

THE YORK RITE
of
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1976

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

**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 Denver, Colorado
September 10 - October 14, 1978

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: 1976 and 4000—5976.

Scottish Rite—

Add 3760 years to the common era. Thus: 1976 and 3760—5736.
After September add another year.

Royal Arch—

Add 530 years to the vulgar year. Thus: 1976 and 530—2506.

Royal and Select Masters—

Add 1000 years to the common era. Thus: 1976 and 1000—2976.

Knights Templar—

From the Christian era take 1118. Thus: 1118 from 1976—858.

Order of High Priesthood—

To the Christian era add 1913, the year of Blessing: Thus: 1976 add 1913—3889.



J. W. ODER
Grand High Priest
1976-1977

PROCEEDINGS
of the
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Royal Arch Masons
of the
STATE OF FLORIDA

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH
ANNUAL CONVOCATION

RICHARD I. LANIER
Grand High Priest
PRESIDING

JAMES W. ODER
ELECTED

HELD AT SARASOTA
MAY 19-20 A.D. 1976 A.I. 2506

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ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL
CONVOCATION IN THE YEAR 1976

May 19, 1976

A sufficient number of Constituent Chapters being represented to open the Grand Chapter of R.A.M., the Most Excellent Grand High Priest Richard I. Lanier opened the Grand Chapter R.A.M. in its One Hundred and Twenty-Ninth Convocation at 9:00 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.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE 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 convention be at the rate of \$25.00 per day and mileage at 15 cents per mile, one way.

Your Committee:

H. A. BROSNAM JR.
JAMES D. YEAGER
ALFRED R. PEBLES

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

GRAND OFFICERS

RICHARD I. LANIER	.....	<i>M.E. Grand High Priest</i>
JAMES W. ODER	.....	<i>R.E. Grand King</i>
JOSEPH CYRUS LESUER	.....	<i>R.E. Grand Scribe</i>
RUSSELL W. HOUSTON	.....	<i>M.E. Grand Treasurer</i>
THOMAS N. MORRISON	.....	<i>R.E. Grand Secretary</i>
WILBUR W. MASTERS JR.	.....	<i>M.E. Grand Chaplain</i>
DUANE B. YOUNG	.....	<i>Ex. Grand Captain of the Host</i>
J. FRED WILSON	.....	<i>Ex. Grand Principal Sojourner</i>
HENRY C. BENGEL	.....	<i>Ex. Grand Master of Third Veil</i>
THOMAS E. MCGOWAN	.....	<i>Ex. Grand Master of Second Veil</i>
WILLIAM R. PENNINGTON	.....	<i>Ex. Grand Master of First Veil</i>
WENDELL D. HARRINGTON	.....	<i>Ex. Grand Sentinel</i>

In the absence of Howard P. Bennett the M.E. Grand High Priest appointed M.E. Companion James W. MacDonald as Royal Arch Captain.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

JOHN B. PHELPS	RUSSELL W. HOUSTON
LESLIE C. BORTLE	JAMES W. MACDONALD
WILBUR W. MASTERS JR.	WILLIAM J. HOFFHEINZ
CHARLES W. AMOLD	WALTER H. WINCHESTER
H. ASHTON BROSNAM JR.	WOODROW W. CASH
ROY R. WRIGHT JR.	EARL G. NICHOLSON

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

ALFRED R. PEEBLES	CURTIS N. JACKSON
DONALD F. AMERMAN	OSCAR F. MILLS
ROBERT F. HEIL	VERNON H. MILLER
JOHN P. MIKUSAK	T. C. TAYLOR
JOE W. ASPLEY	BRENT CULL

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Alaska—Henry C. Bengel	New South Wales—Alfred R. Peebles
Alberta—Woodrow W. Cash	New York—J. Fred Wilson
Argentina—Fred C. Urfer Jr.	North Dakota—H. A. Brosnahan Jr.
Canada—Richard I. Lanier	Ohio—Earl R. Allan
Colorado—Thomas E. McGowan	Oklahoma—C. Allen Pattison
Dist. of Columbia—Earl G. Nicholson	Oregon—Albert G. Rodgers
France—John B. Phelps	Pennsylvania—Wm. J. Hofheinz
Georgia—James D. Yeager	Philippines—John B. Phelps
Idaho—Arthur S. Stewart	Quebec—William M. Walker
Indiana—Walter I. Stevenson	Queensland—Roy R. Wright
Iowa—Franklin C. Smith	Rhode Island—Paul R. Davis
Israel—Foster W. Merker	Scotland—Stephen L. Van Norden
Maine—Charles W. Arnold	South Carolina—Thomas N. Morrison
Maryland—Jas. W. MacDonald	South Dakota—Andrew F. Jorgensen
Massachusetts—Arnold S. Williams	Switzerland—Russel E. Strawn
Mexico—John B. Phelps	Tennessee—James W. Oder
Minnesota—Jos. C. LeSuer	Texas—Russell W. Houston
Mississippi—W. W. Masters Jr.	Vermont—Walter H. Winchester
Missouri—Harry J. Guy	Washington—Jesse E. Hoffman
Montana—Duane B. Young	West Australia—Leroy E. Healy
New Hampshire—W. D. Harrington	West Virginia—U. V. Durden
New Jersey—David Frazier	Wisconsin—Roy W. Larson
New Mexico—G. B. Buchanan	

REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

Florida.....	No. 1—John L. Berry, H.P. John P. Clarkson Jr., Proxy K. Albert E. Merrow, Proxy S.
Gainesville.....	No. 2—Milton E. Ryberg, H.P. J. A. V. Moon, Proxy K.
Tampa-Cushing.....	No. 3—James A. Wilson, H.P. Kenneth K. Johnson, Proxy K. Homer H. Glass, Proxy S.
St. Johns.....	No. 4—Ernest H. Brinkman, H.P. Ernest H. Brinkman, Proxy K. Theo. E. Windhorst, Proxy S.
Halifax.....	No. 5—Clifford L. Robinson, H.P. Ralph Flippo, K. O. H. Thornburg, S.
Mt. Horeb.....	No. 6—Claston H. Jordan, H.P. T. C. Taylor, Proxy K. Donald Elrod, Proxy S.

Eureka.....	No. 7—Phillip E. Moffses, H.P. Stanley W. Anthony, K. John E. Mezger, S.
Dade City.....	No. 8—George D. Nolan, H.P. George D. Nolan, Proxy K.
Putnam.....	No. 9—Gary L. Jenkins Sr., H.P. Ralph A. Jones Jr., Proxy K. Franklin C. Smith, Proxy S.
Jerico.....	No. 11—Randal E. Shiver, H.P. Charles H. Green, Proxy K. Paul E. Hockett, Proxy S.
Jacksonville.....	No. 12—William C. Fort Jr., H.P. Harold F. Enter, K. Robert M. Brandon, S.
Ocala.....	No. 13—Charles B. Finney, H.P. William E. Eason, K. Junius C. Clemmons, S.
Monroe.....	No. 15—Arnold S. Williams, Proxy H.P. Arnold S. Williams, K. James R. Hammond, S.
Plant City.....	No. 16—Ira B. Russell, Proxy H.P. Ira B. Russell, Proxy K. Ira B. Russell, Proxy S.
St. Augustine.....	No. 17—George Fotiou, Proxy H.P.
Manatee River.....	No. 18—James A. Thompson, H.P. William Kinghorn, K. Marcus B. Goldberg, Proxy S.
Keystone.....	No. 20—Joseph O. Kennedy, H.P. Julian Piepho, K. Wm. A. Wilkinson, Proxy S.
Thomas Brown.....	No. 22—B. M. McClendon, Proxy H.P. B. M. McClendon, K.
Palm Beach.....	No. 24—Calvin K. Petersen, H.P. W. E. Froehlich, Proxy S. Calvin K. Peterson, 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. E. L. "Lank" Green, K. Joe Turner, S.
Joppa.....	No. 28—Elias Costopoulos, H.P. James D. Banketas, Proxy K. Warren Conklin, Proxy S.
Lakeland.....	No. 29—John H. Paugh Sr., Proxy H.P. James W. MacDonald, Proxy K. John H. Paugh Sr., S.
St. Petersburg.....	No. 31—John W. Harris Jr., H.P. Paul Cory, K. Clifford T. Sheehan, S.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Jackson.....	No. 32—	Wilbur W. Morris, Proxy H.P. Wilbur W. Morris, K. Harold Schollian, Proxy S.
Eustis.....	No. 33—	Victor B. Shanor, Proxy H.P. L. Earl Haskell, Proxy K. J. Earl Haskell, Proxy S.
Leesburg.....	No. 34—	Glen M. Smith, H.P. Edward Davison III, Proxy K. Daniel A. McClellan, Proxy S.
Sarasota.....	No. 35—	Leonard M. Fuller, S. Wm. J. Von Der Heide, H.P.
Lake City.....	No. 38—	Thomas D. Howard, H.P. Wayne Green, K. William M. Walker, Proxy S.
Bay County.....	No. 39—	Henry C. Kelley, H.P. Harry R. Davis, K. Roy M. Bobo, Proxy S.
Crestview.....	No. 40—	Goebel B. Buchanan, Proxy H.P. Goebel B. Buchanan, Proxy K. Goebel B. Buchanan, Proxy S.
Winter Haven.....	No. 41—	James E. Bradword, H.P. George B. Walcott, Proxy K. Daniel P. Hains, S.
Highlands.....	No. 42—	T. Ed. Elethorp, Proxy H.P. J. Paxton Hill, K.
Clearwater.....	No. 45—	Daniel C. Gillespie, Proxy H.P. Wallace C. Stitch, K. Marvin Larson, S.
Duval.....	No. 48—	Albert P. Gray, H.P. Robert L. Howard Jr. D. P. Phoenix, Proxy S.
Nassau.....	No. 49—	Lawrence D. Walker, H.P. Paul B. Livingston, Proxy K. Ronald D. Key, S.
Poinciana.....	No. 50—	Elbert Smith, Proxy H.P. Elbert Smith, K.
St. Joseph.....	No. 56—	Everett McFarland, Proxy H.P. Everett McFarland, Proxy K. Everett McFarland, Proxy S.
Surf.....	No. 57—	Keith E. Cammizi, H.P. William A. Howard, K. Gerald D. Eggers, S.
Melbourne.....	No. 59—	Wayne L. Clark, H.P. Wayne L. Clark, Proxy K. Wayne L. Clark, Proxy S.
Cabal.....	No. 61—	Joseph Wargoe, H.P. Robert L. Lucas, K. Frank J. Busby, Proxy S.

REPORT OF 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 Secretary at Roll Call is correct.

