\$ 13,713.85
Receipts all sources	11,915.55
Total Receipts and Balance	\$ 25,629.40

DISBURSEMENTS

Pay Roll and other expenses at Jacksonville.....	\$ 3,644.83
Warrants 1 to 41 Inclusive for year 1951	3,790.22
U. S. Bonds bought by Grand Treasurer	4,000.00
Bank Charges for year 1951	1.60
Total Disbursements for year 1951.....	\$ 11,436.65
Balance as of May 1st, 1952	\$ 14,192.75
Warrants outstanding for year 1951, Nos. 37 and 41.....	\$ 80.02
Balance in First National Bank of Tampa May 1st, 1951.....	\$ 14,272.77

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. PHELPS,
Grand Secretary

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

(which was adopted)

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

Your Committee on Time and Place respectfully presents the following report: We have received a most cordial invitation from the York Rite Bodies of the City of St. Petersburg and we recommend that the next regular Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter be held in the City of St. Petersburg at the time as designated.

Fraternally submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THANKS

(which was adopted)

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

Your Committee on Thanks wishes to report that we find special letters of appreciation due the following individuals and organizations for their contributions of time, effort and facilities so generously supplied to make our visit to Pensacola most pleasant and worthwhile.

Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Air Station, for the educational and interesting trip through the Pensacola Naval Air Station and the expert handling and pleasant direction of personnel while on this trip. It is an experience each of us will recall with much satisfaction in the years to come.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the United States Navy has contributed so greatly to the pleasure and enlightenment of the members of the York Rite Masonic Bodies of the State of Florida attending the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of K.T. of Florida, the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of R. & S. M. of Florida and the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of R.A.M. of Florida held in Pensacola.

AND since the courtesy and cordiality of the Chief of Naval Air Base Training Command, the officers of his Staff and of the Commanding Officer of the Pensacola Naval Air Station in arranging a tour of the Naval Air Station with a glimpse of some of the daily activities is deeply appreciated by us.

BE IT RESOLVED that it is the desire of the members here assembled that the R.E. Grand Secretary-Recorder officially communicate to the Secretary of the Navy their appreciation of the efforts of the Officers and men of the local station in acquainting civilian groups with their training activities and that a copy of his letter be sent to Rear Admiral J. P. Whitney, Captain C. W. Oexle, Captain G. S. James, Jr., and Lt. Commander Don S. Glant.

ADDRESS: Hon. Dan A. Kimball, Secretary of the Navy, Washington, D. C.; Vice Admiral John Dale Price, Chief of Naval Air Training, Pensacola; Rear Admiral J. P. Whitney, Chief, Naval Air Basic Training Command, Pensacola; Captain Chas. W. Oexle, Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station, Pensacola; Captain G. S. James, Jr., Chief of Staff, NABTC, Pensacola; Lt. Commander Don S. Glant, Public Information Officer, Pensacola.

Dr. Henry Bell Hodgkins, Rector of Christ Church, and his wonderful choir, their organist, their ushers and their congregation, for the great kindness, wonderful music and Christian welcome. You are truly a shining light in a world in need of more light.

The Chamber of Commerce.

The Mayor, and the City Manager, including the Police Department and their other service departments.

The Pensacola Journal and the Pensacola News for their excellent news coverage of our Sessions. They have given us the best newspaper service we have received for many years and we recognize this and thank them for it.

To the San Carlos Hotel.

To the Miami Drill Team for their great effort for the edification of all of us even though the weather prevented the fulfillment of their wishes.

To Escambia Lodge, No. 15, F. and A. M. for their wonderful luncheon, their Temple facilities and equipment and the labor of their members who did so much to help our sessions to be comfortable and in proper surroundings; also Pensacola No. 42 and Naval No. 24 contributed their fair share to our enjoyment.

To the Eastern Star Ladies who did so much to make our luncheon a fine success which we all agree that it was.

To Mount Horeb Chapter No. 6, Royal Arch Masons for their opening of our Grand Chapter Session.

To the Scottish Rite Bodies of Pensacola for their wonderful breakfast and the whole-hearted cooperation and personal services rendered to our York Rite Bodies to make our Grand Sessions most pleasant.

