

THE YORK RITE
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1956

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

SARASOTA-BRADENTON

To the Companions, Sir Knights, and their Ladies, also the Ladies of the Eastern Star, the City Officials, the police, the hotels and their entire staff, and to the newspapers: We wish to express our sincere and deep appreciation for the many courtesies extended to us by each and all.

To the Companions and Sir Knights for arranging for the meetings and all details incident thereto, we wish to say that the annual meetings were a great success and it was due to your effort in arranging and caring for the details.

To the Ladies of our Companions and Sir Knights, we wish to express our sincere thanks for making the stay of our Ladies with you there such an enjoyable visit. There was not a dissenting voice among all the visiting Ladies. On the contrary, everyone expressed how wonderful they were cared for and the many pleasant moments they spent while with you.

To the city officials and police, we wish to express our sincere thanks for the many kindnesses extended to us as well as the privileges granted to us in parking wherever necessary.

To the hotels and its staff for their excellent service in caring for our every wish during our sojourn in their hotels, even to the bell-boys, they were courteous, considerate and prompt in complying with our every wish.

To the newspapers, we are deeply indebted, and we wish to let them know how much we appreciate the many courtesies extended to us and the wonderful coverage and publicity given to our meetings. They could not have been improved upon, and I must say it was about the best that I have ever experienced.

So, again, to each of you, we want to say Thanks and hope that you will invite us to your city again some time in the future.

BANQUET

The Annual Banquet, held at Club Lido on Lido Island, Wednesday, May 16, 1956, was outstanding. The food for the inner-self was as good as we have ever partaken of. The music was supplied by our fine Companion Coy Nichols and Mrs. Walter I. Stevenson, as pianist. The songs selected were all favorites and were enjoyed to the utmost by everyone in attendance. It is indeed an enjoyable experience to have a soloist such as Coy Nichols, who is ready and willing at all times to render vocal selections in an outstanding manner. It is also a happy experience when Mrs. Stevenson is serving at the piano because we know that it will be done in a manner that will be pleasing, not only to the soloist, but to everyone giving ear to the music. We wish to express our sincere appreciation to each of these fine people.

**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. L.) "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 organization 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: 1956 and 4000—5956.

Scottish Rite—
Add 3760 years to the common era. Thus: 1956 and 3760—5716.
After September add another year.

Royal Arch—
Add 530 years to the vulgar year. Thus: 1956 and 530—2486.

Royal and Select Masters—
Add 1000 years to the common era. Thus: 1956 and 1000—2956.

Knights Templar—
From the Christian era take 1118. Thus: 1118 from 1956—838.

Order of High Priesthood
To the Christian era add 1913, the year of Blessing. Thus: 1956 and 1913—3896.



HERMAN JULIUS WENDLAND
Grand High Priest
1956 - 1957

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

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH
ANNUAL CONVOCATION

ALEXANDER CLEMENT BLOUNT
Grand High Priest
PRESIDING

HERMAN JULIUS WENDLAND
ELECTED

HELD IN THE CITY OF SARASOTA
May 16-17, A. D. 1956, A. I. 2486

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

A.D. 1956 - 1957

- HERMAN JULIUS WENDLAND.....*Grand High Priest*
1019 Fourteenth Street West, Bradenton
- WILLIAM JOSHUA ABRAM.....*Grand King*
P. O. Box 922, Lakeland
- CHARLES WINN AMOLD.....*Grand Scribe*
228 East Miller Street, Orlando
- RILEY JAMES MCMASTER.....*Grand Treasurer Emeritus*
2911 Angeles Street, Tampa
- RUSSELL WILSON HOUSTON.....*Grand Treasurer*
860 S. W. First Street, Miami
- JOHN BRIDGES PHELPS.....*Grand Secretary*
P. O. Box 283, Miami 2
- REV. FRED TOOMS KYLE, JR.....*Grand Chaplain*
Sarasota
- JOHN ROBERT MOORE.....*Grand Captain of the Host*
P. O. Box 1159, St. Petersburg
- JESSE HOWARD WILLSON.....*Grand Principal Sojourner*
P. O. Box 38, Bartow
- LATHERN EARL CURRY.....*Grand Royal Arch Captain*
Ingraham Building, Miami
- JAMES ANDREW WINFIELD.....*Grand Master of Third Veil*
P. O. Box 985, St. Augustine
- RAY HENRY SCHMIDT.....*Grand Master of Second Veil*
P. O. Box 857, Panama City
- MARTIN NISSEN GERHARD.....*Grand Master of First Veil*
P. O. Box 724, Dunedin
- HENRY ASHTON BROSNAM, JR.....*Grand Sentinel*
P. O. Box 1348, Pensacola

THE ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION WILL
BE HELD MAY 22 AND 23 IN PANAMA CITY

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION
IN THE YEAR 1956

Sarasota Chapter No. 35 opened in ample form and invited the Grand Officers to enter the Chapter Room, which we did, and then the Grand High Priest assumed the duties of his office and opened the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in its One Hundred and Ninth Annual Convocation in ample form, in the City of Sarasota, Florida, at 11:00 A. M. Wednesday, May 16, 1956.

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

GRAND OFFICERS

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| Alexander Clement Blount..... | <i>Grand High Priest</i> |
| Herman Julius Wendland..... | <i>Grand King</i> |
| William Joshua Abram..... | <i>Grand Scribe</i> |
| Russell Wilson Houston..... | <i>Grand Treasurer</i> |
| John Bridges Phelps..... | <i>Grand Secretary</i> |
| Russell Sanborn Carleton..... | <i>Grand Chaplain</i> |
| Charles Winn Amold..... | <i>Grand Captain of the Host</i> |
| John Robert Moore..... | <i>Grand Principal Sojourner</i> |
| Jesse Howard Wilson..... | <i>Grand Royal Arch Captain</i> |
| Lathern Earl Curry..... | <i>Grand Master of Third Veil</i> |
| James Andrew Winfield..... | <i>Grand Master of Second Veil</i> |
| Ray Henry Schmidt..... | <i>Grand Master of First Veil</i> |
| Martin Nissen Gerhard..... | <i>Grand Sentinel</i> |

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS PRESENT

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| William B. Greer | Harry R. Thompson |
| Archie Aitchison | Loren L. Dilger |
| John B. Phelps | David M. Winans |
| Frederic A. Riegel | Orville A. Clark |
| George Albert Lambe | Wilbur W. Masters, Jr. |

REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

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| Florida..... | No. 1 | — N. Harrison (Proxy)
M. H. Ritchie (Proxy)
J. T. Williams (Proxy) |
| Gainesville..... | No. 2 | — James A. Tucker (Proxy)
James A. Tucker (Proxy)
James A. Tucker (Proxy) |
| Tampa..... | No. 3 | — Jarvis O. McSwain (HP)
C. K. McAboy (K)
William A. Murrell (S) |
| St. Johns..... | No. 4 | — William Snaith (Proxy) |
| Halifax..... | No. 5 | — Adam D. Sheftall (HP)
George Rimmer (Proxy)
C. C. Carter (Proxy) |

Mount Horeb.....	No. 6	— H. Ashton Brosnaham, Jr. (HP) H. Ashton Brosnaham, Jr. (Proxy) H. Ashton Brosnaham, Jr. (Proxy)
Eureka.....	No. 7	— Lofton Dee Chiles (HP)
Dade City.....	No. 8	— Frank William Lane (HP)
Putnam.....	No. 9	— C. R. Kemp (Proxy) L. G. Stone (Proxy) D. W. Broadway (Proxy)
Jericho.....	No. 10	— Charles H. Green (HP) W. Worth Schomberg (K) Paul R. Davis (S)
Jacksonville.....	No. 12	— Walter T. Poole (HP) W. C. Bate (K)
Ocala.....	No. 13	— Moses Moreno (Proxy) Arthur L. Kellam (HP) H. B. Laird (Proxy)
Monroe.....	No. 15	— Arthur A. Marwick (S) F. Hasky White (Proxy) W. A. Stansfield (Proxy) W. A. Stansfield (Proxy)
Plant City.....	No. 16	— L. P. Harrison (HP)
St. Augustine.....	No. 17	— Drakeford E. Gray (Proxy) Drakeford E. Gray (Proxy) Drakeford E. Gray (Proxy)
Manatee River.....	No. 18	— Harold V. Pierce (HP) Leslie O. Chisholm (K)
Lake Butler.....	No. 19	— W. F. Wynn (Proxy)
Keystone.....	No. 20	— Floyd L. Hamilton (HP) Lee R. Halvorsen (Proxy) Perry F. Snow (S)
Thomas Brown.....	No. 22	— Russell S. Carleton (Proxy) Jesse Wilson (Proxy) Jesse Wilson (Proxy)
Palm Beach.....	No. 24	— Raymond G. Jewell (HP)
Live Oak.....	No. 25	— Not represented
Jefferson.....	No. 26	— Not represented
Indian River.....	No. 27	— Not represented
Joppa.....	No. 28	— John D. Nash, Sr. (HP) Roy H. Wall (Proxy)
Lakeland.....	No. 29	— Andrew Jorgensen (Proxy) Andrew Jorgensen (Proxy) Andrew Jorgensen (Proxy)
Gadsden.....	No. 30	— Herbert E. Nelson (HP) Julian H. Ross (S)
St. Petersburg.....	No. 31	— Ralph A. Bush, Sr. (HP) Ralph A. Bush, Sr. (Proxy) Henry W. Rollins (S)
Jackson.....	No. 32	— Harry W. Lane (HP) J. R. Bestul (K) William D. Small (S)
Eustis.....	No. 33	— A. R. Lambe (HP) A. R. Lambe (Proxy) A. R. Lambe (Proxy) Kenneth E. Coup (HP) Charles W. McKay (Proxy) Roy E. Bates (Proxy)

Leesburg.....	No. 34	— William H. Broadway (HP) R. F. Byrd (Proxy) Glenn Faircloth (Proxy)
Sarasota.....	No. 35	— Hubert M. Palmer (HP) H. Norman Binley (K)
Lake City.....	No. 38	— Fred Weeks (HP) J. W. Nelson (Proxy)
Bay County.....	No. 39	— Robert C. McClure (HP) J. L. Cook (Proxy) U. V. Durden (Proxy)
Crestview.....	No. 40	— Vernon O. Taylor (HP) Vernon O. Taylor (Proxy) Vernon O. Taylor (Proxy)
Winter Haven.....	No. 41	— Richmond D. Hayes (HP)
Highlands.....	No. 42	— Alfred C. Petersen (Proxy) Alfred E. VanWickler (Proxy)
Clearwater.....	No. 45	— Gordon L. Kelley (HP) Martin N. Gerhard (Proxy) Ivan Bacon (Proxy)
Duval.....	No. 48	— William H. Reaves (Proxy) William H. Reaves (K) Floyd M. Crippen (S)
Nassau.....	No. 49	— John R. Thirsk (HP) James S. Stevens (K) Jacob L. Armstrong (S)
Poinciana.....	No. 50	— Charles A. Powell (HP)
Monroe D. Cushing.....	No. 54	— T. M. Blackshear (HP) James R. Easton (K) T. M. Blackshear (Proxy)
Hill City.....	No. 55	— Chad M. Ballard (Proxy)
St. Joseph.....	No. 56	— F. O. Allen, Sr. (HP)
Surf.....	No. 57	— James F. Norton, Jr. (HP) James F. Norton, Jr. (Proxy) James F. Norton, Jr. (Proxy)
Hiram.....	No. 60	— George L. Rogers (HP) Charles H. Pursley (K)

