

**THE YORK RITE**

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**F L O R I D A**

**1978**

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

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## 84th ANNUAL CONCLAVE OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 1978

HOWARD JOHNSON'S GULFSIDE—PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLA.  
at seven o'clock in the evening

Order of service will proceed without announcement.

*Organ Prelude* ..... Em. Sir Knight Harold W. Kelley, KYCH,  
Grand Organist

\**Processional Hymn* ..... "ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS"  
(congregation standing and singing)

\**Invocation* ..... Em. Sir Knight Arthur J. Wissler,  
Excellent Grand Prelate

\**Gloria Patri* .....

*Welcome* ..... Sir Knight Joseph J. Johnson,  
Rt. Em. Grand Commander

\**Hymn* ..... "God of Our Fathers" (1-2-4 verses)

*Announcements* ..... Rt. Em. Sir Knight Joseph J. Johnson,

*Offering for Knights Templar Eye Foundation*

*Offertory* ..... Em. Sir Knight Harold W. Kelley

Introduction of Rev. (Dr.) Si Mathison, Pastor  
First United Methodist Church, Panama City

*Scripture Reading* ..... John 14: 8-14  
Em. Sir Knight Arthur J. Wissler

\**Hymn* ..... "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

*Sermon* ..... "What Is God Like?"  
Dr. Si Mathison

\**Hymn* ..... "How Great Thou Art" (1-3 verses)

\**Benediction* ..... Dr. Si Mathison

\*Departure of Sir Knights to Hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers"  
(congregation is requested to remain standing in their places until  
all Sir Knights have retired)

*Postlude* ..... Em. Sir Knight Harold W. Kelley

\*Denotes congregation standing.

Our sincere thanks to the Rainbow Girls and DeMolay Boys  
of Panama City for acting as Ushers and distributing programs.

ORGAN FURNISHED BY PLAYGROUND MUSIC CENTER  
Panama City and Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.

## Banquet Program

7 P.M., Tuesday, May 23, 1978

Howard Johnson's Gulfside Convention Center

Master of Ceremonies—Joseph C. LeSuer, Grand High Priest

### Distinguished Guests present:

Donald H. Wessell, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge F & AM of Fla.

Owen L. Shanteau, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council R & SM International

Robert F. Secrest, General Grand Principal Sojourner, S.E. Regional Deputy of the General Grand Chapter R.A.M.

McMurray L. Griffith, S.E. Regional Deputy of the General Grand Council R & SM

J. Willard Register, S.E. Department Commander of the Grand Encampment K.T. of the U.S.A.

Music by Harold W. Kelley, Grand Organist

Address by J. Lewis Hall, Past Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge F & AM of Fla.

### GRAND CHAPTER AWARDS FOR 1977-1978

#### Distinguished Service Medal

Charles B. Finney of Ocala Chapter No. 13

#### Triple Tau Plaque

Putnam Chapter No. 9 of Palatka for largest percentage of net membership gain.

#### Keystone Plaque

Tampa-Cushing Chapter No. 3 for largest number of affiliations.

#### Certificates for 10% or more net membership gain:

St. Johns Chapter No. 4 of Deland

Dade City Chapter No. 8 of Dade City

Putnam Chapter No. 9 of Palatka

Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 of Jacksonville

James Yeager Chapter No. 62 of Lawtey

#### Lake City-Clearwater Contest

For largest percentage of net membership gain:

Lake City 6%

Clearwater 4%

#### Walter M. Shirra Trophy

to DeMolay Chapter with largest number of members taking the Leadership Correspondence Courses:

Okaloa Chapter of Fort Myers

# Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons

of  
FLORIDA



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 - 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."

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### RULES FOR MASONIC DATES

#### Ancient Craft Masons—

Add 4000 years to the common era. Thus: 1978 and 4000—5978

#### Scottish Rite—

Add 3760 year to the common era. Thus: 1978 and 3760—5738

After September add another year.

