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The first viper which has attacked many of us is the Viper of Complacency. Its venom lulls us into a paralyzing inertia. We brag about how our per capita income in our country exceeds any other nation of the world and is higher also than any people in all of human history have ever known. We take pride in statistics about the number of our television sets, radios, telephones, appliances, and a host of other things which we enjoy. Our standard of living is the envy of people around the globe, and someone has characterized American homes as places in which "everything is controlled with the flick of a switch except the children."

But the paradox is that while we are surrounded with all the symbols of luxury, we are not a truly happy people. On the one hand we want more and more security at the price of less and less freedom, and on the other hand we are on a materialistic drive which does not accept the truth that "a man's life does not consist in the abundance of things he possesses."

It has become so easy for the typical family in our land to sit for hours by the television set and be entertained. Or, if the programming does not appeal to us, there is still the radio, or the record player which permits us to hear what we want when we want it. Our sense of well-being is augmented by the knowledge of so much food stored in the freezer or on the pantry shelf for future use. We are rather confident of employment because of things such as a closed shop and similar techniques. We are able to forego worry about occupational injury because of Workmen's Compensation Laws, to dispense with anxiety about the sunset years of life because of Social Security benefits. And, if we wish to do so, we need only to pull the cords, and traverse drapes slide across our windows to shut out the rest of the world—its problems, its cares, its calls to us to do what we can. We have almost all the necessary conditions to be complacent about the problems of our time.

Imperial Rome was prosperous, as we are. It too was surrounded by luxury and organized efficiency. But it was lulled into lethargy and anesthetized into apathy. The people in their soporific stupor cried only for "Bread and Circuses." The cry is not unfamiliar in our society today. All many are concerned about is a full stomach and a good show. They have been attacked by the Viper of Complacency. The poison spreads through the body politic, and many escape their civic, religious, social, intellectual, and political responsibilities.

It is to be expected that the Masonic Fraternity would reflect within itself some of the ills of contemporary society, because it is part of that society. Some would have the Fraternity become increasingly secretive and esoteric, repeating its time-worn shibboleths in anachronistic rituals behind closed doors. Others have long since ceased to care, as evidenced by the average percentage of the membership which is present for a meeting of the typical Masonic body. Too many are in front of their television sets or participating in other hedonistic diversions instead of being in their proper stations and places in our lodge rooms and asylums. The Viper of Complacency has taken its toll. It remains for us to throw the viper off.

Recently I read an address given by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Michigan, in which he stated that as he looked in the newspapers at the lists of candidates for school boards and similar offices in our communities, all too seldom did he find the name of a Mason listed. But Masons in general and Templars in particular ought to be in the vanguard of constructive civic endeavors, be they holding public office, or working for United Appeals, Cancer Drives, Heart Fund, March of Dimes, Scouting, and a host of other opportunities to improve the society of which we ourselves are a part. The very fact that we do so little in patriotic, educational, or civic service is a tragic symbol of the extent to which we have been bitten by the Viper of Complacency.

And, strange as it may seem, we are complacent even about the future welfare of our own Fraternity! The Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, Dr. Paul Miller Moore, quite rightly said in the recent issue of the *Knights Templar* magazine that "we have work to do" as he gave the onerous statistics of constantly-decreasing membership gains. The Viper of Complacency crawls out of the pit and sinks its venomous fangs into us. Would that we, like Paul, would throw that viper off!

Another Viper is attacking us today. It grasps many of us by the hand. This is the Viper of Conformity. Its bite robs us of any adherence to a high scale of values or allegiance to any worthy hierarchy of loyalties. Advertising in all kinds of clever schemes attempts to fashion us into a common mold. Any departure from the latest accepted fashion brands one as "eccentric," "reactionary," or "queer." It was only a few years ago we were being told that to be a Man of Distinction one had only to be sufficiently affluent and addicted to a particular brand of a singularly-potent beverage.

One of the most incisive indictments of our contemporary culture was made not long ago by Vance Packard in his book entitled, "The Status Seekers." We seem to have a society which is determined to possess one way or another every conceivable symbol which is thought to indicate desirable social status. There are those who would rather be dead than to be caught wearing anything other than the latest fashion, driving anything but the latest model of a few very particular cars, or going on vacations to places which are suddenly "out" instead of being very much "in." Even our vocabulary indicates the mood of conformity, for the word "square" is hurled at the one who chooses not to conform. Thus, we go to the "right" places, we are seen with the "right" people, we do the "right" things, we dress the "right" way—even if floors and carpets are ruined by spike heels, or toes are damaged for life by being cramped into shoes with deadly pointed toes! Not to do so is to be a "square." The Viper of Conformity has crawled from the pit and we suffer from its bite.

History is full of the heroic facts of non-conformists. There was Jacques DeMolay at the stake, refusing to conform to the wishes of an avaricious King and a corrupt Pope. There was Joan of Arc, refusing to conform to the approved thought patterns of her day which would have betrayed the inner voices she heard. There stands Luther nailing his theses to the cathedral door and shouting, "I stand here. I can do no other." And above them all is the Saviour of the World, paying on the cross the supreme penalty for his non-conformity. All one has to do is to begin reading the Sermon on the Mount in the fifth Chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew and one finds paragraph after paragraph beginning with the words, "Ye have heard it said of old time . . . , but I say unto you . . .", language which indicates the mind of a non-conformist. St. Paul gives his readers the injunction, "Be ye not conformed to the world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your minds." Only as we take Paul seriously, only as we seek to become transforming men and Masons instead of conforming ones, can we throw off the insidious Viper of Conformity.

I simply cannot believe that more than four million Masons and more than four hundred thousand Templars are either unable or unwilling to be transforming individuals in their communities instead of being stultifying conformists to much in our culture to which we ought never to conform.

Finally, a third viper crawls from the pit, and it is the insidious Viper of Compromise. The bite of this viper causes us to reduce much

of our lives to least common denominators. College deans often see a young man, reared in a Christian home, abandon one by one the principles by which he was taught to live. His parents may have taught him that his body is nothing less than a Temple of the Living God. But the temptation comes to no longer "subdue his passions and keep them within due bound." He compromises his convictions and becomes one more statistic in a modern-day Kinsey Report or one more figure in the annals of delinquency. He has been attacked by the Viper of Compromise.

Again, our vocabulary witnesses to the extent of the attack of this viper among us. One of the words which had been given an entirely new and different meaning as it is used in the political arena is the word "accommodation." Now we seek to have an "accommodation" with political forces which are opposed to us. We need to be reminded that the beauseants of the ancient Templars were white and black. There is no large middle band of grey! Yet there are those who talk about "the large grey area" between right and wrong, between good and bad, between truth and error.

A little more than a century ago our entire nation succumbed to this particular viper, and history recorded an unfortunate Missouri Compromise. But when we compromise justice with injustice, truth with falsehood, good with evil, light with darkness, we inevitably pay the inexorable price for our folly.

There is, to be sure, the place for him who would be a peacemaker, but peace at the price of the compromise of one's strongest convictions is no peace at all. Those in our generation who mistakenly believe they would rather be Red than dead are classic examples of the toll which is taken by the Viper of Compromise.

Let us take another long, slow, careful look at ourselves, not at our neighbor. We shall have all we can do to consider if we ourselves have not been bitten by these pit vipers which are yet active in our day. Has the Viper of Complacency attacked us? Or is it the Viper of Conformity? Perhaps the Viper of Compromise? Can we dare to be like Paul and throw these vipers off? We cannot dare to be anything less nor to do anything less. We must dare as Masons and Templars to replace Complacency with Consecration, Conformity with Courage, and Compromise with Conviction. Have we the strength and the will to throw these vipers off? We can say in our day as Paul said in his "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." This being so, then let us throw vipers off.

**Grand Chapter
Royal Arch Masons**



Enjoy a vacation at the Triennials of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons at Minneapolis, Minn., October 13-17, 1963.

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: 1963 and 4000—5963.

Scottish Rite—

Add 3760 years to the common era. Thus: 1963 and 3760—5723.
After September add another year.

Royal Arch—

Add 530 years to the vulgar year. Thus: 1963 and 530—2493.

Royal and Select Masters—

Add 1000 years to the common era. Thus: 1963 and 1000—2963.

Knights Templar—

From the Christian era take 1118. Thus: 1118 from 1963—845.

Order of High Priesthood—

To the Christian era add 1913, the year of Blessing. Thus: 1963 and 1913—3876.



MARTIN NISSEN GERHARD
M.E. Grand High Priest
1963 - 1964

PROCEEDINGS
of the
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Royal Arch Masons
of the
STATE OF FLORIDA

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH
ANNUAL CONVOCATION

RAY HENRY SCHMIDT
Grand High Priest
PRESIDING

MARTIN NISSEN GERHARD
ELECTED

HELD IN THE CITY OF CLEARWATER
May 15 - 16, 1963, A.I. 2493

OFFICERS
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A. D. 1963 - 1964

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WILLIAM JACOB HOFHEINZ *Grand Master of Second Veil*
1230 Circle Drive, Tallahassee, Florida

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860 S. W. First Street, Miami, Florida

JAMES VERNON DOWNING *E. Grand Sentinel*
2628 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH ANNUAL
CONVOCAATION IN THE YEAR 1963

Clearwater Chapter No. 45 R.A.M. opened a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the purpose of receiving the M.E. Grand High Priest, Ray Henry Schmidt and his officers. The M.E. Grand High Priest and his officers were received and the M.E. Grand High Priest declared Clearwater Chapter No. 45 R.A.M. closed and opened the Grand Chapter of R.A.M. in its One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Convocation in ample form in Clearwater, Florida, Wednesday, May 15, 1963, with prayer by the M.E. Grand Chaplain, Companion Orville A. Clark.

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

GRAND OFFICERS

Ray Henry Schmidt.....	<i>M.E. Grand High Priest</i>
Martin Nissen Gerhard.....	<i>R.E. Grand King</i>
Henry Ashton Brosnaham, Jr.....	<i>R.E. Grand Scribe</i>
Russell Wilson Houston.....	<i>M.E. Grand Treasurer</i>
John Bridges Phelps.....	<i>M.E. Grand Secretary</i>
Orville Ambrose Clark.....	<i>M.E. Grand Chaplain</i>
Roy Richardson Wright, Jr.....	<i>E. Grand Captain of the Host</i>
Lofton Dee Chiles.....	<i>E. Grand Principal Sojourner</i>
James Wesley MacDonald.....	<i>E. Grand Royal Arch Captain</i>
Harold Leroy Beals.....	<i>E. Grand Master of Third Veil</i>
Floyd Marquis Crippen.....	<i>E. Grand Master of Second Veil</i>
William Jacob Hofheinz.....	<i>E. Grand Master of First Veil</i>
Decarr Flournoy Hosford.....	<i>E. Grand Sentinel</i>

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS PRESENT

John B. Phelps	Wilbur W. Masters, Jr.
Frederick A. Riegel	Herman J. Wendland
George A. Lambe	William J. Abram
Loren L. Dilger	Charles W. Arnold
Leslie C. Bortle	L. Earl Curry
Orville A. Clark	James A. Winfield

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS PRESENT

District No. 1—William E. Truglio	District No. 7—Richard Ivy Lanier
District No. 2—T. Wayne Miller	District No. 8—W. W. Morgeson
District No. 3—Walter F. Harris	District No. 9—H. M. Folds
District No. 4—Albert L. Stripling	District No. 10—Arnold R. Lambe
District No. 5—Ellwyn K. Houston	District No. 11—James Bolton
District No. 6—William T. Hardaway	District No. 12—Harold E. Eskins

REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

- Florida.....No. 1— J. W. Oder (Proxy)
Joe B. Hollingsworth, K.
Joe B. Hollingsworth, S.
- Gainesville.....No. 2— Thomas Thorwald, H.P.
C. R. Williams (Proxy)
Harry Leo Evans, S.
- Tampa.....No. 3— Claire W. J. Cornes, H.P.
Claire W. J. Cornes (Proxy)
Joe Giorgianni, S.
- St. Johns.....No. 4— Glenn K. Bailey, H.P.
Glenn K. Bailey (Proxy)
Glenn K. Bailey (Proxy)
- Halifax.....No. 5— Carl A. Lindquist (Proxy)
Robert H. Glassford, K.
Elwyn K. Houston (Proxy)
- Mount Horeb.....No. 6— Lawrence E. Jones (Proxy)
Lawrence E. Jones, K.
H. A. Brosnham III (Proxy)
- Eureka.....No. 7— Ellsworth Pepper Boss, H.P.
Chester O. Cornwall (Proxy)
Robert B. Shugart (Proxy)
- Dade City.....No. 8— G. P. Hodges, H.P.
A. J. Taylor (Proxy)
A. J. Taylor (Proxy)
- Putnam.....No. 9— F. C. Smith, H.P.
R. R. Regal, K.
W. R. Polk (Proxy)
- Jericho.....No. 11— Robert O. Bell, H.P.
Fred C. Urfer, K.
Edward H. Baxter (Proxy)
- Jacksonville.....No. 12— Crawford E. Harris, H.P.
J. Frank Nettles, K.
Crawford E. Harris (Proxy)
- Ocala.....No. 13— A. R. Marwick (Proxy)
Alexander K. Smith, K.
- Monroe.....No. 15— Woodrow W. Cash, H.P.
Frank L. Miller (Proxy)
- Plant City.....No. 16— Ray L. Pletcher, H.P.
W. A. Twiss (Proxy)
R. A. Daniel (Proxy)
- St. Augustine.....No. 17— William T. Landell, H.P.
James A. Nugent (Proxy)
- Manatee.....No. 18— Donald B. Knopp, H.P.
William E. Lemke, K.
McAdoo Thomas, S.
- Lake Butler.....No. 19— not represented
- Keystone.....No. 20— Leonard H. Kleve, H.P.
G. C. Bate, K.
F. L. Ringer, S.
- Thomas Brown.....No. 22— Paige O. Brown, H.P.
Paul W. Chapman, Jr. (Proxy)
Daniel B. Randall (Proxy)

- Palm Beach.....No. 24— Theodore R. Tucker, H.P.
Alfred R. Peebles, K.
Calvin K. Petersen, S.
- Live Oak.....No. 25— Herbert J. Rees (Proxy)
H. B. Newlands (Proxy)
H. B. Newlands (Proxy)
- Jefferson.....No. 26— not represented
- Indian River.....No. 27— Lacy Ramer, H.P.
Lacy Ramer (Proxy)
Lacy Ramer (Proxy)
- Joppa.....No. 28— Samuel B. Gage, H.P.
Henry Bengal, K.
Earl Padgett, S.
- Lakeland.....No. 29— Talmadge Walter Dean, H.P.
Gerald Elmo Howell, K.
C. T. Stephens, S.
- Gadsden.....No. 30— Henry W. Rollins (Proxy)
- St. Petersburg.....No. 31— Clifford M. Lawson, H.P.
John E. Chisholm, K.
Eugene E. Putnam, S.
- Jackson.....No. 32— Blount Lawrence (Proxy)
Blount Lawrence (Proxy)
Blount Lawrence, S.
- Eustis.....No. 33— Millard Claypool, H.P.
M. A. Stephenson, K.
John E. Marley (Proxy)
- Leesburg.....No. 34— D. A. McClellan, Jr. (Proxy)
John D. Hart, K.
John D. Hart (Proxy)
- Sarasota.....No. 35— Walter L. Bergmann, H.P.
William L. Edelman, K.
Robert C. Dunsmore, S.
- Lake City.....No. 38— C. B. Davis (Proxy)
W. R. Hunter (Proxy)
W. R. Hunter (Proxy)
- Bay County.....No. 39— E. R. Allan, H.P.
T. L. Peterson, K.
Joseph P. Laseur, S.
- Crestview.....No. 40— R. V. Kilcrease, H.P.
O. E. Rymer, K.
G. M. Holmes, S.
- Winter Haven.....No. 41— J. W. Freed, H.P.
G. R. Ryder, K.
F. O. Tessem, S.
- Highlands.....No. 42— B. H. Walton, H.P.
B. H. Walton (Proxy)
John A. Kruse, S.
- Clearwater.....No. 45— Arthur R. Hall, H.P.
O. W. Cassady, K.
Austin G. Roberts, S.
- Duval.....No. 48— L. H. Hammond, H.P.
W. H. Ange (Proxy)
J. F. McKenney, S.