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS PRESENT

District No. 1—Andrew F. Jorgensen	District No. 6—B. E. Reisdorph
District No. 2—James R. Burris	District No. 7—D. W. Broadway
District No. 3—John M. Friedel	District No. 8—J. W. Nelson
District No. 4—James W. McDonald	District No. 9—J. T. Williams
District No. 5—Chester O. Cornwall	District No. 10—John H. Gibbs
	District No. 11—Drexel P. Caldwell

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Alaska.....	Walter T. Poole	Illinois.....	Archie Aitchison
Arkansas.....	Loren L. Dilger	Indiana.....	Walter I. Stevenson
British Columbia.....	Ford J. DeHaven	Iowa.....	Myron E. Clark
California.....	Henry B. Laird	Kansas.....	Glen E. Carpenter
Canada.....	H. J. Wendland	Kentucky.....	Winston H. Ward
Colorado.....	Ernest V. Reed	Louisiana.....	Norman C. Edwards
District of Columbia.....	S. E. Page	Maine.....	Charles W. Arnold
Georgia.....	J. D. Yeager	Manitoba.....	J. T. Williams
Idaho.....	Arthur S. Stewart	Maryland.....	George Rimmer

Mexico.....	John B. Phelps	Oregon.....	F. A. Riegel
Michigan.....	J. C. Reichert	Pennsylvania.....	O. A. Clark
Minnesota.....	J. A. Winfield	Quebec.....	D. F. Hosford
Mississippi.....	W. W. Masters, Jr.	Queensland.....	John B. Phelps
Missouri.....	Harry Guy	Saskatchewan.....	W. J. Abrams
Montana.....	G. A. Lambe	South Dakota.....	A. F. Jorgensen
Nebraska.....	Boyd L. Hudgins	Texas.....	R. W. Houston
Nevada.....	R. H. Schmidt	Utah.....	R. S. Carleton
New Brunswick.....	Lee R. Halvorsen	Vermont.....	M. N. Gerhard
New South Wales.....	Jesse H. Wilson	Virginia.....	F. H. Wight
New Mexico.....	James A. Tucker	Washington.....	D. M. Winans
New Zealand.....	W. J. Walker	West Australia.....	W. F. Wynn
New York.....	T. N. Morrison	West Virginia.....	U. V. Durden
Nova Scotia.....	A. C. Blount	Wisconsin.....	Roy W. Larson
Oklahoma.....	W. B. Greer	Wyoming.....	J. R. Moore

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

- DISTINGUISHED VISITORS
 - Orville A. Clark
 - John B. Phelps
 - Loren L. Dilger
- COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION
 - J. C. Reichert
 - George A. Lambe
 - Jarvis O. McSwain
- COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE
 - H. A. Brosnahan, Jr.
 - James R. Burris
 - Andrew F. Jorgensen
- COMMITTEE ON THANKS
 - Jesse H. Wilson
 - Ray Henry Schmidt
 - Martin N. Gerhard
- COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS, CHARTERS, AND BY-LAWS
 - George L. Rogers
 - William D. Greer
 - L. J. Shellburg
- COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - Chester O. Cornwall
 - James W. McDonald
 - B. E. Reisdorph
- COMMITTEE ON PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES
 - Myron Clark
 - W. W. Masters, Jr.
 - John R. Moore

The Committee on Distinguished Visitors introduced the following: Hoyt McLendon, P.G.C., P.M.I.G.M. and the Grand King all of the State of Alabama; Ray N. Boyle, P.M.I.G.M. and the G.H.P. of Arkansas; Abb Sneed, P.G.H.P. and Grand Junior Warden of Mississippi and the Personal Representative of the General Grand High Priest; T. Olin Gore, Jr., P.G.H.P., P.M.I.G.M., P.G.C., the Grand Lecturer of the Grand Council R. & S. M. and the Grand Lecturer of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge all of the State of Mississippi; Lawrence Beaghen, Past M.I. Grand Master, Grand Council R. & S. M. of New Jersey; Dr. W. E. Simpson, P.G.C. of South Carolina; W.

N. Bradford, P.G.H.P. of South Carolina; William Campbell Lee, M.I.G.M. of Tennessee, and James M. Jones, Past Grand High Priest and Past Most Worshipful Grand Master and the present M.I. Grand Master all of Alabama; Charles B. Wolfertz, P.G.C. of Pennsylvania.

The Distinguished Guests were all made Honorary Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida.

Many of the Distinguished Guests were called upon to address the Grand Chapter and did. Abb Sneed, the Personal Representative of the General Grand High Priest, gave a very interesting address on the activities of the General Grand Chapter.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY (which was adopted)

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

Another year has passed bringing many changes in this Grand Chapter, many a faithful Companion having answered the call of the Grand High Priest of heaven and earth and taken their places in the ranks of those who have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, the tensions of business have surrendered to serenity, ice and snow have given away to life and death has been swallowed up in victory.

Together we walk with our risen Lord who is our unseen but constant Companion on the pilgrimage of life, He is with us in our waking and sleeping, in our work and play. He is with us in sickness, pain and bereavement. He is with us in times of fear when the light yields to the darkness, He is present and an abiding comforter and guide.

We grow careless and callous but then He touches us and our blinded eyes are opened, and our ears are unstopped, our hearts burn within us and we know that nothing, absolutely nothing, can separate from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, this is our faith, we believe that sometime, somewhere in the land beyond the veil, we will be reunited with those whom we have loved and lost a while.

It is our sad duty to record the passing of a devoted Mason, a faithful Companion and Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, 1954-1955 . . .

THOMAS ERASMUS DICKENSON

Companion Thomas Erasmus Dickenson was born in Bainbridge, Georgia, and died in Ocala, Florida, August 11, 1955. He was a member of all Masonic rites and groups, he was an enthusiastic and active worker in all branches of the York Rite in Ocala for many years, he was also very active in all the Grand bodies of the York Rite, serving as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Florida in 1943-44. He was elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter in 1954 and although in poor health he served with distinction and honor. His funeral was held in Ocala, Florida, on August 13, 1955, attended by a large group of Masonic brethren and friends, interment was in Memorial Cemetery with graveside Masonic services.

Brother Dickenson was a lifelong member of the Methodist Church and served for many years as chairman of the board of stewards.

On December 20, 1911, he married Miss Elise Ballou and to that union were born two daughters, Mary Elizabeth and Mary Elise.

His passing has left a vacant place among us that it will be difficult to fill, his genial manner, his kindly counsel and his knowledge of all the arts of Free Masonry made him an outstanding figure in any gathering. May his soul rest in peace.

- We thank our Heavenly Father that the official line of this Grand Chapter remains unbroken and to our Sister Grand Chapters for the loss of so many faithful Companions we extend our sympathy and fraternal fellowship.
- ALABAMA—Llewellyn Roth Hillyer, P.G.H.P., born March 13, 1888, died Feb. 25, 1955. Newman Smith Cryer, P.G.H.P., born June 30, 1892, died Sept. 4, 1955.
- ARKANSAS—Robert E. Blaylock, P.G.H.P., born Feb. 26, 1894, died Aug. 8, 1955. Waddy William Moore, P.G.H.P., born June 15, 1870, died Jan. 23, 1956.
- ALBERTA—Thomas John Cumberland, G.F.P., born Aug. 7, 1877, died Nov. 6, 1955.
- DELAWARE—M. Frank Sharp, P.G.H.P., born Aug. 18, 1872, died May 31, 1955.
- IDAHO—Carl W. Swager, P.G.H.P., born Oct. 16, 1891, died July 21, 1955.
- INDIANA—Edward Benjamin Ranb, P.G.H.P., born Dec. 23, 1871, died July 29, 1955.
- IOWA—Harry B. Sherman, P.G.H.P., born Sept. 7, 1884, died Nov. 15, 1955.
- KANSAS—Jay Buchan Kirk, P.G.H.P., born July 31, 1875, died July 18, 1955.
- KENTUCKY—Carl W. Bridges, P.G.H.P., born Sept. 2, 1885, died Nov. 11, 1955. George Wilmot McNeilly, G.K., born Sept. 27, 1885, died Sept. 11, 1955. C. E. Peterson, P.G.H.P., born March 27, 1875, died Feb. 21, 1956.
- MAINE—John Clyde Arnold, P.G.H.P., born Mar. 29, 1875, died Sept. 16, 1955. Benjamin Levi Hadley, P.G.H.P., born Mar. 15, 1894, died Dec. 28, 1955. Joseph Alexander Ross, P.G.K., born June 5, 1878, died Oct. 14, 1955.
- MISSISSIPPI—William Alexander Johns, P.G.H.P., born May 8, 1869, died June 7, 1955.
- MONTANA—Dr. Robert J. Hathaway, P.G.H.P., born Jan. 21, 1879, died July 15, 1955.
- NEBRASKA—Lewis F. Reepe, G.R.A.C., born Dec. 3, 1895, died Feb. 18, 1956. William Chuda, G.S., born Aug. 29, 1889, died May 9, 1955.
- NEW MEXICO—Christopher A. Bernard, P.G.H.P., born Feb. 19, 1886, died Dec. 22, 1955. John Wallace Hall, P.G.H.P., born Nov. 16, 1894, died April 6, 1956. Thomas Joseph Hall, P.G.H.P., born July 21, 1892, died Aug. 15, 1955.
- NEW HAMPSHIRE—Ernest Andrew Bunker, G.S., born Feb. 27, 1873, died April 30, 1955.
- NEVADA—Henry C. Schmidt, P.G.H.P., born Jan. 20, 1870, died Feb. 21, 1956.
- NORTH DAKOTA—Chauncey E. Cavett, P.G.H.P., born Oct. 26, 1878, died Oct. 18, 1955. John Allen Graham, P.G.H.P., born Nov. 21, 1885, died Jan. 27, 1956.
- NEW YORK—Lewis L. Palmitier, P.G.H.P., born May 20, 1881, died May 26, 1955.
- OREGON—Horace Eshelman Getz, P.G.H.P., born Mar. 22, 1887, died April 8, 1955. Luke Fay Knowlton, P.G.H.P., born Jan. 20, 1875, died Feb. 20, 1956. Clarence Roy Wheeler, P.G.H.P., born May 26, 1872, died May 4, 1955.
- SASKATCHEWAN—Frederick Ernest Doull, G.F.P., born July 2, 1882, died June 29, 1955. John Frederick Lunney, G.F.P., born Mar. 9, 1878, died Dec. 28, 1955. Almer Robert Orme, G.F.P., born Jan. 12, 1878, died Jan. 16, 1956.

