

THE YORK RITE
of
FREEMASONRY
of
F L O R I D A

1975

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

GRAND YORK RITE BANQUET

GRAND BALLROOM

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 1975

KAHLER PLAZA INN — ORLANDO, FLORIDA

7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER Sir Knight John B. Fletcher
General Chairman

INVOCATION Sir Knight Frederick D. Frey
Eminent Grand Prelate

PRESENTATION OF U.S. COLORS Heroes of '76
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D I N N E R

INTRODUCTION OF MASTER OF CEREMONIESby Sir Knight Fletcher

WELCOMEby Sir Knight Hal V. Wheeler
Co-Chairman

INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
AND GRAND LINE OFFICERSby Sir Knight Wheeler

VOCAL SELECTIONS Mr. Richard Wentworth

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKERby Sir Knight Wheeler

BENEDICTIONby Sir Knight Frey

**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 Masters
at Cleveland, Ohio
September 28 - October 2, 1975

MASONIC CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

Knights Templar commence their era with the 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: 1975 and 4000—5975.

Scottish Rite—

Add 3760 years to the common era. Thus: 1975 and 3760—5735,
After September add another year.

Royal Arch—

Add 530 years to the vulgar year. Thus: 1975 and 530—2505.

Royal and Select Masters—

Add 1000 years to the common era. Thus: 1975 and 1000—2975.

Knights Templar—

From the Christian era take 1118. Thus: 1118 from 1975—857.

Order of High Priesthood—

To the Christian era add 1913, the year of Blessing: Thus: 1975
add 1913—3888.



RICHARD I. LANIER

Grand High Priest

1975-1976

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

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH
ANNUAL CONVOCATION

EARL G. NICHOLSON
Grand High Priest
PRESIDING

RICHARD I. LANIER
ELECTED

HELD AT ORLANDO
MAY 21-22 A.D. 1975 A.I. 2505

OFFICERS
of the
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Royal Arch Masons
of the
STATE OF FLORIDA
A.D. 1975-1976

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ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL
CONVOCATION IN THE YEAR 1975

May 21, 1975

A sufficient number of Constituent Chapters being represented to open the Grand Chapter of R.A.M., the Most Excellent Grand High Priest Earl G. Nicholson opened the Grand Chapter of R.A.M. in its One Hundred and Twenty-Eighth Convocation at 8:40 A.M. with prayer by the M.E. Grand Chaplain, Wilbur W. Masters Jr.

A Pledge of Allegiance was given to the Flag of our Country.

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 Chartered Chapters as furnished by the Grand Recorder at roll call is correct.

All Chapters have made returns and paid dues for the year and all are represented except St. Augustine #17 and Cabal #61.

Zealously submitted,

U. V. DURDEN
JOHN E. DREHER
PAUL R. DAVIS

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

GRAND OFFICERS

EARL GUILFRED NICHOLSON *M.E. Grand High Priest*
RICHARD I. LANIER *R.E. Grand King*
JAMES W. ODER *R.E. Grand Scribe*
RUSSELL WILSON HOUSTON *M.E. Grand Treasurer*
THOMAS NELSON MORRISON *R.E. Grand Secretary*
JOHN BRIDGES PHELPS *M.E. Grand Secretary, Emeritus*
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WILLIAM R. PENNINGTON *Ex. Grand Sentinel*

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

JOHN B. PHELPS
LOREN L. DILGER
LESLIE C. BORTLE
WILBUR W. MASTERS JR.
CHARLES W. AMOLD
H. A. BROSNAM JR.
ROY R. WRIGHT JR.

RUSSELL W. HOUSTON
JAMES W. McDONALD
WILLIAM J. HOPHEINZ
DR. WALTER H. WINCHESTER
WOODROW W. CASH
EDWARD H. BAXTER

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

MYRON E. GOODRICH	WILLIAM M. WALKER
CLAUDE CRAIN	ARTHUR J. PAYNE
THEO. E. WINDHORST	WILLIS D. PORTER
COHEN C. HODGES	FRANCIS L. DANCY
THOMAS R. PRIDY	LARRY M. CLINTON

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Alabama—Henry C. Bengel	New Mexico—Goebel B. Buchanan
Alaska—Harry A. Rosenthal Jr.	New So. Wales—Alfred R. Peebles
Argentina—Fred C. Urfer	New York—J. Fred Wilson
Arizona—Paul W. Chapman Jr.	North Dakota—H. A. Brosnahan Jr.
British Columbia—Raymond L. Ballard	Ohio—Earl R. Allan
California—Edward H. Baxter	Oklahoma—C. Allan Pattison
Canada—Richard I. Lanier	Oregon—Albert G. Rodgers
Colorado—Thomas E. McGowan	Pennsylvania—Wm. J. Hofheinz
Dist. of Columbia—Earl G. Nicholson	Philippines—John B. Phelps
France—John B. Phelps	Quebec—William M. Walker
Georgia—James D. Yeager	Queensland—Roy R. Wright Jr.
Idaho—Arthur S. Stewart	Rhode Island—Paul R. Davis
Indiana—Walter I. Stevenson	Saskatchewan—A. L. Stripling
Iowa—Franklin C. Smith	Scotland—S. L. Van Norden
Israel—Foster W. Merker	South Carolina—Thos. N. Morrison
Louisiana—J. Richard Reid	South Dakota—A. F. Jorgensen
Maine—Charles W. Arnold	Switzerland—Russel E. Strawn
Maryland—Jas. W. MacDonald	Tennessee—James W. Oder
Mexico—John B. Phelps	Texas—Russell W. Houston
Minnesota—Jos. C. LeSuer	Utah—Lawrence L. Howell
Mississippi—Wilbur W. Masters Jr.	Vermont—Dr. W. H. Winchester
Missouri—Harry J. Guy	Washington—Jesse E. Hoffman
Montana—Duane B. Young	West Australia—Leroy E. Healy
New Brunswick—Howard P. Bennett	West Virginia—U. V. Durden
New Hampshire—D. A. McClellan Jr.	Wisconsin—Roy W. Larson
New Jersey—David Frazier	

REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

Florida No. 1—	Hans L. Mayberry, H.P. John L. Berry, K.
Gainesville No. 2—	William R. Horne, H.P. Milton E. Ryberg, K. D. Carlos Boyles, S.
Tampa-Cushing No. 3—	Joseph R. Thomas, H.P. James A. Wilson, K. Victor A. Levy (Proxy) S.
St. Johns No. 4—	Ernest H. Brinkman (Proxy) H.P. John W. Muller (Proxy) K. Ernest H. Brinkman, S.
Halifax No. 5—	Joe W. Aspley, H.P. Clifford L. Robinson, K. Marold J. Benson (Proxy) S.

Mt. Horeb No. 6—	William H. McRee, H.P. Leroy E. Healy (Proxy) K. Claston H. Jordan, S.
Eureka No. 7—	Frederick M. Morris (Proxy) H.P. Phillip E. Mofsses, K. William F. Perry (Proxy) S.
Dade City No. 8—	George David Nolan (Proxy) H.P. George David Nolan, K. George David Nolan (Proxy) S.
Putnam No. 9—	Victor L. Ashley, H.P. Eugene H. Meadows (Proxy) K. Eugene H. Meadows (Proxy) S.
Jerico No. 11—	Donald E. Willey, H.P. Paul E. Hockett (Proxy) K. James L. Inglis, S.
Jacksonville No. 12—	Frederic W. Priestman, H.P.
Ocala No. 13—	John E. Schotter, H.P. Charles B. Finney, K.
Monroe No. 15—	Alan F. Keeth, H.P. James R. Hammond (Proxy) K. Fred M. Walton, S.
Plant City No. 16—	R. A. Daniel (Proxy) H.P.
Manatee River No. 18—	William Buchanan, H.P. James Thompson, K. Donald F. Amerman (Proxy) S.
Keystone No. 20—	V. W. Burnell (Proxy) H.P. Joseph C. Kennedy, K. James Putzig (Proxy) S.
Thomas Brown No. 22—	Elmer Birge (Proxy) H.P. Stanley E. Stokes (Proxy) K. Stanley E. Stokes (Proxy) S.
Palm Beach No. 24—	Harvey H. Benton, H.P. Alfred R. Peebles (Proxy) K. W. E. Froehlich (Proxy) S.
Live Oak No. 25—	Herbert J. Rees (Proxy) H.P. Herbert J. Rees (Proxy) K. Herbert J. Rees (Proxy) S.
Indian River No. 27—	Randy L. Ziegler (Proxy) H.P. Brent Cull (Proxy) K. E. Lamar Green, S.
Joppa No. 28—	James R. Reid (Proxy) H.P. James D. Banketas (Proxy) K. Andrew F. Jorgensen (Proxy) S.
Lakeland No. 29—	William B. Potter, H.P. Robert L. McCulloch, K.
St. Petersburg No. 31—	Walter A. Brimlow, H.P. John W. Harris Jr., K. Paul Cory, S.
Jackson No. 32—	Thomas Heald, H.P. Wilbur Morris (Proxy) K. William Welty (Proxy) S.
Eustis No. 33—	Harold E. Priess, H.P. Raymond A. Best, K. Duncan C. Keppy, S.
Leesburg No. 34—	Wm. E. Davison III, H.P. D. A. McClellan Jr. (Proxy) K. Glenn M. Smith, S.

Sarasota	No. 35—Richard V. Pelton, H.P. C. Allen Pattison (Proxy) K. Claude A. Crain (Proxy) S.
Lake City	No. 38—Freeman Croft, H.P.
Bay County	No. 39—Vernon H. Miller, H.P. Henry C. Kelley, K. Bob Davis, S.
Crestview	No. 40—Goebel B. Buchanan (Proxy) H.P. Raymond L. Ballard (Proxy) S.
Winter Haven	No. 41—Harry J. Guy (Proxy) H.P. Harry J. Guy (Proxy) K. Harry J. Guy (Proxy) S.
Highlands	No. 42—Charles E. Vigenere (Proxy) H.P. T. Ed. Elethorp (Proxy) K. T. Ed. Elethorp (Proxy) S.
Clearwater	No. 45—Daniel C. Gillespie (Proxy) H.P. Robert F. Heil (Proxy) S.
Duval	No. 48—Fred J. Hockaday, H.P. L. L. Howell (Proxy) K. Drury P. Phoenix (Proxy) S.
Nassau	No. 49—Paul B. Livingston, H.P. Paul B. Livingston (Proxy) K.
Poinciana	No. 50—George N. Wheaton (Proxy) H.P. Ollie Rives, K. Elbert E. Smith, S.
St. Joseph	No. 56—Preston P. Presnell, H.P. Everett McFarland (Proxy) K. Everett McFarland (Proxy) S.
Surf	No. 57—Charles W. Stanford, H.P. Keith E. Camizzi, K. William A. Howard, S.
Melbourne	No. 59—Russell T. Larson, H.P. Russell T. Larson (Proxy) K. Russell T. Larson (Proxy) S.