- Nassau.....No. 49 — John W. Joyce, H.P.
- Poinciana.....No. 50 — J. C. Taylor, H.P.
J. C. Taylor (Proxy)
W. W. Watson (Proxy)
- Monroe D. Cushing.....No. 54 — J. E. Norsworthy, H.P.
- Hill City.....No. 55 — D. W. Brown, H.P.
Ralph DeRosa, S.
- St. Joseph.....No. 56 — Edgar L. Smith, H.P.
Joseph C. Evans, K.
- Surf.....No. 57 — W. D. Porter, H.P.
Harry R. Davis (Proxy)
Stewart A. Barnum, S.
- Rocky Water.....No. 59 — Hubert C. Ellis, H.P.
Hubert C. Ellis (Proxy)
Lou Bonsteel III, S.
- Hiram.....No. 60 — J. L. Feisthammel, H.P.
J. L. Feisthammel (Proxy)
Orval G. Brogan (Proxy)
- Cabal.....No. 61 — C. H. Duteil, H.P.

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

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

- James A. Winfield
- John B. Phelps
- W. J. Abram

DISTRIBUTION

- Leo A. Bowles
- Walter A. Poole
- Edwin E. Brogden

TIME AND PLACE

- R. L. Thompson
- L. E. Healy
- R. C. McClure

DISPENSATIONS, CHARTERS AND BY-LAWS

- Henry A. Brosnahan III
- R. L. Pulley
- Earl R. Allan

THANKS

- Moses Moreno
- U. V. Durden
- J. C. Taylor

PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES

- A. F. Jorgensen
- G. B. Buchanan
- Herman W. Boye

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
(which was adopted)

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

WHEREAS: It is important that all members be present at our Grand Convocations and whereas the cost of living is increasing daily, Therefore, be it resolved, that the mileage be 12 Cents per mile one way and the per diem of \$15.00 for each delegate, each Past Grand High Priest and each Grand Officer, of the Grand Chapter for the 1963 Annual Convocation.

Fraternally submitted,
THE COMMITTEE

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

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

We, your Committee on Returns and Credentials, find the list of Grand Officers and Grand Representatives of Constituent Chapters as furnished by the Grand Secretary at Roll Call, correct.

- All Chapters have made Returns and paid dues for the year.
- All Chapters are represented.
- Except:
- Lake Butler No. 19
- Jefferson No. 26

Fraternally submitted,
THE COMMITTEE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE
(which was adopted)

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

We your Committee on Time and Place wish to make the following report:

We recommend that this Grand Chapter join with the Grand Council and the Grand Commandery in accepting the invitation of the Companions and Sir Knights of Pensacola, Florida to hold our 1964 Grand Convocation in that city.

Fraternally submitted,
THE COMMITTEE

The Committee on Distinguished Guests introduced the following:

Charles A. Guthrie, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Alabama and the Personal Representative of the R.E. Grand Commander and the M.I. Grand Master of Alabama; Ralph C. James, Grand High Priest of Georgia; Charles H. Bush, Grand King of Georgia; Howard de F. Trainer, Past M.I. Grand Master of the Grand Council of Illinois; Sir Knight George A. Barton, E. Commander Oriental Commandery No. 12 K.T. of Cleveland, Ohio; William John Hugo, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Louisiana and the Personal Representative of Guy Ganaway, the R.E. Grand Commander of Louisiana; William W. I. Begg, the Grand Representative of the Grand Council R. & S.M. of Florida near the Grand Council R. & S.M. of New York; William M. White, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of South Carolina; Marion Park, Past Grand Commander and Past Grand High Priest of South Carolina; A. J. M. Wanamaker, Past M. W. Grand Master, Past Grand High Priest, Past M.I. Grand Master, Past R.E. Grand Commander all of South Carolina, and the present President of the Sojourners of America; W. Tom Bateman, Past Grand Commander and the present Grand Secretary-Recorder of Georgia; Herman E. Freeman, M. I. Grand Master of the Grand Council of Georgia; Floyd L. Reynolds, R.E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Georgia; G. Rodman Porter, Past Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Florida; Moses Moreno, Grand Tiler of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Florida; Leroy E. Healy, R.E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Florida; Stephen B. Dimond, M.I. Grand Master of the Grand Council of Florida.

Motion prevailed that Distinguished Guests not already Honorary Members be made such.

Uncle Joe B. Johnson, winner of the General Grand Chapter Meritorious Service Award in 1962, and who will be 101 years old in June of this year, was invited to the East and seated among the Grand Officers.

REPORT OF THE M.E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST

(which was adopted)

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

Companions, Greetings and all good wishes!

As we meet this morning to open our 116th Convocation of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Florida, we ask the blessings of Almighty God, and ask Him to be with us during our deliberations, speaking to us and then through us that we may do His will at all times, and that peace and harmony will prevail.

It gives me a great pleasure to extend to each of you a hearty welcome to this Grand Convocation. To those of you who are here for the first time, I extend a special welcome. I hope the information and inspiration you may receive here will cause you to return to your home Chapters with a greater

desire to promote Capitular Masonry, and in so doing lay the foundation upon which we can build a strong UNITED YORK RITE.

To our distinguished visitors and guests from other Grand Jurisdictions and other Grand and General Grand Officers, we extend a cordial welcome. We appreciate your honoring us with your presence and sincerely hope that your stay with us will be most happy and enjoyable.

We salute those who have served these Grand Bodies in previous years, especially those Past Grand High Priests who are here today. For your advice and counsel has helped us over many problems through the years. I am personally grateful for your assistance this year.

Companions, for the great honor which you gave me a year ago, that of serving my fellowman, I give you sincere thanks. You elected me Grand High Priest, an honor I accepted with humility. My two immediate predecessors made such outstanding records. I knew I would not be able to meet with every Chapter in the State as they had done, but every effort was made to meet with as many as possible. I have endeavored to perform my duties to the best of my ability, and I hope to the best interest of this Grand Chapter. I now tender my report of this year's activity.

FINANCES

During the year I have signed vouchers 1 to 64 inclusive, amounting to \$9,376.61. A record of the date, amount and the purpose for which each was drawn is hereto attached, 3/30/1963. Voucher No. 8 was voided.

NECROLOGY

We are again thankful that our official family has remained unbroken during the past year. However, we are saddened by the passing of two of our beloved Past Grand High Priests, to their Grand Reward. One was Companion Dorsey Howard Rutter, Grand High Priest in 1940, and who served for many years as Grand Chaplain. The other was Companion Harry Robert Thompson, Grand High Priest in 1946 and who served as assistant to Companion Phelps for many years. We are also saddened by the death of many other Companions.

The Committee on Memorials will hold a suitable Memorial Service for these Departed Companions later on the program.

ROYAL ARCH OBSERVANCE DAY

October 21, 1962, was proclaimed as Royal Arch Observance or Religious Affirmation Day, in accordance with the wishes of the M. E. General Grand High Priest, and so we observed it in Florida. The Chairman of this Committee was Companion H. A. Brosnham, Jr., R. E. Grand Scribe, who reports that forty-three of the Chapters reported to him, and that only two of these were not able to attend in a Body.

I am happy for this cooperation from the Chapters and I do sincerely hope we will have 100% attendance next year.

GENERAL GRAND PUBLICATIONS

At each of our twelve District meetings I urged the Chapters to consider subscribing to the Royal Arch Mason, because it is one of the finest magazines published today. It is most informative on Masonic subjects and will give to our members and their Blue Lodge friends valuable information about the fraternity. We are planning to continue to urge Chapters to consider subscribing to the Royal Arch Mason for their entire membership.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

July 9, 1962, Dispensation granted to Crestview Chapter No. 40, R.A.M., to hold special convocation out of doors and confer the Royal Arch Degree October 6, 1962, provided that the convocation is properly and secured tiled, and that due and timely notice is given to the membership.

July 7, 1962, Dispensation granted by the Grand King, due to the absence from the State of the Grand High Priest, to St. Petersburg Chapter No. 31, R.A.M., to participate in ceremonies honoring Lt. Col. John H. Glenn, on July 18, 1962.

July 22, 1962, Dispensation granted to Cabal Chapter No. 61, R.A.M., to move their meeting place to Homestead, Florida, in the Palm Masonic Lodge Building on the second Tuesday of each month, as your stated convocation. Due and timely notice to be given to membership. Dispensation granted subject to change in By-laws to make the location permanent.

October 4, 1962, Dispensation granted to Rocky Water Chapter No. 59, R.A.M., of Eau Gallie, Fla., to hold its meetings in the Lodge Room of Melbourne Lodge No. 143, F. & A.M. of Melbourne, Florida, and that its meetings be changed to the first Tuesday of each month, until such time as its by-laws can be amended. Due and timely notice to be given to the membership.

October 11, 1962, Dispensation granted to Palm Beach Chapter No. 24, R.A.M., of West Palm Beach to receive and ballot on petitions for the Capitular Degrees on November 3, 1962. Due and timely notice to be given to the membership.

October 16, 1962, Dispensation granted to Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, R.A.M., to receive, ballot on petitions and confer the Capitular Degrees on November 28, 1962. Due and timely notice to be given to the membership.

November 17, 1962, Dispensation granted to Cabal Chapter No. 61, R.A.M., Tuesday, November 27, 1962, due to conflicting dates on the use of the meeting place on the Regular meeting night of the Chapter, the second Tuesday night of the month. Due and timely notice to be given to the membership.

November 29, 1962, Dispensation granted to Ocala Chapter No. 13, R.A.M., to hold election of officers at a special meeting on the third Tuesday in December, since regular meeting falls on Christmas day. Due and timely notice to be given to the membership.

December 16, 1962, Dispensation granted to St. Joseph Chapter No. 56, R.A.M., to hold an election of High Priest and such other Officers as may be needed at next regular meeting of the Chapter on December 24, 1962, due to the fact that the elected High Priest declined to take office. Due and timely notice to be given to the membership.

December 20, 1962, Dispensation granted to Palm Beach Chapter No. 24, R.A.M., to open Stated Convocation of January 7, 1963, at 7:30 P.M., instead of the regular hour, so that business could be disposed of before installation of officers. Due and timely notice to be given to the membership.

December 20, 1962, Dispensation granted to St. Johns Chapter No. 4, R.A.M., to hold special convocation on January 3, 1963, to transact regular business due to the fact that regular convocation falls on January 1, 1963, and a quorum was not expected. Due and timely notice to be given to membership.

December 25, 1962, Surf Chapter requested dispensation to elect a Secretary, due to the death of the elected Secretary, this is not necessary since it can be done at any regular meeting, however dispensation was granted to elect other officers should one of the elected officers be elected Secretary. Said election to be held on January 7, 1963, of which due and timely notice be given to membership.

January 1963, Dispensations were granted to the following Chapters to receive and ballot on petitions out of statute time for the Special York Rite

Celebration at Cocoa, Florida, January 26, 1963. Due and timely notice to be given to their membership.

Palm Beach Chapter, No. 24, R.A.M., West Palm Beach
 Indian River Chapter, No. 27, R.A.M., Titusville, Fla.
 Monroe Chapter No. 15, R.A.M., of Sanford
 Eureka Chapter No. 7, R.A.M., of Orlando
 Poinciana Chapter No. 50, R.A.M., of Fort Myers
 Hiram Chapter No. 60, R.A.M., of North Miami
 Eustice Chapter No. 33, R.A.M., Eustice, Fla.
 Joppa Chapter No. 28, R.A.M., Fort Pierce
 Florida Chapter No. 1, R.A.M., Tallahassee
 Rocky Water Chapter No. 59, R.A.M., Melbourne
 Jericho Chapter No. 11, R.A.M., Miami.

January 10, 1963, Dispensation granted to Indian River Chapter No. 27, R.A.M., of Titusville, to change meeting place for January 26, 1963, Special Convocation honoring Gordon Cooper and conferring of the Capitular Degrees, to the National Guard Armory, Fiskes Blvd., Cocoa, Florida, provided the Armory is securely tiled. Due and timely notice to be given to the membership.

January 16, 1963, Dispensation is granted Gainesville Chapter No. 2, R.A.M., to receive and ballot on petitions short of time on January 25, 1963 and to confer the Capitular Degrees on that date. Due and timely notice to be given to membership.

February 24, 1963, Ocala Chapter No. 13, R.A.M., requested dispensation to elect Secretary due to the death of Companion George B. Stephenson, Secretary, this is not necessary since the secretary of a chapter can be elected at a regular convocation. However, Dispensation was granted to elect such officers as might be necessary due to the election of Secretary. Due and timely notice to be given.

March 12, 1963, Dispensation granted to Eureka Chapter No. 7, R.A.M., Orlando, to vote on petitions at a Special Convocation of the Chapter on Friday, March 29, 1963. Due and timely notice to be given the membership.

March 18, 1963, Dispensation granted to Winter Haven Chapter No. 41, R.A.M., of Winter Haven to hold Convocations in the new Masonic Temple located at corner of 4th Ave., and Ave. A, S.E., until such time as the By-laws can be changed to reflect the new meeting place and location of the Charter.

March 23, 1963, Dispensation granted to Halifax Chapter No. 5, R.A.M., of Daytona Beach, to receive and ballot on petitions at a Special Convocation to be held March 28, 1963. Due and timely notice having been given to the membership.

March 23, 1963, Dispensation granted to Manatee River Chapter No. 18, R.A.M., of Bradenton, to receive and ballot on petitions and to confer the Capitular Degrees on April 13, 1963. Due and timely notice having been given to the membership.