- SOUTH CAROLINA—Charles Kilgore Chreitzberg, P.G.H.P., born April 21, 1874, died Jan. 22, 1956.
- SOUTH DAKOTA—Raymond S. Beauvais, P.G.H.P., born Nov. 25, 1889, died June 27, 1955. Robert S. Hart, P.G.H.P., born June 4, 1883, died Aug. 28, 1955. Joseph K. Stanton, P.G.H.P., born Mar. 13, 1891, died Oct. 11, 1955.
- TEXAS—E. F. James, P.G.H.P., born Sept. 19, 1886, died March 1, 1956.
- VICTORIA—Robert Peter Dick, P.F.G.P., born Mar. 23, 1867, died July 11, 1955. Walter Kemp, P.F.G.P., born Jan. 10, 1873, died July 26, 1955.
- WASHINGTON—Robert B. Palmer, P.G.H.P., born Mar. 28, 1878, died Oct. 9, 1955.
- WISCONSIN—Frank M. Bouda, P.G.H.P., born Jan. 31, 1891, died Nov. 17, 1955.
- WEST VIRGINIA—Thomas A. Becket, G.M.F.V., born June 6, 1904, died Jan. 12, 1956. Allen T. Buchanan, P.G.H.P., born April 28, 1888, died May 23, 1955.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

REPORT OF M.E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST (which was adopted)

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

One year ago in Ocala, you elected me your Grand High Priest. I wish at this time to express my very deep appreciation for the opportunity you have given me to serve you. It has been an experience that I will never forget and the contacts and friendships I have made will ever be dear to me. The year has passed quickly, and it now becomes my duty at this 109th Annual Convocation to make a report of my stewardship.

Whatever I have done amiss or whatever I have left undone, I know that my companions will cover with the broad mantle of Masonic Charity and give me credit for an honest effort to fulfill the duties of the office.

I wish to welcome the visitors from our State and the representatives of the various chapters. I hope each will fully participate in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter and will give the officers the benefit of their best thought and advice on the matters coming before us.

To our visitors from other jurisdictions who honor us by their presence and grace our meeting, we wish to extend a cordial welcome and say to them that we are delighted to have them with us and that if there is anything that we have overlooked for their comfort and pleasure, we would appreciate their calling it to our attention.

NECROLOGY

During the year, the Angel of Death visited our ranks and our Junior Past Grand Priest, Thomas Erasmus Dickenson, passed to the Great Beyond. Tom, as he was affectionately known, was a credit to the fraternity and had served it well. He had not only served as Grand High Priest but as Grand Commander also. We were also saddened by the death of 122 of our companions, but we will not despair as we know that we can safely leave them in

the hands of Him who doeth all things well and we as Masons also know that this life is just a short phase of our immortality and we will sing with the poet . . .

*Nay, but as when one layeth
His worn out robes away,
And, taking new ones, sayeth,
"These will I wear today!"
So putteth by the spirit
Lightly its garb of flesh,
And passeth to inherit
A residence afresh.*

VOUCHERS

During the year, I signed vouchers numbered 1 to 39, inclusive, amounting to \$4,619.95.

VISITATIONS

On June 10, 1955, with District Deputy Grand High Priest D. P. Caldwell, I attended the district meeting of the First Masonic District which met with West Pensacola Lodge No. 296. I was received with the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Senior Warden and Brother Southall, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alabama. It was a large and well attended meeting and the Grand Master, Brother Lord, made a very excellent address.

On July 11, 1955, I attended Mount Horeb Chapter No. 6 at their regular meeting at which I was received in due form and presented to the Chapter a certificate from the General Grand Chapter to evidence a gain in membership of the Chapter of more than 10 per cent during the preceding year.

On August 1, 1955, I attended a meeting of Jefferson Chapter No. 26 in Monticello, together with Grand Commander Cris D. Anderson, Grand Master Walter Stevenson, Past Grand Commander Norman C. Edwards, District Deputy Grand High Priest J. T. Williams, and District Deputy Grand Master Charles W. Ferguson. After the Convocation adjourned, an informal meeting was held and the matter of taking up the charters of the three Bodies was discussed. No action was taken upon promise of the members to exhibit more interest.

On September 21, 1955, I attended a meeting of District No. 10 in Panama City. The following Chapters were represented: Jackson No. 32, Bay County No. 39, St. Joseph No. 56, and Surf Chapter No. 57. Excellent Companion John H. Gibbs, D.D. Grand High Priest, presided. Bay County Chapter No. 39 was opened and the Degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and the Royal Arch were conferred in full form upon eight candidates, seven from Bay County and one from St. Joseph Chapter No. 56. The Amaranth Chapter served a delicious supper.

On October 14, 1955, I visited the Second District. Excellent Companion John R. Burris, D.D. Grand High Priest, presided. All three chapters were represented and all the degrees from Mark Master to the Royal Arch were conferred in a very creditable manner upon 34 candidates. H. J. Wendland, Grand King, W. J. Abram, Grand Scribe, and John B. Phelps, Grand Secretary, were present.

On October 15, 1955, I attended a meeting of District No. 4 in Lakeland. Excellent Companion James W. MacDonald, District Deputy Grand High Priest, presided. W. J. Abram, Grand Scribe, John B. Phelps, Grand Secretary, C. W. Arnold, Grand Captain of the Host, Jesse Willson, Grand Royal Arch Captain, James A. Winfield, Grand Master of the Second Veil, and Martin N. Gerhard, Grand Sentinel, were present as well as Right Worshipful Charles R. Lucas,

Deputy Grand Master. The degrees from Mark Master to Royal Arch were worked upon three candidates in an outstanding manner and there was a large attendance of Companions from the district.

On October 17, 1955, I attended a district meeting in District No. 5. Excellent Companion Chester O. Cornwall, D.D. Grand High Priest, presided. Also present were H. J. Wendland, Grand King; W. J. Abram, Grand Scribe; John B. Phelps, Grand Secretary; C. W. Arnold, Grand Captain of the Host; and James A. Winfield, Grand Master of the Second Veil. The prologue to the Mark Master Degree was very interestingly portrayed. The meeting was well attended and a very interesting one.

On October 18, 1955, I attended a joint meeting of the Councils of the 9th District. All Chapters were represented: Florida Chapter No. 1, Tallahassee; Jefferson Chapter No. 26, Monticello; Gadsden Chapter No. 30, Quincy. This was part of a district observance. All the degrees and orders were conferred by the Chapters, Councils and Commanderies of the district. I regret that I could not be present due to another engagement when the chapter degrees were worked. But this meeting did give me the opportunity to visit with the members of all the chapters. Companion Walter I. Stevenson and I were received and addressed the meeting. The work was very creditably done.

On November 9, 1955, I attended a meeting of the Sixth District, a joint meeting, with Grand Commander Cris D. Anderson, Grand Master Walter I. Stevenson, Grand Scribe William J. Abram, Grand Captain of the Host, Charles W. Arnold, and Grand Master of Second Veil James A. Winfield. The meeting was well attended and most enjoyable.

On January 13, 1956, I visited Surf Chapter No. 21 and installed the officers.

On Friday, February 24, 1956, I visited Lake City for a district meeting of the Eighth District. All chapters in the district were represented. John B. Phelps, Grand Secretary, Arthur Stewart, Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery, were present and were introduced with me. J. W. Nelson, District Deputy Grand High Priest of the Eighth District, presided at the meeting. It was a very fine meeting.

On Saturday, February 25, 1956, I visited Duval Lodge No. 48 for a meeting of the Seventh District. All chapters were represented. John B. Phelps, Grand Secretary; Arthur Stewart, Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery; Norman Edwards, Past Grand Commander; Ralph G. Reynolds, Past Grand Commander; W. R. Minor, District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventh District, were present. The Duval Chapter No. 48 was opened and I was received with the distinguished guests. District Deputy Grand High Priest D. W. Broadway was in charge of the meeting.

On Friday, March 23, 1956, I attended a meeting of the Third District in Tampa. Right Eminent Past Grand Commander E. V. Reed presided. John Robert Moore, Grand Principal Sojourner; Martin Gerhard, Grand Sentinel; John M. Friedel, D.D. Grand High Priest, and Russell E. Strawa, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery, were present. Tampa Chapter No. 3, St. Petersburg Chapter No. 31, Clearwater Chapter No. 45 and Monroe D. Cushing Chapter No. 54 were represented. We were happy to have the ladies with us. They added much to the meeting. A very interesting program was presented and enjoyed.

On Saturday, March 24, 1956, I attended a meeting of the First District in Fort Pierce. Excellent Companion Andrew F. Jorgensen, District Deputy Grand High Priest, presided. It was a very interesting meeting. Joppa Lodge No. 28 was opened, and I was appropriately received. The following chapters were represented: Keystone Chapter No. 20, Palm Beach Chapter No. 24, Joppa Chapter No. 28 and Hiram Chapter No. 60.

I received many invitations to attend the Grand Convocations of other Grand Chapters and while these invitations were deeply appreciated, I could

accept only two. Mrs. Blount and I attended the Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Alabama in Montgomery, Alabama, and the Convocation of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina in Columbia, South Carolina. We were royally entertained and thoroughly enjoyed the trips.

APPOINTMENTS

As the appointive officers of the Grand Chapter, together with the District Deputy Grand High Priests and standing committees are shown in the 1955 Proceedings, I shall not repeat them here.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

On January 19, 1956, I appointed Companion Dr. Alfred O. Persons as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida near the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New York.

On June 30, 1955, I appointed James M. Tait as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Florida near the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington.

On January 3, 1956, I appointed Companions William J. Abram, Grand Scribe, as Chairman; Charles W. Arnold, Grand Captain of the Host, and J. Robert Moore, Grand Principal Sojourner, as the Committee to conduct the Royal Arch School during the Grand Convocation in Sarasota.

In accordance with the recommendations of the Jurisprudence Committee, on January 6, 1956, I appointed L. Earl Curry, Grand Master of the Third Veil, as Chairman, John B. Phelps, Grand Secretary, and Harry W. Thompson, Past Grand High Priest, a committee to revise the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter.