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

Zealously submitted,

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

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

	DISTINGUISHED GUESTS	
Thomas N. Morrison	James W. MacDonald	Joseph C. LeSuer
	DISTRIBUTION	
Edward E. Moore	Arthur J. Payne	Luther H. Tison Jr.
	PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES	
William J. Hoffeniz	David Frazier	Arthur S. Stewart
	CHARTERS, DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS	
Earl G. Nicholson	Dr. Walter H. Winchester	H. Ashton Brosnahan Jr.
	UNFINISHED BUSINESS	
Andrew F. Jorgensen	D. P. Phoenix	Warren H. Conklin
	TIME AND PLACE	
James W. Oder	David Frazier	Harry A. Rosenthal Jr.
	THANKS	
Joseph J. Johnson	Ralph A. Jones Jr.	William A. Wilkinson

The Committee on Distinguished Guests presented the following:

Fred W. Vaughan, M.E. Grand High Priest, Alabama; Thomas W. Mann, Grand Secretary, Alabama; Charles O. Murphy, M.E. Grand High Priest, Georgia; Thomas J. Pitman, M.E. Grand High Priest, Louisiana; Frank T. Norman, Grand Secretary, Louisiana; Otto Neustadt, M.E. Grand High Priest, North Carolina; William S. Tyler, M.E. Grand High Priest, South Carolina; William R. Patton Jr., M.E. Grand High Priest, Tennessee; Thomas A. O'Halloran, M.E. Grand High Priest, Virginia.

Companion Gordon R. Merrick, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International was presented and accorded Grand Honors and conducted to the East.

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RELATIONS

(Which was adopted)

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

The Grand York Rite Bodies of Freemasonry assembled in Annual Grand Communication in Orlando, Florida on May 21, 1975 adopted the following titled Resolution, "RESOLUTION ON MASONIC UNITY" which was presented by the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Florida. The Grand Council of Florida, signed by M.E. Richard I. Lanier, Grand High Priest; M.I. Hugh R. Dixon, Grand Master, and R.E. Albert G. Rodgers, Grand Commander, resolved that these Bodies being anxious and desirous of helping further the spirit of unity, strengthening and cementing this ancient unity and pledge their support and cooperation with and to The Masonic Association of Allied and Appendent Orders in promoting harmony and unity in all branches of Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The adoption and implementation of the purposes of this resolution should have been a strong motivating force not only for this committee but for every one throughout the State to strive to achieve this highly desirable goal of unity and harmony among our Brothers of the fraternity, achieving a broader field of enlightenment of Truth, in the attainment of useful knowledge and the application of service to all humanity.

The York Rite Light publication has carried the itinerary of the Grand Master William C. Hill as well as other activities of the Grand Lodge.

Lodge Trestleboards and news bulletins, York Rite Bulletins, Shrine Magazines, Scottish Rite bulletins have throughout the state carried activities notices advertising each others events. This Chairman receives copies of these publications from all over the state. The Shrine Magazines have carried large space advertising upcoming York Rite Festivals and Scottish Rite Re-Unions.

Presiding Officers of the York Rite as well as Scottish Rite and Shrine have been accorded introduction at the District Conventions on honoring the Grand Master of Masons of Florida.

Letters of congratulations and best wishes for a successful term of office and pledges of our support have been mailed to Sister Mamie Horton, Worthy Grand Matron; Brother Aubrey Dykes, Worthy Grand Patron, and the other elective Grand Officers of the Order of the Eastern Star; to Most Worshipful Richard F. Griffee, Grand Master of Masons of Florida, and personal congratulations have been extended to Sovereigns of the Order of Red Cross of Constantine and the Priors of Knights York Cross of Honour and John B. Phelps York Rite College.

September 14, the Masonic Home at St. Petersburg hosted the Officers and Members of the York Rite Bodies of Florida which is an annual event specifically designated to honor York Rite and for the York Rite to become better acquainted with the facilities provided for the care of our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

The Chairman of this Committee serving as a Grand Lodge Officer and being active in various Allied and Appendent Orders, as well as many of you by traveling ritualistic and speakers, have added a great amount of mutual accord participating in the conferral of the work, performing ritualistic work in the Orders and Degrees of York Rite as well as in the Scottish Rite and further cementing our unity by being ritualistic in the ceremonies of the Shrine. We have installed officers and lodges and York Rite Bodies. Delivered in lodges as participants in conferrals and investitures to master masons. Served as participants in conferrals and investitures in the York Rite College, Red Cross of Constantine and the Knights York Cross of Honour. We have delivered patriotic address particularly on the Bi-Centennial theme. We have presented copies of the Declaration of Independence and Flags which have flown our

nations Capitol, to schools and civic groups. This Chairman addressed the Fourth District York Rite Association in Winter Haven in June 1975 and again in Dade City March 1976. Addressed the Homecoming honoring our Grand Commander Albert G. Rodgers in Sarasota on Saturday evening, Feb. 8, 1976.

We do not have a full report of all the showings of the film "Saga of the Holy Royal Arch," however, information taken from the York Rite Light reports that Companion Joe W. Aspley, D.D.G.H.P. of the Fifth District has shown this most enlightening film in lodges, temples throughout a large section of our state. For example, during the month of August he traveled hundreds of miles and showed this film in ten places to more than five hundred masons. Most Illustrious Alfred R. Peebles was donated \$700.00 worth of projection equipment and has been very busy in showing this fine film in and around the West Palm Beach area with excellent reception and results in receiving petitions for the York Rite. Ex. Companion Eugene Berata has also been very active with showing the "Saga of the Royal Arch" as well as "In The Hearts of Men," in Lake and Pasco County area, to lodges, Masonic Associations, York Rite Clubs and the National Camping Travelers Club.

The York Rite was again in the forefront in participating in the Masons for America Day held in Melbourne, Florida on September 20, 1975. This annual patriotic day in a festival of pageantry and parade is one of the finest endeavors of Masonic Relations in Action. This past September more than 4000 participants, members of all the various orders, temples, lodges, DeMolay, Rainbow, Jobs Daughters, Shrine and other Allied or masonic sponsored groups came together in a unity of brotherhood and Masonic Americanism, demonstrating fraternal fellowship and proclaiming a rededication of love and loyalty to God and Country. The principal program of this event was a stirring patriotic drama entitled "Voices of Liberty" presented by members of Ashlar Lodge No. 98, St. Augustine, Florida, the oldest City in the United States. This drama consisted of several scenes depicting the inquiry of the average citizen into several important and historical events of history which we are now celebrating in our Bi-Centennial year. No. 1—"The Minuteman" who fired the shot heard round the world. No. 2—"The Declaration of Independence" and those who composed and signed it. No. 3—"The Liberty Bell." No. 4—"The American Flag" relating places and experiences in detail from the time of Betsy Ross until the present day. This cast of "Voices of Liberty" have presented this patriotic drama throughout the states in lodges, Scottish Rite and York Rite Temples, Shrine, Eastern Star Chapters, schools, political caucuses, assembly of State Officials, and Civic groups, in groups as small as 50 and some as large as 5000. If you are interested in "booking" this drama, please hurry to contact them through the Secretary of Ashlar Lodge No. 98 St. Augustine, as their calendar is heavily scheduled already. Please note that the Masons for America Day will be held this year on July 3, Sarasota, Florida. Brother Joe Gould, General Chairman.

Conferral of the Royal Arch Widows Degree for our ladies by Ex. Companion Wilbur W. Masters and a superb cast in various places in the state, and others are scheduled at this writing, create a special entertainment for our ladies, loving fun for the husbands and support of our ladies for the time and efforts that their menfolk are doing in furthering the great humanitarian and spiritual work of Freemasonry.

Our Masonic Relations extend to other Grand Jurisdictions. Upon the assistance and direction of M.E. Walter Winchester, P.G.H.P., the Cherokee Rose Priory K.Y.C.H. No. 56, a cast of 35 members, from Atlanta, Georgia, on March 20, 1976, with the Clearwater Council No. 34 R.&S.M. as host joined by Polk Council of Winter Haven, as a special centennial event, presented in Clearwater Masonic Temple, their very special degrees of the Council including the Super Excellence Degree.

In November, 1975, the Tampa York Bodies named the Fall Festival as the "William Clifford Hill Class" in honor of the Grand Master of Masons of Florida.

Although there has been some conflict of schedules of events, some could have been avoided had there been proper reciprocal planning among those

presiding officers who have the authority, while others could not have been avoided as time and place would not permit otherwise, this Committee is pleased with the total effort and results of the purpose for which was created and within the scope of its authority.

The Chairman is pleased that the purpose enumerated in the Resolution for Masonic Unity as presented at the first of this report have been completed with hope to the satisfaction of the Grand High Priest, the Grand Master of the Council and the Grand Commander.

This Committee certainly expresses to this York Rite of Freemasonry the pleasure of this opportunity of service and our thanks for the confidence reposed in us. We trust that our endeavors will meet with your approval.

*It is the Touch of the World that Counts
The touch of your hands on mine,
That means more to the fainting heart
Than food or shelter or wine,
For the shelter is gone when the night is o'er,
And the food last only a day,
But the touch of your hand and the sound of your voice
Last on in the heart always.*

Respectively submitted,
FRANKLIN C. SMITH, *Chairman*

RESOLUTION

(which was adopted and ordered distributed)

WHEREAS approximately fifty years ago, Illustrious Melvin M. Johnson, Past Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, issued the following statement, when he wrote in "The Beginnings of Freemasonry in America":

"A study of the tremendous influence which Freemasonry had in the Pre-Revolutionary days, in the years of that war, and through the formative period of American institutions, will demonstrate that Freemasonry has exercised a greater influence upon the establishment and development of this Government than any other single institution"; and

WHEREAS, in the light of the truth of that statement, it seems to be particularly appropriate that Masons should, during this bi-centennial year of our Nation, re-evaluate the contributions made by those patriot Masons, and it is even more appropriate that we should, at this time, re-dedicate ourselves to those fundamental Masonic concepts which are so essential to the preservation of our American way of life; and

WHEREAS this great Nation is now celebrating the two hundredth anniversary of the institutionalization of those fundamental ideals which we know as The American Way of Life; and

WHEREAS the fundamental philosophy of Freemasonry closely approximates those concepts of American Democracy; and

WHEREAS eminent Freemasons participated so effectively to the establishment and development of those ideals in the United States; and

WHEREAS some of the conditions which exist in modern society are demonstrating so conclusively the need for an active implementation of those ideals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that: we as Free Masons in Annual Convocation, this 19th day of May, 1976, do promise and vow to renew the sacred obligations which we voluntarily assumed before Almighty God, at His Sacred Altar and upon His Holy Word, pledging a steady obedience to the tenets of our institution, inculcating the practice of those truly commendable virtues of Sincere Affection, Brotherly Love and Truth; reaffirm our Faith in

our Great Creator and the Great Light of Freemasonry which He has given us as the Rule and Guide to His faith and practice; re-dedicate ourselves to the fundamental principles of our Fraternity and the American Way of Life, that it may also be said of us by our posterity that we as Masons and good citizens through our thoughts, words, and actions, gave the very best of our honor and integrity to protect and preserve our glorious heritage as planned by our founding fathers: among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; providing for the separation of Church and State; ensuring religious freedom that each may enjoy according to his own belief; providing a system of Justice which all ensure Equality under the Law for every man without distinction; providing Educational opportunity for the enlightenment of all its citizenry, that the Light of Truth may dispel the darkness of superstition and error; providing for the protection of the dignity of the individual, his person, his family and his home; and providing a system of government of the people, by the people and for the people, and that it should not perish from this earth.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT: since Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to design that this 200th anniversary of the formation of our Nation shall occur on the Sabbath Day, July 4, 1976, that this day be observed also as a day of Thanksgiving and Devotion to Him from whom all blessings flow, calling upon all Masons wherever dispersed to pause and reflect upon these truths, His immutable gift of love and grace, and in an attitude of humility, thanks and worship, to attend the Church, Synagogue or Temple of his choice, praying for His continuing guidance upon our Nation, that love and peace among all men shall prevail throughout the world, and that He may continue to bless our Native Land, the land of the Free and the home of the Brave; and praying further:

*America, America, God shed His Grace on Thee,
And crown Thy Good with Brotherhood,
From Sea to shining Sea.*

Respectfully submitted,

THE BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE
FRANKLIN C. SMITH, *Chairman*
CHARLES G. HURST, SR.
JOHN L. BERRY

M.E. Companion Thomas A. O'Halloran of Virginia on behalf of the Distinguished Guests thanked the Grand Chapter for the courtesies that had been accorded them and their ladies.