To Luther Jordan, M.E. General Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, for the great contribution to Capitular Masonry and to humanity for his profound and inspiring address and the pleasure of his being here with us. Truly, we appreciate him as one of America's nobleman.

To the Ladies Committee for their most highly appreciated planning and carrying through of one of the finest entertainment programs for our visiting ladies which it has been our pleasure to know of anywhere.

To the local Committees for the whole staging and carrying through of one of the finest Grand Chapter of Florida Sessions on record. We found them most pleasant, and outstandingly capable. Companions, we are deeply grateful.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

THE COMMITTEE

Motion prevailed that the Grand High Priest appoint a secret committee to select the Companion most deserving of the General Grand Chapter Award of Merit jewel.

The Grand High Priest called for the election of officers to serve the Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. The following tellers were appointed: Companions William J. Walter, Henry M. Richarde and A. Archer. The following officers were elected:

Richard Houghton.....	<i>Grand High Priest</i>
Wilbur W. Masters.....	<i>Grand King</i>
Thomas E. Dickinson.....	<i>Grand Scribe</i>
Riley J. McMasters.....	<i>Grand Treasurer</i>
John B. Phelps, Sr.....	<i>Grand Secretary</i>
Dorsey H. Rutter.....	<i>Grand Chaplain</i>

At this time the Grand High Priest elect appointed the following officers to serve this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year:

Alexander C. Blount.....	<i>Grand Captain of the Host</i>
Leon C. Stewart.....	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner</i>
Herman C. Wendland.....	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain</i>
William J. Abram.....	<i>Grand Master Third Veil</i>
Charles W. Arnold.....	<i>Grand Master Second Veil</i>
Russell W. Houston.....	<i>Grand Master First Veil</i>
John Robert Moore.....	<i>Grand Sentinel</i>

The officers who had been elected and appointed to serve this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year were installed by M.E. Companion John Bridges Phelps, assisted by M.E. Companion Thomas Earl Doss, as Grand Marshal.

The present, having been presented to the retiring M.E. Grand High Priest, at the time of our annual banquet, he was only presented at this time with an apron by Companion John B. Phelps.

Motion prevailed that the Grand Secretary send a telegram notifying Wilbur W. Masters of his election to the office of Grand King, also expressing our sympathy and regrets to him because of his illness.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
(which was adopted)

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

We, your Committee on Finance, have checked the books of the Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Secretary, and find them correct with a balance in the First National Bank of Tampa, Florida.....\$14,272.77

U. S. Government Bonds in safety deposit box No. 2319, First National Bank of Tampa, Florida, face value.....	24,000.00
Total	\$38,272.77

From the general fund of \$14,272.77, we recommend the following appropriations:

Pay Roll (subject to correction)	\$ 3,979.75
Grand Treasurer, expense account	200.00
Grand Secretary's salary	1,200.00
Grand Secretary's office expense	300.00
Grand High Priest and District Deputies expenses.....	358.40
York Rite Bodies, Pensacola	250.00

We further recommend that the Grand Secretary purchase a Past Grand High Priest apron and jewel (or watch), whichever is selected, and have on hand for presentation at the next annual Convocation. That he draw warrants, and the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay for same.

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

We further recommend that this Grand Chapter pay to the Masonic Home Endowment fund, the sum of \$50.00.

We further recommend that the Grand Secretary draw a warrant, and the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay same, in the sum of \$250.00, to the York Rite Bodies entertaining this Grand Chapter for 1953.

We further recommend that the Grand Treasurer be instructed to purchase \$2,000.00 U. S. Government Bonds in the name of this Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

REPORT OF YOUR JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
(which was adopted)

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

Your Jurisprudence Committee after reading the report of our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, and after thorough deliberation, are in full accord with his actions and wish to commend him on same for a job well done.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

The Resolution introduced at the last annual convocation as shown on Page 17 of the Grand Chapter Proceedings of last year and adopted at this 1952 Annual Convocation, reads as follows:

RESOLUTION

"That the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida, do hereby make it a prerequisite to the receiving of the degrees in any Constituent Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, that a petition for the degrees of a Council of Royal and Select Masters be filed with the Secretary of a Constituent Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, under whose jurisdiction the said applicant is a resident, and the said Secretary receiving the petition for the degrees of a Council of Royal and Select Masters, shall forward said petition and fee to the Recorder of the nearest Council as soon as the applicant shall have received the degrees of the Royal Arch Chapter.