On October 20, 1955, I appointed Companion J. W. Nelson, District Deputy Grand High Priest in place of Henry L. Vernon, who resigned.

On September 6, 1955, I appointed Companions Henry B. Laird, B. E. Reisdorph and J. W. Nelson a committee (being the committee also appointed in the Grand Commandery) to procure a memorial for Past Grand High Priest Thomas E. Dickenson.

DISPENSATIONS

On July 30, 1955, I granted a dispensation to Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, R.A.M., to confer the degrees of Mark Master Mason in the sand dunes of Fraternity Hill near the mouth of St. Johns River.

On September 26, 1955, I denied the request of Poinciana Chapter No. 50 for a dispensation to ballot upon candidates at a special convocation.

On October 1, 1955, I advised that no dispensation was necessary upon request of St. Petersburg Chapter No. 1 for a dispensation to confer all the degrees in one day.

On November 8, 1955, I declined a request for a dispensation by Leesburg Chapter No. 34, R.A.M., to ballot upon candidates at other than a regular meeting.

On November 12, 1955, I declined a dispensation requested by Lakeland Chapter No. 29, R.A.M., to ballot upon applications for candidates at other than a regular meeting.

On November 30, 1955, I granted a dispensation to St. Augustine Chapter No. 17 to move their meeting place to another location within the City of St. Augustine.

On January 23, 1956, I declined to grant a dispensation to Live Oak Chapter No. 25 to install their officers on January 27, 1956, as I felt that a dispensation was not necessary under the Constitution.

On March 15, 1956, I declined to approve a dispensation to Palm Beach Chapter No. 24, R.A.M., to transact general business at a special meeting.

On April 27, 1956, I declined to issue a dispensation to Thomas Brown Chapter No. 22, R.A.M., to ballot upon petitions at a special meeting.

BY-LAWS

On October 24, 1955, I declined to approve by-laws for Gainesville Chapter No. 2 and returned them for revision.

On December 5, 1955, I approved amended by-laws for Gainesville Chapter No. 2.

On December 27, 1955, I approved by-laws for Thomas Brown Chapter No. 22.

On December 27, 1955, I declined to approve by-laws for Dade City Chapter No. 8.

On March 17, 1956, I approved amended by-laws for Dade City Chapter No. 8.

On January 5, 1956, I approved two amendments to by-laws of Hiram Chapter No. 60.

On February 15, 1956, I approved amendment to the by-laws for Leesburg Chapter No. 34.

On March 9, 1956, I approved by-laws for Bay County Chapter No. 39.

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION

On June 18, 1955, I forwarded to the following chapters certificates of recognition issued by the General Grand Chapter for having a gain of ten per cent in membership for the preceding year: Mount Horeb Chapter No. 6, Pensacola; Leesburg Chapter No. 34, Leesburg; Lake City Chapter No. 38, Lake City; Poinciana Chapter No. 50, Fort Myers; Hiram Chapter No. 60, Miami Shores.

ROYAL ARCH DAY

In accordance with the proclamation of Most Excellent General Grand High Priest Tom Q. Ellis establishing Royal Arch Day, many chapters fittingly observed the day by attending church service on the Sunday nearest the anniversary date of the founding of the General Grand Chapter. One chapter in the State had 125 members present. I hope that in 1957 all chapters will fittingly observe the day and that the membership will give it unconditional support.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

On July 19, I received notice that I had been appointed a member of the Subordinate Chapter Committee of the General Grand Chapter by the General Grand High Priest, and that Borinquen Chapter No. 1, San Juan, Puerto Rico, was assigned to me. I feel that this appointment was a recognition of the Grand Chapter of Florida rather than a personal one, and I greatly appreciated it.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I think that more recognition should be given the District Deputy Grand High Priest. They are an important part of the team and should receive greater appreciation for their work. I wish to recommend that appropriate aprons and cases be purchased and presented to them for their use during their term of office.

Our Grand Bodies require a great deal of detail work in addition to the executive duties of the Grand Secretary. Many of these details could be well and easily handled by a clerk, relieving the Grand Secretary so that he could

attend to more important matters. His time is too valuable to be used for detail work. I, therefore, wish to recommend that the Chapter join with the Grand Council and Grand Commandery in employing a full-time clerk, an office and other necessary appropriations for the Grand Secretary, and that the sum of \$2,000.00 per annum be appropriated.

I wish to recommend that Sub-section "G", Section 1, Article III of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

SUB-SECTION "G"

"The Grand High Priest may grant permission to chapters to transact general business at a special meeting provided that adequate notice of the meeting is given to the membership and further provided that only such matters of general business as are set out in the notice and covered by the dispensation may be considered."

I strongly recommend that chapters join the Councils and Commanderies in adopting the Observance Idea in conferring the Degrees and Orders. The York Rite should be a co-ordinate Rite and the Bodies work closely together. By having regular teams, by setting the dates for the Degrees and Orders well in advance, by having rehearsals, and a printed program, the Degrees and Orders are more impressively conferred and interest and attendance increased. I further recommend that joint observances be held in districts, by which intercourse friendship is engendered and more interest created.

As there is no provision requiring the Secretary of the Constituent Chapters to furnish bond, I recommend that Sub-section "M", Section 14, Article IV, be added to the Constitution as follows:

SUB-SECTION "M"

"He shall give a good and sufficient surety company bond, payable to the High Priest for the use and benefit of the Chapter, acceptable to the Finance Committee, in such sum as the Chapter shall determine, conditioned on the faithful performance of all his duties, for the prompt and full accounting of all money received by him and the delivery to his successor of all money in the Treasury. The premium for such bond and for all other bonds of officers shall be paid by the Chapter and the bonds made payable to the Chapter by its name and number. If the Secretary-elect shall fail or refuse to execute the bond as herein required, the High Priest shall declare the office vacant, and thereupon shall call an election to elect a Secretary who shall make the required bond."

At the present time, chapter officers are elected in December and the Grand officers in May. Under this arrangement, Grand Chapter officers are working with two separate sets of officers, and I recommend that Section 7, Article IV be amended to read as follows:

SECTION 7

"The first five named in the last preceding section shall be elected annually by ballot, without nomination, by a majority of the votes cast at the first regular convocation of the Chapter in March."

I further recommend that Section 9, Article IV be amended as follows:

SECTION 9

"The installation of Chapter officers shall take place during the month of April. Installation cannot be denied on the ground that the officer-elect is in arrears for dues, his Masonic standing not being affected by any delinquency upon which action has not been taken."

I wish to recommend that greater care be taken in admitting members to our Order. Masonry is a sacred institution which solicits no one to join its

ranks and those who come to it should come with a definite purpose of increasing their spiritual stature, for personal improvement and to be better able to serve their fellows. When they enter the fraternity for any other purpose, they injure it and themselves. If they come for worldly gain, for social or fraternal benefits, or to be eligible to join another Order, they are not Masons and know nothing of its teaching, do themselves no good and clutter up the Masonic ranks with a host of drones. One reason that there is poor attendance at our meetings is that those who have been initiated were never really interested in Masonry but joined our ranks for other purposes.

I recommend that an appropriation be made to defray at least a part of the expenses of the Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe to the Convocation of the General Grand Chapter at Sun Valley, Idaho, September, 1957.

MONTICELLO CHAPTER No. 26

The Grand Chapter at its 108th Grand Convocation directed me to proceed to Monticello and to arrest the charter of Monticello Chapter No. 26. As reported in my visitations, I proceeded to Monticello but feeling that there was some hope for the rehabilitation of the Chapter, I did not take it up at that time. However, after much correspondence and an endeavor to get the chapter to become active and function as a chapter should, but being unsuccessful, on April 10, 1956, I arrested the charter and it is now in the hands of the Grand Secretary. The Grand Chapter will take such action upon the matter as it sees fit.

In conclusion, I wish to say that the credit for whatever has been accomplished during the year is due to the fine teamwork and support given me by the line of Officers, District Deputy Grand High Priests, Chapter Officers and Members, and that stalwart Mason, our Grand Secretary, John B. Phelps. I wish to express my appreciation to them for the assistance given me and the many courtesies shown me during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. BLOUNT,
Grand High Priest

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

(which was adopted)

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

Your Grand Treasurer submits the following report as of May 7, 1956:

May 1, 1955, Balance in Riverside Bank of Miami, Florida, as per
1955 Proceedings.....\$ 22,256.24

RECEIPTS

Received from Grand Secretary.....	\$ 12,512.25
Interest on Government Bonds.....	475.00
York Rite Bodies of Miami, second annual installment on \$20,000.00 ten-year loan.....	2,000.00
York Rite Bodies of Miami, 4% interest on \$18,000.00 5-1-55 to 5-1-56.....	720.00
Total Receipts.....	15,707.25
	\$ 37,963.49

DISBURSEMENTS

May 19, 1955, 1955 Payroll at Ocala.....	2,719.18
May 19, 1955, 1955 Ocala Chapter (Host Chapter exp.)	250.00

May 19, 1955, 1956 Sarasota Chapter (Host Chapter exp.)	250.00
Dec. 6, 1955, Purchase 18 U. S. Government Bonds (Maturity value \$12,000.000)	8,640.00
1955-1956 Warrants Nos. 1 to 39, inc.	4,619.95
Bank charges	4.11
Total Disbursements	16,483.24
May 7, 1956, Balance per books	\$ 21,480.25
April 30, 1956, Balance in Riverside Bank of Miami, as per bank statement	19,672.53
May 7, 1956, Add: Deposit	2,720.00
Less: Outstanding checks:	22,392.53

Warrant No.	Check No.	Amount
33	415	387.87
34	416	302.86
35	417	125.00
36	421	9.40
37	419	36.60
38	418	12.50
39	420	38.50

May 7, 1956, Balance in Riverside Bank of Miami	912.28
	\$ 21,480.28
May 7, 1956, Balance in Riverside Bank of Miami	

INVESTMENTS

Mortgage Receivable 4% York Rite Bodies of Miami, Inc.	\$ 16,000.00
U. S. Government Bonds—Safety Deposit Box Riverside Bank of Miami, Maturity Value	27,000.00

BOND RECAPITULATION:

Date	Number	Maturity	Date	Number	Maturity
6-13-49	M6904559G	1,000	6-13-49	M6904560G	1,000
7- 8-50	M7045464G	1,000	7- 8-50	M7045465G	1,000
7- 8-50	M7045466G	1,000	6-19-51	M7162434G	1,000
6-19-51	M7162435G	1,000	6-19-51	M7162436G	1,000
6-19-51	M7162437G	1,000	6-21-51	M7772225G	1,000
6-21-51	M7772226G	1,000	6-21-51	M7772227G	1,000
6-21-51	M7772228G	1,000			
6-21-52	(Coupon Bonds 1967-1977)				
	437527H	1,000			
12- 8-55	34351J	500	12- 8-55	732930L	1,000
12- 8-55	34353J	500	12- 8-55	34352J	500
12- 8-55	34355J	500	12- 8-55	34354J	500
12- 8-55	34357J	500	12- 8-55	34356J	500
12- 8-55	34359J	500	12- 8-55	34358J	500
12- 8-55	34361	500	12- 8-55	34360J	500
12- 8-55	M134718J	1,000	12- 8-55	34362J	500
12- 8-55	M134702J	1,000	12- 8-55	M134719J	1,000
12- 8-55	M134722	1,000	12- 8-55	M134721J	1,000
			12- 8-55	M134723J	1,000
					27,000

Total Investments (Maturity Value)	\$43,000.00
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Fraternally submitted,
 RUSSELL W. HOUSTON,
 Grand Treasurer

THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT
(which was adopted)

To The Most Excellent 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 to the recipients promptly.