Motion prevailed that Bicentennial Certificates be procured for all Candidates for the next twelve months.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY

(Which was adopted)

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

We come now to that part of our Grand Chapter in which we pause for a brief period to remember those Companions who have been called to a higher and more permanent life than this.

What is this thing called death? Too many of us fear death. We fear it because we think it hurts, but in 99 out of 100 cases men die without pain. We fear it because we cannot know what happens to us after this life is over. But, you know, if we could understand the great passion of Jesus we would have no fear at all. Because he plainly tells us, In my Father's House are many mansions. I remember a small boy who was made to believe by his playmates that there were hobgoblins and ghosts along a path through the woods which he had to take on the way home from school. He was terrified until his older sister said to him one day, at the entrance to the path. Now, you and I are

going to walk through this dark wood together. You take my hand, and hold it tight, and walk slowly. I am not going to let anything hurt you. We'll see if there are any hobgoblins or ghosts in there. Well, of course there weren't, and the boy was never afraid of that wood again.

That's what Jesus is saying to all mankind in His Resurrection. He said, I will go before you in the dark wood of death. I'll show you that there is nothing to be afraid of. Simply put your hand in mine and We'll walk together, and you need not be afraid, for I shall be with you. No man with any faith at all in Christ has any fear of death.

We are thankful that the Grand High Priest of Heaven and Earth has not taken from our midst any of our Grand Line Officers or any Past Grand High Priests.

We note that in our Sister Grand Jurisdictions the door to a more complete life has been opened to many Grand and Past Grand Officers. We extend to each of them our fraternal affection. A list of those Most Excellent Companions is attached to this report.

Fraternally submitted,
WILBUR W. MASTERS

DEATHS IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

- ALABAMA—Arthur C. Wilson, M.E.G.H.P., 1973-74, died July 9, 1975.
 ARKANSAS—John A. McCaskill, M.E.G.H.P., 1972, died April 28, 1975.
 Harvey A. Storey, M.E.G.H.P., 1971, died Mar. 27, 1975; Dr. Francis J. Scully, M.E.G.H.P., 1951, died Mar. 10, 1975.
 BRITISH COLUMBIA—Edward T. Searle, Grand First Principal, 1946, died Aug. 9, 1975; Alan E. Fleetham, G.F.P., 1970, died April 20, 1975.
 COLORADO—Eugene L. Anderson, M.E.G.H.P., 1959, died Dec. 28, 1975.
 INDIANA—William Tyler Wilkerson, M.E.G.H.P., 1955-56, died June 22, 1975.
 MARYLAND—Edgar Sewell Hubbert, M.E.G.H.P., 1943-44, died October 9, 1975.
 MAINE—Raymond Wing Cunningham, M.E.G.H.P., 1965, died August 20, 1975.
 MICHIGAN—Lyman Jack Bridges, M.E.G.H.P., 1975-76, died Jan. 24, 1976.
 MISSISSIPPI—Albert Bass Hassell, M.E.G.H.P., 1956, died Feb. 3, 1976.
 NEBRASKA—James W. Gillette, M.E.G.H.P., 1945-46, died Nov. 1975; Elmer E. Magee, M.E.G.H.P., 1940-41, died Mar. 19, 1975; Herbert T. White, M.E.G.H.P., 1970-71, died Oct. 12, 1975; Howard J. Hunter, M.E.G.H.P., 1967-68, died May 6, 1975.
 NEW MEXICO—Russell Greenleaf Bird, M.E.G.H.P., 1948, died June 18, 1975.
 OKLAHOMA—Leslie Herbert Swan, M.E.G.H.P., 1931-32, died Nov. 29, 1975.
 PENNSYLVANIA—Albert Connelly, M.E. Grand Sec., 1967-75, died April 15, 1976.
 SOUTH CAROLINA—Joseph Franklin Edmonds, M.E.G.H.P., 1965-66, died Jan. 16, 1976; William Curtis Sheely Sr., Gr. Treas. 1952-75, died April 1976.
 SOUTH DAKOTA—B. Harry Macy, M.E.G.H.P., 1964-65, died Feb. 9, 1976.
 VIRGINIA—Charles Malone Flintoff, M.E.G.H.P., 1949-50, died Oct. 10, 1975; Silverius C. Churn, M.E.G.H.P., 1957-58, died May 24, 1975.
 WEST VIRGINIA—Ernest Heald Bitner, M.E.G.H.P., 1925-26, died Mar. 2, 1976.
 WISCONSIN—Montroe F. Manley, Grand King, died June 26, 1975.

To the Memory of the Companions of This Grand Jurisdiction

Who have passed on to that eternal life
during the year

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

—John Ellerton.



ARKANSAS—Marvin Shields Edwards, M.E.G.H.P., 1970, died May 3, 1975;
Herman B. Hartman, M.E.G.H.P., 1971, died May 8, 1975.

ARIZONA—Chester A. Westerdahl, M.E.G.H.P., 1949, died Aug. 7, 1975.

At this time Dr. Walter H. Winchester, Past M.E. Grand High Priest presented a Plaque to Lake City Chapter No. 38 as the winners of a competition between Lake City Chapter No. 38 and Clearwater Chapter No. 45. This competition was set up two years ago, and is to continue.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(Which was adopted)

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

We, the Committee on Unfinished Business have examined the Proceedings of the 1975 Convocation of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida and find there is no unfinished business.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW F. JORGENSEN
D. P. PHOENIX
WARREN H. CONKLIN

M.E. Companion Otto Neustadt, Grand High Priest of North Carolina expressed his thanks for the courtesies accorded him and reminded the Companions of the Summer Assemble in Waynesville, North Carolina, to which all were cordially invited to attend.

Grand Chapter recessed at 12:00 Noon to continue at 1:30 P.M. at which time the first order of business would be the election of Officers.

Business resumed in Grand Chapter 1:30 P.M. Election of Officers was held with the following results:

James W. Oder	M.E. Grand High Priest
Joseph C. LeSuer	R.E. Grand King
Duane B. Young	M.E. Grand Treasurer
Russell W. Houston	M.E. Grand Treasurer
Thomas N. Morrison	R.E. Grand Secretary
John B. Phelps	M.E. Grand Secretary, Emeritus
Wilbur Welling Masters Jr.	M.E. Grand Chaplain

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

John F. Wilson	Ex. Grand Captain of the Host
Henry C. Bengel	Ex. Grand Principal Sojourner
Thomas E. McGowan	Ex. Grand Royal Arch Captain
William R. Pennington	Ex. Grand Master Third Veil
Wendell D. Harrington	Ex. Grand Master Second Veil
William G. Cogburn Jr.	Ex. Grand Master First Veil
Arnold R. Lambe	Ex. Grand Sentinel
Harold W. Kelley	Grand Organist

Motion prevailed that two new Apron Cases be purchased.

At 2:00 P.M. the Grand Chapter recessed until 8:30 A.M., Thursday, May 20th.

ADDRESS BY GENERAL GRAND HIGH PRIEST GORDON R. MERRICK
of the General Grand Chapter R.A.M. International

M.E. Grand High Priest and my Companions, it was not on my itinerary to be here this year as I had planned to be with you next year, but last week we learned of the need of surgery on Companion Robrt F. Secrest, the General Grand Principal Sojourner, who was to be present at this meeting.

We in General Grand Chapter this year are attempting to improve communications. We feel that with the resurge that is taking place in the various Bodies of Masonry, we should try to improve communications. International York Rite Council nine years ago sought to achieve co-operation among all the different bodies to a greater extent than ever before and I am glad to report that we now feel that we are getting fine-co-operation from all the Bodies.

In Las Vegas we had a workshop open to all members and this will be resumed in Denver in 1978. Two things came out of that meeting which we deem of great importance. One was the film "Saga of Royal Arch Masonry" and the adoption of a Philanthropy which we felt were needed in addition to degree work and fellowship, and thus developed the Royal Arch Research Assistance, R.A.R.A. All moneys for this project are on a voluntary basis, we have no assessments.

The General Grand Chapter now has Chapters in 14 foreign countries which gives the General Grand Chapter as a whole over five and a half million members.

Had it not been for the death of H. K. "Mindy" Halldorson from Canada, he would have been here as your General Grand High Priest today.

Congratulations on the manner in which you expedite your meetings and the Unity and Co-operation you are showing. I hope that many Chapters might follow your example.

The General Grand High Priest at this time presented Companion Harold F. Enter of Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 with the General Grand Chapter R.A.M. Distinguished Service Medal.

Plaques were presented to Tampa-Cushing Chapter No. 3 for the largest percentage of Gain and for the most Affiliations in the year 1975.

Certificates from the General Grand Chapter for Gains of 10% or more were presented to Tampa-Cushing No. 3 and Lake City No. 38.

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 records, minutes, and finances of U. D. Chapter at Starke, in Bradford County, Florida and find that all procedures as required by the Constitution, laws and regulations of the Grand Chapter have been complied with and James Yeager Chapter, U.D. Lawtey, Florida is entitled to a Charter and recommend that the Most Excellent Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Florida grant a Charter to said Chapter at this 129th Annual Convocation.

We find that all Dispensations issued by the M.E. Grand High Priest are in compliance with the Constitution, laws and regulations of the Grand Chapter, except the Dispensation issued on March 17, 1976, to Halifax Chapter No. 5, to hold a special meeting to elect candidates on March 25, 1976.

We find that all by-laws of the constituent chapters as submitted to and approved by the Grand High Priest to be in compliance with the Constitutions, laws and regulations of the M.E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida.

Respectfully submitted,
H. A. BROSNAM JR.
WALTER H. WINCHESTER
EARL G. NICHOLSON

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

(Which was adopted)

Your Grand Treasurer submits the following report as of May 1, 1976.