March 26, 1963, Dispensation granted to Rocky Water Chapter No. 59, R.A.M., of Melbourne to hold a special Convocation on April 20, 1963, for the purpose of receiving and balloting on petitions and conferring the Capitular Degrees, provided due and timely notice is given to the membership of the purpose of the meeting.

APPOINTMENTS RECOMMENDED

October 3, 1962 Recommended the appointment of Companion Raymond L. Ballard as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia near the Grand Chapter of Florida.

October 17, 1962 Recommended the appointment of Companion Walter F. Harris as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia near the Grand Chapter of Florida.

APPOINTMENTS

February 15, 1963 I appointed Fred B. Wells to serve as the Grand Representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Wisconsin.

March 6, 1963 I appointed Companion C. C. Sherrad to serve as the Grand Representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Texas.

March 19, 1963 I appointed Companion Astor E. Wallin to serve as the Grand Representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Michigan.

BY-LAWS APPROVED

June 22, 1962. Approved Changes to the By-Laws of Eureka Chapter No. 7, R.A.M., Orlando, as follows:

Article No. II, Section No. 1. Reducing Stated Convocation from two to one each month.

Article No. 2. Section No. 1-A. Limiting business which can be conducted at Special or Called Convocations, and stating particular items which cannot be considered without special dispensation from Grand High Priest.

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September 1, 1962. Approved changes to the By-Laws of Cabal Chapter No. 61, R.A.M., of Homestead, as follows:

Article No. 1. Changes location of Chapter from South Miami to Homestead.

Article No. 2. Changes regular convocation from the second Monday of each month to second Tuesday of each month.

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November 19, 1962. Approved changes to the By-Laws of Rocky Water Chapter No. 59, R.A.M., of Eau Gallie, as follows:

Article No. 1. Changes location from Eau Gallie to Melbourne.

Article No. 2. Sets the meeting as first Tuesday of each month.

Article No. 25. Seal to be changed showing Melbourne.

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November 24, 1962. Approved changes to By-Laws of Jericho Chapter No. 11, Miami, as follows:

Article No. 24. Sections 1, 2 and 3 be repealed and replaced with the following:

This Chapter shall at its Annual Election of Officers elect from Jericho Chapter No. 11, Royal Arch Masons, two (2) members to serve during the ensuing Capital Year on the York Rite Temple Association of Miami, Florida.

The members of this Association shall choose from their own members a chairman, and make such rules and regulations for their government as they may deem necessary, PROVIDED, that the same shall be not contrary to the By-Laws of this Chapter.

In case of a vacancy occurring in the representation from this Chapter on the said York Rite Temple Association of Miami, Florida, an election shall be held as soon as possible to fill the unexpired term.

November 28, 1962. Approved a new set of By-Laws for Poinciana Chapter No. 50, R.A.M., Fort Myers, with the exception of second Paragraph of Article 10, which was in conflict with Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida.

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December 5, 1962. Approved changes to the By-Laws of Hill City Chapter No. 55, of Brooksville as follows:

Provides for reducing Regular Convocations from two meetings each month to one, that to be on Second Tuesday each month.

Provides for change of meeting place to Hernando Lodge No. 97, Masonic Temple.

Provides for setting the initiation fee at sum of \$25.00.

RULINGS

June 13, 1962. Ruling No. 1. At the Annual Convocation held in May, 1962, a resolution was passed authorizing aprons for the District Deputy Grand High Priests, so that they would be recognized as a Grand Officer when making their official visits. There was not action taken which would authorize a Past District Deputy Grand High Priest apron, nor was any design presented for such apron which would distinguish it from that of the Active Deputy. Therefore, since there is no authority for such Past District Deputy Grand High Priest apron, it is my ruling that this matter be laid over until the next Annual Convocation to be held in Clearwater in May of 1963, at which time a resolution could be presented authorizing a Past District Deputy Apron if Grand Chapter approved, and also specify the design so that it would be different from that of the Active Deputy.

December 20, 1962. Ruling No. 2. Palm Beach Chapter No. 24, R.A.M., requested rulings on the procedure to be followed in the case of the Companion who had been suspended by his Blue Lodge for five years, which has expired and who has now been restored to full membership in his Blue Lodge, being restored to membership in the Chapter.

A. You specifically requested a ruling on whether Paragraph 30 or Paragraph 81 of Grand Chapter Regulations would apply. It is my ruling that Paragraph 81 apply. Your own by-laws also cover this.

B. You request a ruling on whether a "regular manner" means a unanimous ballot (100%) or does a two-thirds majority suffice? It is my ruling that a "regular manner" means a unanimous or 100% clear ballot, the same as is required for petitioning for degrees, affiliation and reinstatement in the York Rite.

C. In the question of when to reconsider the petition for reinstatement of this rejected petition, it is my opinion that it should be considered in the same manner as you handle the petition for affiliation, in other words it can be handled at any subsequent meeting without the necessity of a new petition, and it requires a unanimous ballot. In the absence of any definite procedure in our regulations covering a rejected reinstatement petition, this way of handling comes closest, and I so rule.

VISITATIONS

At the beginning of this year I knew that it would be impossible for me to follow the excellent example of my two immediate predecessors in this high office, that of visiting each of the Chapters in the state. My official position as Postmaster would not allow me to be away from the office except on weekends. This limitation made it possible for the three presiding Grand York Rite Officers to plan a schedule of District meetings and to work for a UNITED YORK RITE.

In co-operation with Sir Knight Wm. E. Tanner, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery and M. I. Companion Robert L. Thompson, Grand Master of the Grand Council we made twelve wonderful district meetings. Each of these meetings was different, but one principle point remained the same, that of working for a UNITED YORK RITE. I am grateful for the other Grand Officers who attended these District meetings.

I attended only one other Grand Jurisdiction, that of our neighboring State of Alabama, which was held in Huntsville in February of this year. I received other invitations which because of my position I had to decline.

A record of my visits is attached to this report and will be printed in the Proceedings.

RECOMMENDATIONS

No. 1. I recommend that each Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction review the recommendations made by my two immediate predecessors, M.E. Companion L. Earl Curry and M.E. Companion James A. Winfield, and that those which were approved by the Jurisprudence Committee be carried out.

No. 2. I recommend that a Committee be appointed to draw up a new Constitution, Laws and Regulations for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida. There have been so many changes to the present one and what the law is.

No. 3. I recommend that each Chapter continue to stress the importance of keeping dues up to date. That each Chapter put into practice that portion of Article XIII of the Uniform Code of by-laws, which makes it possible to start action for suspension for non-payment of dues on all Companions that are six months in arrears.

No. 4. I recommend that consideration be given to holding a State-wide Festival each year, under the direction of the Committee on work. That the Festival be held in the central part of the State, and in the fall of the year.

No. 5. I recommend that the scheduling of planning meetings of the top three officers of each Grand Body be continued as was started this year. This will be a great help in the advancement of the York Rite as a UNITED YORK RITE in Florida.

No. 6. I recommend that there be a Standing Committee on By-Laws, to which all new By-Laws or amendments of By-Laws of Subordinate Chapters will be sent for approval prior to the Grand High Priests approval. This committee could also bring the present Constitution, Laws and Regulations of this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida up to date. I suggest a three-man committee on a rotating basis.

STATE OF THE ORDER

1962-1963 brought about a strenuous effort on the part of the three presiding Grand Officers to make a strong UNITED YORK RITE in the State of Florida. At twelve district meetings the general theme was for the consolidation of the RITE into one Strong organization. The result of this will be seen in the years to come, starting with the coming in Officers who have already met twice to plan for the future. This is truly a step in the right direction.

1962 has again placed the Grand Chapter in the loss column for the second consecutive year. Many Chapters noting that this year was not going to show a gain decided to clear the dead wood for their membership rolls.

Reports from all of my Deputies show that there is a better and greater interest in Capitular Masonry now than there has been for many years. Each of the twelve Deputies made a fine report.

We all are aware that the splendid Festival we had at Cocoa in January for the Astronaut Class, honoring Companion Leroy Gordon Cooper, Jr., Major U.S.A.F., has been a stimulant which we all needed. We can look forward to larger and better classes in the future.

I feel that the future looks bright for a UNITED YORK RITE in Florida.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, my sincere thanks to you all for this opportunity of working with and for my fellowmen. It has been a real pleasure to work with two such fine people as M.I. Companion Robert L. Thompson and Sir Knight Wm. E. Tanner, and their wonderful wives. My wife and I are grateful for their friendship.

I thank our Heavenly Father that he has given us all good health and strength to carry on his work this year. We have all been blessed with fine Line Officers and Deputies. The work they did will be long remembered. I am sure when you hear the plans our up-coming Officers have worked out you will know that we are moving forward.

To you M.E. Companion John, my sincere thanks, your guidance and direction has been a great help and a real source of inspiration. Our Grand Secretary is always ready with the word and encouragement needed to our Grand Officers.

Bay County Chapter No. 39, was responsible for my appointment into this line, back at the time I was placed in line we were making real records and we will again from the looks of things. To the Companions of my home Chapter, thanks.

I could not conclude this report without my deepest thanks and appreciation to my own Companion Eve, who has been a great inspiration all these many years and especially this past one.

The Clearwater Committees have done a wonderful job in making the plans for this Grand Session, they are to be congratulated. A special committee has been appointed to convey our deepest appreciation for those town's people who have cooperated so willingly.

May God's richest blessings abide with each of you now and forever more.

RECORD OF VISITATIONS

1962	
May 28	Bay County Chapter No. 39, Panama City
June 2	Gulf Coast Shrine Club, Official Visit of the Potentate Morocco Temple, Panama City
June 11	St. Johns Commandery, Grand Commander Official Visit, Panama City
June 13	Panama City York Rite Summer Festival
June 24	Scottish Rite Secretaries Conference, Orlando, Fla.
June 21	Gulf Coast Chapter National Sojourners, Panama City Represented Grand York Rite Bodies as speaker
June 26	Acme Lodge No. 222, D.D.G.M., official visit, was received and presented as Grand High Priest
Aug. 30	Grand Masters visit to Escambia Lodge and District No. 1, Pensacola, Florida
Sept. 1	M.W. Grand Master's official visit to District No. 4, Acme Lodge No. 222, host. Gave Welcome address
Sept. 6	York Rite District No. 2, meeting in Sarasota
Sept. 7	York Rite District No. 1, meeting in Miami
Sept. 8	York Rite District No. 12, meeting in Melbourne
Sept. 9	Board of Trustees meeting, Masonic Home, St. Petersburg
Sept. 21	York Rite District No. 3, meeting in St. Petersburg
Sept. 22	York Rite District No. 4, meeting in Lakeland

Oct. 5	Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 6, Pensacola
Oct. 6	Open Air Royal Arch Degree at Crestview, by Crestview Chapter No. 40
Oct. 12	Attended Convent General, K.Y.C.H. in session at Birmingham, Alabama
Oct. 19	York Rite District No. 6, meeting at Eustis
Oct. 20	York Rite District No. 5, meeting at Daytona Beach
Oct. 26-27	State-Wide Scottish Rite Reunion at Jacksonville, presented as Grand High Priest
Nov. 2	York Rite District No. 8, meeting at Gainesville
Nov. 3	York Rite District No. 7, meeting at Jacksonville
Nov. 7	Bay County York Rite Festival
Nov. 8	York Rite District Meeting No. 9, Tallahassee
Nov. 9	York Rite District No. 11, meeting at Pensacola
Nov. 10	York Rite District No. 10, meeting at Panama City
Dec. 3	Surf Chapter No. 57, Ft. Walton Beach with the M.I., Grand Master of Grand Council
Dec. 15	San Carlos Conclave Red Cross of Constantine, Panama City
Jan. 25-26	Astronaut Class at Cocoa, Full Festival
Feb. 9-12	Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Alabama, meeting at Huntsville, Alabama
Feb. 15	Crestview Chapter No. 40, in company with the M.I., Grand Master of the Grand Council
Mar. 25	Bay County Chapter No. 39, Panama City
Mar 30 to April 4	International Supreme Council Order of DeMolay meeting in Tampa, Florida in official session

PROPOSED VISITS

Apr. 12-18	Grand Lodge F & A M of Florida, meeting in Jacksonville
May 9-12	Grand Court Order of the Amaranth, meeting in Miami
May 12	Board of Trustees, Masonic Home, St. Petersburg
May 2	Visit to Jackson Chapter No. 32, R.A.M.

RECORD OF FINANCIAL VOUCHERS

1962		
May 7	No. 1	Greggs Flowers (Wirt Funeral).....\$ 12.36
May 22	No. 2	Russell W. Houston Salary (2/22-5/22/62)..... 75.00
	No. 3	John B. Phelps, Salary (2/22-5/22/62)..... 375.00
	No. 4	Wm. Lemberg & Son, Aprons, Cases, Collars, Plaque..... 814.15
June 2	No. 5	Kendall Letter Service, Printing..... 8.38
June 7	No. 6	Chas. K. A. McGaughey, Dues G.G. Chapter..... 385.04
	No. 7	Harry W. Martin, D.D.G.H.P. Expense..... 33.40
	No. 8	Voided.....
June 22	No. 9	Houston & Mays, Collars, Aprons..... 11.23
July 3	No. 10	John B. Phelps, Salary (June)..... 100.00
	No. 11	Franklin Press, Printing Proceedings..... 704.00
July 4	No. 12	Wm. Lemberg & Son, Case for Chaplin Apron..... 26.20
July 22	No. 13	Franklin Press, Printing York Rite Light..... 144.65
July 30	No. 14	Kendall Printers, Envelopes, Letterheads, More Light.....
Aug. 7	No. 15	Franklin Press, York Rite Light..... 19.21
		121.90