#### Royal Arch—

Add 530 years to the vulgar year. Thus: 1978 and 530—2508

#### Royal and Select Masters—

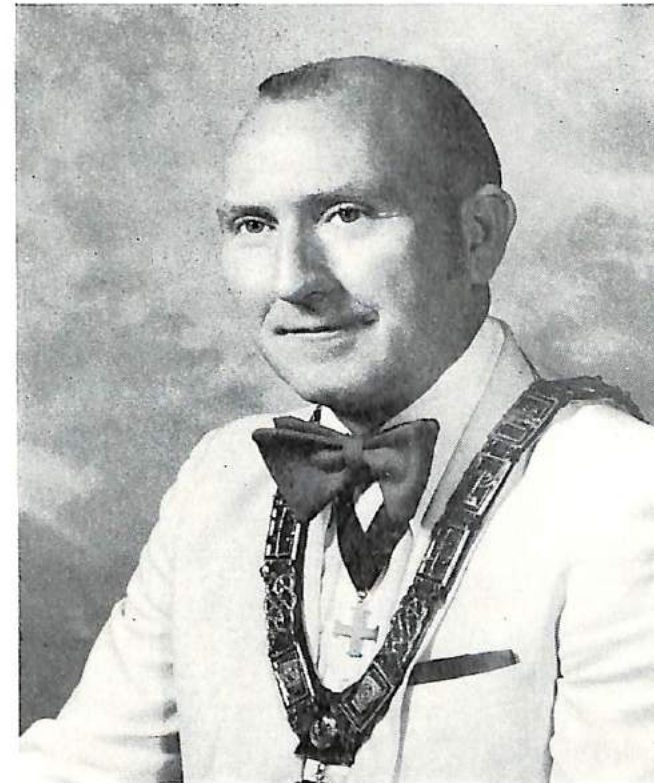
Add 1000 years to the common era. Thus: 1978 and 1000—2978

#### Knights Templar—

From the Christian era take 1118. Thus: 1118 from 1978—860

#### Order of High Priesthood—

To the Christian era add 1913, the year of Blessing: Thus: 1978 add 1913—3891.



DUANE B. YOUNG

*Grand High Priest*

1978-1979

PROCEEDINGS  
*of the*  
Grand Chapter  
*of*  
Royal Arch Masons  
*of*  
FLORIDA

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST  
ANNUAL CONVOCATION

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JOSEPH C. LE SUER  
*Grand High Priest*  
PRESIDING

DUANE B. YOUNG  
ELECTED

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HELD AT PANAMA CITY BEACH  
MAY 24-25 A.D. 1978 A.I. 2508

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of the  
**Grand Chapter**  
**Royal Arch Masons**  
of  
**FLORIDA**  
A.D. 1978-1979

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**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL  
CONVOCATION IN THE YEAR 1978**

May 24, 1978 at 9 A.M.

In the Howard Johnson's Gulfside in Panama City Beach. Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Joseph C. LeSuer, opened the Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida with prayer by the Grand Chaplain and pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Rolls were called with the following found to be present:

**GRAND OFFICERS**

Joseph C. LeSuer, Grand High Priest	Thomas E. McGowan, Grand Principal Sojourner
Duane B. Young, Grand King	William R. Pennington, Grand Royal Arch Captain
J. Fred Wilson, Grand Scribe	Wendell D. Harrington, Grand Master Third Veil
Russell W. Houston, Grand Treasurer	William A. Cogburn, Jr., Grand Master Second Veil
Daniel A. McClellan, Jr., Grand Secretary	Arnold R. Lambe, Grand Master of First Veil
Thomas N. Morrison, Grand Secretary Emeritus	Floyd Ziegler, Grand Sentinel
Wilbur W. Masters, Jr., Grand Chaplain	
Henry C. Bengel, Grand Captain of the Host	

**PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS**

Leslie C. Bortle	Walter H. Winchester
Wilbur W. Masters, Jr.	Woodrow W. Cash
Charles W. Arnold	Edward H. Baxter
Roy R. Wright, Jr.	Earl G. Nicholson
Russell W. Houston	Richard I. Lanier
James W. MacDonald	James W. Oder
Wm. J. Hofheinz	

**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS**

Harvey H. Benton, No. 1	Charles B. Finney No. 6
Wm. J. Von Der Heide No. 2	Ralph A. Jones, No. 7
Kenneth Johnson No. 3	William R. Terry, No. 8
Billie J. Collins, No. 4	Vernon Miller, No. 9
Alexander Thornton No. 5	Leonard E. Whitehead, No. 10