ANNUAL RETURNS

All chapters have made correct returns and have paid the necessary dues.

STATISTICS

Membership at end of year 1955	8,582
Exalted during 1955	540
Reinstated during 1955	51
Affiliated during 1955	71
Total additions during 1955	662
Died during 1955	122
Demitted during 1955	44
Died during 1955	215
Total deductions during 1955	381
Net gain for the year 1955	281
Present membership as of December 31, 1955	8,863
Emeritus members exempt from paying dues	181

FINANCES

Balance in Riverside Bank of Miami, May 1st, 1955	\$ 22,256.24
Receipt all sources for 1955	15,707.25
Total Receipts and Balance from 1954	37,963.49

DISBURSEMENTS

Warrants from 1 to 39 incl.	\$ 4,619.95
Payroll at Ocala	2,719.18
May 19, 1955 Ocala Chapter (Host Chapter exp.)	250.00
May 19, 1955 Sarasota Chapter (Host Chapter exp.)	250.00
Bonds purchased by Grand Treasurer	8,640.00
Bank charges for 1955	4.11
Total disbursements	16,483.24
Balance in Riverside Bank May 7, 1956	\$21,480.25

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. PHELPS,
 Grand Secretary

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION
(which was adopted)

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

2. That the portion of the Report on Dispensations and By-Laws be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws, except that portion granting permission to do business in conflict with the By-Laws of the Constituent Chapter on a special meeting and this portion be referred to the Committee on Capitular Jurisprudence.
3. That portion of Finance be referred to the Finance Committee.
3. The portion on Fraternal Dead be referred to the Committee on Necrology.
4. The recommendation with reference to District Deputy Grand High Priest Aprons be an act of the Grand Chapter.
5. Those portions of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest report referring to changes in Constitutions, Rules and Regulations and Rulings of the Grand High Priest be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee and the Committee on Revision of the Constitution.
6. All other portions of this report being the prerogative of the Grand High Priest be adopted.

The Committee wishes to compliment the Grand High Priest for his activities and the splendid report and of his interest in Capitular Masonry.

Fraternally submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

REPORT OF 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 Grand Representatives of chartered chapters is correct as furnished by the Grand Secretary at Roll Call.

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

All Chapters are represented except: Live Oak No. 25, Jefferson No. 26.

Fraternally submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THANKS
(which was adopted)

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

We, your Committee on Thanks, wish to express our most sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Companions and Sir Knights of the York Rite Bodies of Sarasota and Bradenton and to their Ladies for the generous and fraternal hospitality shown us during our Convocation here in Sarasota.

To the local committee for their untiring efforts in making this one of the finest Grand Chapter Convocations.

To the Ladies of the Eastern Star for the excellent entertainment which they have provided for our Ladies.

To the three newspapers of Sarasota for the excellent news coverage they have given to this 1956 Convocation.

To the Police Department for making it possible for our members to enjoy unlimited parking privileges and other courtesies.

To the Chamber of Commerce and its members who cooperated in making possible the many delightful tours which were planned.

To the City of Sarasota for their generous hospitality.

To the hotels for their cooperation.

To the Building Committee of the Masonic Temple for the use of their Temple, paraphernalia and facilities.

That a copy of this report be sent to all interested parties.

Once again, our sincere thanks to all who have had a part in making this 1956 Convocation a great success.

Sincerely and fraternally submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

Motion prevailed that telegrams be sent to Past Grand High Priests Dorsey H. Rutter, William L. Marshall, and Riley James McMaster, expressing our regret at their inability to be with us. The following Committee was appointed: Herman J. Wendland, Myron Clark, and Winston Ward.

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 submits the following report:

We have received a most cordial invitation from Bay County Chapter No. 39, Royal Arch Masons of Panama City, Florida, and we recommend that the next Regular Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Florida be held in the City of Panama City, Florida at the time designated.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

Motion prevailed adopting the proposed changes in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations as presented by the Committee and the Grand Secretary was ordered to have these changes and amendments printed so that they may be made available to all Chapters.

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

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

We, your Committee on Dispensations, Charters and By-Laws, beg to report that we approve of all Dispensations granted by the Grand High Priest. There being no other matters referred to this Committee, we find no further action necessary.

Fraternally submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

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 and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, and find them correct, with a balance in the General Fund:

Riverside Bank of Miami, Fla. as of May 1st, 1956.....	\$21,480.25
Mortgage receivable from York Rite Bodies of Miami.....	16,000.00
U.S. Government Bonds in Safety Deposit Box of Riverside Bank, Miami	27,000.00
From the General Fund of \$21,480.25 we recommend the following appropriations:	
Pay Roll (subject to correction).....	\$ 3,194.66
Grand Secretary's salary	1,200.00
Grand Secretary's office expense.....	2,000.00
Grand Treasurer's office expense.....	200.00
York Rite 1957 Annual Convocation.....	250.00

We further recommend that the Grand Secretary purchase a Past Grand High Priest Jewel and Apron or Watch, as may be selected, and have ready for presentation at our next Annual Convocation, and that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay same.

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

We further recommend that the expense allowance for 1957 for the Most Excellent Grand High Priest shall not exceed \$700.00

We further recommend that the Grand Treasurer be instructed to purchase \$12,000.00 in U. S. Government Bonds in the name of this Grand Chapter.

We further recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to draw warrants, and the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay same, in the amount of \$250.00 payable to the York Rite Bodies that entertain the Convocation in 1957.

Fraternally submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS
(which was adopted)

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

Your Committee wishes to report that we find no unfinished business to come before this Grand Convocation.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

Motion prevailed that the Charter for Jefferson Chapter No. 26 be returned to them, provided they prove proficient and are able to confer all of the degrees of the Chapter within a period of one year.

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

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

We, your Committee on Propositions and Grievances, wish to report that, since nothing has been brought to the attention of the committee, peace and harmony prevail.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CAPITULAR JURISPRUDENCE
(which was adopted)

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

We, your Committee on Capitular Jurisprudence, approve the actions of the Grand High Priest on all matters referred to this committee.

We also approve the recommendations of the Grand High Priest as outlined in his report.

We concur with the committee on the revision of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida.

We recommend that the matter of restoring the Charter of Jefferson Chapter No. 26 be left to the discretion of this Grand Body.

In conclusion we wish to commend highly the splendid work of our Grand High Priest during this past year. We are sure that his work will be long and fondly remembered by all the Companions.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

At this time, the Grand High Priest called for the election of officers to serve the Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. The following officers were elected:

- Herman Julius Wendland..... *Grand High Priest*
- William Joshua Abram..... *Grand King*
- Charles Wynn Arnold..... *Grand Scribe*
- Riley James McMaster..... *Life Grand Treasurer Emeritus*
- Russell Wilson Houston..... *Grand Treasurer*
- John Bridges Phelps..... *Grand Secretary*
- Rev. Fred Tooms Kyle, Jr..... *Grand Chaplain*

The following Companions served as tellers:

- Orville A. Clark, P.G.H.P.
- G. A. Lambe, P.G.H.P.
- Leroy Healy.

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

- John Robert Moore..... *Grand Captain of the Host*
- Jesse Howard Wilson..... *Grand Principal Sojourner*
- Lathern Earl Curry..... *Grand Royal Arch Captain*
- James Andrew Winfield..... *Grand Master of the Third Veil*
- Ray Henry Schmidt..... *Grand Master of the Second Veil*
- Martin Nissen Gerhard..... *Grand Master of the First Veil*
- H. A. Brosnaham, Jr..... *Grand Sentinel*

The Officers elected and appointed to serve this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year were installed by Companion John B. Phelps, P.G.H.P., assisted by Companion Orville A. Clark, P.G.H.P., who acted as Grand Marshal.

A Past Grand High Priest Jewel was presented to Companion Alexander Clement Blount, the retiring Past Grand High Priest, by Companion John B. Phelps, P.G.H.P.

Companion Phelps also requested Companion Alexander Clement Blount to receive the Distinguished Service Medal, which is presented each year by the General Grand Chapter, and for Companion Blount to present to James R. McCoy this Distinguished Service Medal due to the fact that Companion McCoy was unable to be present to receive it in person.

The newly-made Grand High Priest spoke briefly on his hopes and wishes for the coming year, and appointed the following committees:

- COMMITTEE ON CAPITULAR JURISPRUDENCE
All Past Grand High Priests
- FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE
Harry R. Thompson

PRINTING
John B. Phelps

MEMORIALS
Russell Sanborn Carleton

FINANCE
Boyd L. Hudgins, three years
Joel A. Fite, two years Anderson Allyn, one year

RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS
Ralph G. Reynolds, three years
L. L. Dilger, two years L. Earl Curry, one year

The Grand High Priest appointed the following District Deputy Grand High Priests:

- DISTRICT No. 1—H. A. Beals, 14848 N. E. 14th Avenue, No. Miami, Florida
Jericho No. 11, Keystone No. 20, Palm Beach No. 24, Joppa No. 28,
Hiram No. 58.
- DISTRICT No. 2—Stephen B. Dimond, P. O. Box 209, Palmetto, Florida.
Manatee No. 18, Sarasota No. 35, Poinciana No. 50.
- DISTRICT No. 3—E. E. Willy, 700 Fourteenth Street, South, St. Petersburg, Fla.
Tampa No. 3, St. Petersburg No. 31, Clearwater No. 45, Monroe D. Cush-
ing No. 54, Hill City No. 55.
- DISTRICT No. 4—R. A. Daniel, P. O. Box 564, Plant City, Fla.
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—Adam D. Sheftall, 228 Second Avenue, Daytona Beach, Fla.
St. Johns No. 4, Halifax No. 5, Eureka No. 7, Monroe No. 15, Indian
River No. 27, Eustis No. 33.
- DISTRICT No. 6—B. E. Riedsdorph, P. O. Box 695, Ocala, Fla.
Gainesville No. 2, Ocala No. 13, Leesburg No. 34.
- DISTRICT No. 7—H. F. Stone, 16 N. 18th St., Fernandina Beach, Fla.
Putnam No. 9, Jacksonville No. 12, St. Augustine No. 17, Duval No. 48,
Nassau No. 49.
- DISTRICT No. 8—J. W. Nelson, 312 Park Street, Lake City
Live Oak No. 25, Lake City No. 38, Lake Butler No. 19.
- DISTRICT No. 9—Nathaniel Harrison, 214 Blount Street, Tallahassee
Florida No. 1, Jefferson No. 26, Gadsden No. 30.
- DISTRICT No. 10—John H. Gibbs, 1145 McKenzie Avenue, Panama City
Jackson No. 32, Bay County No. 39, St. Joseph No. 56.
- DISTRICT No. 11—John M. Straughn, 9 East Strong Street, Pensacola
Mt. Horeb No. 6, Crestview No. 40, Surf No. 57.