The M.E. Grand High Priest appointed the following Committees:

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS		
C. Allen Pattison	Jos. P. LeSuer	Charles W. Arnold
DISTRIBUTION		
James D. Yeager	Raymond L. Ballard	Eugene Meadows
PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES		
D. A. McClellan Jr.	Robert G. Weisenbarger	David Frazier
CHARTERS, DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS		
James W. MacDonald	Harry J. Guy	Leroy E. Healy
UNFINISHED BUSINESS		
Goebel B. Buchanan	Luther H. Tison Jr.	Harry A. Rosenthal Jr.
TIME AND PLACE		
Albert G. Rogers	Richard I. Lanier	Hugh R. Dixon
THANKS		
Wm. J. Hofbeinz	Earl R. Allan	Andrew F. Jorgensen

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

(Which was adopted)

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

Sarasota has agreed to Host the York Rite Bodies in May, 1976.

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee

RICHARD I. LANIER
ALBERT G. RODGERS
HUGH R. DIXON

At this time William M. Hollis, S.G.I.G., Southern Jurisdiction, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, made brief remarks.

The Committee on Distinguished Guests presented the following:

Ray Rutledge, M.E. Grand High Priest, Alabama, Thomas W. Mann, Grand Secretary Grand Chapter, Alabama, J. Lewis Lester, M.E. Grand High Priest, Georgia, Lucas L. Lee Jr., M.E. Grand High Priest, North Carolina, Kedard D. Pyatt, Past M.E. Grand High Priest, North Carolina, Willard F. Bond Jr., M.E. Grand High Priest, South Carolina, Robert F. Secrest, Grand Secretary Grand Chapter, South Carolina, Frank T. Lee, M.E. Grand High Priest, Tennessee, A. J. Lewis, Past M.E. Grand High Priest, Louisiana, Dr. Walter H. Winchester, Past M.E. Grand High Priest, Florida and the General Grand Principal Sojourner of the General Grand Chapter R.A.M. International and the personal Representative of the General Grand High Priest Edward M. Selby.

Motion prevailed that those not already Honorary Members of this Grand Chapter, be made such.

Motion prevailed that the minutes of the last Grand Convocation (1974) be approved as printed and distributed.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF BUDGET-FINANCE COMMITTEE

(Which was adopted)

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

Your Budget-Finance Committee recommends that per diem for this convocation be at the rate of \$20.00 per day and mileage at .15c per mile.

Your Committee,

H. A. BROSNAM JR.
JAMES D. YEAGER
WALTER I. STEVENSON

The District Deputies were Recognized by the M.E. Grand High Priest.

The new Right Eminent Grand Commander Albert G. Rodgers was presented and recognized.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

(Which was adopted)

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

We have audited the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter for the 1974-75 period and have found the records of receipts and disbursements correct in every detail. Bank balances in the commercial and savings accounts are in agreement with the books of the Grand Treasurer.

Vouchers and checks drawn have been supported by paid bills including

the expenses of the Grand Secretary. Bills that have been excessive, according by the rules established by the Finance Committee have been adjusted by the Grand Secretary. All expenses of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery have been properly prorated according to established percentages, by the Grand Secretary. Receipts have been promptly mailed to the Grand Treasurer by the Grand Secretary and deposited by him, promptly.

We have noted that funds not needed for current expenses in the commercial account have been periodically transferred to the savings account thus earning extra interest on savings. This has entailed constant checking by the Grand Treasurer and is good financing.

We again wish to compliment your Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for a most efficient job and for a fine set of records which it has been a pleasure to audit. The Grand Chapter is fortunate in having such dedicated companions. May they continue their service for a long time to come.

Fraternally submitted,

ROY W. LARSEN, P.G.M., *Chairman*
CHAS. H. GREEN, P.G., *Com.*
THOS. E. MCGOWAN, P.H.P.

The Dean of Past Grand High Priests John B. Phelps was presented and recognized.

REPORT OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

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

On this One Hundred and Twenty-eight Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida, my cup runneth over with joy for a most cordial year of fellowship with the Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction and those of our Sister Grand Jurisdictions, I was accorded the privilege to attend.

To our distinguished guest from other Grand Jurisdictions, welcome to the sunshine state. We hope your stay will be most pleasant and enjoyable. Should you have need of any assistance during your visit, please feel free to call upon us at any time.

To the Grand Line Officers, District Deputies, Committeemen and you that represent our Subordinate Chapters, the ones who made it all possible for me to serve as your Grand High Priest this year and now stand ready to attend to the business of this Grand Convocation, a most hardy welcome. It is my fondest hope that we whom you have chosen to serve you this past year have in some measure contributed to the Unity of purpose and worthwhile endeavors of this Most Excellent Grand Chapter.

I would be amiss, if I did not express my special thanks to my wife, Naomi, Companion D. A. McClellan, Jr. and his wife, Edith, and Sir Knight and Companion Robert G. Weisenbarger and his wife, Pat, for the many wonderful hours spent in companionship during the numerous meetings we attended throughout this and other Grand Jurisdictions.

I was and still am saddened by the death of my dear friend Most Excellent Companion Harold L. Beals, Past Grand High Priest, knowing full well that he was looking forward to this Grand Convocation, but I am sure that although he cannot be with us in person, his spirit and works will continue to abide with us and live on in Capitular Masonry.

Which was received and referred to the Committee on Distribution.

APPOINTMENTS

May 31, 1974—Appointed E. Companion E. Burger, to be the Grand Representative of Florida near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Switzerland.

July 15, 1974—Appointed V. E. Companion Arthur Stewart Larkin, to be the Grand Representative of Florida near the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia.

December 21, 1974—Appointed R. E. Companion Franklin C. Smith, Grand Representative of Iowa near the Grand Chapter of Florida, due to the passing of Companion Myron E. Clark. Appointed M. I. Companion Earl R. Allan, Grand Representative of Ohio near the Grand Chapter of Florida, due to the resignation of E. Companion Hugh E. May. Appointed Harry A. Rosenthal, Jr., Grand Representative of Alaska near the Grand Chapter of Florida, due to the passing of M. I. Companion Walter T. Poole.

February 6, 1975—Appointed M. E. Companion Max C. Harwick, as Grand Representative of Florida near the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

February 12, 1975—Appointed E. Companion David Frazier, Grand Representative of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey, due to the passing of M. E. Companion Harold L. Beals.

SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES

July 1, 1974—Appointed R. E. Companion Arthur J. Payne, D.D.G.H.P. District No. 9 to be my personal representative at the Panama City Masonic Celebration at the Evergreen Memorial Gardens, July 14, 1974.

January 9, 1975—Appointed R. E. Companion James W. Oder, Grand Scribe to be my personal representative at the M.W. Grand Master, George L. Myers meeting of Grand Lodge elected officers, Past Grand Masters and official representatives of allied and appendant Orders to be held on Sunday, February 23, 1975 in Orlando Florida.

March 31, 1975—Appointed R. E. Companion James W. Oder, Grand Scribe, as the Grand Chapter representative to the Most Worshipful Grand Masters Committee for coordinating masonic activities between Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Florida and allied and appendant masonic Orders.

BY-LAWS APPROVED

May 27, 1974—Lakeland Chapter No. 29. Approved changing the time of their regular convocation to 7:30 P.M. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month and the right to suspend meetings during the months of July and August by a majority of the members present at a Regular Convocation preceding that period.

September 19, 1974—Winter Haven Chapter No. 41. Approved a change in Article VIII of their By-Laws of said Chapter increasing the annual dues from (4) dollars to six (6) dollars which are payable in advance at the beginning of the Chapter year.

December 2, 1974—Jackson Chapter No. 32. Approved changing the time of their regular convocation to 7:30 P.M. on the second Monday night of each month.

IN STATE VISITATIONS—50

OUT OF STATE VISITATIONS

July 15-17, 1974—Great Smokies Assembly of York Rite Bodies, Waynesville, N.C.

Oct. 21-24, 1974—Grand Royal Arch Convocation of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Richmond, Va.

Feb. 22-25, 1975—Grand York Rite Bodies Convocation of Alabama, Birmingham, Ala.

Feb. 28-
Mar. 1, 1975—Grand Royal Arch Chapter Convocation of Washington, D. C., Washington, Washington, D. C.

- Mar. 8-11, 1975—Grand York Rite Bodies Convocation of South Carolina, Myrtle Beach, S. C.
 Mar. 23-25, 1975—Grand Royal Arch Chapter Convocation of Tennessee, Nashville, Tennessee
 Apr. 15-17, 1975—Grand Royal Arch Chapter Convocation of Georgia, Macon, Ga.