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT**

Alabama—Henry C. Bengel	New Brunswick—Wm. R. Pennington
Alaska—Harry A. Rosenthal, Jr.	New Hampshire—David Frazier
Alberta—Woodrow W. Cash	New Jersey—Wendell D. Harrington
Argentina—Fred C. Urfer, Jr.	New So. Wales—Alfred R. Peebles
Arizona—Paul W. Chapman, Jr.	New York—J. Fred Wilson
California—Edward H. Baxter	North Carolina—Theo. G. Cooper
Canada—Richard I. Lanier	Ohio—Earl R. Allan
Colorado—Thos. E. McGowan	Oklahoma—C. Allen Pattison
Connecticut—Stephen B. Dimond	Oregon—Albert G. Rodgers
Delaware—Arnold R. Lambe	Pennsylvania—Wm. J. Hofheinz
D.C.—Earl G. Nicholson	Queensland—Roy R. Wright, Jr.
Georgia—J. D. Yeager	Rhode Island—Paul R. Davis
Hawaii—W. H. Winchester	Scotland—S. L. Van Norden
Idaho—Arthur S. Stewart	South Carolina—Thos. N. Morrison
Indiana—Walter I. Stevenson	South Dakota—Andrew F. Jorgensen
Iowa—Franklin C. Smith	Switzerland—Russell E. Strawn
Israel—Foster W. Merker	Tennessee—J. W. Oder
Louisiana—Joseph P. LeSuer	Texas—Russell W. Houston
Maine—Chas. W. Arnold	Vermont—W. H. Winchester
Maryland—J. W. MacDonald	Washington—Jesse E. Hoffman
Massachusetts—Arnold S. Williams	West Australia—Leroy E. Healy
Minnesota—Joseph C. LeSuer	West Virginia—U. V. Durden
Mississippi—W. W. Masters, Jr.	Wisconsin—Jos. J. Johnson
Montana—Duane B. Young	

## REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS PRESENT

Florida.....	No. 1—	William G. Norrie, H.P. John L. Berry, Proxy K. Asa L. Harllee, S.
Gainesville.....	No. 2—	Donald D. Strauser, H.P. Oscar T. Mills, Proxy K. Chas. E. Palmer, Proxy S.
Tampa-Cushing.....	No. 3—	Roy M. Lee, H.P. James A. Wilson, Proxy K. J. C. Downall, S.
St. Johns.....	No. 4—	George H. Francis, Proxy H.P.
Halifax.....	No. 5—	O. Howard Thornburg, H.P. Donald J. Elko, K. John C. Stengel, S.
Mt. Horeb.....	No. 6—	John F. Goerke, H.P. Donald Elrod, K. James C. Mills, Proxy S.
Eureka.....	No. 7—	James E. Mezger, H.P. Richard J. Carr, K. Robert G. Weisenbarger, S.
Dade City.....	No. 8—	Adolphus W. Waldron, H.P.
Palatka.....	No. 9—	Columbus Webb, H.P. Willis M. Lewis, K. Charles C. Bear, S.
Jericho.....	No. 11—	Lowry S. Hoskett, H.P. Elmer T. Thurmond, Jr., K. George A. Chipouras, S.
Jacksonville.....	No. 12—	Robert M. Brandon, H.P. Erwin L. Mericle, K. Herman J. Wheeler, Jr., S.
Ocala.....	No. 13—	John McKelvy, Proxy H.P. Junius C. Clemmons, K. John McKelvy, Proxy S.
Monroe.....	No. 15—	Arnold S. Williams, Proxy H.P. L. B. Steele, Proxy K. James Russell Hammond, Proxy 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—	Jason E. Garris, H.P. Jason E. Garris, Proxy K. Jason E. Garris, Proxy S.
Manatee River.....	No. 18—	James W. Spellman, H.P. James S. Brown, K. Charles M. Levan, S.
Keystone.....	No. 20—	V. W. Burnell, Proxy H.P. Conrad G. Kerst, Proxy K. James Putzig, Proxy S.
Thomas Brown.....	No. 22—	P. W. Chapman, Proxy H.P. P. W. Chapman, Proxy K. P. W. Chapman, Proxy S.