The Grand High Priest, in addition to the above Committees, ap-
pointed a Committee on Work consisting of William J. Abrams,
Charles W. Arnold, and Ray Henry Schmidt.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter was Closed by
the Grand High Priest with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

JOHN BRIDGES PHELPS, HERMAN JULIUS WENDLAND,
Grand Secretary Grand High Priest

FLORIDA ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY HELD IN THE CITY OF SARASOTA MAY 17, 1956, A.B. 3869

The annual Assembly of the Order of High Priesthood was opened with prayer by the Chaplain, presided over by the President, William B. Greer.

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

- William B. Greer... President
W. W. Masters, Jr. ... Vice-President
Orville A. Clark ... Chaplain
John B. Phelps ... Secretary-Treasurer
Russell W. Houston ... Master of Ceremonies
G. Albert Lambe ... Acting Conductor
Charles W. Arnold ... Herald
William J. Abram ... Steward
Loren L. Dilger ... Sentinel

Motion prevailed that as the minutes of the last Assembly had been printed and distributed, that they be adopted as read.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER (which was adopted)

To the Florida Council of the Order of High Priesthood: Your Secretary-Treasurer submits the following report:

RECEIPTS
29 candidates during the 1955 annual meeting at \$7.00 each \$ 203.00

DISBURSEMENTS
Total balance due the Secretary-Treasurer from 1955 \$ 34.59
25 Bibles at \$4.25 each 106.25
Freight and cartage 3.91
Secretary-Treasurer salary for year 1955-56 35.00
Total disbursements during the 1955 annual meeting \$ 179.75
Balance after deductions in year 1955 \$ 23.25
Deposited in First Federal May 23rd, 1955 33.25
Balance in First Federal as of May 23rd, 1955 \$533.11
Interest on money in First Federal as of May 23rd, 1956 15.67
Total balance in First Federal as of May 23rd, 1956 \$ 548.78

Fraternally yours,

JOHN B. PHELPS, Secretary-Treasurer

The President called for the election of officers to serve for the year 1956-57 with the following results:

- William B. Greer ... President
W. W. Masters, Jr. ... Vice-President
Orville A. Clark ... Chaplain
John B. Phelps ... Secretary-Treasurer
Russell W. Houston ... Master of Ceremonies
G. Albert Lambe ... Conductor
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Petitions for the Order of High Priesthood were received from 42 candidates who are present and Past High Priests, all of whom were elected to receive the Order as follows:

- Florida No. 1 - Nathaniel Harrison
Gainesville No. 2 - J. C. Reichert
Tampa No. 3 - Jarvis O. McSwain
Halifax No. 5 - Adam D. Sheftall, Jr.
Mount Horeb No. 6 - John M. Straughn, Robert L. Pulley, H. Ashton Brosnham, Jr.
Eureka No. 7 - Lofton D. Chiles
Jericho No. 11 - Charles H. Green
Jacksonville No. 12 - Walter T. Poole
Ocala No. 13 - Arthur L. Kellam
Monroe No. 15 - W. A. Stansfield
Plant City No. 16 - L. R. Harrison, Roy H. Crum
St. Augustine No. 17 - Drakeford E. Gray
Manatee River No. 18 - Harold V. Pierce, W. H. Ellsworth, E. Oscar Smith
Keystone No. 20 - Floyd E. Hamilton
Palm Beach No. 24 - Raymond G. Jewell
Indian River No. 27 - John D. Nash, Sr.
Lakeland No. 29 - Herbert E. Nelson
Gadsden No. 30 - Ralph A. Bush, Sr., Charles L. Sowell
St. Petersburg No. 31 - Harry Lane, E. E. Willy
Jackson No. 32 - Arnold R. Lambe
Eustis No. 33 - Kenneth E. Coup
Leesburg No. 34 - William H. Broadway
Sarasota No. 35 - Hubert M. Palmer
Lake City No. 38 - Fred Weeks
Bay County No. 39 - Robert C. McClure
Crestview No. 40 - Vernon O. Taylor
Winter Haven No. 41 - Richmond D. Hayes

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Clearwater.....	No. 45	—	Gordon L. Kelley
Poinciana.....	No. 50	—	Charles A. Powell
Monroe D. Cushing.....	No. 54	—	T. M. Blackshear William E. Hegeman
St. Joseph.....	No. 56	—	F. O. Allen, Sr.
Surf.....	No. 57	—	James F. Norton
Hiram.....	No. 60	—	George L. Rogers

Courtesy Candidate, Carroll E. Hessen, of the State of New York.

Motion prevailed that all of our Distinguished Visitors who had not heretofore been made Honorary Members be made such.

Motion prevailed that Secretary-Recorder's salary be \$35.00 for the ensuing year.

No further business coming before the Council of Anointed High Priesthood of Florida, same was closed with prayer by the Chaplain.

JOHN B. PHELPS,
Secretary-Recorder

WILLIAM B. GREER
President

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

—
*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 Their Address

1924	Erle L. Wirt	Babson Park
1926	E. L. Shear	
1928	Riley J. McMaster	321 South 17th Street, Fort Pierce
1929	John Pasco	2911 Angeles Street, Tampa
1930	Stafford Caldwell	4 Roslyn Road, Richmond, Va.
1931	Alex B. Steuart	c/o Jasper News, Jasper
1932	William B. Greer	1816 Jetton Ave., Tampa
1934	Archie Aitchison	Quincy
1935	George A. Dame	Box 102, 22nd St. Station, St. Petersburg
1936	Cleveland R. Horne	P. O. Box 210, Jacksonville 1
1938	John B. Phelps	P. O. Box 1015, Tallahassee
1940	Dorsey H. Rutter	P. O. Box 283, Miami
1941	Frederic A. Riegel	140 No. Palmetto Ave., Daytona Beach
1942	Wm. L. Marshall	P. O. Box 405, Sarasota
1944-45	George Albert Lambe	322 E. Call St., Tallahassee
1946	Harry Robert Thompson	Marianna
1947	Loren Lambert Dilger	4100 S. W. 13th St., Coral Gables
1948	David Meyer Winans	1512 East Gonzalez St., Pensacola
1949	Leslie Clayton Bortle	P. O. Box 186, Monticello
1951	Orville A. Clark	1924 S. W. 17th Ave., Miami
1952	Wilbur Welling Masters, Jr.	3210 St. Augustine Road, Jacksonville 7
1953	Leon Carroll Stewart (Honorary)	817 Dante Place, Jacksonville 7
1955	Alexander Clement Blount	P. O. Box 266, Titusville
		P. O. Box 71, Pensacola

OFFICERS

of the

General Grand Chapter
Royal Arch Masons

1954 to 1957

TOM. Q. ELLIS	General Grand High Priest Jackson, Mississippi
JAMES LUTHER JORDAN	General Grand King P. O. Box 745, Mansfield, Louisiana
EDWIN A. MARTINI	General Grand Scribe 613 First National Bank Building, Duluth, Minn.
EDWARD E. CORE	General Grand Treasurer Masonic Temple, Dixon, Illinois
ROSCOE R. WALCUTT	General Grand Secretary Suite 1605, Eight East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio
WILLIAM F. CLARK	General Grand Chaplain of Host 51 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts
ABB N. SNEED	General Grand Principal Sojourner P. O. Box 288, Tupelo, Mississippi
NORMAN D. KENNEDY	General Grand Royal Arch Captain 2234 Angus Street, Regina, Saskatchewan
BENJAMIN W. ELA	General Grand Master Third Veil Elm Street, North Anson, Maine
ROY J. SHELDON	General Grand Master Second Veil 1235 Delaware Street, Fairfield, California
FRANCIS J. SCULLY	General Grand Master First Veil 904 Medical Arts Building, Hot Springs, Arkansas
JAY G. ELDRIDGE	General Grand Sentinel 901 East B Street, Moscow, Idaho
WILLIAM E. POOL	General Grand Custodian Mankato, Minnesota
WILLIAM BRYAN SELAH	General Grand Chaplain Jackson, Mississippi