I was unable to accept the invitations extended by the Grand Jurisdictions of North Carolina, having previously visited in that state, nor from Mississippi and Louisiana.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

All of the following dispensations were granted during the year to receive and ballot on petitions short of time, provided due and timely notice was furnished the companions of the respective Chapters listed hereinafter:

- June 19, 1974—Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.
 June 24, 1974—Putnam Chapter No. 9.
 July 23, 1974—Clearwater Chapter No. 45.
 August 5, 1974—Jerico Chapter No. 11.
 August 30, 1974—Melbourne Chapter No. 59.
 September 9, 1974—Eureka Chapter No. 7.
 September 10, 1974—Eustis Chapter No. 33.
 September 17, 1974—Duval Chapter No. 48.
 September 23, 1974—St. Johns Chapters No. 4.
 October 28, 1974—Palm Beach Chapter No. 24.
 October 28, 1974—Clearwater Chapter No. 45.
 November 25, 1974—Clearwater Chapter No. 45.
 January 20, 1975—Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.
 January 31, 1975—Gainesville Chapter No. 2.
 February 14, 1975—Clearwater Chapter No. 45.
 February 18, 1975—Indian River Chapter No. 27.
 February 26, 1975—St. Petersburg Chapter No. 31.
 March 11, 1975—Eustis Chapter No. 33.
 March 12, 1975—Eureka Chapter No. 7.
 March 26, 1975—Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.
 March 31, 1975—Duval Chapter No. 48.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS

1. May 27, 1974 to Sarasota Chapter No. 35 to hold a special election to fill the office of High Priest, said vacancy being caused by the death of the High Priest currently in office, provided due and timely notice was furnished the membership regarding said election.
2. May 27, 1974, for the installation of R. E. Companion Myron E. Goodrich, as District Deputy Grand High Priest, District No. 1, by R. E. Companion Thomas E. McGowan, Grand Master of the 1st Veil, M. E. Grand Chapter, R.A.M., of Florida.
3. August 5, 1974, to Crestview Chapter No. 40, to hold its 9th Annual Open Air Initiation in the Royal Arch degree on October 5, 1974, provided due and timely notice was given the membership of said chapter and the area used could be tiled.
4. April 5, 1975, for Brother Anthony Windell Branham, elected to membership in Putnam Chapter No. 9 R.A.M. to receive his Chapter degrees in the State of La.

DISPENSATION DENIED

November 8, 1974, a request for dispensation from Ocala Chapter No. 13, for November 2, 1975, in that said request was received by the Grand High Priest on November 6, 1974.

PROCLAMATIONS AND EDICTS

June 20, 1974, issued a Proclamation setting forth, Sunday, October 20, 1974 as RELIGIOUS AFFIRMATION DAY and calling upon all Companion Royal Arch Masons in the Grand Jurisdiction of Florida to observe the same.

November 2, 1974, in joint resolution and unity with the M.I.G.M. D. A. McClellan, Jr. and Grand Commander, Robert G. Weisenbarger, issued an EDICT that each constituent Chapter may, one time only, each calendar year, utilize the brief ritualistic procedure, authorized by the General Grand Chapter, R.A.M. International, General Grand Council, R. & S. M. International and Grand Encampment Knights Templar, U.S.A., as authorized for distribution August 16, 1974, by the International York Rite Council.

DECISIONS RENDERED

In most instances, harmony and peace have prevailed over the Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction, except for one specific instance, when it became necessary that I suspend, Companion George L. Crawford, High Priest, Lakeland Chapter No. 29, on November 15, 1974, as the result of a petition by seven Companions of Lakeland Chapter No. 29, R.A.M., in which he was charged with culpable negligence or dereliction of his official duties as High Priest. Pursuant to Rule No. 29, of the Constitution, Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida. I appointed M. E. Companion Roy R. Wright, Jr., Excellent Companion J. Russ Hammond, High Priest and Excellent Companion L. Kent Leonard, High Priest, as an investigating committee of three, to hear, try and determine the matter and submit their report, conclusions and decision. The committee, on April 2, 1975, in their report recommended that the suspension of Companion George L. Crawford be sustained. After receiving the report of the investigating committee, I concurred in their findings and recommendations and on April 4, 1975, RULED and ORDERED that Companion George L. Crawford although not guilty of any unmasonic conduct, was guilty of Culpable negligence or dereliction of his duties as High Priest of Lakeland Chapter No. 29 R.A.M. and is not entitled to the right, title, privileges and prerogatives of a High Priest or Past High Priest in Lakeland Chapter No. 29, R.A.M. or in this M.E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida, this however in no way affects Companion George L. Crawford's membership, rights and privileges as a member and Companion of Lakeland Chapter No. 29, R.A.M.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

This year has seen increased activity in all the Chapters throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, and I am pleased to report that this has resulted in an increase in membership for another year. Four Hundred Eighty One brothers were exhalted, Fifty seven reinstated, Ninety affiliated, for a gain of Six Hundred Twenty Eight. The grim reaper removed Two Hundred Forty Five through death, Fifty nine demitted and One Hundred Thirty seven were suspended for non-payment of dues, leaving a net gain for the year of One Hundred Eighty seven. As always, my companions, suspensions for non-payment of dues continues to plague us each year in every Chapter through out this Grand Jurisdiction. Only through a real concerted effort of every companion can this problem be resolved.

CONCLUSION

My Companions another year has swiftly past by and much remains to be done. To my successor I would say, trust in the guidance of the OMNIPOTENT RULER in your every undertaking. To my select, faithful and worthy Grand Line Officers, District Deputy Grand High Priests, Committeemen and

Companions all, I deeply appreciate every kindness and courtesy each of you have extended to me and on my behalf to make this a never to be forgotten experience in my masonic life. To me, life holds many surprises in my every day travels, but I can always find strength and rejoice in the many blessings and comforts that accompany me on this journey. Each day, I am afforded the opportunity to refresh my Spirit in the Light of the Supreme Architect of the Universe to whom all things are possible. I sincerely hope that each of you companions will find new friendships and companionships through our meetings, degree work and social gatherings and truly experience a never to be forgotten pathway of pleasant memories, so, that in your twilight years, when friendships grow dearer and your memories linger longer, in the lengthening shadows of life, you too may find how good it is to dwell together in unity of purpose. Remember, my Companions the fewer the regrets for our past actions, the more pleasant the memories when our task shall have been completed.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the beautiful Chalice given to the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida, by an anonymous donor, be designated as the Grand High Priest Award. That the presiding Grand High Priest award the Chalice into the keeping for one year, to the Chapter, who over the previous year has demonstrated the most improved attendance of its elected and appointed officers in attendance at its regular meetings, together with the opening and closing of the Chapter without the use of any ritual by any of its officers. This would require the Secretary of each Chapter to keep an accurate record of the attendance of its officers and report to the Grand Secretary at the end of the year on his particular Chapter. The Chalice would be returned to the Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter by the Chapter in possession of the same.
2. That the Committee on Work designate in each area a well informed Chapter Companion as area instructor whose duty it would be in the future to visit the Chapters during degree work and set up the schools of instruction for the Committee on Work.
3. That my successor appoint a committee to study the need of instituting an educational program in each Chapter under the direction of a Chapter Instructor.
4. That the Grand Chapter of Florida endorse the Research Assistance Foundation sponsored by General Grand Chapter, R.A.M. International by contributing the sum of \$100.00 to said foundation and encourage individual companions to contribute \$1.00 each year in support of this foundation.
5. That the Grand High Priest's allowance and per diem be increased from the sum of \$1,500.00 to the realistic sum of \$1,800.00, due to the increased cost of gasoline, meals and lodging.
6. That the District Deputy Grand High Priest and Grand Line Officers on official visits be allowed per diem of \$20.00 per day and .20¢ per mile one way.
7. That the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida initiate a program of educational assistance to a deserving De Molay member of Florida Chapters by setting aside sufficient funds held in reserve to assure the due budgeting of an annual sum of \$1,000.00 for this expenditure.
8. That the elected Grand King, by virtue of his office be appointed chairman of the budget committee of Grand Chapter.

9. That the elected Grand Scribe, by virtue of his office be appointed chairman of the Audit committee of Grand Chapter.
10. That this Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons by its presiding Grand High Priest appoint a committee to recommend a philanthropy worthy of this Grand Jurisdictions support through voluntary contributions.

Fraternally submitted,

Earl G. Nicholson
Grand High Priest
Most Excellent Grand Chapter of
Royal Arch Masons of Florida

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION

(Which was adopted)

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

We your committee on Distribution wish to submit the following report.

1. That portion of the Most Excellent Grand High Priests report which refers to finance be referred to the Committee on Finance.
2. That portion which refers to Dispensations, Charters and By-Laws be referred to the Committee on Dispensations, Charters and By-Laws.
3. That all recommendations, By-Laws, Edicts and other matters be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES D. YEAGER
EUGENE H. MEADOWS

Companion John B. Fletcher and Deem E. Ramey were conducted West of the Altar and recognized and thanked for their work on the Committee for the Host City of Orlando.

REPORT OF JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

(Which was adopted)

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

Having carefully examined the report of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the Jurisprudence Committee finds that the dispensations, decisions and other matters therein are in accordance with the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of this Grand Chapter.

This committee also approves the several recommendations of the Grand High Priest and recommends that the appropriate ones be called to the attention of affected committees such as Finance and Budget and Distribution.

We commend the Grand High Priest upon his activities and the effect they have had in the State.

Fraternally submitted,

DR. WALTER H. WINCHESTER
WILLIAM J. HOFHEINZ
JAMES W. MACDONALD
EDWARD H. BAXTER

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

(which was adopted)

RUSSELL W. HOUSTON, *Grand Treasurer*

Your Grand Treasurer submits the following report as of May 1, 1975:

May 1, 1974—Balance in Sun Bank of Riverside, Miami,
Florida checking account, as per 1974 proceedings..... \$ 8,412.48

RECEIPTS:

Received from Grand Secretary	\$15,869.81
1974-1975 interest on 5% certificate, Sun Bank of Riverside	716.83
York Rite Bodies, Clearwater, Florida, loan paid in full..	13,600.00
York Rite Bodies, Clearwater, Florida, interest paid in full	544.00
York Rite Bodies, Lakeland, Florida, 1974 principal payment on 20 year loan of \$28,000.00	1,400.00
York Rite Bodies, Lakeland, Florida, 4% interest for one year on \$25,200.00	1,008.00
York Rite Bodies, Ft. Myers, Florida, 1975 principal payment on 20 year loan of \$12,000.00	600.00
York Rite Bodies, Ft. Myers, Florida, 4% interest for one year on \$6,000.00	240.00
York Rite Bodies, Tampa, Florida, 1975 principal pay- ment on 20 year loan of \$12,000.00	600.00
York Rite Bodies, Tampa, Florida, 4% interest for one year on \$7,200.00	288.00
York Rite Bodies, Panama City, Florida, 1975 principal payment on 20 year loan of \$20,000.00	1,000.00
York Rite Bodies, Panama City, Florida, 4% interest for one year on \$19,000.00	760.00
Transfer from Sun Bank of Riverside—Savings account..	5,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$41,626.64
	\$50,039.12