Palm Beach.....	No. 24—	Thomas A. Whitaker, H.P. Jonathon C. Munro, K. Thomas A. Whitaker, Proxy S.
Live Oak.....	No. 25—	Herbert J. Rees, Proxy H.P. James Robert Dunn, Proxy K. James Robert Dunn, Proxy S.
Indian River.....	No. 27—	Ralph Van Valkenburg, Proxy H.P. Ralph Van Valkenburg, Proxy K. Kermit E. Huff, S.
Joppa.....	No. 28—	James R. Sample, H.P. Frederick A. Siddons, K. James R. Sample, Proxy S.
Lakeland.....	No. 29—	Floyd D. Ziegler, Proxy K.
St. Petersburg.....	No. 31—	Clifford T. Sheehan, H.P. Stephen L. Van Norden, Proxy K. Paul Cory, Proxy S.
Jackson.....	No. 32—	Charles F. Tatom, H.P. Thomas Heald, K. Wilbur Morris, Proxy S.
Eustis.....	No. 33—	Herman W. Graf, H.P. Joseph L. Cherry, K. Joseph A. Frohock, Jr., S.
Leesburg.....	No. 34—	Glenn M. Smith, Proxy H.P. Aubrey Hayes, K. D. A. McClellan, Jr., Proxy S.
Sarasota.....	No. 35—	James L. Wall, H.P. G. William Giese, K. C. Allen Pattison, Proxy S.
Lake City.....	No. 38—	W. R. Terry, Proxy H.P. W. R. Terry, Proxy K. R. S. Eadie, Jr., Proxy S.
Bay County.....	No. 39—	Roy M. Bobo, Proxy H.P. Charles H. Dickson, K. A. A. 'Pete' Bennett, S.
Crestview.....	No. 40—	Joseph H. Sanford, H.P. James Spillers, Proxy K. Richard Chapman, S.
Winter Haven.....	No. 41—	Daniel P. Hains, H.P. Edward Moore, Proxy K. Dan P. Harris, Proxy S.
Clearwater.....	No. 45—	Marvin Larson, H.P. Walter H. Winchester, Proxy K. William L. Winkel, S.
Duval.....	No. 48—	David L. Woodworth, H.P. Charles E. Losey, K. David L. Woodworth, Proxy S.
Nassua.....	No. 49—	Quinnie Williams, Sr., H.P. Quinnie P. Williams, Proxy K. J. Marvin Toomey, Proxy S.
Poinciana.....	No. 50—	Arrie McClaskey, H.P.

St. Joseph.....	No. 56—	Earlie E. Weeks, H.P. A. C. Crews, K. Everett S. McFarland, Proxy S.
Surf.....	No. 57—	Gerald D. Eggers, H.P. Eric Roger Prior, K. Lloyd C. Huffstetler, Proxy S.
Melbourne.....	No. 59—	Millard W. Finch, H.P. Millard W. Finch, Proxy K. Millard W. Finch, Proxy S.
Cabal.....	No. 61—	Robert L. Lucas, Proxy H.P.
James Yeager.....	No. 62—	Eugene B. Taylor, H.P. Lee Taylor, K. James Dalzell, Proxy S.

RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT  
(which was adopted)

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

We, your Committee on Returns and Credentials, find the list of Grand Officers and representatives of Chartered Chapters as furnished by the Grand Secretary at roll call is correct.

All Chapters have made returns and paid per capita tax for the year.

Fraternally submitted,

U. V. Durden  
Paul R. Davis  
John E. Dreher

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Past recipients of the Award were asked that they come forward and the Grand High Priest presented Charles B. Finney with the Distinguished Service Award for the past year.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE  
(which was adopted)

*To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of 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 the rate of 15 cents per mile one way.

Your Committee

H. A. Brosnahan, Jr.  
James D. Yeager  
Alfred R. Peebles

CUSTODIAN OF RITUALISTIC MATERIAL COMMITTEE REPORT  
(which was adopted)

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

A letter of instructions was duplicated and sent the Secretary of each Constituent Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction about the first of December 1977.

Enclosed with the letter were three cards to be used by the three dais officers when reporting they had in their possession one copy of the General Grand Chapter Book of Essentials, one copy of the Grand Chapter of Florida Committee on Work Red Book, and one copy of the Key Lecture.

The instructions to the Secretaries was to obtain the three books from the outgoing or retiring High Priest, and after the election of Officers, to present these three books to the newly installed Scribe, allowing the other two dais officers, if they advanced in the line of dais officers, to obtain all three sets of books, then after the installation, see that all three dais officers have a complete set of three books.

Apparently the recommendations I made in 1976 and 1977 did not do much good so am hoping this year we will get some results and that next year we could report a much better showing.

Some Chapters have given up the idea of doing any degree work in slow classes, and are depending on Festivals once or twice a year. Companions, this is very bad, both for the local body but also for Grand Chapter. This is one way we are losing membership.

Chapters should form degree teams and conduct slow classes. When a Companion is Exalted, put him to work. Assign him some part in the four degrees that very day. Keep him interested and he will return.

How many of the new members of your Chapter that were exalted in 1977 are attending the regular Convocations of your Chapter this year? Think it over.