GRAND SECRETARIES

State	Name	Address
Gen. Grand Chapter	Roscoe R. Walcutt	1605 Eight E. Broad St., Columbus 15. O
Alabama	Chas. H. Stubinger	Box 98, Montgomery
Alaska	S. C. Raynor	1207 8th Ave., Anchorage
Arizona	Joseph A. E. Ivey	P. O. Box 1488, Tucson
Arkansas	C. D. Hill	P. O. Box 2216, Little Rock
California	Chester H. Newell	San Francisco*
Colorado	Harry W. Bundy	Denver*
Connecticut	Bliss W. Clark	Box 838, New Britain
Delaware	M. M. Carpenter	P. O. Box 254, Wilmington
Dist. of Columbia	Raymond N. Babcock	Masonic Temple, Washington 15
Florida	John B. Phelps	Box 283, Miami
Georgia	Wm. J. Penn, Jr.	811 Mulberry St., Macon
Idaho	Edward H. Way	Box 1753, Boise
Illinois	Edward E. Core	Dixon*
Indiana	Charles C. Thomas	Box 6, Marion
Iowa	Ross J. Camblin	P. O. Box 307, Atlantic
Kansas	Arthur H. Strickland	320 W. 8th St., Topeka
Kentucky	C. K. A. McGaughey	Richmond Road, Rt. 7, Lexington
Louisiana	Lee W. Harris	Box 404, Alexandria
Maine	Convers E. Leach	415 Congress St., Portland*
Manitoba	C. J. Hutchings	Suite 16, 583 Furby St., Winnipeg
Maryland	Charles H. Welden	225 N. Charles St., Baltimore*
Massachusetts	Wm. F. Clark	Boston*
Mexico	Wm. Webber	Apartado 9151, Mexico 1, D. F.
Michigan	Roy Andrus	Lansing*
Minnesota	John H. Anderson	St. Paul*
Mississippi	Sid F. Curtis	P. O. Box 1030, Meridian*
Missouri	Ray V. Denslow	Box 529, Trenton*
Montana	H. F. Hosfeld	108 Grand St., Helena
Nebraska	Carl R. Greisen	Omaha*
Nevada	E. C. Peterson	500 Mountain St., Carson City
New Hampshire	Hiram W. Johnson	3 Highland Ave., Antrim
New Jersey	Wm. Beck	269 Powers St., New Brunswick
New Mexico	Elmer H. Rieman	P. O. Box 6719, Roswell
New York	George A. Lambert	71 West 23rd St., New York*
North Carolina	John H. Parker	P. O. Box 792, New Bern
North Dakota	Harold S. Pond	P. O. Box 1269, Fargo
Ohio	Henry Gruen	145 W. Sixth St., East Liverpool
Oklahoma	James A. Latham	Muskogee
Oregon	Richard H. Tusant	Masonic Temple 1119 S. W. Park Ave., Portland 5
Republic of Philippines	Antonio Gonzalez	520 San Marcelino, Manila
Rhode Island	Harry A. Reed	160 Grace St., Cranston 10
Saskatchewan	Alfred A. Wilson	2223 Rae St., Regina
South Carolina	Henry F. Collins	901 Palmetto State Life Bldg., Columbia (1)
South Dakota	Elvin F. Strain	Box 468, Sioux Falls
Tennessee	T. E. Doss	Box 216, Nashville
Utah	Bert Atwater	650 E. So. Temple St., Salt Lake City
Vermont	Aaron H. Grout	Burlington*
Washington	Walter H. Steffey	4338 University Way, Seattle 5
West Virginia	Nelson S. Orkney	Box 367, Webster Springs
Wisconsin	Ward A. Rowbottom	259 E. Wells St., Room 314, Milwaukee
Wyoming	Edward J. Treglown	P. O. Box 1311, Casper
NON-ASSOCIATE		
Pennsylvania	John C. F. Kitzelman	Philadelphia*
Texas	Frank Oldham	Box 296, Waco
Virginia	James N. Hillman	Richmond*
FOREIGN		
Alberta	F. J. Hand	1717 28th Ave. S. W., Calgary
British Columbia	Edgar B. Baker	Room 103, 603 W. Hastings St., Vancouver
Canada	Fred J. Johnson	712 Temple Bldg., Toronto 1
England	Sidney A. White	F. Masons Hall, Gt. 71 Kingsway W.C. 2, London
France	R. A. Davies (for corr.)	65 Boulevard Bineau 65 Neuilly Sur Seine
Ireland	James O. Harte	F. Masons Hall, Molesworth St., Dublin*
New Brunswick	Roy E. Crawford	Box 184, St. Johns
New South Wales	Frederick R. Sinden	160 Castlereagh St., Sydney
New Zealand	E. Cannons	Box 1845, Wellington
Nova Scotia	Harold F. Sipprell	Box 555, Wolfville
Quebec	Herbert Pickering	1559 St. Mark St., Montreal
Queensland	S. W. Coulter	Box 425, F.G.P.O., Brisbane
Scotland	W. A. Laird	76 Queens St., Edinburgh
South Australia	R. Owen Fox	Box 19, Bundle St., Adelaide
Victoria	H. O. Thomas	164-170 Flinders St., Melbourne, C.I.
West Australia	H. C. Anderson	65 St. George's Terrace, Perth

Masonic Temple designated by *

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR THE GRAND
CHAPTER OF FLORIDA

State	Name	Address
Alabama	Edward Jerrits	Jacksonville
Alaska	Walter T. Poole	Jacksonville
Albera	Cleveland R. Horne	Tallahassee
Arizona	Frank B. Knoff	Winter Haven
Arkansas	Loren L. Dilger	Pensacola
British Columbia	Ford J. DeHaven	Winter Haven
California	Henry B. Laird	Ocala
Canada	H. J. Wendland	Bradenton
Colorado	Ernest V. Reed	Tampa
Connecticut		
Delaware		
Dist. of Columbia	S. E. Page	Winter Haven
Georgia	J. D. Yeager	Miami
Idaho	Arthur S. Stewart	Jacksonville
Illinois	Archie Aitchison	St. Petersburg
Indiana	Walter I. Stevenson	Miami
Iowa	Myron E. Clark	Panama City
Kansas	Glen E. Carpenter	Winter Haven
Kentucky	Winston H. Ward	Orlando
Louisiana	Norman C. Edwards	Jacksonville
Maine	Charles W. Arnold	Orlando
Manitoba	J. T. Williams	Tallahassee
Maryland	George Rimmer	Daytona Beach
Massachusetts		
Mexico	John B. Phelps	Miami
Michigan	J. C. Reichert	Gainesville
Minnesota	J. A. Winfield	St. Augustine
Mississippi	W. W. Masters, Jr.	Jacksonville
Missouri	Harry Guy	Winter Haven
Montana	George Albert Lambe	Marianna
Nebraska	Boyd L. Hudgins	Sarasota
Nevada	Ray H. Schmidt	Panama City
New Brunswick	Lee R. Halvorsen	Ft. Lauderdale
New Hampshire	F. F. Ehlers	Weirsdale
New Jersey	William L. Marshall	Tallahassee
New Mexico	James A. Tucker	Waldo
New South Wales	Jesse H. Willson	Bartow
New York	T. N. Morrison	Lakeland
New Zealand	William J. Walker	Jacksonville
North Carolina	J. D. Godwin	Quincy
North Dakota		
Nova Scotia	A. C. Blount	Pensacola
Ohio	Dorsey H. Rutter	Daytona Beach
Oklahoma	William B. Greer	Quincy
Oregon	Frederic A. Riegel	Quincy
Pennsylvania	O. A. Clark	Sarasota
Quebec	Decarr F. Hosford	Jacksonville
Queensland	John B. Phelps	Miami
Rhode Island	Thomas J. Morris	Miami
Saskatchewan	William J. Abram	Miami
Scotland		Lakeland
South Carolina	R. J. McMaster	Tampa
South Dakota	Andrew F. Jorgenson	Ft. Pierce
Tennessee	W. E. Froehlich	West Palm Beach
Texas	Russell W. Hoch	Miami
Utah	R. S. Carleton	Bartow
Vermont	M. N. Gerhard	Dunedin
Victoria	George W. Elston	Plant City
Virginia	F. Hasky Wight	Sanford
Washington	D. M. Winans	Monticello
West Australia	W. F. Winn	Lake Butler
West Virginia	U. V. Durden	Panama City
Wisconsin	Roy W. Larson	Ft. Lauderdale
Wyoming	J. R. Moore	St. Petersburg

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF FLORIDA NEAR OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Table with 3 columns: State, Name, Address. Lists representatives from various states including Alabama, Alaska, Alberta, Arizona, Arkansas, British Columbia, California, Canada, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Manitoba, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mexico, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Brunswick, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New South Wales, New York, New Zealand, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nova Scotia, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Philippines, Quebec, Queensland, Rhode Island, Saskatchewan, Scotland, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Australia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

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

Table with 6 columns: GRAND CHAPLAINS, GRAND SECRETARIES, GRAND TREASURERS, GRAND SCRIBES, GRAND KINGS, DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS, GRAND HIGH PRIESTS. Lists names and years for each office from 1847 to 1884.

*Deceased

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

Table with 6 columns: GRAND HIGH PRIESTS, DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS, GRAND KINGS, GRAND SCRIBES, GRAND TREASURERS, GRAND SECRETARIES, GRAND CHAPLAINS. Lists names and years from 1886 to 1920.

*Deceased

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

Table with 6 columns: GRAND HIGH PRIESTS, DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS, GRAND KINGS, GRAND SCRIBES, GRAND TREASURERS, GRAND SECRETARIES, GRAND CHAPLAINS. Lists names and years from 1921 to 1952.

*Deceased

DIRECTORY OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

Chapter	No.	High Priest	King	Scribe	Secretary	Secretary's Address
Florida	1	M. B. Hirt	Clyde B. Coleman	V. L. Brandriff	J. T. Williams	825 W. St. Augustine St., Tallahassee
Tampa	2	C. C. Reichart	Thos. H. McKorie, Jr.	John L. Murphy	Burke D. Bennett	1105 N. E. 4th St., Gainesville
St. Johns	3	John C. Swain	S. E. Simoy	Wm. A. Murrell	Ernest V. Reed	3004 Bay Court, Tampa
Halifax	4	Adam D. Edwards	Madison B. Todd	Wm. A. Pittura	L. E. Windhorst	P. O. Box 22, DeLand
Mount Hope	5	H. A. Bromaham, Jr.	Carl B. Taylor	Ira A. Purcell	Edg. Timmer	137 S. Halifax Ave., Daytona Beach
Dade City	6	Colman D. Chiles	Steven Yarema	Richard W. Hovind	A. O. Cornwell	P. O. Box 72, Ocala
Palm Bay	7	F. W. Stockton	R. B. Pouchon	John DeWitt	L. H. Getzen	Dade City, Florida
Jacksonville	8	W. W. Stockton	W. W. Schomburg	Paul B. Egner	Clare R. Kemp	617 Kirby St., Palatka
Plant City	9	Charles H. Green	W. C. Bate	Wm. A. Minogedoff	Walter S. Morie	1924 S. W. 17th Ave., Miami
Manatee River	10	Walter T. Poole	H. T. Sprinkle	A. R. Marwick	P. O. Masonic Temple, Jacksonville	
Manatee	11	Arthur L. Kellam	Tred Stein	Edwin O. Keith	H. B. Laird	Sanford, Florida
St. Augustine	12	L. P. Harrison	D. G. Goodwin, Sr.	Wm. A. Truss	G. W. Elston, Sr.	P. O. Box 197, Plant City
Manatee River	13	H. V. Pierce	L. O. Schistolm	Wm. A. Truss	J. F. Ony	26 Palmetto St., Augustine
Kissimmee	14	R. A. Driggers	F. W. Richard	J. Vernon Roberts	Robert C. Trimble	2819 First Ave., West Bradenton
Thomas	15	F. M. Hamilton	Joel H. Blair	Perry F. Snow	Roy W. Larson	1000 Butler, Florida
Thomas	16	Raymond G. Jewell	W. A. Tromer	Theo. O. Matthews	Virgil R. Judson	1000 Butler, Florida
Palm Beach	17	Paul C. Baechle	W. A. Tromer	Herman A. Neal	L. J. Shellburg	Live Oak, Florida
Live Oak	18	J. E. Thompson	C. W. Clason	K. E. Cook, Dees	L. J. Reese	Live Oak, Florida
Indian River	19	John D. Nash, Sr.	J. R. Shuman	Kelly L. Birmon	F. Wuerffel	Monticello, Florida
Lakeland	20	Edmund S. Burn	H. C. Tallmadge	J. R. Reid	J. H. Yorkstine	P. O. Box 352, Cocoa
Gadsden	21	Rich. Nelson	C. E. Barber	Julian H. Ross	T. N. Morrison	P. O. Box 728, Ft. Pierce
St. Petersburg	22	Harv. W. Lane	J. R. Bestul	H. W. Rollins	J. W. Bates	Ocala, Florida
	23			J. W. Rollins	J. W. Bates	3432 11th Ave., So. St. Petersburg
	24			William D. Small	A. A. Russell	