DISBURSEMENTS:

May 23, 1974—Vos. 1, 1974 Payroll, Miami, Florida....	\$ 6,528.09
May 23, 1974—Vos. 2, Everglades Hotel—Distinguished Guests	762.75
June 14, 1974—Vos. 14, Everglades Hotel—Balance due Host City	131.00
Aug. 23, 1974—Vos. 25, Orlando York Rite—1975 Host	700.00
Aug. 23, 1974—Vos. 28, Sun Bank of Riverside— Savings account	15,000.00
Jan. 29, 1975—Vos. 62, Sun Bank of Coral Gables— Savings account	5,000.00
May 1, 1975—Vos. 3 to 87 Inc., excluding Vos. 14, 25, 28, 62	11,546.39
May 1, 1975—Bank charge for check books	11.82
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$39,680.05
May 1, 1975—Balance in Sun Bank of Riverside, Miami, Fla. checking account	\$10,359.07

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

SUN BANK OF RIVERSIDE, MIAMI, FLORIDA—SAVINGS ACCOUNT:

May 1, 1974—Balance in Sun Bank of Riverside— Savings account	\$23,480.18
ADDITIONS:	
Aug. 20, 1974—Transfer from Sun Bank of Riverside— Checking account	\$15,000.00
Apr. 1, 1975—1974-1975 interest on Savings account....	1,497.59
TOTAL ADDITIONS	\$16,497.59
	\$39,977.77

DISBURSEMENTS:

June 19, 1974—Transfer to Sun Bank of Riverside— Checking account	\$ 3,000.00
Nov. 4, 1974—Transfer to Sun Bank of Riverside— Checking account	2,000.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 5,000.00
May 1, 1975—Balance in Sun Bank of Riverside— Savings account	\$34,977.77

SUN BANK OF MIDTOWN, MIAMI, FLORIDA—SAVINGS ACCOUNT:

May 1, 1974—Balance in Sun Bank of Midtown— Savings account	\$11,372.50
Apr. 1, 1975—1974-1975 interest on Savings account....	579.36
May 1, 1975—Balance in Sun Bank of Midtown— Savings account	\$11,951.86

SUN BANK OF CORAL GABLES, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA
—SAVINGS ACCOUNT:

May 1, 1974—Balance in Sun Bank of Coral Gables— Savings account	\$ 6,043.01
Jan. 29, 1975—Transfer from Sun Bank of Miami— Checking account	5,000.00
Apr. 1, 1975—1974-1975 interest on Savings account....	349.62
May 1, 1975—Balance in Sun Bank of Coral Gables— Savings account	\$11,392.63

Certificate of Deposit No. 651, Sun Bank of Riverside, Miami, Florida bearing 5% interest—\$716.83 in- terest received. See receipts in checking account July 1974	\$12,000.00
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Total interest earned all sources 1974-1975—\$5,983.40

RECAPITULATION OF INVESTMENTS:

Sun Bank of Riverside, Miami, Florida—Savings account	\$ 34,977.77
Sun Bank of Midtown, Miami, Florida—Savings account	11,951.86
Sun Bank of Coral Gables, Coral Gables, Florida—Savings account..	11,392.63
Certificate of Deposit—Sun Bank of Riverside, Miami, Florida.....	12,000.00
York Rite Bodies, Ft. Myers, Florida, balance on 20 year loan (9 years) payable \$600.00 per year, and 4% interest on unpaid balance	5,400.00
York Rite Bodies, Tampa, Florida, balance on 20 year loan (11 years) payable \$600.00 per year, and 4% interest on unpaid balance	6,600.00

York Rite Bodies, Lakeland, Florida, balance on 20 year loan (17 years) payable \$1,400.00 per year, and 4% interest on unpaid balance	23,800.00
York Rite Bodies, Panama City, Florida, balance on 20 year loan (18 years) payable \$1,000.00 per year, and 4% interest on unpaid balance	18,000.00
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	<u>\$124,122.26</u>

GRAND CHAPTER—CHARITY FUND:

May 1, 1974—Balance in Security Federal Savings & Loan Assn.....	\$ 2,080.12
June 1, 1974—Contribution by H. J. Rees	40.00
Apr. 1, 1975—1974-1975 interest on Savings account	114.00
May 1, 1975—Balance in Security Federal Savings & Loan Assn.....	<u>\$ 2,234.12</u>

Fraternally submitted,

RUSSELL W. HOUSTON
Grand Treasurer

REPORT OF TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE

(Which was adopted)

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

We, your committee on Triennals after due study and consideration respectfully submit the following.

WHEREAS:

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Florida is now a member of the General Grand Chapter International and WHEREAS, we now contribute to its financial support by paying a per capita tax thereby in essence endorsing its aims and purposes and continued existence now therefore we recommend that we participate fully in its Triennial Meetings where not only can we exercise our rights as a voting member concerning International projects, legislation and most important of all *Finances* but possibly gain useful knowledge by exchanging ideas with the other delegates, officers and participants.

We further recommend that to encourage our Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary's attendance, we offer the following Resolution:

One hundred dollars (\$100.00) will be included in each year's budget to assist the Grand High Priest or his duly authorized representative, who must be one of the other dias officers to attend the General Grand Chapter Triennial and that Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) a year be included to reimburse the Grand Council for one-half or a maximum of one-hundred fifty dollars for the Grand Secretary's expense. Should none of the above mentioned be able to attend the Triennial the budgeted amount will be returned to the General Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD I. LANIER
JAMES W. ODER
JOSEPH C. LESUER

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY

(Which was adopted)

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

Your Grand Secretary submits his 12th Annual Report
Grand Representatives

All Commissions were issued and forwarded promptly
Annual Returns

All Chapters have made correct Returns and paid the necessary fee.
Statistical Data

Total Membership end of Year 1973	9961
Exalted	481
Reinstated	57
Affiliated	90
Total additions during the Year 1974	628
Died	245
Demitted	59
Suspended	137
Total Deductions during Year 1974	441
NET GAIN for the Year 1974	187
Membership end of Year 1974	10148
Emeritus Members exempt from dues	165

Thanks to those who assisted in presentations of 50 Year Awards for other Grand Jurisdictions.

Fraternally submitte,

THOMAS N. MORRISON
Grand Secretary

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES

(Which was adopted)

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

We, the Committe on Propositions and Grievances are happy to report that peace and harmony prevailed in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. McCLELLAN, JR., *Chairman*
ROBERT G. WEISENBARGER
DAVID FRAZIER

REPORT OF THE BUDGET-FINANCE COMMITTEE

(Which was adopted)

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

INCOME	
Per Capita	\$12,685.00
Exaltations	2,250.00
Principal on Loans	3,600.00
Interest on Loans	2,176.00
Interest on Savings	2,000.00
Bank	941.20
TOTAL	<u>23,652.20</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Payroll	7,000.00
Distinguished Guests	1,000.00
Host City	700.00
Printing and Proceedings	1,100.00
Apron and Jewel	350.00
Per Capita General Grand Chapter	1,014.80
Markers	250.00
Insurance	90.00
Grand Officers	700.00
District Deputys	300.00
Grand High Priest	1,500.00
Grand Treasurer	950.00
Grand Secretary	2,200.00
Grand Secretary's Expense	850.00
Rent	350.00
Regional Conference (Richmond)	400.00
Youth Association	600.00
Plaques	65.00
York Rite Light	3,000.00
Committee on Work	300.00
Masonic Home	100.00
Masons for America Day	75.00
District Meetings	507.40
One copy of the film, Saga of the Holy Royal A.	250.00
TOTAL	\$23,652.20

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. BROSDNAHAM JR.
JAMES D. YEAGER
WALTER I. STEVENSON

Request from Eustis Chapter No. 33 that Companion John R. Wellbeloved now a member of that Chapter, a Past High Priest of his former Chapter in Germany, be recognized as such in this Grand Jurisdiction. Request was granted.

Request from Eustis Chapter No. 33 that Companion George H. Guscott now a member of that Chapter, a Past High Priest of Jefferson Chapter No. 141, Jefferson, Ohio, be recognized as such in this Grand Jurisdiction. Request was granted.

At this time Dr. Walter H. Winchester addressed the Grand Chapter, putting stress on the Philanthropy of the General Grand Chapters Project of Research Assistance.

Many children (some say up to 25%) are afflicted with an inborn defect that prevents the brain from hearing what the ear has already heard, and as a consequence the children often become behavioral problems, delinquents, drop-outs. If discovered early enough, before the school years if possible, remedial training can help tremendously in the prevention of these consequences. This Royal Arch Foundation will be funded by voluntary contributions.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORK

(Which was adopted)

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

We are most happy to inform you that several schools of instruction were held, both on a district and individual chapter basis, but regret that in many instances conflicting dates made it impossible to have them in some areas, and also regret that more requests for assistance from this committee were not made.

We are indeed grateful to the many companions who gave of their time and effort to be with us on these various occasions, and trust that answers they were seeking were obtained, and that they imparted this to the companions of their Chapters who were unable to attend.

We fully realize that many times the officers of chapters are unable to attend these meetings, but sincerely urge all officers and companions to possibly put forth a little additional effort to attend the meetings that will be set up by the committee selected by our incoming Grand H.P. so that the information from them may reach more companions.

We would also hope that all Chapters consider having a member of this committee visit them on a regular meeting night and work with them at that time, always remembering that the companions on this committee will be willing to do so at any time, providing it is cleared with the chairman.

After attending many of these schools and installations, and after much study and discussion we therefore submit the following recommendations:

1. That the committee be permitted to index the Red Book and correspondingly rearrange existing contents in order to provide easier access to the contents presently provided therein.
2. Be authorized to provide added information in response to questions and interpretations that the Red Book is presently silent on.
3. Be authorized to clarify certain phrasings such as to remove ambiguity without altering the intent of the existing contents of the Red Book.
4. Be authorized to formulate and include in the Red Book the specifics of a Constituent Royal Arch Chapter Installation Ceremony, in the interest of standardization of such ceremony among the various Chapters, such installation to be recited from memory when given.
5. That the finance-budget committee provide an additional \$500.00 to support travel and Per Diem for requested instructional meetings, at least two meetings annually of the committee on work, and such monies as may be required to implement the above recommendations.