The following is my expense account for the year 1977-78:

11-25-77—1 Roll of Stamps .....	\$13.00
12-12-77—Certified mail to Dade City .....	1.09
2- 6-78—1 Roll of Stamps .....	13.00
4-24-78—Certified mail to Pensacola .....	1.64
TOTAL POSTAGE .....	\$28.73
11-25-77—Drakes, Duplicating Notice .....	\$ 4.11
11-28-77—Kelley Printing, 500 cards .....	25.32
TOTAL EXPENSE FOR THE YEAR .....	\$58.16

Due Chas. W. Arnold,

Custodian of Ritualistic Records

Respectfully submitted,

Chas. W. Arnold

YORK RITE LIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT  
(which was adopted)

Adopted as printed in the Commandery portion of these proceedings.



## COMMITTEES APPOINTED

## DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Earl R. Allan      Thomas N. Morrison      Joseph P. LeSuer

## DISTRIBUTION

Henry C. Bengel      Joe H. Sellers      L. Earl Haskell

## PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES

Roy R. Wright, Jr.      Andrew F. Jorgensen      James D. Banketas

## CHARTERS, DISPENSATIONS &amp; BY-LAWS

J. Fred Wilson      Wm. F. Haythorn      Francis L. Dancy

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Woodrow W. Cash      David Frazier      Vernon H. Miller

## TIME AND PLACE

Duane B. Young      Arthur J. Payne      Stephen L. Van Norden

## THANKS

Joseph J. Johnson      Luther H. Tison, Jr.      Henry C. Kelley

## DISTINGUISHED GUESTS PRESENTED

William H. Ealy, Grand High Priest of Alabama; James E. Moseley, Grand Secretary-Recorder of Georgia; J. Willard Register, Past Grand High Priest of Georgia; Aaron L. Russell, Grand High Priest of Mississippi; Mason H. Dorsey, Grand High Priest of North Carolina; Russell A. Hale, Past Grand High Priest of North Carolina; Vernon A. Amick, Grand High Priest of South Carolina; Robert F. Secrest, General Grand Principal Sojourner and S.E. Regional Deputy of the General Grand Chapter R.A.M. and Grand Secretary-Recorder of South Carolina; William E. Smith, Past Grand High Priest of Germany; Franklin C. Smith, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge F & AM of Florida; Robert Wiese, a Sixty Year Member of the Chapter and aged 94.

Motion carried that all those be made Honorary Members of this Grand Chapter who had not already been so honored.

## REPORT OF JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

(which was adopted)

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

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, having examined the report of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, find that that portion dealing with finances be referred to the Budget and Finance Committee, and the Committee on Distribution. Further that that portion dealing with the York Rite Lite be referred to the York Rite Lite Committee and Budget and Finance Committee, and the Committee on Distribution.

Further that that portion dealing with Charters, Dispensations and By-laws be referred to the Committee on Charters, Dispensations and By-laws.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest is commended very highly in that the balance of the report is found to be in conformity with Grand Chapter regulations, laws and Constitution

Fraternally submitted,

James W. Oder, Chairman  
Richard I. Lanier  
Earl G. Nicholson  
Edward H. Baxter  
Woodrow W. Cash

## REPORT OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

(which was adopted)

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

Companions, it is indeed a personal pleasure to welcome you to Panama City and your 131st Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida. I extend to each of you an invitation to enter into the spirit of fellowship and enjoy the arrangements that have been made for you. While our primary purpose is to complete the work of Grand Chapter it is hoped that your stay will prove to be an enjoyable experience and you will leave this Convocation with fond memories and many new friends.

To our Distinguished Guest, we extend to you a warm and cordial welcome. We pray that your visit with us will prove pleasant and memorable. It is hoped and you are encouraged to enter into the spirit of fellowship and thereby contribute to the success of these proceedings. There are many things to do and see in the Panama City area. We are sure that all of you can find entertainment to suit your fancy. If there is anything that we can do in addition to the arrangements that have already been made please contact our convention chairman or any member of his staff. We are happy that you came.

I deeply appreciated the vote of confidence which was given to me last May at Daytona Beach, I am sure a winner of the Daytona 500 couldn't have been happier. I accepted the office not only with a deep feeling of humility but with full realization that it would require your continued confidence and support throughout the year. You responded beautifully as did my Officers, whom I can't praise enough. I feel that this Grand Chapter is indeed fortunate to have such capable Companions to take up the reigns of leadership and guide us in the future.