Aug. 10	No. 16	R. H. Sumner & Sons, Marker for P.G.H.P. Robert Moore..... 97.55
Aug. 22	No. 17	Russell Houston, Salary (5/22-8/22/62)..... 75.00
Aug. 22	No. 18	John B. Phelps, Salary (5/22-8/22/62)..... 375.00
	No. 19	Franklin Press, Stencils, Mail list..... 295.90
Aug. 19	No. 20	Emil A. Wold, Minneapolis, Deposit on Rooms for Triennial..... 75.00
Sept. 4	No. 21	Ray H. Schmidt, Travel and Office expense 5/17 to 11/17/1962..... 550.00
Sept. 7	No. 22	Franklin Press, York Rite Light..... 95.69
Sept. 24	No. 23	Wm. Lemberg & Sons, Aprons & Cases, Deputies..... 475.20
Sept. 28	No. 24	Kendall Letter Service, Cards and Envelopes..... 18.50
Oct. 10	No. 25	Bradenton Office Equip., for York Rite Light..... 31.93
Oct. 18	No. 26	Franklin Press, York Rite Light..... 100.00
Nov. 5	No. 27	General Grand Chapter, Rituals..... 115.50
Nov. 7	No. 28	Franklin Press, York Rite Light..... 100.00
Nov. 22	No. 29	Russell Houston, Salary (8/22-11/22/62)..... 75.00
Nov. 22	No. 30	John B. Phelps, Salary (8/22-11/22/62)..... 300.00
Nov. 14	No. 31	Ray H. Schmidt, Travel and Office 11/17/62 to 5/15/63..... 550.00
Nov. 28	No. 32	Kendall Florist, Printing, Letterheads, Envelopes and Returns..... 40.00
Dec. 1	No. 33	John B. Phelps, Travel Ex. May to Nov..... 90.00
	No. 34	John B. Phelps, Office Expense, Grand Secretary, May to November, 1962..... 181.49
Dec. 4	No. 35	Stephen B. Dimond, Return Postage..... 21.68
Dec. 11	No. 36	Martin Gerhard, Ex. to Gainesville..... 8.76
Dec. 19	No. 37	Roy Wright, Exp. to Gainesville..... 16.30
Dec. 26	No. 38	Wm. R. Denslow, Editorial Material..... 7.50
	No. 39	Franklin Press, York Rite Light..... 90.00
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Jan. 3	No. 40	Kendall Press, Letters Printed, Petitions..... 12.95
Jan. 4	No. 41	Franklin Press, York Rite Light..... 90.00
Feb. 2	No. 42	Chas. K. A. McGaughey, Rituals..... 185.40
	No. 43	Stephen B. Dimond, DeMolay Convention, Tampa..... 500.00
Feb. 4	No. 44	Franklin Press, Membership Petitions..... 20.25
	No. 45	Kendall Letter Service..... 7.55
Feb. 22	No. 46	R. W. Houston, Salary (11/22/62-2/22/63)..... 75.00
	No. 47	John B. Phelps, Salary (11/22/62-2/22/63)..... 375.00
	No. 48	Franklin Press, York Rite Light..... 90.00
	No. 49	Stephen B. Dimond, DeMolay Member..... 481.30
Feb. 25	No. 50	General Grand Chapter, Essentials..... 10.00
March 1	No. 51	Kendall Florist, Dorsey H. Rutter (flowers) 500 More Light..... 16.29
	No. 52	DeLoach Monuments, Erle L. Wirt..... 93.33
March 4	No. 53	Franklin Press, Petitions..... 29.73
March 19	No. 54	Franklin Press, York Rite Light..... 100.00
March 30	No. 55	Martin N. Gerhard, Gainesville Trip..... 12.88
March 30	No. 56	Kendall Printing "More Light"..... 28.76

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

I have issued Vouchers No. 57 to 64 inclusive since making out my report, totaling \$557.20.

April 13 No. 57—John B. Phelps Salary.....	\$100.00
April 13 No. 58—Franklin Press, York Rite Light.....	90.00
April 15 No. 59—John B. Phelps, Travel Expense.....	120.00
No. 60—John B. Phelps, Office Expense.....	80.00
April 18, No. 61—Ink Well, Index Cards Credentials Committee.....	21.99
April 24, No. 62—Stephen B. Dimond, Return Postage.....	39.16
April 27, No. 63—Ray H. Schmidt, For Jewel & Silver.....	100.00
April 27 No. 64—Russell W. Houston, Safe Deposit Box.....	6.05
	\$557.20

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

April 27, 1963 Dispensation granted to St. Joseph Chapter No. 56, R.A.M. of Port St. Joe, Florida changing meeting nights from the 2nd and 4th Monday nights to the 1st and 3rd Monday nights until the By-laws are amended.

BY-LAWS GRANTED

May 2, 1963 Approved a new set of By-Laws for St. Joseph Chapter No. 56 R.A.M. of Port St. Joe, Florida.

Fraternally submitted,

RAY HENRY SCHMIDT, M.E. Grand High Priest

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY
(which was adopted)

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

"Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hast formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting thou art God. Thou turnest man in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is passed, and as a watch in the night."

Let us be reminded, that: The young may die; the old must die, and the wisest knoweth not what a day may bring forth. We live but to see those we love passing away into the silent land.

The youngest entered apprentice who stands on the checkered pavement below, dwells ever in the shadow of death, while the invisible hand extends equally above its ivory throne.

Sad as it may seem, yet this is the way of life. When those of us who survive stand in mute helplessness and brought face to face with the fact that we have within us, an immortal soul, which shall survive the grave and which shall never, never, die.

Today, our first thought is to thank The Grand High Priest of Heaven and earth, that our Grand Line Officers have remained intact, but there are many other Companions who have answered their last call, and their names have been stricken from the rolls of the living. Among these are two of our beloved Past Grand High Priests.

HARRY ROBERT THOMPSON

Most Excellent Companion Thompson was born July 13, 1879, at St. Louis, Missouri. Was called to his Eternal Home February 2nd, 1963, at Miami, Florida. Was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Florida in 1946.

DORSEY HOWARD RUTTER

Most Excellent Companion Rutter was born December 22, 1876, at Orbisonia, Pennsylvania. Was called to his Eternal Home February 18, 1963, at Daytona Beach, Florida. Was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Florida in 1940.

*"One by one we miss the voices
That we love so much to hear;
One by one their kindly faces
Into darkness disappear.*

*"No one sees the door that opens
Through which they pass beyond recall;
Softer than loosened leaves of roses
One by one our loved ones fall.*

We recommend that a page of the Proceedings of this Grand Convocation be inscribed in memory of the departed dead of this Grand Jurisdiction.

To the Fraternal Dead of our Sister Grand Jurisdictions, we express our deepest sympathy, and pray God, that He may grant them eternal repose on their undiscovered journey.

ALABAMA—Claud Stallworth, P.G.H.P., born November 15, 1896, died December 16, 1962.

ARIZONA—Alba Lee Massey, P.G.H.P., born July 7, 1881, died July 9, 1962. John Henry Orthel, P.G.H.P., born March 26, 1881, died January 27, 1963.

ARKANSAS—J. Miles Roberts, P.G.H.P., born May 9, 1900, died August 21, 1962.

CALIFORNIA—J. Howard Williams, P.G.H.P., born January 3, 1904, died May 7, 1962. Glenn Wallace Gurtner, P.G.H.P., born November 2, 1892, died December 14, 1962.

DELAWARE—Walter W. Bacon, P.G.H.P., died March 18, 1962. Stephen E. Hamilton, P.G.H.P., died April 15, 1962. Thomas J. Jacobs, P.G.H.P., died July 13, 1962.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—Raymond Nelson Babcock, P.G.Sec., born August 20, 1886, died March 16, 1963.

GEORGIA—Carlton Julius Owens, P.G.Sen., born July 31, 1868, died September 18, 1962. Emanuel William Rhoden, P.G.H.P., born November 16, 1885, died October 20, 1962.

IDAHO—Jay Glover Eldridge, P.G.H.P., born November 8, 1876, died September 1, 1962.

ILLINOIS—Clyde Thomas Knuckey, P.G.H.P., born February 3, 1883, died April 10, 1962.

INDIANA—Mark Leslie Dickover, P.G.H.P., born December 21, 1869, died June 1, 1962. Gordon Douglas Pease, P.G.H.P., born June 2, 1897, died November 17, 1962. Paul Richard Newhouse, P.G.H.P., born September 10, 1904, died December 1, 1962. William Thomas James, P.G.H.P., born February 6, 1899, died January 6, 1963.

IOWA—John McCandless Thompson, P.G.H.P., born May 24, 1875, died August 10, 1962.

KANSAS—John A. Hetzel, P.G.H.P., born January 13, 1875, died September 9, 1962.

MAINE—Orvis Weston Bonney, P.G.H.P., born May 11, 1904, died October 18, 1962. Merton Enoch Leech, P.G. King, born June 3, 1893, died July 24, 1962. Charles Elmer Crosby, P. G. Scribe, born August 25, 1875, died August 2, 1962.

- MANITOBA—Francis Edwin Simmons, P.F.G.P., born January 21, 1884, died January 27, 1963. Robert Hawkins, P.F.G.P., born May 29, 1879, died June 19, 1962. Eugene Ellis Grant, P.F.G.P., born December 2, 1885, died August 3, 1962.
- MARYLAND—Harry Franklin Robinson, P.G.H.P., born June 3, 1885, died December 12, 1962. Clarence McKinley Young, P.G.H.P., born April 3, 1892, died February 4, 1963.
- MASSACHUSETTS—Alexander Campbell, P.G.H.P., born April 25, 1885, died January 27, 1963.
- MICHIGAN—S. Elgin Mifflin, Jr., P.G.H.P., born June 11, 1886, died September 14, 1962. Francis Barbour Lambie, P.G.H.P., born May 29, 1875, died August 5, 1962.
- MINNESOTA—Clarence A. Olson, P.G.H.P., born October 30, 1902, died May 10, 1962. Arthur E. Cantelon, P.G.H.P., born July 17, 1879, died June 3, 1962.
- MISSISSIPPI—Sid F. Curtis, P.G.H.P. and P.G. Sec., born July 2, 1899, died April 27, 1962.
- NEVADA—James Douglas Wallace, P.G.H.P., born July 22, 1884, died December 4, 1962. Byron Jeremiah Morris, P.G.M. of First Veil, born September 9, 1899, died February 11, 1963.
- NEW MEXICO—Harlie E. Hubble, P.G.H.P., born February 19, 1884, died September 3, 1962.
- OHIO—George Ernst Reiff, P.G.H.P., born May 16, 1884, died December 3, 1962.
- OKLAHOMA—Andy E. Anderson, P.G.H.P., born September 8, 1896, died August 23, 1962.
- PENNSYLVANIA—Arthur L. Miller, P.G.H.P., born August 31, 1892, died March 10, 1963.
- SASKATCHEWAN—William F. Smith, P.F.G.P., born July 28, 1875, died August 12, 1962.
- TENNESSEE—James Isaac Walker, P.G.H.P., born July 7, 1882, died October 9, 1962. Charles Albert Snodgrass, P.G.H.P., born December 27, 1876, died March 25, 1963.
- TEXAS—Roy Bascom Underwood, P.G.H.P., born February 17, 1891, died May 21, 1962. George E. Poulter, P.D.H.P., born February 23, 1884, died September 12, 1962.
- UTAH—Bert Atwater, P.G. Sec., born October 24, 1884, died August 17, 1962.
- VICTORIA—Rabbi Jacob Danglow, P.F.G.P., born November 28, 1880, died May 21, 1962.
- VIRGINIA—Lawrence Golding Kincheloe, P.G.H.P., born December 4, 1879, died May 20, 1962. J. Elmer W. Timberman, P.G.H.P., born October 31, 1876, died August 11, 1962. Erle Reid Kirby, G.C. of the Host, born May 5, 1895, died November 25, 1962. Alonzo Waskey Obenshain, P.G.H.P., born December 24, 1873, died January 7, 1963.
- WYOMING—Frank Edgar Hepner, P.G.H.P., born June 4, 1876, died April 27, 1962.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MARKERS
(which was adopted)

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

On July 13, 1962 we received an invoice from R. H. Sumner & Sons, of St. Petersburg, Florida, for the installation of a flat Granite Marker at the grave of Past Grand High Priest, J. Robert Moore, in the amount of \$97.55. This invoice was approved by the committee and forwarded to the Grand Secretary for payment. This installation has been completed.

On or about the 18th day of July 1962 an agreement was entered into with DeLoach Monument & Vault Co. of Bartow, Florida, for the installation of a Granite Stone and Slab at the grave of Past Grand High Priest, Erle Laurance Wirt, in the amount of \$280.00.

The above amount was divided three ways, as M. E. Companion Wirt was also a Past Grand Master of the Grand Council, and a Past Commander of the Grand Commandery. The cost to this Grand Chapter was in the amount of \$93.33.

Negotiations are in progress regarding a Marker at the grave of Past Grand High Priest, Harry Robert Thompson, in Flagler Memorial Park Cemetery, Miami, Florida, also Past Grand High Priest, Dorsey Howard Rutter, in Bellevue Memorial Park, Daytona Beach, Florida, at the present time and will be consummated at a later date.

Fraternally submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

It was moved, seconded and adopted that due to the increased costs of material and labor today, all future markers would be allowed to cost not to exceed \$150.00 if the deceased past presiding Grand Officer had presided over only one Grand York Rite Body; if he had presided over two there would be allowed an amount not to exceed \$200.00; and if the deceased had presided over three Grand York Rite Bodies, there would be allowed an amount not to exceed \$250.00, such amounts to be divided equally between the interested Grand York Rite Bodies.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENT ACTIVITIES
(which was adopted)

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

We your committee on Benevolent Activities, beg leave to submit the following report.

During this fiscal year we have received no requests for assistance from anyone. Therefore we have made no investigations, and made no recommendations.

Fraternally submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

At this time the High Priest of Jericho Chapter No. 11 of Miami, Florida presented to the M.E. Grand High Priest a check paying in full the balance due on the loan which had been made by the Grand Bodies of the York Rite of Freemasonry to the York Rite Bodies of Miami.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER
(which was adopted)

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

Your Grand Treasurer submits the following report as of May 1, 1963.