DIRECTORY OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS (Continued)

Chapter	No.	High Priest	King	Scribe	Secretary	Secretary's Address
Jackson	32	A. R. Lamb	R. E. Wildman	H. S. Guilford	J. W. Kelly	Marianna, Florida
Leesburg	33	K. E. Coup	H. C. Moynelo	L. E. Horton	Chas. W. McKay	Box 1205, Eustis
Sarasota	34	W. H. Broadway	R. C. Tylor	H. F. Eastwood	D. A. McClellan, Jr.	Room 14, Missions Temple, Leesburg
Lake City	35	H. M. Palmer	H. N. Binley	M. H. Linton	John B. High	1000 N. E. 1st St., Sebring
Bay County	36	Fred Weagy, Clure	C. H. McElreath, Jr.	J. D. Godwin, Jr.	Myron E. Clark	Lake City, Florida
Wetmore	37	Robert C. Taylor	W. F. Brooks	L. C. Youngblood	C. Shellie Matthews	P. O. Box 42, Panama City
Wetmore	38	R. D. Hayes	W. F. Schopke, Jr.	D. C. Hutton	Frank B. Knoff	P. O. Box 344, Crestview
Wetmore	39	Louis C. Hooper	Fred J. Reith	Oakley G. Murphy	Rufus N. Sellers	464 Ave. C, SE, Winter Haven
Wetmore	40	Gordon L. Kelley	James S. Shewens	Wm. C. Criggen	Earl M. Barker	P. O. Box 724, Dineen
Wetmore	41	Carl R. Tuckney	James S. Shewens	Wm. C. Criggen	Earl M. Barker	4229 Birmingham Road, Jacksonville
Wetmore	42	Charles A. Powell	George N. Wheaton	Jacob L. Armstrong	Wm. R. Price	Fernandina Beach, Florida
Wetmore	43	T. M. Blackshear	James S. Shewens	James G. Goodyear	Nathan G. Stout	2124 Larchmont Ave., Fort Myers
Wetmore	44	Patrick Sauther	James S. Shewens	Wm. R. Stophal	J. F. Blumer	807 S. 33rd Ave., Tampa
Wetmore	45	F. O. Allen, Sr.	E. E. Mullins	Ernest W. Mountain	H. B. Blumer	807 S. 33rd Ave., Tampa
Wetmore	46	George L. Rogers	R. E. Schuberl, Jr.	H. W. Hagedorn	H. B. Blumer	Port St. Joe, Florida
Wetmore	47		C. H. Pursley	Wm. F. Gabriel	R. H. Bath	Box 303, Valparaiso
Wetmore	48					351 N. E. 105th St., Miami Shores

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1955

Number	CHAPTER 1954	Last Year Membership	Exalted	Reinstated	Affiliated	Total	Died	Demitted	Sus.—N. P. D.	Emeritus	Present Membership	Net Gain	Net Loss	Dues
1	Florida	211	17	1	3	232	4	2	1	2	225	14	0	\$ 321.25
2	Gainesville	236	14	5	0	255	2	2	9	7	242	16	0	331.75
3	Tampa	278	0	3	3	298	7	1	2	288	10	0	0	386.00
4	St. Johns	60	0	1	1	62	0	0	0	2	62	2	0	75.00
5	Halifax	265	8	3	4	280	3	0	13	4	263	0	2	347.75
6	Mount Horeb	441	76	0	3	520	3	0	6	510	69	0	0	793.25
7	Eureka	232	18	3	6	259	0	0	1	247	15	0	0	351.51
8	Dade City	113	5	0	0	118	0	0	0	113	5	0	0	45.00
9	Putnam	902	33	1	0	936	2	0	1	933	3	0	0	1,184.50
10	Jericho	131	5	0	0	136	0	0	0	131	5	0	0	162.50
11	Jacksonville	622	31	2	3	658	8	2	34	613	45	0	1	871.50
12	Ocala	135	3	0	0	138	2	0	4	132	6	0	2	167.25
13	Plant City	156	12	0	0	168	2	0	3	163	5	0	0	222.50
14	St. Augustine	100	14	0	0	114	2	0	1	111	3	0	0	166.75
15	Manatee River	200	1	0	0	201	0	0	0	200	1	0	0	270.50
16	Lake Butler	140	3	1	1	145	3	0	0	142	3	0	0	259.50
17	Keystone	52	5	0	0	57	0	0	0	52	5	0	0	70.00
18	Thomas Brown	390	15	2	0	407	5	2	10	390	17	0	0	514.50
19	Live Oak	117	6	2	0	125	2	0	1	122	3	0	2	159.00
20	Jefferson	264	7	1	2	274	8	1	3	263	1	0	2	342.50
21	Indian River	68	2	1	0	71	0	0	1	68	3	0	0	150.25
22	Joppa	139	0	1	0	140	1	2	16	120	20	0	18	87.50
23	Lakeland	173	8	1	0	182	0	0	0	173	9	0	0	242.00
24	Gadsden	109	13	2	1	125	2	1	1	121	4	0	0	178.00
25	St. Petersburg	147	15	0	4	166	1	1	1	163	3	0	0	424.75
26	Jackson	375	15	0	2	392	1	1	7	391	1	0	0	225.00
27	Eustis	122	6	0	3	131	16	0	15	116	15	0	21	474.00
28	Leesburg	97	2	0	0	99	0	0	0	97	2	0	0	167.00
29	Sarasota	108	1	0	6	115	3	1	3	111	4	0	0	126.50
30	Lake City	120	6	3	2	131	2	2	3	124	7	0	3	132.00
31	Boy County	91	7	0	0	98	2	0	0	96	2	0	0	158.00
32	Crestview	170	22	10	2	204	2	0	0	202	2	0	0	125.25
33	Winter Haven	156	4	0	0	160	1	0	13	146	14	0	0	446.03
34	Highland	59	2	0	2	63	2	3	9	58	5	0	0	300.25
35	Clearwater	94	3	0	1	98	0	0	0	94	4	0	0	199.25
36	Duval	341	12	4	0	357	11	1	3	343	4	0	0	76.50
37	Nassau	83	6	1	2	92	0	1	1	90	2	0	0	122.25
38	Poinciana	150	13	0	2	165	0	3	0	162	3	0	0	464.25
39	Monroe D. Cushing	147	3	0	2	152	2	3	0	147	5	0	0	121.75
40	Hill City	79	6	0	0	85	0	0	0	79	6	0	0	222.25
41	St. Joseph	39	1	0	0	40	3	0	0	36	4	0	0	178.50
42	Surf	119	12	0	0	131	0	0	0	119	12	0	0	118.25
43	Hiram	66	2	0	6	74	2	0	0	70	4	0	0	52.00
44	TOTAL	8,582	540	51	71	9,244	122	44	215	8,863	354	73	0	181.50

SUMMARY

Membership 1954		
Exalted		
Reinstated		
Affiliated		
Total Additions	540	8,582
Died	51	
Demitted	71	
Suspended		
Total deductions	122	662
Net gain	44	
Present membership	215	
Emeritus	381	
	281	
	8,863	
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DIRECTORY OF CHAPTERS

Chapter	No.	Date of Charter	Location	Time of Meeting
Florida	1	1847	Tallahassee	Second Monday
Gainesville	2	1879	Gainesville	Fourth Monday optional
Tampa	3	1882	Tampa	Third Tuesday, except June, July and August
St. Johns	4	1885	DeLand	First and Third Friday except July, August and September
Halifax	5	1895	Daytona Beach	Third Friday except July and August
Mount Horeb	6	1874	Panocola	Second Thursday
Eureka	7	1887	Orlando	Second Monday
Dade City	8	1895	Dade City	First and Third Monday
Putnam	9	1889	Palatka	Second and Fourth Tuesdays
Jericho	11	1900	Miami	Second Thursday
Jacksonville	12	1854	Jacksonville	Second and Fourth Fridays
Ocala	13	1888	Ocala	Second Thursday, Fourth optional
Monroe	15	1893	Sanford	First Tuesday
Plant City	16	1893	Plant City	Second and Fourth Tuesday
St. Augustine	17	1903	St. Augustine	Second Monday
Manatee River	18	1904	Bradenton	Third Tuesday except July, August and September
Lake Butler	19	1945	Lake Butler	Second Tuesday
Keystone	20	1895	St. Landersdale	Fourth Monday
Thomas Brown	22	1871	Bartow	First and Third Mondays
Palm Beach	24	1904	West Palm Beach	First and Third Mondays except Legal Holidays
Live Oak	25	1895	Live Oak	Third Friday
Jefferson	26	1905	Monticello	First Monday
Indian River	27	1906	Titusville	Third Wednesday except July, August and September
Joppa	28	1906	Fort Pierce	First Tuesday except July, August and September
Lakeland	29	1909	Lakeland	Second and Fourth Tuesdays
Gadsden	30	1909	Quincy	Second Monday
St. Petersburg	31	1910	St. Petersburg	First Thursday except June, July, August and September
Jackson	32	1910	Marianna	Second and Fourth Thursday
Eustis	33	1914	Eustis	Second Thursday
Leesburg	34	1914	Leesburg	Second Thursday
Sarasota	35	1915	Sarasota	Second Thursday
Lake City	38	1950	Lake City	Second Friday
Bay County	39	1945	Panama City	Third Friday
Crestview	40	1920	Crestview	Second Thursdays except June, July and August
Winter Haven	41	1920	Winter Haven	First and Third Thursdays except July, August and September
Highlands	42	1920	Avon Park	Second Tuesday except July, August and September
Clearwater	45	1922	Clearwater	Fourth Wednesday except June, July and August
Duval	48	1922	South Jacksonville	First and Third Fridays optional
Nassau	49	1901	Fernandina	Second and Fourth Thursday
Poinciana	50	1923	Fort Myers	Second Tuesday
V. D. Cushing	54	1927	Tampa	First and Third Thursday except July, August and September
Hill City	55	1927	Brooksville	Second and Fourth Thursdays
St. Joseph	56	1947	Port St. Joe	Second and Fourth Mondays
Surf	57	1949	Fort Walton	First Monday
Hiram	58	1954	Miami Shores	First and Third Thursdays

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.