May 1, 1975—Balance in Sun Bank of Riverside, Miami, Florida, checking account, as per 1975 proceedings \$10,359.07

RECEIPTS:	
Received from Grand Secretary	\$16,601.79
1975-1976 interest on 6% certificate, Sun Bank of Riverside	720.00
York Rite Bodies, Lakeland, Florida, 1975 principal payment on 20 year loan of \$28,000.00	1,400.00
York Rite Bodies, Lakeland, Florida, 4% interest for one year on \$23,800.00	952.00
York Rite Bodies, Ft. Myers, Florida, 1976 principal payment on 20 year loan of \$12,000.00	600.00
York Rite Bodies, Ft. Myers, Florida, 4% interest for one year on \$5,400.00	216.00
York Rite Bodies, Tampa, Florida, 1976 principal payment on 20 year loan of \$12,000.00	600.00
York Rite Bodies, Tampa, Florida, 4% interest for one year on \$6,600.00	264.00
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 \$18,000.00	720.00
York Rite Bodies, Orlando, Florida, refund on 1975 Convention Fund	94.19
Transfer from Sun Bank of Riverside—Savings Account	7,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$30,167.98
	\$40,527.05

DISBURSEMENTS:	
May 22, 1975—Vo. 1, 1975 Payroll, Orlando, Florida.....	\$ 6,109.52
May 22, 1975—Vo. 2, Distinguished Guests	798.68
Nov. 3, 1975—Vo. 40, Sarasota York Rite Bodies—1976 Host City	700.00
Jan. 28, 1976—Vo. 59, Sun Bank of Midtown, Miami, Fla. Savings	5,000.00
Feb. 4, 1976—Vo. 61, Sun Bank of Midtown—Savings account	5,000.00
May 1, 1976—Vos. 3 thru 81 Inc. excluding Vos. 40, 59, 61	14,470.02
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$32,078.22
May 1, 1976—Balance in Sun Bank of Riverside, Miami, Florida checking account	\$ 8,448.83

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS:	
SUN BANK OF RIVERSIDE, MIAMI, FLORIDA—SAVINGS ACCOUNT:	
May 1, 1975—Balance in Sun Bank of Riverside—Savings account	\$34,977.77
April 1, 1976—1975-1976 interest earned on savings account	1,716.15
	<u>\$36,693.90</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Oct. 2, 1975—Transfer to Sun Bank of Riverside Checking account	\$ 1,000.00
Nov. 7, 1975—Transfer to Sun Bank of Riverside Checking account	2,000.00
April 7, 1976—Transfer to Sun Bank of Riverside Checking account	4,000.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$ 7,000.00</u>
May 1, 1976—Balance in Sun Bank of Riverside—Savings account	\$29,693.90
SUN BANK OF MIDTOWN, MIAMI, FLORIDA—SAVINGS ACCOUNT:	
May 1, 1975—Balance in Sun Bank of Midtown—Savings account	\$11,951.86
ADDITIONS:	
Jan. 29, 1976—Transfer from Sun Bank of Riverside Checking account	\$ 5,000.00
Feb. 4, 1976—Transfer from Sun Bank of Riverside Checking account	5,000.00
April 1, 1976—1975-1976 interest earned on Savings account	686.02
TOTAL ADDITIONS	<u>\$10,686.02</u>
May 1, 1976—Balance in Sun Bank of Midtown—Savings account	\$22,637.88
SUN BANK OF CORAL GABLES, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA—SAVINGS ACCOUNT:	
May 1, 1975—Balance in Sun Bank of Coral Gables—Savings account	\$11,392.63
April 1, 1976—1975-1976 interest earned on Savings account	580.00
May 1, 1976—Balance in Sun Bank of Coral Gables—Savings account	\$11,972.63
Certificate of Deposit No. 651, Sun Bank of Riverside, Miami, Florida bearing 6% interest. \$720.00 interest received—see under receipts in checking account	<u>\$12,000.00</u>
Total interest earned all sources 1975-1976—\$5,854.15.	

RECAPITULATION OF INVESTMENTS:	
Sun Bank of Riverside, Miami, Florida—Savings account	\$ 29,693.90
Sun Bank of Midtown, Miami, Florida—Savings account	22,637.88
Sun Bank of Coral Gables, Coral Gables, Florida—Savings account	11,972.63
Certificate of deposit No. 651, Sun Bank of Riverside, Miami, Fla. at 6%	12,000.00
York Rite Bodies, Ft. Myers, Florida, balance on 20 year loan (\$ years) payable \$600.00 per year and 4% interest on unpaid balance	4,800.00
York Rite Bodies, Tampa, Florida, balance on 20 year loan (10 years) payable \$600.00 per year and 4% interest on unpaid balance	6,000.00
York Rite Bodies, Lakeland, Florida, balance on 20 year loan (16 years) payable \$1,400.00 per year and 4% interest on unpaid balance	22,400.00
York Rite Bodies, Panama City, Florida, balance on 20 year loan (17 years) payable \$1,000.00 per year and 4% interest on unpaid balance	17,000.00
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	<u>\$126,504.41</u>

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF FLORIDA—CHARITY FUND:

May 1, 1975—Balance in Security Federal Savings and Loan Assn.	\$ 2,234.12
ADDITIONS:	
June 1, 1975—Herbert J. Rees contribution	\$ 52.82
April 1, 1976—1975-1976 interest earned on savings account	122.56
TOTAL ADDITIONS	<u>\$ 175.38</u>
	<u>\$ 2,409.50</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:	
Guatemala Relief	100.00
May 1, 1976—Balance in Security Federal Savings and Loan Assn.	<u>\$ 2,309.50</u>

Fraternally submitted,
 RUSSELL W. HOUSTON,
Grand Treasurer

REPORT OF BUDGET-FINANCE COMMITTEE

(Which was adopted)

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

INCOME	
Per Capita	\$12,800.00
Exaltations	2,325.00
Principal on Loan	3,600.00
Interest on Loan	2,080.00
Interest on Savings	2,000.00
Bank	3,530.50
	<u>\$26,335.50</u>
DISBURSEMENTS	
Payroll	\$ 7,200.00
Distinguished Guests	1,200.00
Host City	700.00
Printing and Proceedings	1,500.00
Apron and Jewel	350.00
Per Capita General Gr. Chapter	1,037.00
Markers	250.00
Insurance	90.00
Grand Officers	1,800.00
District Deputys	300.00
Grand High Priest	1,500.00
Grand Treasurer	950.00
Grand Secretary	2,200.00
Grand Secretary Expense	850.00
Rent	350.00
Regional Conference	400.00
Youth Association	600.00
Placques	65.00
York Rite Light	3,600.00
Committee on Work	500.00
Masonic Home	100.00
Masons for America	75.00
District Meetings	518.50
Contingue Fund	200.00
	<u>\$26,335.50</u>

Your Committee,
 H. A. BROSNAM JII.
 JAMES D. YEAGER
 ALFRED R. PEBBLES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS AFFIRMATION DAY

(Which was adopted)

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

The Grand Scribe is charged with the responsibility of assimilating and reporting attendance on Religious Affirmation Day as stated in the Proclamation issued by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

To aid in gathering this information, I solicited the help of the District Deputies. A self-addressed postal card was furnished each with the request that he assimilate the required information in his district.

I have a report from all eleven districts. The results by districts are as follows:

Dist. 1—150	Dist. 5—174	Dist. 9—86
Dist. 2—145	Dist. 6—40	Dist. 10—109
Dist. 3—69	Dist. 7—141	Dist. 11—67
Dist. 4—194	Dist. 8—75	

The total attendance reported was 1,250. Religious Affirmation Day is another occasion when York Rite Masonry is on display in the community. What kind of an impression did your chapter leave with the minister and congregation of the selected church? Were you embarrassed for your High Priest when your delegation was introduced? I believe the more than 10,000 Royal Arch Masons are Christians and attend church regularly, but what must we do to get them involved in this important York Rite event. Surely there is some way to motivate and stimulate attendance on this annual occasion. I am sure Grand Chapter would welcome any suggestions offered by you Companions which might improve participation.

It goes without saying that the M.E. Grand High Priest applauds the more than 1200 who took time to worship on this special occasion and by their presence testify for York Rite.

Respectfully submitted,

JOE C. LESUER, *Grand Scribe*

REPORT OF 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 1975-76 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 to 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. LARSON, P.G.M. *Chairman*
CHAS. H. GREEN, P.G. *Com.*
THOS. E. MCGOWAN, P.H.P.

Application for a Loan to the Clearwater Bodies was presented and referred to Committee. See request for Loan.

May 17, 1976

Having been appointed by the York Rite Bodies of Clearwater, Fla. to represent these Bodies at this Grand Convocation for the purpose of asking Your consideration of a 146,000.00 First Mortgage loan on this free and clear property to the Trustees of the York Rite Bodies of Clearwater, Fla.

To assist these Bodies to complete an addition which has been erected to the rear of the building to serve as a kitchen, pantry, and 3 storage rooms on the first floor, to finish the second floor for use the present time serve as a Blue Lodge coaching and at a later date as a rental apartment should we be subjected to Real Estate taxes.

The addition is 52 ft. x 16 ft. two stories.

The property is at this time on the Pinellas County Assessors appraisal in the amount of \$186,400.00. There is no outstanding indebtedness on the building at this time.

Our ability to repay this Loan is more than adequate, for our income last year was \$14,600.00, our operating budget \$6,861.00.

I, Orville W. Cassady, so move that this request be accepted and referred to the proper committee.

Yours fraternally,

ORVILLE W. CASSADY

REPORT OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Florida
Distinguished Guests and Companions,

Today as I come before you to render an account of my stewardship as your Grand High Priest, I do so with a great deal of deference and humility. On May 22, 1975, you elevated me to the highest office and greatest honor in your power to bestow, and for the confidence reposed in me, I will feel forever grateful.

First, I would like to thank each member of this Grand Chapter, and also the other members of our York Rite Bodies over the State of Florida for the splendid cooperation extended during this Capitular year.

Second, please permit me to extend to the distinguished visitors and guests a cordial welcome to this 129th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida. It is hoped that your sojourn with us will be a very pleasant one, and you will continue to visit our great state.

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

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

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

APPOINTMENTS

January 22, 1976—Appointed E. Companion Wendell D. Harrington to be Grand Representative of New Hampshire near the Grand Chapter of Florida. This is due to the resignation of E. Companion Daniel A. McClellan, Jr. which I accepted with regret.

November 20, 1975—Appointed Gerald A. Bean, Grand Representative of Fla. near the Grand Chapter of Nevada.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

All of the following Dispensations were granted to receive and ballot on petitions short of time. Provided due and timely notice was furnished the Companions of the respective Chapters listed hereinafter.