We further suggest that open installation with other York Rite Bodies constitute an excellent opportunity for exemplifying the nature of York Rite work and urge those not so doing to give it much thought and consideration.

Our sincere thanks to all companions for their support and assistance, and especially to our M.E.G.H.P. for granting us the privileged to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee:

J. W. MACDONALD
DUANE B. YOUNG
WILLIS D. PORTER
LAWRENCE L. HOWELL
THOMAS E. MCGOWAN

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(Which was adopted)

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

We, the Committee on Unfinished Business have examined the proceedings of the 1974 Grand Convocation of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida and find there is no unfinished business.

Fraternally submitted,

GOEBEL B. BUCHANAN
LUTHER H. TISON, JR.
HARRY R. ROSENTHAL, JR.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FLORIDA YORK RITE LIGHT

(which was adopted)

COST ANALYSIS FLORIDA YORK RITE LIGHT

	<u>Copies</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Stencils</u>	<u>Tax</u>	<u>Return Postage</u>	<u>Mailing</u>	<u>Pictures</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>1974</u>								
May	10,100	\$ 537.45	\$ 48.00	\$ 23.42	\$ 7.52	\$ 52.85		\$ 669.24
June	10,000	567.41	52.25	24.76	12.13	53.72		710.27
July	10,000	567.40	7.75	21.71	2.80	52.85		652.51
Sept.	10,100	567.40	47.40	24.59	11.21	51.92		702.52
Oct.	10,100	567.40	40.50	24.32	10.70	49.56		692.48
Nov.	10,500	567.40	24.30	23.67	7.80	51.35		674.50
Dec.	10,000	567.40	46.20	24.54	9.90	50.95		698.99
<u>1975</u>								
Jan.	10,000	567.40	56.10	24.94	6.70	50.04		705.18
Feb.	10,000	597.05	64.20	26.45	8.70	51.00		747.40
Mar.	10,000	597.05	20.70	24.45	6.40	50.29	18.60	717.49
Apr.	10,000	597.05	54.30	26.05	9.90	50.65		737.95
		<u>\$6,300.41</u>	<u>\$461.70</u>	<u>\$268.90</u>	<u>\$93.76</u>	<u>\$565.16</u>	<u>\$18.60</u>	<u>\$7,708.53</u>

REPORT OF CUSTODIAN OF RITUALISTIC MATERIALS

(Which was adopted)

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

As custodian of Ritualistic Materials, I herewith render my report for the year 1974-75.

Of the Forty One (41) Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction Thirty Three (33) have complied with the regulations of reporting the NUMBER in the ESSENTIALS held by the High Priest, King and Scribe of each Chapter.

Of the other Eight (8) Chapters, Six (6) of them HAVE NOT REPORTED although I have written the High Priest of each Chapter, asking them to make an effort to get the THREE Dais Officers to sign their cards, placing the needed information on the cards and returning them to me.

If they find they cannot locate the missing material, then they should purchase the needed set or sets, thus making the Dais Officers having the necessary information to conduct the affairs of their Chapters.

The other TWO of the Eight sent in ONE CARD and wrote saying they would try and get the information from the other TWO Dais Officers and report to me. As of May 16th, 1975 I have not received any answers.

Thank you for the honor of serving this Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. W. AMOLD
P.G.H.P.

Lake City Chapter No. 38 and Clearwater Chapter No. 45 had issued a challenge to show more Exaltations than the other. The Plaque to the winner for the Year 1974 was awarded to Clearwater Chapter No. 45. The presentation was made by Dr. Walter H. Winchester, a member of Clearwater Chapter No. 45.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS, DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS

(which was adopted)

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

We, your committee on Charters, Dispensations and By-Laws have examined the report of the M.E. Grand High Priest and find that no charters were issued, and that all dispensations and By-Laws approved by him are in accordance with the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. MACDONALD
HARRY J. GUY
LEROY HEALY

SUB-REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS, DISPENSATIONS & BY-LAWS

(which was adopted)

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

We, your committee on Charters, Dispensations and By-Laws have a request for a U. D. Chapter at Starke, in Bradford County, and find that all procedures as set forth in Article 111, Sec. 2, of the Grand Chapter Constitution, Rules and Regulations have been complied with.

The necessary letters from Gainesville Chapter, Required signatures of the Companions in good standing and check for required fee accompany this request, so we therefor recommend that this request be granted by this Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. MACDONALD
HARRY J. GUY
LEROY HEALY

The Grand Treasurer M.E. Companion Russell W. Houston and the Grand Secretary R.E. Thomas N. Morrison were conducted West of the Altar and thanked for their services to the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter went on record as endorsing Ambers Jackson "A. J." Lewis for the General Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter R.A.M. International.

The Election of Officers was held with the following results:

RICHARD I. LANIER	M.E. Grand High Priest
JAMES W. ODER	R.E. Grand King
JOSEPH C. LESUER	R.E. Grand Scribe
RUSSELL W. HOUSTON	M.E. Grand Treasurer
THOMAS N. MORRISON	R.E. Grand Secretary
WILBUR W. MASTERS JR.	M.E. Grand Chaplain

The incoming Grand High Priest appointed the following:

DUANE B. YOUNG	Ex. Grand Captain of the Host
J. FRED WILSON	Ex. Grand Principal Sojourner
HOWARD P. BENNETT SR.	Ex. Royal Arch Captain
HENRY C. BENDEL	Ex. Grand Masters Third Veil
THOMAS E. MCGOWAN	Ex. Grand Master Second Veil
WILLIAM R. PENNINGTON	Ex. Grand Master First Veil
WENDELL D. HARRINGTON	Ex. Grand Sentinel

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

- District No. 1—Alfred R. Peebles P.O. Box 8171 West Palm Beach 33407
Phone 305 844-7832, Jerico No. 11, Palm Beach No. 18
Keystone No. 20, Cabal No. 61.
- District No. 2—Donald F. Amerman P.O. Box 212 Palmetto 33561 Phone
813 722-1135, Manatee River No. 18, Sarasota No. 35, Poin-
ciana No. 50.
- District No. 3—Robert F. Heil 4472 Clearwater Harbor Dr., Largo 33540
Phone 813 581-5478 Tampa-Cushing No. 3, St. Petersburg
No. 31 Clearwater No. 45.
- District No. 4—John P. Mikusak 204 17th Street So., Zephyrhills 33599
Phone 813 782-6523, 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—Joe W. Aspley 945 John Anderson Drive Ormond Beach
32074 Phone 904 677-6118, St. Johns No. 4, Halifax No. 5,
Eureka No. 7 Monroe No. 7.
- District No. 6—Curtis N. Jackson Rt. 1, Box 1152 Mt. Dora 32757 Phone
904 357-2516, Ocala No. 13, Eustis No. 33, Leesburg No. 34,
32205
- District No. 7—Archie E. Tucker 1602 Parrish Place, Jacksonville No. 12, St.
Phone 904 389-8588, Putnam No. 9, Jacksonville No. 12, St.
Augustine No. 17 Duval No. 48, Nassau No. 49.
- District No. 8—Oscar F. Mills 230 S.W. 5th Ave., Gainesville 32601, Phone
904 372-4611, Gainesville No. 2, Live Oak No. 25, Lake
City No. 38.
- District No. 9—Vernon H. Miller 810 Bunkers Cove Road, Panama City
32401 Phone 904 785-0540, Florida No. 1, Jackson No. 32,
Bay No. 29, St. Joseph No. 36.
- District No. 10—T. C. Taylor 905 E. Hatton St., Pensacola 32503 Phone 904
438-6813 Mt. Horeb No. 6, Crestview No. 40, Surf No. 57.
- District No. 11—Brent Cull, 1290 Overlook Terrace, Titusville 32780, Phone
305 267-2148, Indian River No. 27, Joppa No. 28, Mel-
bourne No. 39.

Grand Chapter was recessed at 9:30 A.M. for purpose of Open
Installation.

Grand Officers elected and appointed and District Deputies were

Installed, by The following Past M.E. Grand High Priests: Wilbur W. Masters Jr. Installing Officer, James W. MacDonald, Marshal and Roy R. Wright Chaplain.

Labor resumed 10:55 A.M. The Chalice Award was brought to the attention of the Craft.

Robert F. Secrest, Past M.E. Grand High Priest was presented and it was announced he would be appointed in the appointive Grand Line of the General Grand Chapter R.A.M. International.

Past M.E. Grand High Priest, Earl G. Nicholson was presented his Past Grand High Priests Jewel by R.E. Companion Thomas N. Morrison.

Past M.E. Grand High Priest Earl G. Nicholson presented M.E. Richard I. Lanier with his Grand High Priests Apron.

It was announced that a Home Coming would be held in Jacksonville June 28th at 6:30 P.M. Honoring our Grand High Priest.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest announced the following Committees:

COMMITTEES		
PRINTING		
Thomas N. Morrison		
JURISPRUDENCE		
Earl G. Nicholson	Woodrow W. Cash	Dr. Walter H. Winchester
	Edward H. Baxter	Roy R. Wright Jr.
RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS		
John E. Dreher	Paul R. Davis	U. V. Durden
MILEAGE AND PER DIEM		
Leslie C. Bortle	Fred C. Urfer Jr.	Kenneth S. Lawrie
AUDITING		
Roy W. Larson	Thomas E. McGowan	Charles H. Green
COMMITTEE ON WORK		
James W. MacDonald	Thomas E. McGowan	Duane B. Young
	Lawrence L. Howell	Willis D. Porter
CUSTODIAN OF THE WORK		
Charles W. Arnold	Roy R. Wright Jr.	
MASONIC RELATIONS AND DEMOLAY		
Franklin C. Smith	Harry A. Rosenthal Jr.	
TRIENNIAL		
James W. Oder	Joseph C. LeSuer	Duane B. Young

FINANCE-BUDGET

Ashton H. Brosnahan Jr. James D. Yeager Alfred R. Peebles

FLORIDA YORK RITE LIGHT

Harold W. Kelley Thomas N. Morrison

BENEVOLENCE

Wilbur W. Masters Jr. Arthur J. Wissler Sr. Walter I. Stevenson

The Grand Chapter closed with prayer at 11:00 A.M.