May 5, 1962—Balance in Riverside Bank of Miami, Florida,
as per 1962 proceedings \$ 22,049.54

RECEIPTS

Received from Grand Secretary	\$ 12,681.76
Interest on Government Bonds	1,321.56
Government Bonds Matured in 1962	11,000.00
York Rite Bodies of Miami 9th and 10th annual installments on \$20,000.00 ten year loan, in full	4,000.00
York Rite Bodies of Miami, 4% interest on \$4,000.00 May 1, 1962 to May 1, 1963	160.00
Reservations, 1963 Triennial General Grand Chapter Convocation	30.00
Total Receipts	\$ 29,193.32
	\$ 51,242.86

DISBURSEMENTS

May 16, 1962—1962 Payroll at Gainesville	\$ 5,752.00
May 16, 1962—York Rite Bodies of Clearwater, 1963 Host	250.00
Jun 15, 1962—Purchase 16 U. S. Government Bonds	16,000.00
May 1, 1963—Bank charges and check books	5.96
May 1, 1963—Warrants 1 to 64 Inc.	9,376.61
Total Disbursements	\$ 31,384.57
May 1, 1963—Balance in Riverside Bank of Miami, as per books	\$ 19,858.29
May 1, 1963—Balance in Riverside Bank	\$ 20,107.44
Less: Outstanding checks	
No. 1636	90.00
1639	21.99
1641	37.16
1642	100.00
May 1, 1963—Balance in Riverside Bank after deducting outstanding checks	249.15
	\$19,858.29

GRAND CHAPTER CHARITY FUND
SOUTH MIAMI FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION

May 1, 1962—Balance in South Miami Federal Savings & Loan Association \$ 766.92

RECEIPTS

Received from Grand Secretary	\$ 291.00
Interest Received on deposit	45.57
Total Receipts	\$ 336.57
May 1, 1963—Balance in South Miami Federal Savings & Loan Association	\$ 1,103.49
	\$ 71,000.00

INVESTMENTS

BOND RECAPITULATION

Date	Number	Maturity Date	Maturity Value
6-21-51	M7772225G	6-21-63	\$1,000.00
6-21-51	M7772226G	6-21-63	1,000.00
6-21-51	M7772227G	6-21-63	1,000.00
6-21-51	M7772228G	6-21-63	1,000.00
6- 2-60	23982	5-15-65	1,000.00
6- 2-60	23983	5-15-65	1,000.00
6- 2-60	23984	5-15-65	1,000.00
6- 2-60	23985	5-15-65	1,000.00
6- 2-60	23986	5-15-65	1,000.00
6- 2-60	23987	5-15-65	1,000.00
8-15-58	250	8-15-66	1,000.00
8-15-58	251	8-15-66	1,000.00
8-15-58	252	8-15-66	1,000.00
8-15-58	253	8-15-66	1,000.00
8-15-58	254	8-15-66	1,000.00
8-15-58	255	8-15-66	1,000.00
8-15-58	256	8-15-66	1,000.00
12- 8-55	34351J	12- 8-67	500.00
12- 8-55	34352J	12- 8-67	500.00
12- 8-55	34353J	12- 8-67	500.00
12- 8-55	34354J	12- 8-67	500.00
12- 8-55	34355J	12- 8-67	500.00
12- 8-55	34356J	12- 8-67	500.00
12- 8-55	34357J	12- 8-67	500.00
12- 8-55	34358J	12- 8-67	500.00
12- 8-55	34359J	12- 8-67	500.00
12- 8-55	34360J	12- 8-67	500.00
12- 8-55	34361J	12- 8-67	500.00
12- 8-55	34362J	12- 8-67	1,000.00
12- 8-55	M134718J	12- 8-67	1,000.00
12- 8-55	M134719J	12- 8-67	1,000.00
12- 8-55	M134720J	12- 8-67	1,000.00
12- 8-55	M134721J	12- 8-67	1,000.00
12- 8-55	M134722J	12- 8-67	1,000.00
12- 8-55	M134723J	12- 8-67	1,000.00
5-18-56	M148096J	5-18-68	1,000.00
5-18-56	M48093J	5-18-68	1,000.00
5-18-56	M48094J	5-18-68	1,000.00
5-18-56	M48095J	5-18-68	1,000.00
5-18-56	M148096J	5-18-68	1,000.00
5-18-56	M148097J	5-18-68	1,000.00
5-18-56	M148098J	5-18-68	1,000.00
5-18-56	M148099J	5-18-68	1,000.00
5-18-56	M148100J	5-18-68	1,000.00
5-18-56	M148101J	5-18-68	1,000.00
5-18-56	M148102J	5-18-68	1,000.00
5-18-56	M148103J	5-18-68	1,000.00
7-15-61	M7908126H	7-15-71	1,000.00
7-15-61	M7908127H	7-15-71	1,000.00
7-15-61	M7908128H	7-15-71	1,000.00
7-15-61	M7908129H	7-15-71	1,000.00
7-15-61	M7908130H	7-16-71	1,000.00
7-15-61	M7908131H	7-15-71	1,000.00
7-15-61	M7908132H	7-15-71	1,000.00
7-15-61	M7908136H	7-15-71	1,000.00
7-15-61	M7908137H	7-15-71	1,000.00
7-15-61	M7908138H	7-15-71	1,000.00
7-15-61	M7908139H	7-15-71	1,000.00

7-15-61	M7908140H	7-15-71	1,000.00
6-21-52	437527H	12-15-72	1,000.00
6-21-52	732930L	12-15-72	1,000.00
6-15-62	M8235454H	6-15-72	1,000.00
6-15-62	M8235455H	6-15-72	1,000.00
6-15-62	M8235456H	6-15-72	1,000.00
6-15-62	M8235457H	6-15-72	1,000.00
6-15-62	M8235458H	6-15-72	1,000.00
6-15-62	M8235459H	6-15-72	1,000.00
6-15-62	M8235460H	6-15-72	1,000.00
6-15-62	M8235461H	6-15-72	1,000.00
6-15-62	M8235462H	6-15-72	1,000.00
6-15-62	M8235463H	6-15-72	1,000.00
6-15-62	M8235464H	6-15-72	1,000.00
6-15-62	M8235465H	6-15-72	1,000.00
6-15-62	M8235466H	6-15-72	1,000.00
6-15-62	M8235467H	6-15-72	1,000.00
6-15-62	M8235468H	6-15-72	1,000.00
6-15-62	M8235469H	6-15-72	1,000.00
			<u>\$ 71,000.00</u>

Fraternally submitted,
 RUSSELL W. HOUSTON,
Grand Treasurer

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY
 (which was adopted)

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

Your Grand Secretary Fraternaly submits the following report:

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

All commissions were issued or forwarded promptly.

ANNUAL RETURNS

All Chapters appear to have made correct returns and paid the necessary fees.

STATISTICAL DATA

Total membership at the end of the year 1961	9,626
Exalted	279
Reinstated	48
Affiliated	81
Total additions during year 1962	408
Died	220
Demitted	76
Suspended	259
Total deductions during year 1962	555
Net loss for the year 1962	147
Present membership at end of year 1962	9,479
Emeritus members exempt from paying dues	170

FINANCES

Balance in Riverside Bank of Miami May 1st, 1962	\$22,049.54
Receipts all sources during year 1962	\$29,193.32
Total balance in Bank and receipts all sources for 1962	\$51,242.86

DISBURSEMENTS

Pay Roll at Gainesville	\$ 5,752.00
Host City Clearwater	250.00
Purchase of U.S. Bonds	16,000.00
Bank charges	5.96
Warrants from 1 to 64	9,376.61
Total Disbursements for year 1962	\$31,384.57
May 1st, 1963 Balance in Riverside Bank of Miami	\$19,858.29
Grand Chapter Benevolent Fund May 1st, 1962	\$ 766.92
Receipts all sources, including interest	336.57
Balance in South Miami Federal Savings and Loan Ass'n.	\$ 1,103.49

Fraternally submitted,
 JOHN B. PHELPS, *Grand Secretary*

RESOLUTION

I move that the Finance Committee investigate, and take the necessary action to place the major portion of the bank balance presently carried on the checking account in the Riverside Bank in Miami, to work in some type of deposit which will earn interest for the Grand Chapter and that only an absolute minimum be carried in a non interest paying type of checking account.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION
 (which was adopted)

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

We, your Committee on Distribution, wish to report as follows: That the portion of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest's report which refers to finance be referred to the Committee on Finance. That the portion which refers to dispensations be referred to the Committee on Dispensations, Charters and By-Laws.

That all recommendations, rulings, edicts, and other matters be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Fraternally submitted,
 THE COMMITTEE

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

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

We, your Committee on Dispensations, Charters, and By-Laws, respectively report as follows:

No Charter of By-Laws have been referred to us for consideration, and no request for Dispensation has been presented. No other matter has been referred to us for action.

Fraternally submitted,
 THE COMMITTEE

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

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

We, your Committee on Propositions, and Grievances, find that peace and harmony prevailed in this Grand Chapter. No propositions or grievances have come to our attention.

Fraternally submitted,
THE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida has sovereign jurisdiction, within the State of Florida, over the Degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and the Royal Arch, and

WHEREAS: The Grand Chapter recognizes that the future success of the York Rite in Florida is dependent upon the future success of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida, and their constituent bodies, as well as upon the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida and its Lodges, and

WHEREAS: The Grand Chapter realizes that its system of Degrees is an integral part of the York Rite of Freemasonry, and

WHEREAS: The Grand Chapter realizes that co-ordination of the work will eliminate the overlapping expenditures of time and money required by the maintenance of separate legal and state organizations of the several Bodies which are a part of the York Rite of Freemasonry, and that co-ordination itself is difficult while such Bodies continue to be separate entities, and

WHEREAS: The Grand Chapter believes that now is the time to explore the possibility of the establishment of a Supreme Council of the York Rite of Freemasonry, having jurisdiction over the Chapter, Council, and Commandery territorial possessions, and of Grand Councils within the several States, which would be responsible to such Supreme Council;

THEREFORE, believing that such a course would serve the best interests of the York Rite,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida recommends, endorses, and supports the formation of a Supreme Council of the York Rite of Freemasonry, which would have jurisdiction over the Degrees and Orders of the Chapter, Council, and Commandery within an area no smaller than the limits of the United States and its territorial possessions, and

That the Representatives of this Grand Chapter to the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons be, and they hereby are, authorized and instructed to recommend, endorse, and support the formation of such Supreme Council, and

That the Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter is hereby instructed to send a copy of this Resolution to each Officer and Committeeman of the General Grand Chapter, and to the Grand High Priest and Grand Recorder of each of our sister Grand Chapters.

Fraternally submitted,
THE COMMITTEE

At this time, M. W. G. Rodman Porter the Personal Representative of M. W. John T. Rose, Grand Master of Masons of Florida, addressed the Grand Chapter.

Motion prevailed that the Three Year Plan be printed in the Proceedings.

GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF FLORIDA
THREE YEAR PLAN

Your Grand York Rite Officers, realizing the need for an aggressive York Rite Program, have been in conference and place before you the program they will hope to execute during the next three years.

Careful and sincere consideration has been given to all facets, relative to making our beloved Rite progressive, productive, efficient and exemplary. We believe by unifying the efforts of the three Grand Bodies, as a concerted whole, that objective can be accomplished.

Any program, to be effective, must have the whole hearted support of the entire membership. Therefore we ask that you give it your earnest consideration, together with the impetus to see that it is brought to a successful conclusion.

This will not be a panacea or ideology that will cure all problems, but merely a road map to guide us, through our own efforts, to the goal we must achieve. It will, through the years, be necessary to revise, enlarge and re-edit whereby we may achieve the acme of the success we seek.

GENERAL:

Grand Lodge—

- a—York Rite must support all Grand Lodge Programs, with a concerted effort.
- b—York Rite members, particularly in a body, should attend all meetings of the Grand Master of Masons. Showing a willingness to assist him in promoting his program.
- c—We must do all in our power to implement, improve and expedite Public and Masonic Relations with Grand Lodge.
- d—Visit Blue Lodges and assist in inter Lodge visitations.
- e—Assist District Deputies and Instructors of Grand Lodge in the promotion of their duties.
- f—Specifically make a concerted effort to attend in a body any Grand Lodge Public Dedications or Programs.

York Rite—

- a—Workshops in each District: these to be conducted under the direction of the 2nd and 3rd line Grand Officer. For the purpose of preparing future officers to preside, explain and develop new programs, develop latent talent and all other things pertaining to the good of the Order.
- b—Workshops for Secretaries and Recorders. Whenever the Grand Secretary-Recorder deems these necessary; they are to be conducted at a time and place, specified by him and under his direction.
- c—The presiding Grand Officer shall direct the other Grand Officers to make visitations to the subordinate or constituent bodies. The presiding Grand Officer shall designate the bodies each Grand Officer is to visit.
- d—The three Grand York Rite Bodies recommends, that as far as possible, and feasible, that joint installations of the three local bodies be promoted.
- e—The Grand Officers recommend that a direct effort be made to shorten all installations ceremonies, so that joint installations of all three bodies, including entertainment, can be accomplished in two hours.

Duties—

District Deputies

- 1—a—District Deputies while in office, are under the exclusive jurisdiction of the presiding Grand Officer.
- b—The honorary title of a District Deputy is, in the
 - 1—Grand Commandery—"Eminent" and his official title is District Deputy Grand Commander.
 - 2—Grand Council—"Right Illustrious" and his official title is District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council.
 - 3—Grand Chapter—"Right Excellent" and his official title is District Deputy Grand High Priest.
- c—A District Deputy may hold a District Festival without dispensation. But when a body is opened it must be under the auspices of a body in the District. When the Degrees or Orders are conferred they must be upon a candidate regularly elected by a particular body.
- d—When the top three officers of a subordinate or constituent body are absent, that body may be opened by the District Deputy of the particular Grand Body; provided the necessary quorum entitled to vote are present.
- e—The Ceremonies for the reception of a District Deputy making official visits, shall be those prescribed in the:
 - 1—Grand Commandery—Manual of Knights Templar of the Florida Asylum Tactics.
 - 2—Grand Council—By the Committee on Work.
 - 3—Grand Chapter—By the Committee on Work.
- 2—a—Each District Deputy shall visit every subordinate or constituent body, of his Grand Body, in his District at a stated or called meeting of that body, at least once during his term of office. He shall give due notice of his intention to visit, prior to his visit, to the presiding officer and/or secretary or recorder.
- b—The District Deputy of each Grand Body shall inquire into the condition of each body, under his jurisdiction, point out errors he may observe in the condition or manner or working, instruct the body in every particular wherein he may conceive them to require information.
- c—The District Deputy shall so far as it is proper to be done, submit in writing a full report of his activities and of the state of each body, under his jurisdiction and forward same to his presiding Grand Officer. All reports must be made at least thirty (30) days prior to the first day of the Annual Meeting of his Grand Body.
- d—When a District Deputy answers a question on Capitular, Cryptic or Templar Law, his answer is advisory only and firmation.
- e—It shall be the duty of the District Deputy to aid the Grand Secretary-Recorder in obtaining reports and replies from the bodies, under his jurisdiction, when requested to do so by the Grand Secretary-Recorder.

- f—It shall be the duty of a District Deputy, when unable or unwilling to attend to his duties, to resign his office as such, and upon such resignation the presiding Grand Officer shall appoint another District Deputy to fill such vacancy.
- 3—a—It shall be the duty of the District Deputy to make himself proficient in the Tactics of his Grand Body, be it under the direction of the Inspector General and/or the Committees on Work, so that he may instruct each body in his District, as to introductions, tactics and protocol.
- b—In all matters concerning joint meetings of the three bodies in a District, such as District Joint Festivals, etc., the three District Deputies shall meet together and elect a Chairman to take Charge, promote and develop the meeting, being assisted by his fellow Deputies.

Grand Officers

- a—It is to be the duty of the Deputy Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Master and Grand King to be the Chairman of the Membership Committee, in his Grand Body. They shall form the General York Rite Membership Committee, whose duty it will be to promote, develop and expedite plans and programs for increased membership.
- b—It is the duty of the Grand Generalissimo, Grand Principal Conductor of Work and Grand Scribe to be Chairman of the Liaison Committee, in his Grand Body. They shall form the General York Rite Liaison Committee.
- c—It is the duty of the Grand Captain General, Grand Captain of the Guard and Grand Captain of the Host to be the Chairman of the Patriotic Committee, in his Grand Body. They shall form the General York Rite Patriotic Committee.
- d—It is the duty of the Grand Senior Warden, Grand Conductor of Council and Grand Principal Sojourner to be the Chairman of the Masonic Relation Committee, in his Grand Body. They shall form the General York Rite Masonic Relation Committee.
- e—It is the duty of the Grand Junior Warden, Grand Marshal and Grand Royal Arch Captain to be the Chairman of the Benevolent and Charity Committee, in his Grand Body. They shall form the General York Rite Benevolent and Charity Committee.
- f—The Grand Secretary-Recorder shall be a member of each of the General York Rite Committee's names above.
- g—It is the duty of the Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Warden, Grand Captain of the Guard, Grand Steward, Grand Masters of the Veils and Grand Sentinels to assist the other Grand Officers in the execution of their duties; to obtain news of the subordinate or constituent bodies and transmit same, regularly, to the York Rite Light, Royal Arch Mason and Knights Templar Magazines.