- July 14, 1975—Florida Chapter No. 1.
- July 14, 1975—Eureka Chapter No. 7.
- July 24, 1975—Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.
- August 4, 1975—Ocala Chapter No. 13.
- August 14, 1975—Jericho Chapter No. 11.
- August 19, 1975—Duval Chapter No. 48.
- August 24, 1975—Eustis Chapter No. 33.
- August 25, 1975—Halifax Chapter No. 5.
- October 8, 1975—Palm Beach Chapter No. 24.
- October 30, 1975—Putnam Chapter No. 9.
- October 30, 1975—Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.
- October 30, 1975—Duval Chapter No. 48.
- November 19, 1975—Clearwater Chapter No. 45.
- December 1, 1975—Live Oak Chapter No. 25.
- January 7, 1976—Ocala Chapter No. 13.
- January 18, 1976—Eustis Chapter No. 33.
- January 23, 1976—Palm Beach Chapter No. 24.
- January 23, 1976—St. Johns Chapter No. 4.
- February 25, 1976—Melbourne Chapter No. 59.
- February 28, 1976—Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.
- March 10, 1976—Eureka Chapter No. 7.
- March 15, 1976—Halifax Chapter No. 5.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

1. September 11, 1975 to Crestview Chapter No. 40 to hold their annual open air conferral of the Royal Arch Degree.
2. January 23, 1976 to Surf Chapter No. 57 to hold a special election to fill the office of Secretary, said vacancy being caused by the death of the Secretary currently in office, provided due and timely notice was furnished the craft regarding said election.
3. February 28, 1976 to Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 to hold a special election to fill the office of King and any other offices as are necessary, said

vacancy being caused by the death of the King currently in office, provided due and timely notice was furnished the craft regarding said election.

4. October 18, 1975—Issued Dispensation putting James Yeager Chapter, U.D. to work on October 18, 1975. This Chapter to meet in Lawtey, Fla.

PROCLAMATIONS

1. Issued a Proclamation setting forth, Sunday, October 19, 1975 as RELIGIOUS AFFIRMATION DAY and Calling upon all Companions in this Grand Jurisdiction to observe the same.

SIGNED VOUCHERS

No. 1 thru 81 in the amount of \$32,078.22.

BY-LAWS APPROVED

1. November 28, 1975—Thomas Brown Chapter No. 22. Approved change in annual dues to \$6.00 per year.

IN STATE VISITATIONS

1. Attended all six District Meetings.
2. Masons for America Day.
3. Was received by the following as the Most Excellent Grand High Priest Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, on June 12, 1975, Duval Chapter No. 48 on June 20, 1975 and Nassau Chapter No. 49 on Jan. 22, 1976.
4. Installed Officers of Gainesville Chapter No. 2 on January 24, 1976, visited Florida Chapter No. 1, Tallahassee at their Installation of Officers on January 26, 1976.
5. Was honored by my local York Rite Bodies with a Homecoming Celebration on June 28, 1975.
6. Attended the Homecoming of M.I. Hugh R. Dixon, M.I.G.M. on June 14, 1975 and R.E. Albert G. Rogers, R.E.G.C. on February 7, 1976.

OUT OF STATE VISITATIONS

1. Southeastern Area meeting of the General Grand Chapter in Richmond, Virginia on January 16 and 17, 1976.

CONCLUSION

As this year ends, I would be remiss not to take a moment to thank ALMIGHTY JEHOVAH for all the blessings he has given me in this undertaking. And finally to the members of the Jacksonville York Rite Bodies, who first elected me High Priest, my eternal gratitude for their help and consideration this year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Grand Chapter continue to work in harmony with all Masonic Bodies. Ever remembering that we should strive to help the DeMolay Boys and the Rainbow Girls, for the youth of today, will become the Masons and their families of tomorrow.
2. Continue to have Schools of Instruction, reminding all that the Committee on work is always willing and ready to help.
3. Continue to publish the York Rite Light, with special information like the names of the Grand Line Officers, District Deputies, with the Chapters that they are to visit. So that a Chapter that has a question may contact either the District Deputy or Grand Line Officer for their help.

Fraternally submitted,

Richard I. Lanier
Grand High Priest
Most Excellent Grand Chapter of
Royal Arch Masons of Florida

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE M.E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST

(Which was adopted)

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Florida:
Approved By-Laws of Jericho Chapter No. 2.

Approved By-Laws of Tampa-Cushing Chapter No. 3.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

March 17th—Halifax Chapter No. 5.
April 9th—Ocala Chapter No. 13.
April 19th—Sarasota Chapter No. 35.
May 13th—Melbourne Chapter No. 59.
April 21, 1976—Attended Grand Chapter of Georgia at Macon, Ga.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4

I would like this Grand Chapter to have a directory of all state-wide Masonic Officers, with their addresses, titles, etc. For example, we need to have the Grand Lodge Officers, District Deputies and map showing location of Grand Lodge Districts. The list of Presiding Officer, the second in line and the Secretary of the many Allied Organizations, O.E.S., Amaranth, White Shrine, Scottish Rite, Royal Order of Scotland, DeMolay, Rainbow for Girls, Jobs Daughters and others.

We have talked about a Speakers Bureau from which we could invite speakers for various occasions on topics concerning Freemasonry, and to have it published in our Proceedings. This is our Bicentennial Year, so let's make it one to long be remembered.

REPORT OF TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE

(Which was adopted)

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Florida:
The Triennial Sessions of the General Grand Chapter R.A.M. International and the General Grand Council R. & S.M. International held in Cleveland, Ohio, September 28, 1975 thru October 2, 1975 are now history.

Due to the physical condition of the General Grand High Priest Edward M. Selby he was not able to be present and the Sessions were presided over by the General Grand King, Gordon R. Merrick in a most efficient manner.

The Grand Chapter of Florida was represented by Past M.E. Grand High Priest Dr. Walter H. Winchester and R.E. Joseph C. LeSuer, Grand Scribe. Dr. Winchester had served the General Grand Chapter as the General Grand Principal Sojourner during the Triennium period just concluded. Past M.E. Grand High Priest Robert F. Secrest of Columbia, S.C. received the same appointment for the present Triennium period. Dr. Winchester had been appointed Chairman of the Royal Arch Advancement Committee, for this Triennium. Past M.E. Grand High Priest A. J. Lewis of Louisiana was elected General Grand Scribe.

Thomas N. Morrison, Grand Secretary-Recorder at the request of the General Grand Secretary, Chas. K. A. McGaughey assisted on the Returns and Credentials Committee.

The next Triennial will be held in Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES W. ODER
JOE C. LESUER
DUANE B. YOUNG

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

(Which was adopted)

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Florida:
Daytona Beach has agreed to host the York Rite Bodies in May 1977. We recommend acceptance of the time and place.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. ODER
DAVID FRAZIER
HARRY A. ROSENTHAL JR.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES

(Which was adopted)

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Florida:
We, the Committee on Propositions and Grievances are most happy to report that peace and harmony prevailed in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. HOFHEINZ
DAVID FRAZIER
ARTHUR S. STEWART

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION

(Which was adopted)

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Florida:
We, the Committee on Distribution wish to submit the following report. That portion of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest Report which refers to Finance, be referred to The Committee on Finance.
That portion which refers to Dispensation, Charters, & By-Laws be referred to the Committee on Dispensations, Charters & By-Laws.
That all Recommendations, By-Laws, Edicts and other matters be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN E. MOORE
ARTHUR J. PAYNE
LUTHER H. TIDON JR.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

(Which was adopted)

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Florida:
We, your committee, having carefully examined the report of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the Jurisprudence Committee finds that dispensations, decisions and other matters therein are in accordance with the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of this Grand Chapter, except the dispensation issued on March 17, 1976 to Halifax Chapter No. 5, to hold a special meeting to ballot on candidates for degrees on March 25, 1976.
We commend the Grand High Priest upon his activities and the effect they have had on the companions and Chapters in the State.

Fraternally submitted,

ROY R. WRIGHT JR.
H. A. BROSNAM JR.
WOODROW W. CASH
WILLIAM J. HOFHEINZ
EARL G. NICHOLSON

The District Deputy Grand High Priests were presented and thanked for their support.

District Deputies responded:

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest:

We, your District Deputy Grand High Priest of the Eleven Districts of Florida would like to express our appreciation for allowing us to serve the Grand Chapter of Florida. On our visitations to the Chapters we endeavored to promote Capitular Masonry by promoting your program in encouraging the officers of the respective chapters to conduct their meetings on time and encourage all their officers to perform their duties without the aid of rituals and to dispatch the business of the Chapter promptly. Our festivals have been very successful and have resulted in an increase in companions.

Courteously submitted,

JOE W. ASPLEY
District Deputy Grand High Priest
of Fifth Capitular Dist. of Florida

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORK

(Which was adopted)

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

The Committee on Work is pleased to report that many schools of instruction were held in various districts and chapters and were all well attended, and we were pleased that the companions present were so interested in improving their work.

After many conversations between the members of this Committee, and a week-end sessions, we were enabled to compile sufficient information so that sufficient progress has been made in accord of the report of this Committee as adopted in 1975. The first four steps toward the revision and printing of the loose leaf Red Book have been accomplished and agreed upon by this Committee. The item that remains is the earliest practical formal publication of this Red Book as revised, for which appropriate monies need be continued over into the 1976 Capitular year, having been appropriated for use during the 1975 Capitular year.

Whereas it is a Grand Chapter regulation that the Committee on Work shall provide instruction to each district twice yearly, the Committee requests that the chairman of the Committee on Work be authorized to directly contact the District Deputies of the various districts in order to coordinate the establishment of district schools of instruction to a minimum of two representatives from each constituent chapter. Further that the coordination of such schools be made a portion of the duties of the various District Deputies.

The Committee further recommends that it should be correspondingly requested that suitable members of the constituent bodies should be made aware that this requirement is incumbent on the elected members of each chapter.

The Committee also recommends that as soon as possible after receipt of the revised content of the Red Book, the custodian of the work shall distribute the revised Red Book content, and upon receipt of the revised content the aids and direction contained therein shall become effective immediately within the constituent chapters and that the superceded content be returned to the respective District Deputies for return to the Custodian of the Work.

It is the continued desire of this Committee that no rituals be exposed during Chapter opening and closing, and during conferring of the degrees except that of the appointed prompter.

Our sincere thanks to all companions for their support and assistance dur-

ing the year and to our M.E. Grand High Priest for granting us the privilege to serve.