THOMAS N. MORRISON
R.E. Grand Secretary

RICHARD I. LANIER
M.E. Grand High Priest

To the Memory of the
Companions of This Grand
Jurisdiction

Who have passed on to that eternal life
during the year

This Page we fraternally dedicate

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

—John Ellerton.



THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS
of the State of Florida

In Memoriam

Harold LeRoy Beals

Grand High Priest 1968 - 1969

Born

August 15, 1906

Bays, Ohio

Died

February 9, 1975

Miami, Florida

The newly new Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters Hugh R. Dixon was presented West of the Altar and recognized.

M.E. Companion Ray Rutledge of Alabama spoke in behalf of the Distinguished Guests and thanked the Grand Bodies for the courtesies extended to them and their ladies.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY

(which was adopted)

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

In this Sacred and quiet moment we pause to pay our tribute of love and affection to our departed Companions whom we have long loved and lost awhile. In this moment of reflection we feel there is little we can do and little that we need to do, but wait quietly with reverent faith in God and tender affection for our beloved dead.

Death is not the end, it is only the graduation day which signals a new beginning—the start of a fresh adventure. The span of three score and ten years is not the limit of our lives. We are not simply pilgrims of this transitory sphere, we are immortal.

So, my Companions, we pay tribute and say farewell to our departed Companions. They are gone from our midst, but not forgotten. Nor are they really lost to us. Because to we who have known and loved them they will be forever enshrined in the deep chambers of memory.

We are grateful to the Grand High Priest of Heaven and Earth for sparing the officers of our Grand family this last year. However we did lose a most beloved Past Grand High Priest.

Companions, it is almost impossible to put into words just how I felt when I heard that the Angel of death had received the dread mandate to strike from the roll of the living, our dearly beloved friend, brother and Companion Harold Leroy Beals.

Born in Bays, Ohio on August 15th 1906 he passed to the Grand Chapter on high Jan. 9, 1975.

He was an ardent and zealous worker in all branches of Masonry. Blue Lodge and York Rite. Few men contributed more to the ongoing of the York Rite of Freemasonry than Harold Beals. Serving as Grand High Priest in 1968-69, and Grand Prelate in 1973.

The contribution that he made and the memory that he left will linger long in the hearts and minds of the members of this Grand Chapter. May each of us endeavor to follow his example so that when we meet the Grand Overseer of Heaven and Earth he may label our labors here as—GOD WORK, SQUARE WORK AND TRUE WORK. Because there are many testimonials to his zeal and faithfulness to the Craft and to its members.

We are mindful of the many present and Past Grand Chapter Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions that have been summoned to that land where our fathers have gone before us. We offer them our sincere and affectionate sympathy.

A copy of those distinguished departed Companions attached to this report.

Fraternally submitted,

WILBUR W. MASTERS JR.

DEATHS IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

- ALABAMA—John S. Robinson, Past M.E.G.H.P., 1949, died Nov. 5, 1974.
 ALBERTA—William Baker Ruff, Grand First Principal, 1965, died Nov. 14, 1974; James Louis Innes, Grand First Principal, 1949, died Sept. 9, 1974.
 BRITISH COLUMBIA—Ewen E. Andrews, Grand Scribe E., 1971-74, died Sept. 12, 1974.
 COLORADO—Clayton A. Astell, Past M.E.G.H.P., 1943, died July 12, 1974.
 GEORGIA—Thomas Crosby Sanders, Past M.E.G.H.P., 1953, died Nov. 27, 1974.
 IDAHO—Roy V. Locey, Past M.E.G.H.P., 1941, died May 12, 1974.
 ILLINOIS—Oscar William Ankarberg, G.H.P., 1964-65, died Jan. 6, 1974.
 IOWA—Edwin S. Lofton, G.H.P., 1951-52, died Oct. 23, 1974.
 KANSAS—Neil McKinnon, G.H.P., 1957, died Oct. 12, 1974.
 KENTUCKY—Philip Terrill Jasper, G.H.P., 1961-62, died May 19, 1974.
 LOUISIANA—Lee Wilson Harris, G.H.P., 1949, died July 2, 1974; J. Albert Thompson, G.H.P., 1958, died Mar. 23, 1974.
 MINNESOTA—Arthur John Peterson, G.H.P., 1961-62, died May 5, 1974.
 MONTANA—Joseph Earl Halterman, G.H.P., 1934-35, died Nov. 10, 1974.
 NEBRASKA—Harold Hartzell Thom, G.H.P., 1952-53, died June 14, 1974; Earl M. Boyington, G.H.P., 1942-43, died June 28, 1974.
 NEVADA—Nicholas Havrilla, G.H.P., 1973, died Sept. 24, 1974.
 NEW HAMPSHIRE—Gordon Herbert Baker, G.H.P., 1963, died Feb. 11, 1975; Alexander John LeLoup, G.H.P., 1947, died Jan. 1, 1975; Roger Ellis Hopkins, G.H.P., 1956, died August 7, 1974.
 NEW MEXICO—Herbert C. Denny, G.H.P., 1957, died Feb. 25, 1975; Fredrick Brandon Hartman, G.H.P., 1959, died June 5, 1974.
 NEW YORK—Wright J. Burley, G.H.P., 1942, died Nov. 12, 1974.
 OHIO—Garrett P. Trostel, G.H.P., 1951-52, died Dec. 31, 1974.
 PENNSYLVANIA—William R. Burchfield, G.H.P., 1945-46, died Feb. 4, 1975; Charles F. Weeks, G.H.P., 1947-48, died May 20, 1974.
 SO. DAKOTA—Philo H. Schultz, G.H.P., 1944-45, died August 8, 1974.
 TENNESSEE—John Miton Brown, G.H.P., 1955, died July 10, 1974.
 VIRGINIA—Simon J. Sachs, G.H.P., 1939-40, died July 16, 1974.
 WASHINGTON—Clement I. Krantz, G.H.P., 1964-65, died October 12, 1974.
 WISCONSIN—Carl Becker Bauer, Honorary Past Grand High Priest, Grand Recorder-Sec., died Sept. 19, 1974.
 WYOMING—Erwin A. Froyd, G.H.P., 1938-39, died Sept. 29, 1974.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC YOUTH ASSOCIATION

(which was adopted)

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

Under the capable stewardship of M. W. Hobart D. Pelhank, P.G.M., the Masonic Youth Association of Florida, Inc. has continued to give financial assistance to DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and Rainbow which has allowed them to perform many projects for the good of the Orders. The interest and encouragement received from this Association by the youth of our State has been of beneficial effect to all concerned.

This past year three DeMolay Chapters were closed, but three new Chapters were opened and so the number remained the same for the year 1974. DeMolay in Florida initiated over its yearly goal for membership for the first time since 1968 and was the only large jurisdiction—3500 and over members—in all of the Order of DeMolay which accomplished this.

Your Grand High Priest, M.E. Earl G. Nicholson, has taken time from his busy schedule to show his continued support for the youth of our State by attending their functions. On those occasions when they have been in attendance with him, every courtesy and consideration has been extended.

The Wally Schirra Trophy which is awarded annually by this Grand Chapter was won by Bahia Chapter, Orlando, which completed 15 Leadership Correspondence Courses in 1974.

I move that this Grand Chapter continue its financial support of the Masonic Youth Association of Florida with its donation of \$600.00. That the cost of the Wally Schirra trophy be deducted from this amount and the Masonic Youth Association of Florida receive the balance.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY A. ROSENTHAL, JR.

REPORT OF THE MASONIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

(which was adopted)

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

M. W.: George L. Myers, Grand Master of mason in Florida, called a meeting of all the Allied Orders in the State together with the Grand Lodge Officers and Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, in the Sheraton-Towers Hotel in Orlando on February 23, 1975.

Among those in attendance, were the Potentates of all the Shrine Temples, Imperial Marshall of The Shrine of North America, Monarchs of the Grottoes, Grand Marshall of the Grottoes of North America, The Grand Royal Patron of Amaranth, the Grand Patron of Order of Eastern Star, State Master Councilor, State Executive Officer and The Grand Master of DeMolay, Grand Commander, Grand Master, Grand High Priest of the York Rite, and Grand Recorder, representatives of the Red Cross of Constantine, Knights York Cross of Honour, National Soujourners, York Rite College, Sovereign Inspector General of the Scottish Rite of Florida and Jobs Daughters.

Grand Master Myers stated that the meeting was assembled for the purpose of promoting more cooperation and harmony with all the Lodges, The Grand Lodge, and all the Allied Orders of Freemasonry. After much constructive discussion, the ground work was laid for the formation of a mediatory organization for this purpose.

Unity between these various orders will bring peace and understanding so that they all together join in a perfect union for living the great life.

This was the first meeting of its kind and from this beginning we hope for a perfect Unity in our whole Masonic structure, which will act as a powerful force toward new Masonic strength.

Presiding Officers of all Masonic Orders from the State Grand level to the Subordinate Bodies were encouraged to attend Grand Lodge District Conventions and those present were fraternally and courteously presented and introduced. The York Rite of Freemasonry have also extended the same courtesy of invitation and introduction to its meetings.

The three presiding Officers of the Grand York Rite of Freemasonry of Florida have continued the planned three year program of coordinating programs and objectives in good fellowship, harmony and Unity of purpose. This particular area of Masonic Relations are most excellent and exemplary which all subordinate bodies should endeavor to emulate.

Master masons and others who were not members of the York Rite have been invited and attended York Rite District meeting as well as Subordinate functions. Invitations were especially extended to Worshipful Masters, Wardens, Officers and their ladies.

Masonic relations and fraternal fellowship have been most cordial and rewarding at each of the Homecoming Celebrations held in honor of each of our Grand Presiding Officers of the York Rite of Florida. Representatives of Allied Orders were invited and attended.

Many Lodges have hosted York Rite Night where the Rite was extended an opportunity of making available to master masons the great values that were open to them in the degrees and orders of the York Rite of Freemasonry. The Chairman of this Committee as well as many of you have participated in York Rite Night. This is an excellent method of masonic relation. This Committee would like for this particular endeavor to grow until York Rite is held in every Particular Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction. On these meetings we have an opportunity of distributing the official folder entitled "MORE LIGHT" which is available from our Grand Secretary-Recorder and approved for trestleboard and other methods of distribution by Grand York Rite in this Committees Report of 1973. The purpose of this folder is to give a succinct and connected view of the light as it is developed in the several degrees of the York Rite, and it is hoped that these words of counsel and advice may by this means be placed before many Master Masons who would not otherwise be enabled to receive them.