"It is further required that each personal applicant who becomes a member of the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and a Council of Royal and Select Masters maintain membership in a Council of Royal and Select Masters to continue as a member of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. Should a candidate for any reason be rejected in a Council of Royal and Select Masters, his membership in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons would not be affected thereby."

A Resolution was introduced by Companion Carl H. Papier to amend Section 72 of the Regulations. The Resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION

To the first phrase, which reads: "A petition for the degrees must be presented at a regular convocation of the chapter" add "or may be presented at a special convocation by special dispensation of the

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, after written notice thereof, post dated at least one week before such convocation, has been mailed to each member of the chapter."

The Grand High Priest made the following appointments of Committees and District Deputy Grand High Priests:

COMMITTEES

JURISPRUDENCE

All Past Grand High Priests

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

Harry R. Thompson

PRINTING

John B. Phelps

MEMORIALS

Dorsey H. Rutter

Russell S. Carlton

Samuel E. Page

FINANCE

Jesse E. Ramsdell, Three Years

Joel A. Fite, Two Years

Russell W. Houston, One Year

RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS

Loren L. Dilger, Three Years

L. Earl Curry, Two Years

Ralph G. Reynolds, One Year

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

DISTRICT NO. 1—Claude L. Fendley, 1221 Alpha St., West Palm Beach, Florida
Jericho No. 10, Keystone No. 20, Lakeworth No. 24, Joppa No. 28.

DISTRICT NO. 2—Robert L. Thompson, Fort Myers, Florida
Manatee No. 18, Sarasota No. 35, Poinciana No. 50.

DISTRICT NO. 3—M. N. Gerhard, 609 Orange Avenue, Dunedin, Florida
Tampa No. 3, St. Petersburg No. 31, Clearwater No. 45, Hill City No. 55, Montoe D. Cushing No. 54.

DISTRICT NO. 4—F. E. Papet, 505 Daniels St., Plant City, Florida
Plant City No. 15, Thomas Brown No. 22, Lakeland No. 29, Winter Haven No. 41, Highlands No. 42, Dade City No. 8.

DISTRICT NO. 5—Robert G. Thompson, Leesburg, Florida
St. Johns No. 4, Halifax No. 5, Eureka No. 7, Monroe No. 15, Indian River No. 27, Eustis No. 33, Leesburg No. 34.

DISTRICT NO. 6—Henry M. Richarde, Raiford, Florida
Gainesville No. 2, Putnam No. 9, Ocala No. 13, Lake Butler No. 19.

DISTRICT NO. 7—Walter D. Battey, 3660 Raiford St., Jacksonville, Florida
Jacksonville No. 12, St. Augustine No. 17, Duval No. 48, Nassau No. 49.

DISTRICT NO. 8—J. W. Nelson, P. O. Box 153, Park Street, Lake City, Florida
Live Oak No. 25, Lake City No. 38.

DISTRICT NO. 9—J. T. Williams, 825 W. St. Augustine St., Tallahassee, Florida
Florida No. 1, Jefferson No. 26, Gadsden No. 30.

DISTRICT No. 10—Vaughn H. Roebuck, 339 Massalina Drive, Panama City, Fla.
Jackson No. 32, Bay County No. 39, St. Joseph No. 56.

DISTRICT No. 11—Robert L. Pulley, c/o Gulf Power Co., Pensacola, Florida
Mt. Horeb No. 6, Crestview No. 40, Surf No. 57.