Public Relations

- The following is recommended to each and every subordinate and constituent body.
- a—Get notice of local meetings in local paper.
 - b—Get account of meetings in paper, make accounts interesting.
 - c—Erect signs at city limits, telling time and place of meetings.
 - d—Develop a local Public School Program.
 - e—Enter into local Civic Projects.

Membership

- Learn the potential of your present members so that:
 - a—You can put them all to work in the proper category
 - 1—Getting new members
 - 2—Getting re-instatements and affiliations
 - 3—Keeping suspensions down
 - 4—Furnish entertainment, their own and otherwise
 - 5—Fill degree teams
 - 6—Construct interesting programs, both for the members and for family nights.

Classes

- Local Level
 - a—Classes, in all three bodies, should be conferred in a period of not over three weeks.
 - b—Each group of bodies should make adequate and detailed plans to have joint classes each Fall and Spring.

District level

- a—Some Districts find it advantageous to have Fall and Spring Classes, on a District level, with all the bodies in the District participating.

State level

- a—At least one—One Day Festival on a State level.

BUSINESS AND MEETINGS

- a—Consolidate business—example; empower Treasurer and Secretary/Recorder, or Finance Committee, to pay current bills, so these will not have to be read and voted on each meeting.
- b—Plan one or two Family Nights each month.
- c—Make plans to attend a Church in a body.
- d—Sponsor some WORTHY PROJECT.
- e—Assist DeMolay, Rainbow, Boy Scouts, Little League Baseball.
- f—Enter into Grand Lodge Programs.
- g—Visit, in a body, other Chapters, Councils, Commanderies.

Help For Meeting Attendance

- a—Phone Committees
- b—Ambassadors in each Blue Lodge
- c—Ambassadors in other Appendant Orders
- d—Past Officers Night
- e—Old Timer's Night
- f—Father and Son Night
- g—Dinners and Gabfests before meetings. A Festive Board always helps.
- h—Family Nights

Worthwhile and to be sponsored

- a—Charity funds, local or Grand Chapter
- b—Scholarship and Education, local and Grand Commandery
- c—Eye foundation, General Commandery

Won't you put your shoulder to the wheel with us and put Florida York Rite Masonry on TOP.

GRAND CHAPTER

- Martin N. Gerhard
- Ashton Brosnahan
- Roy R. Wright, Jr.

GRAND COUNCIL

- Stephen Dimond
- Andrew Jorgenson
- Ira B. Russell

GRAND COMMANDERY

- Leroy E. Healy
- Blenus Williams
- Goebel Buchanan
- J. D. Yeager

John B. Phelps

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION OF A HANDBOOK FOR THE DISTRICT DEPUTY HIGH PRIEST (which was adopted)

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

Your Committee begs to make the following report:

1. We submit herewith copy for a proposed Handbook for District Deputy Grand High Priests of Florida.
2. We recommend it be published, and that the Grand Chapter have published immediately sufficient copies to supply the needs for such publication.

Fraternally submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

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

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

We, your committee on Capitular Jurisprudence, have examined the report of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and find the decisions, dispensations and other matters executed and decided by him to be in accordance with the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter of Florida.

This Committee recommends that all recommendations made by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest be approved with the following exceptions:

1. No. 2—We recommend the deletion of this recommendation, and that the second sentence of No. 6 be changed to read "This Committee shall also bring the present Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Florida up to date" and be made No. 2.
2. No. 4—We recommend the deletion of the latter part of the recommendation and that it read "I recommend that consideration be given to holding a State Wide Festival each year".
3. No. 5—Disapproved. Your Committee realized that there was much merit to the recommendation, but considered it improper to endeavor to dictate to the Officers of the other Grand Bodies.

We commend our Grand High Priest for the efficient and dignified manner in which he has conducted the affairs of this Grand Chapter, for the Peace and Harmony he has sought to maintain and for the Fraternal Relations he has tried to develop in all the York Rite Bodies.

Fraternally submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORK (which was adopted)

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

At this Grand Convocation, the directives of this Grand Chapter have been carried out in that every Chapter has been assigned an Essential, Key Lecture and Red Book. Each Chapter has signed for these required materials and those signatures are in the possession of the Committee.

The supply of Essentials and Key Lectures is adequate. However, the supply of Red Books has been depleted and the Committee respectfully requests permission to purchase Covers and have printed the fillers necessary.

Fraternally submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THANKS
(which was adopted)

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

Your committee on thanks wish to report the following:
First to express our most sincere thanks to our host the York Rite Bodies of Clearwater and Dunedin area for a well planned program for the entertainment and comfort of those in attendance at this Grand Session. We especially commend them for the completeness of the facilities provided for the conduct of the business of this Grand Chapter.

We ask Companion Orville W. Cassidy, General Chairman, to convey our thanks to all of his committees for the outstanding service to the fraternity.

We especially congratulate the Ladies committee, Mrs. Dorothy E. Payne and her Co-Chairman, Mrs. Elsie Cassidy, for a most interesting and enjoyable program for our Ladies which we are sure they will always remember.

The officers of Clearwater Chapter No. 45 should be commended for an excellent job of opening and receiving the Grand Chapter Officers. We recommend that the Grand Chapter take special notice of the splendid address by the young De Molay Charles Money. And that the thanks of all be given to the Banquet Committee for a very fine meal and entertainment. And finally we wish to thank the City of Clearwater for the many courtesies extended us while visiting their fair City and our special thanks to the newspapers, *Dunedin Times* and *Clearwater Sun* for their complete coverage of this Grand Convocation.

Fraternally submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

As the report of the Committee on the *York Rite Light* is printed in this proceedings under the Grand Commandery and as the report is the same for all three Bodies, we are not printing it again here but those who are interested may find this report in the Grand Commandery proceedings.

It was moved and adopted that a charge of \$1.00 a year would be made for all those who are not members of the Grand Bodies of York Rite of Freemasonry of Florida for a year's subscription to the Newsletter *York Rite Light*.

At this time the election of the Officers for the ensuing year was held with the following results:

- Martin Nissen Gerhard..... M.E. Grand High Priest
- Henry Ashton Brosnham, Jr..... R.E. Grand King
- Roy Richardson Wright, Jr..... R.E. Grand Scribe
- Russell W. Houston..... R.E. Grand Treasurer
- John Bridges Phelps..... M.E. Grand Secretary
- Orville A. Clark..... M.E. Grand Chaplain

At this time, Companion Charles A. Guthrie, the M.E. Grand High Priest of Alabama was called upon to address the Grand Chapter. He did so in a very pleasing manner. Everyone enjoyed his talk.

Companion Ralph C. James, M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Georgia also brought us a splendid message.

At the time the M.E. Grand High Priest-Elect appointed the following Officers to serve this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year:

- Lofton Dee Chiles..... E. Grand Captain of the Host
- James Wesley MacDonald..... E. Grand Principal Sojourner
- Harold LeRoy Beals..... E. Grand Royal Arch Captain
- Floyd Marquis Crippen..... E. Grand Master of the Third Veil
- William J. Hoffheinz..... E. Grand Master of the Second Veil
- DeCarr F. Hosford..... E. Grand Master of the First Veil
- James V. Downing..... E. Grand Sentinel

At this time, the M.E. Grand High Priest called a recess until 9:00 Thursday morning, May 16th, 1963.

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1963

The M.E. Grand High Priest called the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons from a recess to labor at 9:00 a.m. with prayer by the M.E. Grand Chaplain.

At this time, a plaque was presented to Indian River Chapter No. 27 R.A.M. in recognition of their fine work in preparation for the Astronaut Class held in Cocoa on January 26, 1963.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
(which was adopted)

To The Most Excellent Grand Chapter, 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 General Fund in the:

Riverside Bank of Miami, Fla. as of May 1st, 1963.....	\$19,858.29
South Miami Fed. Savings & Loan Co.....	1,103.49
Mortgage Receivable from York Rite of Miami.....	
U.S. Government Bonds in Safety Deposit Box of the Riverside Bank of Miami, Maturity Value.....	71,000.00

From the General Fund of \$19,858.29, we recommend the following appropriations:

Payroll (subject to correction).....	\$ 5,165.47
Grand Secretary's Salary.....	1,200.00
Grand Secretary's Office Expense.....	2,300.00
Grand Treasurer's Office Expense.....	300.00

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

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

We further recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to draw warrant and the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay same in the amount of

\$250.00, payable to the York Rite Bodies that entertain the Grand Convocation in 1964.

We further recommend that the Most Excellent Grand High Priest's expenses for 1963 and 1964 shall not exceed the sum of \$1,000.00 and office expense \$100.00.

We further recommend that the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary be instructed to purchase U.S. Government Bonds in the name of this Grand Chapter, if in their discretion the funds of this Grand Chapter will warrant this expenditure.

Fraternally submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

Motion prevailed that as the Sentinel had been in attendance for the past several days, that he be paid for mileage and per diem for the 15th and 16th days of May.

DISTRICT DEPUTIES

- District No. 1—Harvey Carver, Apt. 10, 9050 N.E. 8th Ave., Miami Shores, Fla.
Jericho No. 11, Keystone No. 20, Palm Beach No. 24, Hiram No. 60, Cabal No. 61.
- District No. 2—Leslie Chisholm, 1709 7th St., Palmetto, Fla.
Manatee No. 18, Sarasota No. 35, Poinciana No. 50.
- District No. 3—Walter H. Winchester, 241 Scotland St., Dunedin, Fla.
Tampa No. 3, St. Petersburg No. 31, Clearwater No. 45, Monroe D. Cushing No. 54, Hill City No. 55.
- District No. 4—James E. Nord, 1617 Meadowbrook, Lakeland, Fla.
Dade City No. 8, Plant City No. 16, Thomas Brown No. 22, Lakeland No. 29, Winter Haven No. 41, Highlands No. 42.
- District No. 5—Ellwyn K. Houston, 2300 Halifax Ave., Daytona Beach, Fla.
St. Johns No. 4, Halifax No. 5, Eureka No. 7, Monroe No. 15.
- District No. 6—D. A. McClellan, Jr., 15 Masonic Temple, 414 Main St., Leesburg, Fla.
Ocala No. 13, Eustis No. 33, Leesburg No. 34.
- District No. 7—Richard I. Lanier, 4044 Green St., Jacksonville 5, Fla.
Putnam No. 9, Jacksonville No. 12, St. Augustine No. 17, Duval No. 48, Nassau No. 49.
- District No. 8—W. W. Morgeson, R.F.D., Micanopy, Fla.
Gainesville No. 2, Lake Butler No. 19, Live Oak No. 25, Lake City No. 38.
- District No. 9—J. W. Oder, 1009 Concord Rd., Tallahassee, Fla.
Florida No. 1, Jefferson No. 26, Gadsden No. 30.
- District No. 10—Earl W. Blair, Rt. 2, Box 1794, Panama City, Fla.
Jackson No. 32, Bay County No. 39, St. Joseph No. 56.
- District No. 11—Ray L. Ballard, P. O. Box 83, Crestview, Fla.
Mount Horeb No. 6, Crestview No. 40, Surf No. 57.
- District No. 12—Hugh E. May of Cocoa, Fla.
Indian River No. 27, Joppa No. 28, Rocky Water No. 59.

At this time, the Officers elected and appointed were installed by Companion John B. Phelps, P.G.H.P. with Thomas N. Morrison acting as the Grand Marshal.

The M.E. Grand High Priest made the following appointments:

COMMITTEE ON CAPITULAR JURISPRUDENCE
All Past Grand High Priests

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE
Russell E. Strawn

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING
John B. Phelps

COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS
Orville A. Clark

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
J. T. Williams, three years
Winston H. Ward, two years Boyd L. Hudgins, one year
Joel A. Fite Emeritus in charge of mileage

COMMITTEE ON RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS
L. Earl Curry, three years
Loren L. Dilger, two years Myron E. Clark, 1 year
Ralph G. Reynolds (Honorary Life)

COMMITTEE ON RITUALISTIC WORK
Thomas Nelson Morrison, Grand Lecturer

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENT ACTIVITIES
L. Earl Curry, three years
Orville A. Clark, two years L. C. Bortle, one year
John B. Phelps Ex officio members Russell W. Houston

COMMITTEE OF MASONIC RELATIONS AND NEWSLETTER
Stephen B. Dimond

COMMITTEE ON MASONIC MARKERS
Russell E. Strawn, three years
Orville A. Clark, two years Ira B. Russell, one year

COMMITTEE ON TRIENNIAL
Lofton Dee Chiles
James W. MacDonald Harold L. Beals

There being no further business appearing, the Grand Chapter was closed by the M.E. Grand High Priest, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Fraternally submitted,

MARTIN NISSEN GERHARD
M.E. Grand High Priest

Attest:

JOHN B. PHELPS,
Grand Secretary

FLORIDA ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY HELD IN THE CITY OF CLEARWATER
May 14, 1963, A.B. 3903

The Annual Assembly of the Order of High Priesthood was opened with prayer by the Chaplain and presided over by the Excellent President, Wilbur Welling Masters, Jr.

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

- W. W. Masters, Jr. _____ *President*
- Orville A. Clark _____ *Vice President*
- George Albert Lambe _____ *Chaplain*
- John B. Phelps _____ *Secretary-Treasurer*
- Russell W. Houston _____ *Master of Ceremonies*
- William J. Abram _____ *Conductor*
- Walter T. Poole _____ *Herald*
- Leslie C. Bortle _____ *Steward*
- Ray H. Schmidt _____ *Sentinel*

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER
(which was adopted)

RECEIPTS

Thirty-seven candidates at Gainesville \$6.00 each	\$ 222.00
One Bible sold to member	4.90
Total Receipts	\$ 226.90

DISBURSEMENTS

Forty Bibles at \$4.70 each	\$ 188.00
Incidentals	.74
Salary of Secretary-Treasurer	35.00
Total of all Disbursements	\$ 223.74
Balance on hand after all Disbursements	3.16
Balance in First Federal of Miami May 1st, 1962	\$ 877.60
Interest on money May 1st, 1962, to May 2nd, 1963	37.87
Balance in First Federal of Miami, May 2nd, 1963	\$ 915.47

Fraternally submitted.

JOHN B. PHELPS,
Secretary-Treasurer

Motion prevailed that the present Line of Officers continue in their respective office for the ensuing year.

Motion prevailed that the Distinguished Guests be made Honorary Members of the Order.

Motion prevailed that the salary of the Secretary-Treasurer remain as previously reported, \$35.00.

Petitions for the Order of High Priesthood from 35 candidates, were received. All candidates being Past and Present High Priests were elected to receive the Orders.