If your Lodge is not now offering this avenue of masonic relation we believe that by friendly suggestion it would be most happy to cooperate in furthering the objectives of Freemasonry through the York Rite.

Many Lodge Trestleboard and News Letters carry items concerning other Orders including the York Rite. York Rite Trestleboards carry items of news concerning activities of all orders within the immediate area and items of special interest within the District and/or State. This Chairman receives the Temple News, Dade City, published monthly and edited by Companion Doc McNally, and also The York Rite Trestleboard, Cocoa, Sanford, and others and items of interest concerning orders other than York Rite have appeared. This Committee would like to encourage more of this Unity of dissemination of news concerning all masonic activities planned for your local area. This Committee also would recommend that the Chairman of this Committee be placed on the mailing list to receive your news letters and Trestleboards. Also place on your mailing list all Masters and Wardens of Particular Lodges in your area. Enlist the cooperation of your Particular Lodges to enter York Rite news items and planned conferrals of degrees in the Lodge Trestleboard. This is being done in many lodges and we would like to see this expanded. The masonic relationship on the local level is excellent.

The York Rite was in the forefront in participating in the Masons for America Day held this year on September 21, 1974 at Melbourne. This great annual patriotic masonic day in a festival of pageantry and parade is the one of the finest endeavors of Masonic Relations in Action. This past September 4000 members of all facets of our great Fraternity along with representatives of masonic sponsored orders came together in a unity of Masonic Americanism and fraternal fellowship proclaiming and renewing the rededication of their faith and love for our great Nation. This is an excellent masonic relation program.

The York Rite Light has carried the Itinerary of the Grand Master and other activities of the Grand Lodge. In mutual accord, The Florida Mason has carried articles written by R.E. Robert G. Weisenbarger Grand Commander, M.I. D. A. McClellan, Grand Master of the Grand Council and M.E. Earl G. Nicholson, Grand High Priest. This Committee approves this mutual exchange of articles as excellent Masonic Relations.

On September 8, 1974, the three head Officers of the York Rite along with other representatives of the York Rite attended and were accorded all the proper courtesies at the annual York Rite Day at Our Masonic Home in St. Petersburg for the monthly Board of Trustees meeting.

The York Rite College of Freemasonry were pleased to receive into membership during the Masonic year many members of the Grand Lodge family

including the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Junior Grand Warden and Secretary, who have each promised to further the cause of York Rite Freemasonry.

In summation, Masonic Relations is simply the due respect and consideration extended to all our brethren, in any locale, individually or in groups, titled or not, as the warm hand of fellowship and brotherly love conveys the thinking of the heart and the spirit of the heart is the spirit of the soul.

The page of York Rite Freemasonry numbered 1974-75 certainly records one of the most successful years of the objectives and exemplification of Masonic Relations.

FRANKLIN C. SMITH, *Chairman*
HARRY A. ROSENTHAL JR.

RESOLUTION ON MASONIC UNITY

(which was adopted)

Orlando, Fla.
May 21, 1975

Whereas:

From time immemorial all BODIES OF FREE MASONRY both sovereign and appendent have toiled in the vineyards of masonry in unison for the common good of mankind and THE MASONIC FRATERNITY:

AND

Whereas:

THE GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF FREE MASONRY OF FLORIDA CONSISTING OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA and THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA being anxious and desirous of helping further this spirit of unity:

AND

Whereas:

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA WHILE ASSEMBLED IN THE 128 annual convocation held at Orlando, Florida on May 21 & 22, 1975 and THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA while assembled in its 95 annual assembly held at Orlando, Florida on May 20, 1975 and THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA assembled in their 81st annual conclave held at Orlando, Florida May 19, 1975 being anxious and desirous of strengthening and cementing this ancient unity:

AND

Whereas:

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA RECOGNIZING AND BELIEVING THAT THE Masonic Association of Allied and Appendent Orders can and will foster, strengthen and cement this ancient unity and harmony:

Now therefor be it resolved:

That the GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

and

THE GRAND COUNCIL OF SELECT MASTERS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

and

THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA do hereby vow and pledge their support and co-operation with and to The Masonic Association of Allied and Appendent Orders in promoting harmony and unity in all branches of Free Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction.

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH
MASONS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

RICHARD I. LANIER
Grand High Priest
Grand Council of Royal and Select
Master of the State of Florida

HUGH R. DIXON
Grand Thrice Illustrious Master
Grand Commandery of Knights
Templar of the State of Florida

ALBERT G. RODGERS
Grand Commander

Harold W. Kelley was thanked for his music at the organ during the Annual Convocation.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THANKS

(which was adopted)

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

The Committee on Thanks, in behalf of the Companions present, wish to express the sincere appreciation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Florida to the York Rite Bodies of Orlando for sponsoring this One-hundred Twenty-eighth Annual Convocation.

We wish to express our thanks to the Chairman, John B. Fletcher, and Co-chairman Harley V. Wheeler and his staff for doing an outstanding job to see that we and our ladies have had a most pleasant convocation.

We would like to express our thanks to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons, William Hill, and his core of Officers for taking time out of their busy schedule to attend the gala banquet.

We also appreciate the attendance of all our visiting dignitaries from our sister jurisdictions. We hope your stay has been a pleasant one.

We also express our thanks to Richard Wentworth and his accompanist for the outstanding entertainment; also, to Winston K. Pendleton, the speaker for the evening, for his message and humor.

In conclusion, we express our thanks to the City of Orlando and their Mayor for the warm welcome and hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. HOPHEINZ, *Chairman*
EARL R. ALLAN
ANDREW F. JORGENSEN

January 24, 1975

To the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Florida:

RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION

(not adopted)

Whereas:

The Grand Officers are elected in May of each year while the officers of the Constituent Bodies are elected in December with a lapse of five months between the two, and whereas, I firmly believe there is a let-up in work during this interim, I therefore present the following resolution pertaining to the time of election of officers in constituent bodies and thereby extending the length of time for the corresponding officers of the constituent bodies to better promote each program of the presiding Grand Officer.

BE IT NOW RESOLVED that all Constituent Bodies elect and install officers in February of each year. Annual reports from Constituent Bodies must be in Grand Recorder's hand by March 31st.

Respectfully submitted,

EARL R. ALLAN, P.G.M.

Theodore E. Windhorst was conducted to the Altar and presented the General Grand Chapter Distinguished Service Medal. He was joined by the following recipients Reuel Daniel, Paul W. Chapman Jr., Joseph J. Johnson, Orville W. Cassidy, James K. May and Franklin C. Smith.

A form will appear in the next issue of the Florida York Rite Light opposing the new movement on foot of Madeline Murry O'Hare to censor our astronauts for reading the Bible on a recent Moon mission.

(See form attached)

The Grand Chapter was recessed at 11:50 A.M. until May 22, 1975, 8:30 A.M. May 22, 1975.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor at 8:35 A.M. with prayer by the M.E. Grand Chaplain Wilbur W. Masters Jr. followed by a Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America.

The following Past M.E. Grand High Priests were conducted West of the Altar. John B. Phelps, Wilbur W. Masters Jr., Roy R. Wright Jr., James W. MacDonald, William J. Hofheinz, Dr. Walter H. Winchester, Edward H. Baxter.

A Service Award was presented to the Grand Chapter from the Grand Council Order of DeMolay for their participation in the National Body held recently in Orlando. Companion Stephen Dimond would have liked to have made the presentation, but due to health problem was unable to do so. This was the first York Rite Annual meeting he had missed in 30 Years and he sent regrets and best wishes for the best meeting ever.

Ten Per Cent Awards from the General Grand Chapter International were made to the following for 10 percent or better Gain. St. Johns No. 4, Jacksonville No. 12, Clearwater No. 45 and Cabal No. 61.

HELP! STOP MADELINE MURRY O'HARE HELP!

Madeline Murry O'Hare is at it again! Several years ago she succeeded in making it illegal to read the Bible or to pray in public schools. Now she has obtained 27,000 signed letters protesting the decision of the astronauts to read the Bible as a Christmas message to the world from their space craft while orbiting the moon in December, 1968. She plans to present these letters to NASA with demand that the *astronauts be publicly censured for their act and a further demand to prohibit any further demonstration of religion by public leaders.* If this goes through, it could stop the mention of God and prayer on T.V.

You can help stop her this time. An effort is being made NOW to secure 1,000,000 signed letters commending the astronauts for their faith in God and the Bible publicly declared. This would defeat Mrs. O'Hare it is believed. She will in all probability succeed however, if you do nothing.

YOU CAN HELP. Sign the attached form. Be sure the form is completely filled out. Ask at least five of your friends to do so too, either in their own words or on a form similar to this form.

DATE _____

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS & SPACE ADMINISTRATION
JOHNSON SPACE CENTER
ASTRONAUTS' OFFICE
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77158

Gentlemen:

I appreciate and whole heartedly support the decision of the astronauts to read the Bible from their space craft as they orbited the moon December of 1968.

I further support the right of any human to express his faith in God and the Bible publicly without fear of censor.

Sincerely,

Name

Address

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of the

General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons

A.D. 1973-1976

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502 Mesa Drive, Prescott, Arizona 86301

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PAST GENERAL GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

James Luther Jordan (1957-1960), P.O. Box 745, Mansfield, Louisiana 71052

Calvin A. Behle (1969-1972), 710 E. Second St., Salt Lake City, Utah 84102

THE FIFTY-SIXTH TRIENNIAL CONVOCATION

WILL BE HELD IN

CLEVELAND, OHIO

SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 2, 1975



Recipients In Florida of the General Grand Chapter R. A. M. Distinguished Service Medal

Leroy J. Shellburg	1952
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
Gillbert A. Williams	1964
J. T. Williams	1965*
Noah M. Early	1966
J. Van Loy	1967**
Walter S. Brady	1968
Joseph J. Johnson	1969
Wallace P. Dix	1970
Glenn E. Pletcher	1971*
Orville W. Cassady	1972
James K. May	1973
Franklin C. Smith	1974
Theo. E. Windhorst	1975

*Denotes deceased.
**Denotes Demitted.