You will remember that my motto for the year was: The I's and U's of York Rite, although it takes a combination of both to make a contribution to Masonry, it has been very evident to me that it is the U's who attain the goals and advance the programs set forth at these convocations. YOU ARE YORK RITE, you are its LEADERS and WORKERS. Without your continued interest, support and leadership in the constituent chapters: We, your Grand Officers will indeed have labored in vain. We can only set and voice the aims and goals. It is the U's who must implement, promote and try to attain them. My goals for the year were: 1. Make a concentrated effort to reduce NPD's by at least 25%; 2. Make a concentrated effort to affiliate 25% of the Sojourners in Fla.; 3. Increase overall membership 10%; 4. Practice and demonstrate Masonic UNITY in all events and programs; 5. Institute leadership programs and thereby BUILD LEADERS. Only time will tell if they were attained and only the results in the future will determine if they were worthwhile.

## NECROLOGY

The Supreme Grand High Priest saw fit to bless our Grand Chapter line by allowing it to proceed unbroken by death. For this we are grateful and pray that this blessing continues. In His unquestionable wisdom He saw fit to call 267 Companions from their labors. Appropriate tribute will be paid these de-

parted Companions as well as those of our Sister Jurisdictions by the Necrology Committee.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED

Near other Jurisdictions:

EC J. Owen Edgerton—near Hawaii  
EC Kenneth D. Buckley—near Oklahoma  
EC Curtis E. Stevens—near New Brunswick

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES RECOMMENDED

Near Florida:

MEC Walter H. Winchester—for Hawaii  
EC Joseph P. LeSuer—for Louisiana  
EC Charles H. Green—for Utah

#### SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

EC Tom R. Priddy—Committee on Work  
RE Duane B. Young—personal representative to Demolay Conv.  
RE J. Fred Wilson—Chairman of Religious Affirmation Day

#### 15 DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

#### 12 SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS

#### 5 DISPENSATIONS DENIED OR WITHDRAWN

#### THIRTY YEAR CERTIFICATES APPROVED

Jackson No. 32—Eight  
Winter Haven No. 41—Seven  
Lakeland No. 29—Sixteen  
Bay Co. No. 39—Twenty-One  
Crestview No. 40—Twenty  
Florida No. 1—One  
Eustis No. 33—Three

#### FIFTY YEAR CERTIFICATES APPROVED

Jackson No. 32—Comp. Charles Wandeck  
St. Petersburg No. 31—Comp. Percy Randall Rosenberry  
Winter Haven No. 41—Comps. I. H. McKillop, A. D. Yonally,  
Thomas Vinton Snively  
Lakeland No. 29—Comps. A. R. Carver, H. L. Eberhardt, H. P. Fouts Sr.,  
T. P. Turner

#### BY-LAWS AND CHANGES APPROVED

Aug. 1—Jacksonville No. 12	Oct. 12—Ocala No. 13
Aug. 2—Halifax No. 5	Oct. 26—Leesburg No. 34
Sept. 13—Ocala No. 13	Nov. 26—Surf No. 57
Sept. 18—Eustis No. 33	Dec. 23—Eureka No. 7
Oct. 10—Bay Co. No. 39	Jan. 3—Crestview No. 40
Oct. 10—St. Johns No. 4	Mar. 6—Cabal No. 61

#### VOUCHERS APPROVED

Vouchers numbered 1 through 99 for \$29,385.05 were signed.

#### EXPENSES NOT PROVIDED FOR IN BUDGET

3—May 24, Sun Bank of Riverside (Safe Deposit)	\$ 8.00
19—June 25, Internal Rev. Ser. (Social Security)	51.19
25—July 25, Florida Unemp. Comp. (Unemp. Comp.)	6.33
41—Sept. 10, Internal Rev. Ser. (Social Security)	70.20
42—Sept. 10, Florida Unemp. Comp. (Unemp. Comp.)	6.60
47—Sept. 24, Alfred R. Peebles (Accounting)	105.20
72—Dec. 19, Internal Rev. Ser. (Social Security)	70.20
75—Jan. 9, Florida Unemp. Comp. (Unemp. Comp.)	6.60
76—Jan. 8—Internal Rev. Ser. (Fed. Unemp.)	16.28
96—Feb. 27, Arnold Lambe (RARA Program)	176.48