The following Companions received the Order:

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| Gainesville | No. 2 | — Thomas Thornwall |
| Tampa | No. 3 | — C. W. J. Cornes |
| Halifax | No. 5 | — Hoyt C. John |
| Eureka | No. 7 | — Ellsworth P. Boss |
| Dade City | No. 8 | — George P. Hodges |
| Putnam | No. 9 | — Franklin C. Smith |
| Jericho | No. 11 | — Robert O. Bell |
| Jacksonville | No. 12 | — Arthur J. Wissler |
| | | — Crawford E. Harris |
| Monroe | No. 15 | — Woodrow W. Cash |
| Plant City | No. 16 | — Ray L. Pletcher |
| St. Augustine | No. 17 | — William T. Randall |
| Manatee River | No. 18 | — Donald D. Knopp |
| Keystone | No. 20 | — Leonard H. Kleve |
| Thomas Brown | No. 22 | — Paige O. Brown |
| Indian River | No. 27 | — Lacy Ramer |
| Lakeland | No. 28 | — Samuel B. Gage |
| Joppa | No. 29 | — Talmadge W. Dean |
| St. Petersburg | No. 31 | — Clifford M. Lawson |
| Eustis | No. 33 | — Millard Claypool |
| Bay County | No. 39 | — E. R. Allan |
| Crestview | No. 40 | — Ray V. Kilcrease |
| Winter Haven | No. 41 | — J. W. Freed |
| Clearwater | No. 45 | — Arthur R. Hall |
| Duval | No. 48 | — L. H. Hammond |
| Nassau | No. 49 | — John W. Joyce |
| Poinciana | No. 50 | — J. C. Taylor |
| Monroe B. Cushing | No. 54 | — Ben F. Hall |
| Hill City | No. 55 | — William B. Austin |
| St. Joseph | No. 56 | — Edgar L. Smith |
| Surf | No. 57 | — Harry R. Davis |
| | | — W. D. Porter |
| Rocky Water | No. 59 | — H. C. Ellis |
| Hiram | No. 60 | — E. V. Jansson |
| Cabal | No. 61 | — C. H. Dutiel |

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

JOHN B. PHELPS
Secretary-Recorder

W. W. MASTERS, JR.
Excellent President

HONORED

The following Companions have received the Bronze Distinguished Service Medal which is presented by the General Grand Chapter for outstanding service in behalf of Capitular Masonry:

- Charles G. Oldfather.....1953*
- Nathan G. Stout.....1954*
- J. W. Nelson.....1955*
- James R. McCoy.....1956
- Frederick D. McDonald.....1957
- C. Shellie Matthews.....1958
- John E. Marley.....1959
- Joseph B. Johnson.....1960
- Frank L. Miller.....1961
- Reuel Daniel.....1962
- Paul W. Chapman, Jr.....1963

*Denotes deceased.

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

1935	George A. Dame	P. O. Box 210, Jacksonville 1
1938	John B. Phelps	601 Tibidabo, Coral Gables 43
1941	Frederic A. Riegel	901 Citrus Avenue, Sarasota
1944-45	George Albert Lambe	Marianna
1947	Loren Lambert Dilger	1512 East Gonzalez St., Pensacola
1948	David Meyer Winans	P. O. Box 186, Monticello
1949	Leslie Clayton Bortle	1690 N. W. No. River Drive, Miami 35
1951	Orville A. Clark	3210 St. Augustine Road, Jacksonville 7
1952	Wilbur Welling Masters, Jr.	817 Dante Place, Jacksonville 7
1953	Leon Carroll Stewart (Honorary)	P. O. Box 266, Titusville
1955	Alexander Clement Blount	P. O. Box 71, Pensacola
1956	Herman Julius Wendland	1019 14th St. W., Bradenton
1957	William Joshua Abram	811 Palm Street, Englewood
1958	Charles Winn Amold	228 East Miller St., Orlando
1960	Lathern Earl Curry	1226 Ingraham Bldg., Miami
1961	James Andrew Winfield	P.O. Box 985, St. Augustine
1962	Ray Henry Schmidt	P. O. Box 857, Panama City

OFFICERS
of the
 General Grand Chapter
 Royal Arch Masons

A.D. 1960-1963

EDWIN A. MARTINI	<i>General Grand High Priest</i> 3432 E. Second Street, Duluth, Minnesota
WILLIAM F. CLARK	<i>General Grand King</i> 51 Boylston Street, Boston 16, Massachusetts
SPRAGUE H. CARTER	<i>General Grand Scribe</i> 1919 N. E. 21st Avenue, Apt. 7
OTTO R. SOUDERS	<i>General Grand Treasurer</i> 710 Schweiter Bldg., Wichita, Kansas
CHARLES K. A. MCGAUGHEY	<i>General Grand Secretary</i> 694 New Circle Road N. E., Lexington, Kentucky
CHARLES C. RICKER	<i>General Grand Capt. of the Host</i> Masonic Temple, 80 Broadway, Asheville, North Carolina
FREDERICK A. HAND	<i>General Grand Prin. Sojourner</i> 1717 28th Avenue, S. W. Calgary, Alberta, Canada
WALTER J. BUBLITZ	<i>General Grand Royal Arch Capt.</i> 701 E. 14th Avenue, North Kansas City, Missouri
ALEXANDER G. WYGARD	<i>General Grand Master 3rd Veil</i> Baltimore 84, Mexico City D. F., Mexico (18)
CHESTER A. WESTERDAHL	<i>General Grand Master 2nd Veil</i> 1307 N. Seventh Street, Phoenix, Arizona
GEORGE A. LAMBERT	<i>General Grand Master 1st Veil</i> Masonic Hall, New York 10, N. Y.
ROGER K. BECKER	<i>General Grand Sentinel</i> 6712 Arcadian Highway, Evansville, Indiana
WALLACE PHELAN DOUGLAS	<i>General Grand Custodian of Work</i> P. O. Box 216, Nashville, Tenn.
WILLIAM E. POOL	<i>Emeritus General Grand Custodian of Work</i> 207 Van Brunt Street, Mankato, Minnesota

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
GRAND SECRETARIES

State	Name	Address
Gen. Grand Chapter	Charles K. A. McGaughey	694 New Circle Road, N. E. Lexington, Kentucky
Alabama	Thomas W. Oliver	P. O. Box 2822 A, Birmingham 12
Alaska	Charles W. Wilson	Box F, Palmer
Argentina	Alcibiades Lappas	1385 Arenales St., Buenos Aires R. 41, Argentine
Arizona	Joseph A. E. Ivey	P. O. Box 1468, Tucson
Arkansas	C. D. Hill	P. O. Box 2216, Little Rock
California	Chester H. Newell	San Francisco*
Colorado	Harry W. Bundy	300 Masonic Temple, 1614 Welton St., Denver 2
Connecticut	Bliss W. Clark	Box 839, New Britain
Delaware	Alfred H. Coe	P. O. Box 254, Wilmington 99
Dist. of Columbia	Edward G. Cable	501 13th St. N.W., Washington 5, D.C.
Florida	W. Tom Bateman	Box 283, Miami
Georgia	Richard F. Eisenbeiss	811 Mulberry St., Macon
Germany	Rolland R. Fletcher	No. 40 Bergstrasse, Heidelberg
Idaho	Lyle R. Melvin	5212 Belair, Boise
Illinois	Earl B. Forney	Masonic Temple, Dixon
Indiana	Ross J. Camblin	1204 Main St., Elwood
Iowa	Charles S. McGinness	P. O. Box 307, Atlantic
Kansas	C. K. A. McGaughey	320 W. 8th St., Topeka
Kentucky	Lee W. Harris	Richmond Road, Rt. 7, Lexington
Louisiana	Earle D. Webster	Box 209, Alexandria 3
Maine	O. J. Hutchings	Masonic Temple, 415 Congress St., Portland
Manitoba	D. Ross Vansant	15 Crownson Bay, Winnipeg 9, Manitoba
Maryland	Wm. F. Clark	Room 703, St. Boylston St., Boston 16*
Massachusetts	Orlew G. Myers	Apartado 9151, Mexico 1, D. F.
Mexico	Emil R. Wold	Masonic Temple, Battle Creek
Michigan	Cecil P. Thorn	4645 Ewing Ave., So. Minneapolis 10
Minnesota	Bruce H. Hunt	P. O. Box 1030, Meridian
Mississippi	William A. Thaanum	P. O. Box 88, Kirksville
Missouri	Carl R. Griesen	P. O. Box 585, Helena
Montana	C. A. Carlson, Jr.	Omaha*
Nebraska	Hiram W. Johnson	206 Telegraph St., Carson City
Nevada	Harry R. Pine	3 Highland Ave., Antrim
New Hampshire	Elmer H. Riegan	41 Osborn St., Keyport
New Jersey	George A. Lambert	P. O. Box 1375, Roswell
New Mexico	Charles C. Ricker	71 West 23rd St., New York*
New York	Clifford E. Miller	80 Broadway, Asheville
North Carolina	Paul G. Lutz	P. O. Box 1269, Fargo
North Dakota	F. M. Lumbard	Masonic Temple, 3615 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 15
Ohio	Richard H. Tuszant	P. O. Box 652, Muskogee
Oklahoma	Antonio Gonzalez	1119 S. W. Park Ave., Portland 5*
Oregon	Luther C. Hornan	520 San Marcelino, Manila
Rep. of Philippines	H. K. Halldorson	37 Austin Ave., Greenville
Rhode Island	Hugh N. Layne	407 Kerr Bldg., Regina
Saskatchewan	Clarence E. Buchler	901 Palmetto Life Bldg., Columbia
South Carolina	T. E. Doss	P. O. Box 385, Mitchell
South Dakota	Robert E. Kimberlin	Box 216, Nashville
Tennessee	Aaron H. Groat	650 E. So. Temple St., Salt Lake City
Utah	Walter H. Steffey	Burlington*
Vermont	Nelson S. Orkney	2323 E. 127th St., Seattle 55
Washington	Earl G. Gile	Box 367, Webster Springs
West Virginia	Frederick Sims	Suite 430, 207 E. Michigan St., Milwaukee
Wisconsin	John C. F. Kisselman	Masonic Temple, Casper
Wyoming	E. S. Winfree, Jr.	Philadelphia*
	Carl Frank Wood	P. O. Box 296, Waco
		107 W. Broad St., Richmond 20*
NON-ASSOCIATE		
Pennsylvania	John C. F. Kisselman	Philadelphia*
Texas	E. S. Winfree, Jr.	P. O. Box 296, Waco
Virginia	Carl Frank Wood	107 W. Broad St., Richmond 20*
FOREIGN		
Alberta	F. J. Hand	1717 28th Ave. S. W., Calgary
British Columbia	Edgar B. Baker	4659 West 8th Ave., Vancouver
Canada	Robert J. Hamilton	514 Temple Bldg., Richmond West Toronto 1, Ontario
England	J. W. Stubbs	Freemasons Hall, Great Queens St., W.C. 2, London
France	P. A. Davies	65 Blvd. Bineau 65 Neuilly Sur Seine, Paris
Ireland	James O. Harle	F. Masons Hall, Molesworth St., Dublin
New Brunswick	Roy E. Crawford	Box 184, St. John
New South Wales	Frederick R. Sinden	140 Castlereagh St., Sydney
New Zealand	E. Cannons	Box 322, Wellington
Nova Scotia	Harold F. Sipprell	Box 1845, Halifax
Quebec	Herbert Pickering	1559 St. Mark St., Montreal
Queensland	Gordon L. Shaw	G. P. O. Box 425, Brisbane
Scotland	W. A. Laird	76 Queens St., Edinburgh
South Australia	R. Owen Fox	Box 19, Bundle St., Adelaide
Switzerland	H. O. Mauerhofer	P. O. Box, Transit 954, Berne
Victoria	H. O. Thomas	No. 6 Bank New South Wales Chambers
West Australia	L. C. Wilson	65 St. George Terrace, Perth

*Masonic Temple

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR THE GRAND
CHAPTER OF FLORIDA

State	Name	Address
Alabama	Edwin D. Brogden	Panama City
Alaska	Walter T. Poole	Jacksonville
Argentina	C. R. Upchurch	Tallahassee
Arizona	Ira Buford Russell	Plant City
Arkansas	Frank B. Knoff	Winter Haven
British Columbia	Loren L. Dilger	Pensacola
California	Raymond L. Ballard	Prestview
Canada	Lee Emmett Russell	Plant City
Colorado	H. J. Wendland	Bradenton
Connecticut	Ernest V. Reed	Tampa
Delaware	Stephen B. Dimond	Palmetto
Dist. of Columbia	Arnold R. Lambe	Marianna
Georgia	S. E. Ruge	Winter Haven
Germany	J. D. Yeager	Miami
Idaho	Lofton Dee Chiles	Orlando
Illinois	Arthur S. Stewart	Jacksonville
Indiana	J. B. Vanders	Tampa
Iowa	Walter I. Stevenson	Miami
Kansas	Myron E. Clark	Panama City
Kentucky	Glen E. Carpenter	Winter Haven
Louisiana	Winston H. Ward	Orlando
Maine	Norman C. Edwards	Jacksonville
Manitoba	Charles W. Arnold	Orlando
Maryland	J. T. Williams	Tallahassee
Massachusetts	J. W. MacDonald	Lakeland
Mexico	L. Earl Curry	Miami
Michigan	John B. Phelps	Jacksonville
Minnesota	James W. Carter	Gainesville
Mississippi	J. A. Winfield	St. Augustine
Missouri	W. W. Masters, Jr.	Jacksonville
Montana	Harry J. Guy	Winter Haven
Nebraska	George Albert Lambe	Marianna
Nevada	Boyd L. Hudgins	Bradenton
New Brunswick	Ray H. Schmidt	Panama City
New Hampshire	Lee R. Halvorsen	Ft. Lauderdale
New Jersey	Ralph A. Bush, Sr.	Quincy
New Mexico	Harold A. Beals	Miami
New South Wales	Goebel B. Buchanan	Crestview
New York	Jesse H. Wilson	Bartow
New Zealand	Albert G. Rodgers	Sarasota
North Carolina	William J. Walker	Jacksonville
North Dakota	Robert L. Hulley	Pensacola
Nova Scotia	H. Ashton Brosnham, Jr.	Pensacola
Ohio	Walter S. Brady	Pensacola
Oklahoma	Arthur D. Clawson	Daytona Beach
Oregon	C. Allen Pathison	Venice
Pennsylvania	Frederic A. Riegel	Sarasota
Philippines	O. A. Clark	Jacksonville
Quebec	John B. Phelps	Sanford
Queensland	Decarr F. Hosford	Miami
Rhode Island	R. R. Wright, Jr.	Miami
Saskatchewan	Paul R. Davis	Miami
South Carolina	William J. Abram	Lakeland
South Dakota	J. Van Loy	Bradenton
Switzerland	T. N. Morrison	Lakeland
Tennessee	Andrew F. Jorgenson	Ft. Pierce
Texas	Russel E. Strawn	St. Petersburg
Utah	F. M. Cruppen	Jacksonville
Vermont	Russell W. Houston	Miami
Victoria	R. S. Carleton	Rarlow
Virginia	M. N. Gerhard	Dunedin
West Australia	Walter E. Harris	Tampa
West Virginia	C. S. Matthews	Crestview
Wisconsin	D. M. Winans	Monticello
Wyoming	Leroy E. Healy	Pensacola
	U. V. Durden	Panama City
	Roy W. Larson	Ft. Lauderdale
	Ellwyn Houston	Daytona Beach

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF FLORIDA
NEAR OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS

Table with 3 columns: State, Name, Address. Lists representatives from various states including Alabama, Alaska, Alberta, Argentina, Arizona, Arkansas, British Columbia, California, Canada, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, France, Georgia, Germany, 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, Switzerland, 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 HIGH PRIESTS, DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS, GRAND KINGS, GRAND SCRIBES, GRAND TREASURERS, GRAND SECRETARIES, GRAND CHAPLAINS. Lists names and years for each office from 1847 to 1894.