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

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY

(Which was adopted)

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Florida:
 Your Grand Secretary submits his 13th Annual Report.
 Grand Representatives

All Commissions were issued and forwarded promptly.
 Annual Returns

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

Membership end of Year 1974	10,148
Exalted	
Reinstated	497
Affiliated	38
Total additions during Year 1975	149
Died	684
Demitted	
Suspended	249
Total deductions Year 1975	82
Net GAIN for Year	131
Membership end of Year 1975	462
Emeritus members exempt from dues	222
	10,370
	145

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

Fraternally submitted,
 THOMAS N. MORRISON
 Grand Secretary

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YORK RITE LIGHT

(Which was adopted)

COST ANALYSIS FLORIDA YORK RITE LIGHT

1975	Copies	Cost	Stencils	Tax	Return Postage	Mailing	TOTAL
May	10,000	\$ 597.05	\$ 31.80	\$ 25.15	\$ 7.10	\$ 50.79	\$ 711.89
June	10,000	597.05	51.90	25.96	4.40	53.62	732.93
June	O'Hare Cir.	109.20					
Aug.	10,000	601.97	77.85	8.30			
Aug.		601.97	32.70				215.70
Sept.	10,000	601.97		25.39	6.50	52.10	718.66
Oct.	10,000	601.97		8.30	8.90	66.13	715.70
Nov.	Miscellaneous	1.68	48.30	25.67	8.90	66.13	742.27
Dec.	10,200	602.00		26.01	5.50	61.54	
1976	10,500	601.97	91.20				745.00
Jan.	10,500	628.30	65.40	27.75	5.94	60.27	787.14
Feb.	10,500	628.30		26.69	10.40	62.61	767.07
Mar.	10,500	628.30	48.60				
Apr.	10,600	628.30	27.60	27.08	6.60	61.11	771.60
		628.30	44.40	26.24	6.30	71.20	759.64
		628.30	36.30	26.90	6.30	71.20	781.24
		<u>\$7,033.78</u>	<u>\$517.80</u>	<u>\$306.00</u>	<u>\$75.64</u>	<u>\$686.31</u>	<u>\$8,719.41</u>

The Grand Chapter resumed labor May 20, 1976 at 8:45 A.M. with prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

Junior Past M.I. Grand Master Hugh R. Dixon and Past R.E. Grand Commander Albert G. Rodgers were presented and thanked by the M.E. Grand High Priest for their fine cooperation during the year just ended.

M.E. Companion John B. Phelps, the Dean of all Past Grands was recognized.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THANKS

(Which was adopted)

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

We, your Committee on Thanks, would like to extend the thanks of the Grand Chapter of the State of Florida to the York Rite Masonic Bodies of Sarasota and Bradenton, for their gracious invitation to hold our Eighty-Second Annual Conclave in the beautiful city of Sarasota.

We wish to express our appreciation and compliments to our hosts—Manatee River Chapter No. 18 R.A.M., Sarasota Chapter No. 35 R.A.M., Bradenton Council No. 9 R. & S.M., and Trinity Commandery No. 16 K.T., on the manner in which they have performed their duties and the hospitality extended to all Sir Knights and their Ladies.

We express our sincere appreciation to the Convention General Chairman, Joseph J. Bezjian and all his co-workers for their outstanding work. They have performed their various tasks in the most pleasant manner. The success of our Conclave is proof of their efforts. Thanks for a job well done.

We thank the local ladies who are in charge of the various programs for the entertainment of the visiting ladies.

For the Sunday Evening Divine Service, we thank R.E. Past Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, who delivered an inspiring message.

We are grateful to our distinguished visitors who honored us by their presence. We thank the Honorable Ron Norman, Mayor of the City of Sarasota for his warm welcome.

We than—the Sarasota Hyatt House—their management and staff for the many courtesies extended.

For the fine music—we surely thank Sir Knight Harold W. Kelley.

All in attendance will enjoy this Grand Session and will return home with good memories of the fellowship found and experienced while in this fine city of Sarasota.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH J. JOHNSON
 RALPH A. JONES JR.
 WILLIAM A. WILKINSON

Dr. Eddie P. Stiles, M.I. Grand Master of North Carolina and Companion John W. Vaughn, M.E. Grand High Priest of Alabama expressed their appreciation for the courtesies and hospitalities accorded them.

REPORT OF CUSTODIAN OF THE WORK

(Which was adopted)

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

EXPENSE ACCOUNT OF M.E. CHAS. W. AMOLD

Custodian of Ritualistic Records

Greetings:

I had a letter of instructions duplicated and sent same to the Secretary of each Constituent Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Enclosed with the letter was THREE CARDS for the three (3) Dais Officers to use when they were installed.

It is regrettable that I report there are several Chapters who have not returned their cards, and several who have only sent in a part of them, stating they are unable to obtain the missing books.

May I recommend that the incoming Grand High Priest issue an order, that any constituent Chapter that does not have THREE COMPLETE SETS OF BOOKS for the dais officers, that they order the required number of books, so that in the future each Chapter, at the time of installation, will be able to report, that each dais officer has a complete set of books.

The order should also state that said books are the property of Grand Chapter, and must be returned to the Secretary at the end of each year, so he can issue them to the new officers at the time of installation.

CHARLES W. AMOLD

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEMOLAY

(Which was adopted)

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

We regret to report that this past year three DeMolay Chapters were closed in Florida as well as a DeMolay Knighthood Priory. It may with truth be said that most of the reason for these closings was the lack of adult leadership—you and I Companions. The brighter side of the coin is that two former DeMolay Chapters were re-activated and one new Chapter was instituted.

The Wally Shirra Trophy which is awarded annually to the DeMolay Chapter which completes the largest number of Leadership Correspondences in Florida was won by Oscar W. Weeks, Sr. Chapter of Temple Terrace with a total of 28.

I move that this Grand Chapter continue its support of the Masonic Youth Association of Florida with a donation of \$600.00 and that the cost of the Wally Shirra Trophy be deducted from this amount and the balance be sent to the Masonic Youth Association of Florida, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY A. ROSENTHAL JR.

RESOLUTION

(Which was not adopted)

To the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of Florida:

Subject: A Resolution Pertaining to Constituent Officers

WHEREAS, Travel of Grand Officers among constituent York Rite Bodies is now curtailed due to time and cost of travel;

WHEREAS, Constituent Bodies are in need of more official guidance, constituent officers frequently come into their stations with a lack of oppor-

tunity to learn how to expedite their duties even sometimes lacking in motivation for activities, programs and ceremonies;

WHEREAS, Constituent Bodies stand considerable expense in sending officers to the Grand Convention and the officers themselves also go to much expense and some sacrifice to attend the Conventions;

WHEREAS, The Order of York Rite with its exclusive illustrations of the beauty of Freemasonry is not growing as it should for the benefit of the brothers;

WHEREAS, The occasion of the Grand York Rite Convention offers an opportunity for special meetings with the constituent officers present to have schools of instructions and the exchange of information;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: At the May 1976 Grand Convention and at all such subsequent conventions there shall be programs of instructions and exchange of ideas and information for the benefit of both the Grand Bodies and Constituent Bodies. If need be such sessions can be carried out at breakfast and luncheon meetings in order that the great talents existing among the Grand Officers and Grand Committeemen will be available for conducting the meetings.

WILLIAM R. HORNE
*High Priest*D. CARLOS BOYLES
*T.I.M.*OSCAR F. HILLS
*Commander*GORDON N. OWEN
Recorder

The M.E. Grand High Priest announced the appointment of his District Deputies.

DISTRICT DEPUTIES

- District No. 1—Frank J. Busby, 19925 S.W. 88th Court, Miami 33157. Phone 305 255-6867. Jerico No. 11, Palm Beach No. 18, Keystone No. 20, Cabal No. 61.
- District No. 2—Marcus B. Goldberg, 517 - 51st Avenue Dr. W., Bradenton 33507. Phone 813 755-2709. Manatee River No. 18, Sarasota No. 35, Poinciana No. 50.
- District No. 3—Carl S. Casto, 2024 Dolphin Blvd. So., St. Petersburg 33707. Phone 813 347-1635. Tampa-Cushing No. 3, St. Petersburg No. 31, Clearwater No. 45.
- District No. 4—Charles C. Rushing, Rt. 1, Box 752, Webster 33597. Phone 904 793-3818. 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—Allan F. Keeth, 205 Crystal View So., Sanford 32771. Phone 305 322-1415. St. Johns No. 4, Halifax No. 5, Eureka No. 7, Sanford No. 20.
- District No. 6—W. E. Davison III, 1161 So. Lakeview, Leesburg 32748. Phone 904 728-1690. Ocala No. 13, Eustis No. 33, Leesburg No. 34.
- District No. 7—Paul B. Livingston, Rt. 1, Box 145 A, Fernandina 32748. Phone 904 264-6471. Putnam No. 9, Jacksonville No. 12, St. Augustine No. 17, Duval No. 48, Nassau No. 49.

District No. 8—R. B. Edie, 1747 W. Duval Street, Lake City 32055. Phone 904 752-6655. Gainesville No. 2. Live Oak No. 25. Lake City No. 38.

District No. 9—Charles G. Hurst Sr., Star Route Box 107 F. Tallahassee 32304. Florida No. 1, Bay County No. 39, Jackson No. 32, St. Joseph No. 56. Phone 904 488-1462, Res. 576-4667.

District No. 10—Oscar H. Mitchell, 201 Green Brier Dr., Ft. Walton Beach 32548. Mt. Horeb No. 6. Crestview No. 40, Surf No. 57. Phone 904 242-4696.

District No. 11—Warren H. Conklin, 805 Garden Avenue, Ft. Pierce 33450. Phone 305 464-4887. Indian River No. 27, Joppa No. 28. Melbourne No. 39.

Chapter recessed at 9:30 A.M. for the purpose of installing the Elected and Appointed Officers of the Grand Chapter.

Open Installation was held at 10:00 A.M. with Past, M.E. Grand High Priest James W. MacDonald as Installing Officer, Past M.E. Grand High Priest William J. Hofheinz as Installing Marshal and Past M.E. Grand High Priest Wilbur W. Masters Jr. as Installing Chaplain.

The Elected and appointed Officers were Installed, the ladies were excused and business resumed in the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter closed with prayer at 11:15 A.M.

THOMAS N. MORRISON
R.E. Grand Secretary
JAMES W. ODER
M.E. Grand High Priest

OFFICERS

of the

General Grand Chapter
Royal Arch Masons

A.D. 1976-1979

ELECTIVE

GORDON R. MERRICK *General Grand High Priest*
601 E. Elizabeth Street, Fort Collins, Colorado 80521

JUNIOR WAMSLEY VANDALL *General Grand King*
Barboursville, West Virginia 25504

A. J. LEWIS *General Grand Scribe*
439 Riverside Drive, Bossier City, Louisiana 71010

LOUIS V. SYLVESTER *General Grand Treasurer*
201 Masonic Temple, 19th & Douglas St's, Omaha, Nebraska 68102

CHARLES K. A. MCGAUGHEY *General Grand Secretary*
P.O. Box 5320, Lexington, Kentucky 40505

APPOINTIVE

CLARENCE K. JONES *General Grand Captain of the Host*
1775 Circle Drive, Reno, Nevada 89502

ROBERT F. SECREST *General Grand Principal Sojourner*
901 Palmetto State Life Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29201

ALBERT A. REMINGTON III *General Grand Royal Arch Captain*
4 Cold Spring Road, Barrington, Rhode Island 02806