#### VOUCHERS DRAWN THAT DO NOT AFFECT BUDGET

26—July 12, Franklin Press (10M More Light Folders)	\$ 387.42
78—Jan. 12, Joe C. LeSuer (Refund from WHW Fund)	25.00
79—Jan. 12, Earl G. Nicholson (Refund from WHW Fund)	25.00
80—Jan. 12, Duane B. Young (Refund from WHW Fund)	25.00
81—Jan. 12, Wm. J. Hofheinz (Refund from WHW Fund)	10.00
82—Jan. 12, Thomas N. Morrison (Refund from WHW Fund)	10.00
83—Jan. 12, Luther H. Tison (Refund from WHW Fund)	10.00
85—Jan. 30, General Grand Chapter (Rituals)	150.00
32—Aug. 10, Walter H. Winchester (WHW Fund)	135.20
33—Aug. 10, J. W. Oder (WHW Fund)	177.15
34—Aug. 10, General Grand Chapter (WHW Fund)	163.28
91—Feb. 5, Sun Bank Riverside (Transfer Funds)	5,000.00

#### IN STATE VISITS AND ACTIVITIES

May 28—Florida Priory No. 60—Leesburg  
June 4—Bill Mitchell Homecoming—Jacksonville  
June 18—John B. Phelps York Rite College—Orlando  
June 25—Joseph J. Johnson Homecoming—Jacksonville  
July 10-12—Summer Assembly—Waynesville  
July 30—Bill Mitchell YR State Class—Jacksonville  
Sept. 10—District 7 & 8 Meeting—Jacksonville  
Sept. 17—District 2 & 3 Meeting—Tampa  
Sept. 18—Masonic Home York Rite Day—St. Petersburg  
Sept. 19—Annual Panama City YR Demolay Visit—Panama City  
Sept. 24—District 1 Meeting—Ft. Lauderdale  
Oct. 1—District 10 Meeting and Open Air Degree—Crestview  
Oct. 8—Panama City Fall Class—Panama City  
Oct. 16—Religious Affirmation (St. Andrews Baptist Church)  
Oct. 19—District 4 F & AM Masonic Meeting—Panama City  
Oct. 22—District 11 Meeting—Cocoa  
Nov. 5—District 4 Meeting—Lakeland  
Nov. 12—District 9 Meeting—Marianna  
Nov. 19—Dias Officers Meeting—Leesburg  
Nov. 19—District 5 & 6 Meeting—Ocala  
Dec. 3—John Phelps York Rite College—Orlando  
Dec. 10—Grand Chapter Line Officers Meeting—Clermont  
Jan. 7—Installed Bay Co No. 39 Officers—Panama City  
Jan. 9—Installed Jackson No. 32 Officers—Marianna  
Jan. 28—Red Cross Constantine—Deland  
Feb. 4—Dias Officers Meeting—Leesburg  
Feb. 13—Florida Chapter No. 1—Tallahassee  
Mar. 4—Joe C. LeSuer Homecoming—Panama City  
Mar. 11—Masons for America—Jacksonville

## OUT OF STATE VISITS

July 10—The Summer Assembly—Waynesville, N.C.  
 Oct. 29—Virginia Grand Convention—Richmond  
 Dec. 12—Massachusetts Grand Convention—Boston  
 Feb. 26—Alabama Grand Convention—Birmingham  
 Mar. 12—South Carolina Convention—Myrtle Beach

## OUT OF STATE INVITATIONS DECLINED

New York, Louisiana

## PROCLAMATIONS

WHEREAS, It is acknowledged that three hundred years before the first Masonic manuscripts were written in England our Brothers were building with the motto "ORA ET LABORE" which means PRAY AND WORK, and

WHEREAS, Masonry teaches that there is one God, The Supreme Architect of the Universe and the Father of all Men, whose only request is that we acknowledge Him first before the world, and

WHEREAS, Capitular Masonry teaches us a firm reliance in the Supreme Architect of the Universe is just and proper.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Joe C. LeSuer, Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida do proclaim that Sunday, October 16, 1977 AD will be designated as RELIGIOUS AFFIRMATION DAY and call upon all Royal Arch Masons, Families and Friends within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida to assemble in a body and worship at a religious service selected by the High Priest of each particular Chapter thereby testifying for York Rite.

Each constituent chapter will please advise the Grand Scribe, J. Fred Wilson, Chairman of The Religious Affirmation Day Committee of the number who attended this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this 1st day of August, 1977 AD.