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

JOHN B. PHELPS
Grand Secretary

RICHARD HOUGHTON
Grand High Priest

May 22, 1952

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY MAY 21, 1952, A. B. 3865

The Annual Assembly of the Order of High Priesthood was held in the Masonic Temple in the City of Pensacola, Wednesday morning, May 21, 1952, A. B. 3865, at 9:00 a. m. The assembly was opened with prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll being called, it was found that the following officers were present:

William B. Greer.....	<i>Acting President</i>
Loren L. Dilger.....	<i>Vice President</i>
Dorsey H. Rutter.....	<i>Chaplain</i>
John B. Phelps.....	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>
David M. Winans.....	<i>Master of Ceremonies</i>
Carl H. Papier.....	<i>Conductor</i>
Frederic A. Riegel.....	<i>Herald</i>
George A. Lambe.....	<i>Steward</i>
Cleveland R. Horne.....	<i>Sentinel</i>

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

FLORIDA COUNCIL OF THE ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD
(which was adopted)

Your Secretary-Treasurer submits the following report:

Balance in First Federal of Miami, May 8th, 1952.....\$ 435.62

RECEIPTS

Twenty-three Candidates at \$6.00 each.....\$ 138.00
Total receipts.....\$ 138.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Balance due Secretary-Treasurer, 1950.....\$ 2.70
Secretary's salary for year 1950-1951.....25.00
32 Bibles bought at \$3.75 each plus shipping charges.....122.93

Total disbursements.....\$ 150.63

Balance due Secretary-Treasurer 5-23-51.....\$ 12.63

Deposited May 25th, 1951.....\$ 0.00

Balance in First Federal as of May 25th, 1951.....435.62

Interest for year 1951-1952 on moneys in First Federal.....11.37

Balance in First Federal of Miami May 5th, 1952.....\$ 446.00

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. PHELPS,
Secretary-Treasurer

Acting President Greer called for the election of officers at this time with the following results:

William B. Greer.....	<i>President</i>
David M. Winans.....	<i>Vice President</i>
Dorsey H. Rutter.....	<i>Chaplain</i>
John B. Phelps.....	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>

Motion prevailed that the president be authorized to choose the officers who are to assist him in conferring the order of high priesthood. The President appointed the following:

Russell W. Houston.....	<i>Master of Ceremonies</i>
Thomas E. Dickenson.....	<i>Conductor</i>
Charles W. Arnold.....	<i>Herald</i>
Cleveland R. Horne.....	<i>Steward</i>
William J. Abram.....	<i>Sentinel</i>

Motion prevailed that the Secretary-Treasurer salary be increased to \$35.00 for the year 1951-52.

Petitions for the Order were received from present and past high priests, all of whom were elected to receive the Order:

Gainesville.....	No. 2	—	Henry M. Recharde
Tampa.....	No. 3	—	John M. Friedel
Halifax.....	No. 5	—	Arthur B. Clawson
Mount Horeb.....	No. 6	—	T. A. Wasler H. Ralph Watson William F. Hansen
Eureka.....	No. 7	—	H. W. Bremer
Jacksonville.....	No. 12	—	Allie J. Giroir
Ocala.....	No. 13	—	Henry B. Laird
Keystone.....	No. 20	—	L. R. M. Halvorsen
Lake Worth.....	No. 24	—	Dennis F. Bell
Live Oak.....	No. 25	—	John D. Workman
Indian River.....	No. 27	—	Walter H. J. Howe
St. Petersburg.....	No. 31	—	Donald E. Brown
Leesburg.....	No. 34	—	Robert G. Thompson
Sarasota.....	No. 35	—	Dr. Robert E. Morris
Bay County.....	No. 39	—	Richard L. Newsham
Crestview.....	No. 40	—	Mayo Ferden Cleo Stanley
Monroe D. Cushing.....	No. 54	—	A. G. Moon
Hill City.....	No. 55	—	B. A. Crum
Surf.....	No. 57	—	Glen W. Heflin Robert C. Thomas

As a courtesy, the Order was conferred upon

Ralph Walter, Temple 215, Erie, Pennsylvania.

H. Frank Ledford, Woodlawn Chapter No. 146, Birmingham, Alabama.

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

Motion prevailed to elect our distinguished guests as Honorary Members of the Order of High Priesthood of Florida.

Motion prevailed that the Council be closed. This was done with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

JOHN B. PHELPS,
Secretary-Treasurer

WILLIAM B. GREER,
President

May 21, 1952.

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.