F. R. ERICK MULDER *General Grand Master of Third Veil*

709-80th Ave., S.W., Calgary, Alberta, Canada

HARRY R. VAN GEEST *General Grand Master of Second Veil*

R.R. 8 Pine Shores, Box 60, Brainerd, Minnesota 56401

OLIN S. MCDANIEL *General Grand Master First Veil*

117 E. School Street, Bonne Terre, Missouri 63628

NORMAN L. HARPER *General Grand Sentinel*

321 Colonial Drive, Paducah, Kentucky 42001

W. PHELAN DOUGLAS *General Grand Custodian of Work*

1000 Calvert Street, Nashville, Tennessee 37216

DR. FORREST D. HAGGARD *General Grand Chaplin*

7600 West 76th Street, Overland Park, Kansas 66204

PAST GENERAL GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

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

Calvin Augustus Behl (1969-1972), 1855 27th Street, Ogden, Utah 84403

Edward M. Selby (1973-1975), 239 N. Seventh St., Martins Ferry, Ohio 43935

THE FIFTY-SEVENTH TRIENNIAL CONVOCATION

WILL BE HELD IN

DENVER, COLORADO

SEPTEMBER 10-14, 1978



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
Gilbert 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
Harold F. Enter	1976

*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 Arbuckle 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 Brosnaham, 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.....	211 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
1975	Richard I. Lanier.....	4044 Green St., Jacksonville	32205

DECEASED PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS
AND YEAR OF SERVICE

1847	.....Thos. Douglas	1909	.....Samuel Pasco
1848	.....John P. Duval	1910	.....T. Picton Warlow
1849	.....Isaac H. Bronson	1911	.....F. B. Stoneman
1850	.....Harry R. Taylor	1912	.....Robert McClellan
1851	.....Thomas Brown	1913	.....H. N. Sweating
1852	.....R. A. Shine	1914	.....John M. Caldwell
1853	.....Samuel Boardman	1915	.....William C. Andress
1854-1855	.....J. Wayels Baker	1916	.....William R. O'Neal
1856	.....Thomas Hayward	1917	.....D. B. Palmer
1857	.....Gad Humphreys	1918	.....Charles H. Ketchum
1858	.....Thomas Hayward	1919	.....W. V. Carter
1859	.....D. P. Holland	1920	.....H. O. Snow
1860	.....Thomas Y. Henry	1921	.....John L. Hall
1861-1864	.....George F. Baltzell	1922	.....Ralph J. Kispaguh
1865-1867	.....David Jones	1923	.....Ely P. Hubbell
1868	.....James Ellenwood	1924	.....Earl L. Wirt
1869-1871	.....C. D. Dawkins	1925	.....T. T. Todd
1872	.....William Morrill	1926	.....E. L. Shear
1873-1874	.....Michael Bowes	1927	.....Carey B. Fish
1875	.....Henry W. Long	1928	.....Riley J. McMaster
1876-1877	.....John S. Diggs	1929	.....John Pasco
1878	.....Enos Wasgate	1930	.....Stafford Caldwell
1879-1880	.....Robert J. Perry	1931	.....Alex B. Stewart
1881-1882	.....W. A. McLean	1932	.....William B. Greer
1883	.....George S. Hallmark	1933	.....R. P. Buckmaster
1884-1885	.....William E. Anderson	1934	.....Archie Aitchison
1886-1887	.....Angus Patterson	1935	.....George A. Dame
1888-1889	.....Marcus Endel	1936	.....Cleveland R. Horne
1890	.....J. W. Boyd	1937	.....J. Lloyd Head
1891	.....T. S. Wilmarth	1939	.....Jesse C. Clark
1892	.....Irving E. Webster	1940	.....Dorsey H. Rutter
1893	.....Silas B. Wright	1941	.....Frederic A. Riegel
1894	.....William M. McIntosh	1942	.....William L. Marshall
1895	.....John H. Stevens	1943	.....J. E. Herring
1896	.....William H. Jewell	1944	.....Geo. Albert Lanbe
1897	.....Warren Tyler	1946	.....Harry R. Thompson
1898	.....Wilber P. Webster	1950	.....Carl H. Papier
1899	.....James Carnell	1951	.....Orville A. Clark
1900	.....E. E. Haskell	1952	.....Richard Houghton
1901	.....A. M. Cushman	1954	.....Thomas E. Dickenson
1902	.....J. R. Wetherell	1956	.....Herman J. Wendland
1903	.....T. G. Hutchinson	1959	.....J. Robert Moore
1904	.....Louis C. Massey	1960	.....L. Earl Curry
1905	.....Olin S. Wright	1961	.....James A. Winfield
1906	.....Joseph R. Keller	1963	.....Martin N. Gerhard
1907	.....William S. Ware	1969	.....Harold L. Beals
1908	.....John H. Weddell	1970	.....Floyd M. Crippen

GRAND SECRETARIES

State	Name	Address
Gen. Grand Chapter	Charles K. A. McGaughey	P.O. Box 5320 Lexington, Kentucky 40505
Alabama	Thomas W. Mann	P. O. Box 2822-A, Birmingham 35212
Alaska	E. G. Stawson	500-5th Avenue, Anchorage 99501
Argentina	Alicibiades Lappas	1385 Arenales St., Buenos Aires R 41
Arizona	E. W. Brooks	4755 No. 54th Ave., Phoenix 85031
Arkansas	Glenn E. Ward	P.O. Box 473, Van Buren 72956
California	William C. Leeson	25 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco 94102
Colorado	Jesse E. Van Cleave	1614 Wellton St., Denver 80202
Connecticut	Richard L. Smail	57 Grove St., Yalesville 06492
Delaware	Henry G. Law	2608 E. Riding Dr., Wilmington 19808
Dist. of Columbia	Marvin E. Fowler	1904 White Oaks Dr., Alexandria 22306
Finland	Martti V. Mustakallio	Kasarmikatu 16 D Helsinki 13
Florida	Thomas N. Morrison	P. O. Box 1532, Lakeland 33802
Georgia	James E. Moseley	811 Mulberry St., Macon 31201
Idaho	Rolland Fletcher	5212 Bel Air, Boise 83705
Illinois	Lyle R. Melvin	P. O. Box 433, Dixon 61201
Indiana	Carl E. Shrader	828 Oakland, Franklin 46131
Iowa	John H. Watts	P.O. Box 155, Grand Junction 50107
Kansas	Henry O. Bennett	828 Oakland, Topeka 66616
Kentucky	Charles K. A. McGaughey	P. O. Box 5320, Lexington 40505
Louisiana	Frank T. Norman	P. O. Box 209, Alexandria 71302
Maine	Charles S. Brown	15 Condon St., Belfast 04915
Manitoba	Ernest E. Smith	981 Dorchester Ave., Winnipeg R M 3 0 P 9
Maryland	Leighton E. Howell	4205 Tuckerman St., Hyattsville 20782
Massachusetts	Archie M. Simons	184 Tremont St., Boston 02111
Mexico	Fulvio Zama	Calle Hegel 416 Mexico 5 D.F.
Michigan	Orlow J. Myers	P.O. Box 1572, Battle Creek 49015
Minnesota	Ralph W. Bell	1408 W. Lake St., Minneapolis 55408
Mississippi	T. K. Griffin	P. O. Box 1030, Meridian 39302
Missouri	Bruce H. Hunt	P. O. Box 188, Kirksville 63501
Montana	Wm. A. Theanum	425 1/2 No. Park Ave., Helena 59601
Nebraska	Ralph R. Carleton	401 Masonic Temple, Omaha 68102
Nevada	Frederick W. Forbusch	310 So. Nevada St., Carson City 89701
New Hampshire	Chas. H. Cheney	92 No. State St., Concord 03301
New Jersey	Harry R. Pine	2009 Senic Dr., Trenton 08628
New Mexico	Elmer H. Rieman	P. O. Box 1375, Roswell 88201
New York	H. Randall Kreger	71 W. 23rd St., New York 10010
North Carolina	Tam L. Shumaker	80 Broadway, Asheville 28801
North Dakota	Delbert J. Miller	Box 1280, Devils Lake 58301
Ohio	Oliver H. Ormiston	P. O. Box 27, Bartlett 45713
Oklahoma	F. M. Lombard	P. O. Box 1037, Muskogee 74401
Oregon	George D. Robinson	243 Darlmoore Drive, Eugene 97401
Rep. of Philippines	Antonio Gonzalez	4645 Old Santa Mesa, Manila
Rhode Island	Albert A. Remington III	4 Cold Spring Rd., Barrington 02806
Saskatchewan	W. B. Motion	2625 Grant Rd., Regina Saskatchewan
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Chipley No. 23	Chipley Charter Surrendered 1932
Jefferson No. 26	Monticello Charter Arrested 1966
Gadsden No. 30	Quincy Consolidated with Florida No. 1 Tallahassee 1967
Arcadia No. 36	Arcadia Charter Arrested 1932
Walton No. 37	DeFuniak Springs Charter Surrendered 1928
Providence No. 38	Lake City Charter Arrested 1939
Bay County No. 39	Panama City Charter Arrested 1933 Restored 1945
Melbourne No. 43	Union Charter Arrested 1936
Perry No. 44	Perry Charter Arrested 1933
Okeechobee No. 46	Okeechobee Charter Surrendered 1932
Dade No. 47	Homestead Charter Surrendered 1930
Nassau No. 49	Fernandina Charter Arrested 1936 Restored
New Smyrna No. 51	New Smyrna Charter Arrested 1936
Orange No. 52	Winter Garden Charter Surrendered 1930
Delray No. 53	Delray Charter Surrendered 1932
M. D. Cushing No. 54	Tampa Consolidated with Tampa No. 3, now Tampa-Cushing 1967
Hiram No. 58	Miami Shores Set Up U.D. 1954 in the Proceedings of 1957 shown as No. 60 and under such name and number Consolidated with Jerico No. 11 Miami 1965
Canaveral No. 62	Consolidated with Indian River No. 27 Titusville 1967
Lake Butler No. 19	Consolidated with Lake City No. 38 December 1969
Hill City No. 55	Consolidated with Dade City No. 8 December 1971