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

1938	John B. Phelps.....	201 Curtiss Parkway, Miami Springs	33166
1947	Loren L. Dilger.....	1512 E. Gonzalez St., Pensacola	32501
1949	Leslie Clayton Bortle.....	2305 Arbuttle Creek Rd., Sebring	33870
1953	Wilbur Welling Masters, Jr.....	817 Dante Place, Jacksonville	32207
1955	Alexander Clement Blount.....	P.O. Box 12790, Pensacola	32575
1957	William Joshua Abram.....	117 Graves Ave., Erlanger, Kentucky	41018
1958	Charles Winn Arnold.....	228 E. Miller St., Orlando	32806
1962	Ray Henry Schmidt.....	P.O. Box 837, Panama City	32401
1964	Henry Ashton Brosnahan, Jr.....	Rt. 3, Box 700, Pensacola	32503
1965	Roy R. Wright, Jr.....	P.O. Box 1497, Sanford	32771
1966	Lofton D. Chiles.....	734 Hempstead Dr., Orlando	32803
1967	Russell W. Houston.....	7500 S.W. 64th Ct., Miami	33143
1967	James W. MacDonald.....	P.O. Box 670, Lakeland	33802
1970	William J. Hofheinz.....	1230 Circle Dr., Tallahassee	32301
1971	Walter H. Winchester.....	241 Scotland St., Dunedin	33528
1972	Woodrow W. Cash.....	P.O. Box 258, Sanford	32771
1973	Edward H. Baxter.....	Rt. 5, Box 119H, Live Oak	32060
1974	Earl G. Nicholson.....	P.O. Box 773, Palatka	32077

DECEASED PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS
AND YEAR OF SERVICE

1847Thos. Douglas	1909Samuel Pasco
1848John P. Duval	1910T. Picton Warlow
1849Isaac H. Bronson	1911F. B. Stoneman
1850Harry R. Taylor	1912Robert McClellan
1851Thomas Brown	1913H. N. Sweating
1852R. A. Shine	1914John M. Caldwell
1853Samuel Boardman	1915William C. Andress
1854-1855J. Wayels Baker	1916William R. O'Neal
1856Thomas Hayward	1917D. B. Palmer
1857Gad Humphreys	1918Charles H. Ketchum
1858Thomas Hayward	1919W. V. Carter
1859D. P. Holland	1920H. O. Snow
1860Thomas Y. Henry	1921John L. Hall
1861-1864George F. Baltzell	1922Ralph J. Kispough
1865-1867David Jones	1923Ely P. Hubbell
1868James Ellenwood	1924Earl L. Wirt
1869-1871C. D. Dawkins	1925T. T. Todd
1872William Morrill	1926E. L. Shear
1873-1874Michael Bowes	1927Carey B. Fish
1875Henry W. Long	1928Riley J. McMaster
1876-1877John S. Diggs	1929John Pasco
1878Enos Wasgate	1930Stafford Caldwell
1879-1880Robert J. Perry	1931Atex B. Stewart
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2	Gainesville	Gainesville	1879	3rd Tuesday 8:00 P.M.	William R. Horne 2118 N. E. 16th Terr., Gainesville 32602
12	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	1854	2nd Thursday 4th Thursday optional	Frederic W. Priestman 4141 Robinhood Rd., Jacksonville 32219
38	Lake City	Lake City	1950	2nd Tuesday	Freeman Croft Rt. 1 Box 105, Lulu 32061
29	Lakeland	Lakeland	1909	2nd & 4th Tuesday except July-August	William B. Porter 1316 W. Lake Parker Dr., Lakeland 33801
34	Leesburg	Leesburg	1916	2nd Tuesday	William E. Davison III 102 N. Palmetto St., Leesburg 32748
25	Live Oak	Live Oak	1895	4th Tuesday except July-August	Dert W. Wilson Rt. 1 Box 208, Live Oak 32060
32	Marianna	Jackson	1910	2nd Monday	Thomas Heald P.O. Box 315, Marianna 32446
59	Melbourne	Melbourne	1959	1st Tuesday	Russel T. Larson 107 Terry St., Indian Harbour Bch. 32937
11	Miami	Jerico	1900	1st Friday except July-August	Donald L. Willey 10732 S.W. 165th St., Miami 33157
13	Ocala	Ocala	1888	4th Tuesday 8:00 P.M.	John E. Schotter P.O. Box 988, Dunellon 32630
7	Orlando	Eureka	1887	1st Monday	James E. Rowland 22 Kepner St., Orlando 32809
9	Palatka	Puham	1889	2nd Thursday	Victor L. Ashley P.O. Box 306, Green Cove Springs 32042
39	Panama City	Bay County	1945	4th Monday	Vernon H. Miller 810 Bunkers Cove Rd., Panama City 32401

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6	Pensacola	Mt. Horeb	1874	2nd Monday	William H. McRea 4061 Bayou Blvd., Pensacola 32503
16	Plant City	Plant City	1893	2nd Monday	Charles C. Daniels Rt. 2 Box 245, Lithia 33547
56	Port St. Joe	St. Joseph	1947	1st & 3rd Monday 8:00 P.M.	Preston P. Prossnell Jim Doig 13765 - 90th Ave., Miami 33157
61	Princeton	Cabal	1960	2nd Wednesday 8:00 P.M.	Alan F. Keeth 205 Crystal View So., Sanford 32771
15	Sanford	Monroe	1893	2nd Tuesday	Richard V. Pelton P.O. Box 3166, Sarasota 33578
35	Sarasota	Sarasota	1915	2nd Thursday 8:00 P.M. except July-Aug.-Sept.	Roland H. Brewton Jr. Rt. 1 Box 136, Frostproof 33843
42	Sebring	Highlands	1920	1st Tuesday before 2nd Thursday 8:00 P.M.	Fred J. Hockaday P.O. Box 1892, Jacksonville 32201
48	So. Jacksonville	Duval	1922	1st Friday 8:00 P.M., 3rd optional	Jason E. Garris Sea Gull Lighthouse Pk., St. Augustine 32084
17	St. Augustine	St. Augustine	1900	2nd Tuesday	Walter A. Brimlow No., St. Petersburg 33713
31	St. Petersburg	St. Petersburg	1910	1st Friday except July-August	Hans L. Mayberry 3518 Falcon Dr., Tallahassee 32301
1	Tallahassee	Florida	1847	2nd Monday	Joseph R. Thomas P.O. Box 1145, Riverview 33569
3	Tampa	Tampa-Cushing	1882	1st & 3rd Friday	Harvey H. Benton P.O. Box 4256, Lantana 33462
24	West Palm Bch.	Palm Beach	1904	1st Monday	Alvin E. Griesmeyer 209 Citrus Dr. S.E., Winter Haven 33880
41	Winter Haven	Winter Haven	1920	1st & 3rd Thursdays	

All meetings at 7:30 P.M. unless otherwise stated.

Meetings in Masonic Temples except Clearwater, Ft. Myers, Jacksonville, Lakeland, Miami, Panama City and Tampa. These are held in York Rite Temples.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

Annual Assembly held at Orlando, Florida, May 21, 1975.

The Annual Assembly was opened with prayer by Edward H. Baxter at 1:40 P.M. and presided over by Wilbur W. Masters Jr.

Motion prevailed that the minutes of the last Annual Assembly be adopted as printed and distributed in the 1974 Proceedings.

The following Officers were present at Roll Call.

- WILBUR W. MASTERS JR. *President*
- JAMES W. MACDONALD *Vice President*
- EDWARD H. BAXTER *Chaplain*
- THOMAS N. MORRISON *Secretary-Treasurer*
- RUSSELL W. HOUSTON *Master of Ceremonies*
- RAYMOND L. BALLARD *Conductor*
- EARL G. NICHOLSON *Herald*
- ROY R. WRIGHT JR. *Steward*
- RICHARD I. LANIER *Sentinel*

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

(See report)

The following invoice was read and on motion made seconded and carried ordered paid. Wm. Lehmborg & Sons, Inc., 40 Royal Arch Bibles.....\$162.03
 Thomas N. Morrison as Secretary-Treasurer 35.00
 Motion prevailed that check be drawn in the amount of 100.00
 to the General Grand Chapter R.A.M. International as a donation to the Royal Arch Research Assistance.

Election of Officers was held with the following results:

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Petitions for the Order of High Priesthood were received from 29 Candidates, all being Present or Past High Priests of their respective Chapters. These were:

LIST OF CANDIDATES

- Hans Lee Mayberry Florida No. 1
- Russell V. Collins Florida No. 1
- William R. Horne Gainesville No. 2
- Joseph R. Thomas Sr. Tampa-Cushing No. 3
- Joe W. Aspley Halifax No. 5
- Victor L. Ashley Putnam No. 9

Donald L. Willey	Jerico	No. 11
Luther H. Tison Jr.	Jacksonville	No. 12
John W. R. Muller	Canal Zone	No. 11
Fred W. Priestman	Jacksonville	No. 12
John Edward Schotter	Ocala	No. 13
Allan F. Keeth	Monroe	No. 15
William C. Buchanan	Manatee River	No. 18
Harvey H. Benton	Palm Beach	No. 24
Randy L. Ziegler	Indian River	No. 27
William B. Porter	Lakeland	No. 29
Walter A. Brimlow	St. Petersburg	No. 31
Thomas Heald	Jackson	No. 32
Harold E. Priess	Triangle	No. 33
William E. Davison III	Leesburg	No. 34
Richard V. Pelton	Sarasota	No. 35
Freeman Croft	Lake City	No. 38
Vernon H. Miller	Bay County	No. 39
Lee M. Davis	Crestview	No. 40
Fred J. Hockaday	Duval	No. 48
Paul B. Livingston	Nassau	No. 49
Preston P. Presnell	St. Joseph	No. 56
Charles W. Stanford	Surf	No. 57
Russell T. Larson	Melbourne	No. 59

The following were made Honorary Members, Andrew C. Gramlin, Willard F. Bond.

No further business appearing before the Council of High Priesthood the body closed with prayer by the Chaplain, by order of the Excellent President, 3:20 P.M.

THOMAS N. MORRISON
Secretary-Treasurer

WILBUR W. MASTERS JR.
Excellent President

Grand Council Royal and Select Masters



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