* Deceased

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

Table with 7 columns: GRAND HIGH PRIESTS, DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS, GRAND KINGS, GRAND SCRIBES, GRAND TREASURERS, GRAND SECRETARIES, GRAND CHAPLAINS. Rows list names and years from 1885 to 1923.

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

Table with 7 columns: GRAND HIGH PRIESTS, DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS, GRAND KINGS, GRAND SCRIBES, GRAND TREASURERS, GRAND SECRETARIES, GRAND CHAPLAINS. Rows list names and years from 1924 to 1961.

* Deceased

DIRECTORY OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS OF FLORIDA

Name of Chapter	No.	High Priest	King	Scribe	Secretary	Secretary's Address
Florida	1	Harley Peck	J. B. Hollingsworth	Jack Johnson	O. D. Cain, Jr.	1710 Prince St., Tallahassee
Gainesville	2	Thomas Swaid	Nicolas Wittmer	Harry Evans	James W. Carter	Micanopy
Tampa	3	W. J. Connor	Harvey Wann	George Longoria	Harrie I. Field	208 W. Giddens Ave., Tampa
St. Johns	4	Glenn Bailey	Robert Glasford	George W. Vetter	Arthur D. Lawson	P. O. Box 72, Deland
Hallix	5	John Campbell	Lawrence Jones, Sr.	C. Howard Tracy	Walter S. Brady	492 W. 1st St., Deland
Horeb	6	James E. Medlock	Richard Morris	H. Grady Gray	Arthur D. Lawson	P. O. Box 1813, Pensacola
Eneta	7	Elmer H. Huggins	Robert Regal	Woodrow Mays	Chester O. Cornwell	P. O. Box 22, Orlando
Dade City	8	George Hoopes	Fred Ufer	Roscoe C. Adams	Andrew J. Taylor	Box 343, Dade City
Punta	9	Franklin Smith	Frank Nettles	Thomas McGowan	George C. Culbreth	Box 654, Palerka
Jenicho	10	Robert Bell	Alexander Smith	Lester Stanton	Leslie C. Sawyer	1697 N. McDiff Ave., Oklawaha
Jacksonville	11	Crawford Harris	William Lemke	John Fuller	George C. Culbreth	1237 S. McDiff Ave., Oklawaha
Monroe	12	W. J. Connor	K. M. Ciyatt	Elmer Tubbs	Karl Hall	1603 Rose Ave., Oklawaha
Plant City	13	Ray Pietcher	William Lemke	John Fuller	Frank L. Miller	P. O. Box 429, Sanford
St. Augustine	14	William Landell	Nathan Watkins	Elmer Tubbs	Wm. A. Twiss	Rt. 6, Box 600, Plant City
Manatee River	15	Donald Knopp	William Lemke	Jerome Godwin	J. Van Loy Nugent	1004 Arriola St., St. Augustine
Live Oak	16	A. L. Driggers	George Balle	McAdoo Thomas	C. M. Woodley	1004 Arriola St., St. Augustine
Keyport	17	Franklin Smith	Alfred Pustules	O. L. Mizell	William A. Wilkinson	1529 N. E. 17th Way, Ft. Lauderdale
Thomas Brown	18	Robert Bell	Richard Kye	Floyd Ringer	Paul W. Chapman, Jr.	P. O. Box 536, Ft. Meade
Live Oak	19	Ray Pietcher	Gilmer Kye	Robert Wright	Franklyn G. Lundgren	349 Leigh Road, W. P. B.
Jefferson	20	Thomas Dobbins	Clifford Yoder	Carlton H. Jordan	Robert J. Rees	Box 205, Live Oak
Jupiter River	21	Walter Peacock	Henry Benae	Wess Whitdon	Charles H. Williams	Montgall 946, 5 Points Station, Cocoa
Jupiter	22	Clifford M. Lawson	Clifford Yoder	Ronald Bakas	Gilbert F. Williams	1004 York St., Ft. Pierce
Live Oak	23	Walter Peacock	Henry Benae	Earl Padgett	Thomas A. Morrison	P. O. Box 1532, Litchfield
Godsden	24	Clifford M. Lawson	Clifford Yoder	Clayton Stephens	Thomas A. Morrison	Quincy
Jackson	25	Edd Hall	Guy Waller	Albert Mitchell	Alfred A. Russell	2406 Terminal Dr., So. St. Pete 12
Edgins	26	Millard Claypool	Martin Stephenson	Alfred A. Russell	G. A. Lambe	Marianna
	27			Reverence	Kenneth B. Sears	305 New Hampshire, Tavares
	28			Rene Duford		

DIRECTORY OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS OF FLORIDA

Name of Chapter	No.	High Priest	King	Scribe	Secretary	Secretary's Address
Leesburg	34	Paul Little	John Hart	John Holloway	Don't A. McClellan, Jr.	414 W. Main St., Leesburg
Sarasota	35	Walter Burgmann	William Ebelston	Robert Dunsmore	Albert G. Rogers	8035 Broughton St., Sarasota
Lake City	36	Jesse Felder	Doyle Worthington	William Walker	Joseph F. McCall	416 Bay Ave., Lake City
Bay County	37	Barri Kilian	Lee Peterson	Joseph LaSuer	Edwin D. Brodson	P. O. Box 4954, Panama City
Winter Haven	38	James Freese	George Ryder	Frank H. Tamm	William G. Matthews	P. O. Box 3151, Winter Haven
Highlands	39	Bert Walton	Alfred Van Wickler	John Kruse	William Erwin	Sobering Heights, Sebring
Clearwater	40	Arthur Hall	Orville Cassidy	Austin Roberts	Joseph Page	1489 Park St., Clearwater
Duval	41	Linton Hammond	Carroll Hammond	James McKeeney	Eugene B. Burleson	1804 Davidson St., P. O. Box 5462, Jax. 7
Polk	42	Juniel Taylor	Ernest McQueen	Clifford Cook	William W. Watson	1004 York St., Ft. Pierce
Poinciana	43	Juniel Taylor	Joe Fraterriqo	Aubrey Robinson	John R. Manning	3077 N. Glediter Pkwy., Ft. Myers
Manatee D. Cushing	44	Jared Norsworthy	William Mooreau	Robert Robinson	Daniel McIntyre	606 S. Orleans, Tampa
Hill City	45	Donald Brown	Joseph Evans	Ralph DeRosa	John R. Manning	P. O. Box 103, Brooksville
St. Joseph	46	Hubert Ellis	John Rayford	Thomas Adkins	Roy Burch	1313 Mervin Ave., Port St. Joe
Bradley	47	Hubert Ellis	Kenneth Lowrie	Stewart Bant III	James H. Collins	1601 Main Ave., Ft. Walton Beach
Hiram	48	Joseph Feisthimmel	William Collard	Thomas Stone, Jr.	James G. Miller	984 Beachway, Ft. Walton Beach
Cabal	49	Clarence Dufail	William Collard	Charles Wilson	Albert Carter	710 N.E. 141st St., Miami 61

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1962

Number	CHAPTER 1962	Membership Last Year	Exalted	Reinstated	Affiliated	Total	Died	Demitted	Sus.—N.P.D.	Emeritus	Present Membership	Net Gain	Net Loss	Dues
1	Florida	241	6	8	0	255	6	2	0	0	247	6	0	323.00
2	Gainesville	237	11	1	2	250	5	0	6	2	240	3	0	326.75
3	Tampa	306	10	0	6	322	5	3	3	312	6	0	395.25	
4	St. Johns	56	0	0	0	56	1	1	3	51	0	7	65.00	
5	Halifax	256	11	2	1	269	11	1	4	5	244	0	12	317.75
6	Mount Horeb	541	26	1	1	669	7	1	16	5	645	4	0	863.00
7	Eureka	53	4	1	4	294	7	4	1	2	282	0	5	377.00
8	Dade City	287	7	0	0	294	7	0	1	2	282	0	0	377.00
9	Putnam	125	1	0	0	126	0	0	1	2	123	0	0	153.25
10	Jericho	807	13	2	3	822	12	6	2	2	799	0	23	1,008.00
11	Jacksonville	138	19	5	5	167	16	1	5	5	143	5	0	185.50
12	Ocala	224	3	1	3	231	3	0	2	1	228	4	0	300.50
13	Monroe	117	3	0	1	121	2	2	5	0	114	0	3	147.25
14	Plant City	182	1	0	0	183	4	3	0	3	176	0	6	224.50
15	St. Augustine	203	4	0	1	208	7	0	10	3	191	0	12	251.75
16	Manatee River	53	3	0	0	56	2	0	0	1	54	0	0	74.75
17	Lake Butler	424	17	2	7	450	9	2	1	4	438	0	6	563.50
18	Keystone	261	12	0	1	274	11	2	3	16	258	0	3	342.75
19	Thomas Brown	117	3	2	0	122	1	0	2	8	119	2	0	146.00
20	Palm Beach	37	2	2	0	41	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	57.25
21	Live Oak	154	4	1	1	160	4	1	10	6	145	0	9	187.75
22	Jefferson	153	7	0	0	160	6	1	24	2	129	0	2	181.50
23	Indian River	356	8	2	4	370	9	3	4	2	354	0	2	471.00
24	Joppa	134	0	0	0	134	3	1	1	3	129	0	5	162.00
25	Lakeland	366	8	0	5	379	14	4	13	2	348	0	18	468.50
26	Lakeland	118	2	0	0	120	7	1	1	2	111	0	7	150.25
27	Gadsden	118	16	0	1	135	2	0	1	3	118	2	0	150.25
28	St. Petersburg	126	1	1	4	132	2	2	2	128	10	0	0	195.75
29	St. Petersburg	90	4	0	0	94	3	0	1	1	90	0	0	155.50
30	Jackson	323	2	3	0	328	3	0	1	1	320	0	0	422.50
31	Eustis	340	10	0	1	351	3	1	3	159	0	25	382.75	
32	Leesburg	159	8	1	2	180	7	1	13	7	170	1	0	433.75
33	Sarasota	163	5	2	3	173	4	2	1	4	164	0	4	232.00
34	Lake City	369	9	1	6	385	7	0	4	4	368	0	1	492.75
35	Bay County	97	5	0	0	102	6	7	4	5	92	0	2	135.00
36	Crestview	172	2	3	3	180	5	0	0	2	172	0	0	209.75
37	Winter Haven	139	2	0	2	143	1	1	4	3	139	0	13	168.50
38	Highlands	97	5	0	3	105	2	0	4	10	97	0	2	133.75
39	Clearwater	173	3	0	1	177	2	1	6	1	168	0	5	218.50
40	Duval	142	4	1	0	147	5	3	7	0	132	0	10	183.00
41	Winter Haven	29	3	0	2	34	0	6	0	0	28	0	1	41.00
42	Highlands	9,626	279	48	81	10,034	220	76	259	170	9,479	80	227	12,546.50
43	Clearwater													
44	Duval													
45	Nassau													
46	Poinciana													
47	Monroe D. Cushing													
48	Hill City													
49	St. Joseph													
50	Surf													
51	Melbourne													
52	Hiram													
53	Cabal													
54	TOTAL													

SUMMARY

Membership 1961		
Exalted		
Reinstated		
Affiliated	279	9,626
Total Additions	48	
Died	81	
Demitted		408
Suspended	220	
Total Deductions	76	
Net Loss	259	
Present Membership		555
Emeritus Members		147
		9,479
		170

DIRECTORY OF CHAPTERS

Chapter	No.	Date of Charter	Location	Time of Meeting
Florida	1	1847	Tallahassee	Second Monday
	2	1879	Gainesville	Fourth Monday optional
	3	1882	Tampa	Third Tuesday
	4	1885	DeLand	First and Third Friday
	5	1895	Daytona Beach	First Tuesday
	6	1874	Pensacola	Second Thursday
	7	1887	Orlando	Second Monday
	8	1895	Dade City	First and Third Monday
	9	1889	Palatka	First and Third Wednesday
	10	1900	Miami	Second Thursday
	11	1888	Jacksonville	Second Thursday, Fourth optional
	12	1893	Ocala	Fourth Tuesday
	13	1893	Sanford	Second Tuesday
	14	1893	Plant City	Second Monday
	15	1904	St. Augustine	Third Tuesday
	16	1904	Bradenton	Second Tuesday
	17	1945	Lake Butler	Fourth Monday
	18	1895	Ft. Lauderdale	Second Wednesday
	19	1871	Bartow	Third Thursday
	20	1904	West Palm Beach	First Monday except Legal Holidays
	21	1895	Live Oak	Fourth Tuesday
	22	1905	Monticello	Fourth Wednesday
	23	1906	Titusville	Third Wednesday
	24	1906	Fort Pierce	First Tuesday
	25	1909	Lakeland	Second and Fourth Tuesdays
	26	1909	Quincy	Third Monday
	27	1910	St. Petersburg	First Thursday
	28	1910	Marianna	Second and Fourth Thursday
	29	1914	Eustis	First Friday
	30	1914	Leesburg	Second Tuesday
	31	1915	Sarasota	Second Thursday
	32	1950	Lake City	Second Friday
	33	1945	Panama City	Fourth Monday
	34	1920	Crestview	Third Friday
	35	1920	Winter Haven	First and Third Thursday
	36	1920	Avon Park	Second Tuesday
	37	1922	Clearwater	Fourth Wednesday
	38	1922	South Jacksonville	First and Third Friday optional
	39	1901	Bernandina	Second and Fourth Thursday
	40	1923	Fort Myers	Second Tuesday
	41	1927	Tampa	First and Third Tuesday
	42	1927	Brooksville	Second Thursday
	43	1947	Port St. Joe	Second and Fourth Monday
	44	1949	Fort Walton	First Monday
	45	1959	Eau Gallie	Fourth Thursday
	46	1954	Miami Shores	Second Monday
	47	1960	South Miami	Second Tuesday

The above dates of Charters are best obtainable from the files of the Grand Secretary's office. If any Charter dates are incorrect change will be made if proper evidence is furnished.