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1975

Number	CHAPTER 1975	Membership last year	Exalted	Reinstated	Affiliated	Total	Died	Demitted	Suspended N.P.D.	Emeritus	Present Membership	Net GAIN	Net LOSS	Dues
1	Florida	318	5	4	0	327	7	0	0	5	320	2	0	\$ 432.50
2	Gainesville	287	8	0	0	295	5	7	0	4	277	0	10	396.25
3	Tampa-Cushing	347	34	5	5	404	11	0	1	14	392	45	0	662.50
4	St. Johns	71	2	0	4	77	3	1	0	0	73	2	0	105.50
5	Ocala	282	8	1	6	297	7	2	0	3	288	5	0	468.75
6	Mt. Horeb	610	39	3	1	653	16	0	2	10	635	25	0	990.00
7	Eureka	353	25	0	3	381	3	2	4	2	372	19	0	593.75
8	Dade City	163	1	0	1	165	3	0	2	0	160	0	3	206.25
9	Putnam	163	1	0	1	165	3	0	2	0	160	0	3	206.25
11	Jerico	183	6	0	2	191	4	0	4	1	183	0	0	262.50
12	Jacksonville	732	6	6	3	747	22	4	12	19	709	0	23	932.50
13	Ocala	778	67	2	5	853	19	25	11	8	757	19	0	1,378.75
15	Monroe	95	10	0	5	111	4	0	2	2	105	9	0	184.00
16	Plant City	200	11	1	0	212	6	1	10	1	195	0	5	307.50
17	St. Augustine	135	3	0	0	138	6	0	1	2	131	0	4	183.75
18	Manatee River	155	0	1	0	156	2	0	0	2	154	0	1	193.75
20	Keystone	199	20	2	9	230	5	3	5	2	217	18	0	381.25
22	Thomas Brown	419	12	1	1	433	6	5	4	2	418	0	1	594.94
24	Palm Beach	91	1	0	0	92	4	0	1	0	87	0	4	118.75
25	Live Oak	226	11	0	2	239	4	0	2	1	233	7	0	350.00
27	Indian River	172	5	0	0	177	7	0	2	2	169	0	4	246.25
28	Joppa	271	10	1	2	284	5	0	7	9	272	1	0	386.25
29	Lakeland	201	5	0	2	208	4	1	0	3	203	2	0	281.25
31	St. Petersburg	340	14	0	2	356	6	8	7	6	335	0	5	498.50
32	Jackson	233	4	0	12	250	14	0	2	4	234	1	0	326.25
33	Eustis	135	6	0	0	141	6	1	1	4	133	0	2	200.00
34	Leesburg	125	9	1	6	141	8	2	2	4	129	4	0	215.00
35	Sarasota	172	4	0	3	179	5	2	1	0	171	0	1	242.50
38	Lake City	142	13	0	5	160	5	0	1	3	154	12	0	261.25
39	Bay County	214	31	1	1	247	2	1	1	4	243	29	0	458.75
40	Crestview	430	36	3	4	473	10	2	0	0	461	31	0	770.00
41	Winter Haven	329	9	0	0	338	5	4	5	3	324	0	5	457.50
42	Highlands	199	15	2	3	219	5	3	1	1	210	11	0	348.75
45	Clearwater	71	0	0	0	71	3	0	0	0	68	0	3	87.50
48	Duval	299	22	1	12	334	3	4	12	10	315	16	0	501.25
49	Nassau	331	6	1	2	340	10	0	10	5	320	0	11	437.50
50	Poinciana	101	1	0	1	103	6	0	0	2	97	0	4	131.25
56	St. Joseph	262	13	0	4	279	4	0	6	4	269	7	0	403.75
57	Surf	61	3	0	0	64	0	0	0	3	64	3	0	91.25
59	Melbourne	255	19	1	1	276	1	2	6	0	267	12	0	433.75
61	Cabal	110	0	0	1	111	1	1	0	0	109	0	1	137.50
	U.D.J.D. Yeager	50	3	0	0	53	2	1	0	0	50	0	0	81.25
	TOTAL	6,148	497	38	149	6,832	249	82	131	145	10,370	309	87	\$15,680.49

SUMMARY

Membership end of Year 1974	10148
Exalted	497
Reinstated	38
Affiliated	149
Total additions during the Year 1975	648
Died	249
Demitted	82
Suspended	131
Total deductions during the Year 1975	462
Net Gain for the Year 1975	222
Membership end of Year 1975	10370
Emeritus Members exempt from dues	145

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22	Bartow	Thomas Brown	1871	3rd Thursday	David C. Bass
18	Bradenton	Manatee River	1904	2nd Tuesday except July-Aug.-Sept. 8:00 P.M.	1890 Kissinging Ave., Bartow 33333 William Buchanan
45	Clearwater	Clearwater	1922	4th Wednesday	5010 - 34th Ave. E., Bradenton 33505 Stuart Waterman
27	Cocoa	Indian River	1905	2nd Wednesday	1040 Chinaberry Rd., Clearwater 33516 Perry M. Rogers
40	Crestview	Crestview	1920	2nd Thursday 7:00 P.M.	225 Antigua Dr., Merritt Island 32952 Clifford N. Brown
8	Dade City	Dade City	1875	1st Wednesday 8:00 P.M.	308 So. Main St., Crestview 32536 Elwood O. Webb
5	Daytona Beach	Halifax	1876	2nd Thursday	Rt. 2 Box 200, Brooksville 33512 Joe W. Aspley
4	DeLand	St. Johns	1885	1st Tuesday 8:30 P.M.	945 John Anderson Dr., Ormond Beach 32074 Donald C. Howell
33	Eustis	Eustis	1914	1st Friday	253 W. Palmetto Ave., DeLand 32720 Harold E. Priess
49	Fernandina Beach	Nassau	1901	2nd & 4th Thursdays 8:00 P.M. except 4th Nov.-Dec.	1287 Mansfield Rd., Tavares 32778 Paul B. Livingston
20	Ft. Lauderdale	Keystone	1875	2nd Wednesday except July-August	Rt. 1 Box 145A, Fernandina Beach 32034 Gregory Tompkins
50	Ft. Myers	Poinciana	1923	2nd Tuesday 8:00 P.M.	520 Long Island Ave., Ft. Lauderdale 33312 Edward Fitzgill
28	Ft. Pierce	Joppa	1905	1st Tuesday except July-August	1344 Lavin, No. Ft. Myers 33923 Hugh K. Condy
57	Ft. Walton Beach	Surf	1949	1st Monday	33 Flamenco Way, Spanish Lakes, Ft. Pierce 33452 Charles W. Stanford
					410 Eastview Dr., Ft. Walton Beach 32548

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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 32210
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
62	Lawley	Lawley	1976	4th Thursday	Carlos Johnson P.O. Box 1180, Starke 32091
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	Darl W. Wilson Rt. 1 Box 208, Live Oak 32050
32	Marianna	Jackson	1910	2nd Monday	Thomas Heald P.O. Box 325, 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	1868	4th Tuesday 8:00 P.M.	John E. Schott P.O. Box 988, Dunellon 32630
7	Orlando	Eureka	1887	1st Monday	James E. Rowland 22 Kepner St., Orlando 32809
9	Palaika	Palmam	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. McRes 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. Presnell
51	Princeton	Cabal	1960	4th Wednesday 8:00 P.M.	Jim Doig 13765 - 90th Ave., Miami 33157
15	Sanford	Monroe	1893	2nd Tuesday	Allen F. Keeth 205 Crystal View So., Sanford 32771
35	Sarasota	Sarasota	1915	2nd Thursday 8:00 P.M.	Richard V. Pallen P.O. Box 3166, Sarasota 33578
42	Sebring	Highlands	1920	1st Tuesday before 2nd Thursday 8:00 P.M.	Roland H. Brewton Jr. Rt. 1 Box 136, Frostproof 33843
48	So. Jacksonville	Duval	1922	1st Friday 8:00 P.M., 2nd optional	Fred J. Heckaday P.O. Box 1892, Jacksonville 32201
17	St. Augustine	St. Augustine	1903	4th Monday	Jason E. Garris Sea Gull Lighthouse Pt., St. Augustine 32084
31	St. Petersburg	St. Petersburg	1910	1st Friday except July-August	Walter A. Brimlow 2921 - 6th Ave. No., St. Petersburg 33713
1	Tallahassee	Florida	1847	2nd Monday	Hans L. Mayberry 3518 Falcon Dr., Tallahassee 32301
3	Tampa	Tampa-Cushing	1882	1st & 3rd Friday	Joseph R. Thomas P.O. Box 1145, Riverview 33569
24	West Palm Bch.	Palm Beach	1904	1st Monday	Harvey H. Benton P.O. Box 4256, Lantana 33462
41	Winter Haven	Winter Haven	1920	1st & 3rd Thursdays	Alvin E. Griesmeyer 209 Citrus Dr. S.E., Winter Haven 33886

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

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

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

Annual Assembly held in Sarasota, Florida, May 19, 1976

The Annual Assembly was opened with prayer by Dr. Walter H. Winchester at 3:20 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 1975 Proceedings.

The following Officers were present at Roll Call:

- Wilbur W. Masters Jr. *President*
- James W. MacDonald *Vice President*
- Thomas N. Morrison *Secretary-Treasurer*
- Russell W. Houston *Master of Ceremonies*
- Earl G. Nicholson *Herald*
- Roy R. Wright Jr. *Steward*
- Richard I. Lanier *Sentinel*

REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER

The following invoice was read: Wm. Lehmberg & Sons, Inc. for 30 Bibles—\$256.88, and motion made, seconded and carried, ordered paid. Thomas N. Morrison as Secretary-Treasurer—\$35.00. Motion prevailed that check in the amount of \$100.00 be drawn in favor of the Royal Arch Research Assistance.

Election of Officers was held with the following results:

- Wilbur W. Masters Jr. *President*
- James W. MacDonald *Vice President*
- Dr. Walter H. Winchester *Chaplain*
- Thomas N. Morrison *Secretary-Treasurer*
- Russell W. Houston *Master of Ceremonies*
- Woodrow W. Cash *Conductor*
- Earl G. Nicholson *Herald*
- Roy R. Wright Jr. *Steward*
- Richard I. Lanier *Sentinel*

Petitions for the Order of High Priesthood were received from 31 Candidates, all being Present or Past High Priests of their respective Chapters.

LIST OF CANDIDATES

- John L. Berry Florida No. 1
- Milton E. Ryberg Gainesville No. 2
- James A. Wilson Tampa-Cushing No. 3
- Ernest H. Brinkman St. Johns No. 4
- Clifford L. Robinson Halifax No. 5
- Claston H. Jordan Mt. Horeb No. 6
- Phillip E. Mosses Eureka No. 7
- George D. Nolan Dade City No. 8
- Gary L. Jenkins Sr. Putnam No. 9
- Randal Earl Shiver Jerico No. 11
- William C. Fort Jacksonville No. 12

Charles E. Finney	Ocala No. 13
Jason E. Garris	St. Augustine No. 17
James E. Thompson	Manatee River No. 18
Joseph O. Kennedy	Keystone No. 20
Elias Costopolus	Joppa No. 28
John W. Harris Jr.	St. Petersburg No. 31
Curtis N. Jackson	Eustis No. 33
Glenn M. Smith	Leesburg No. 34
William J. Vonder Heide	Sarasota No. 35
Thomas J. Howard	Lake City No. 38
Henry C. Kelley Jr.	Bay County No. 39
James E. Bradford	Winter Haven No. 41
Stuart Waterman	Clearwater No. 45
Albert P. Gray	Duval No. 48
Lawrence D. Walker	Nassau No. 49
Keith E. Camizzi	Surf No. 57
Wayne L. Clark	Melbourne No. 59
Frank F. Stearns	Melbourne No. 59
Joseph S. Wargoe	Cabal No. 61
Carlos Johnson	James Yeager No. 62

Remarks were made by several of the Candidates.

Motion prevailed that William R. Patton Jr., M.E. Grand High Priest of Tennessee and Otto Neustadt, M.E. Grand High Priest of North Carolina be made Honorary Members.

No further business appearing before the Order of High Priesthood, the body closed with prayer by Dr. Walter H. Winchester, Chaplain, at 5:10 P.M.

THOMAS N. MORRISON
Secretary-Treasurer

WILBUR WELLING MASTERS JR.
Excellent President