Joe C. LeSuer  
 M.E. Grand High Priest

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1

I, Joe C. LeSuer, as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida, do hereby issue the following Executive Order:

WHEREAS, Chapter 196 (74-236), Florida Statutes 1974, requires every organization claiming exemptions from taxation for real and personal property owned by it to file an application for exemption with the County Property Appraiser (formerly County Tax Assessor) prior to March 1 of each year, said application to list and describe the property for which exemption is claimed, certifying its ownership and use and other information as required by law; and

WHEREAS, failure to make such application between January 1 and March 1 of any year shall constitute a waiver of the exemption privilege for that particular year; and

WHEREAS, Applicants requesting exemption are required to supply such fiscal and other records showing in reasonable detail the financial condition, record of operation and exempt and non-exempt uses of the property where appropriate, for the immediately preceding year as might be requested by the County Property Appraiser or the Board of Tax Adjustments; and

WHEREAS, the failure to apply for such exemption and the resultant loss of such exemption will create a financial hardship on the Particular Chapters:

NOW THEREFORE, I, Joe C. LeSuer, Grand High Priest, do hereby ORDER AND DIRECT that the High Priest and Secretary of each of the Particular Chapters within the Grand Jurisdiction of Florida owning real or personal property who have not complied, to obtain the necessary application for

exemption from the County Property Appraiser of their particular county and make application for real and personal property tax exemption under the aforesaid Chapter 196, prior to the required date of the State of Florida, in accordance with this Order, and failure of the High Priest or Secretary to comply therewith shall subject them, and each of them, to Masonic discipline, and

FURTHER, I ORDER AND DIRECT that the Grand Secretary and the District Deputy Grand High Priest be notified of filing such exemption as specified above.

DONE AND ORDERED, at Panama City, Florida the 6th day of February, 1978.

## EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 2

I, Joe C. LeSuer, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida, do hereby issue the following Executive Order:

WHEREAS, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida and all Constituent Chapters having gross receipts of \$10,000.00 or more as amended in 1977, are required by the Internal Revenue Service to file a Form 990 "Return of Organizations Exempt from Income Tax under Section 501 (c) of Internal Revenue Code" for each fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Code requires that such Returns be filed on or before the 15th day of the fifth month following the end of the fiscal year and provides penalties for the failure to comply therewith; and

WHEREAS, the High Priest of each Chapter shall be responsible for the enforcement of this Order, and the failure of the High Priest or Secretary to comply therewith shall subject them to Masonic discipline; and

WHEREAS, the fiscal year of the Constituent Chapters ends on December 27, unless otherwise provided in their By-Laws, thereby making compliance with the Internal Revenue mandatory by May 15th.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Joe C. LeSuer, Grand High Priest, do hereby ORDER AND DIRECT the High Priest and Secretary of each Constituent Chapter to comply fully with the Internal Revenue Code of the United States in that all of said Chapters having a gross income of \$10,000.00 or more in the fiscal year of 1977, prepare and file a United States Internal Revenue Form 990 with the Internal Revenue Service on or before May 15, 1978 and to forward a copy thereof to the Grand Secretary on or before said date.

I FURTHER ORDER AND DIRECT that all Constituent Chapters having a gross income for the fiscal year of 1977 of less than \$10,000.00 to file a Form 990 with the Internal Revenue Service certifying to such fact, forwarding a copy thereof to the Grand Secretary on or before May 15, 1978.

DONE AND ORDERED at Panama City, Florida this 6th day of February 1978.

## STATE OF THE CRAFT

It has been reported to me and it is my observation that the state of the Craft is generally good. In most of the constituent Chapters there is harmony and peace. There is interest being displayed and enthusiasm is high. I feel that I am turning the leadership reins over to my successor fully confident that he can direct this interest and enthusiasm to produce the desired results. We enjoyed a nice gain in membership this year and I have no reason to doubt that we will experience an even better one in the 78-79 Capitular year.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Thirty and Fifty Year Certificates:

I recommend that new criteria be established so as not to penalize the out of state Companions who might choose to affiliate with our constituent Chapters, York Rite Permanent Home and Library:

I recommend that Grand Chapter pursue the feasibility of establishing such a home jointly with the other two Grand York Rite Bodies.

**Grand Chapter Finance:**

I recommend that a finance committee, separate from the Budget Committee be established to study our long range financial needs and propose appropriate legislation.

**York Rite Light:**

Due to the increase in the cost of printing, I recommend that the York Rite Light become a bi-monthly publication.

**District Meetings:**

I recommend that the five cents per member subsidy paid by Grand Chapter be discontinued as a further measure to cut the operating cost of the Grand Bodies.

**Observation:**

It has been my observation through the years that little or no attention is paid to the out-going Grand High Priest recommendations. It is my hope that this trend will stop. It is through service in this office that experience is gained and it is through experience that wisdom is acquired. There have been many well thought-out recommendations in the past that have been ignored. Many of these might have gone a long way toward solving our many ills.

**CONCLUSION**

In conclusion let me assure those who follow in this office that it will provide many enjoyable hours of travel and the opportunity of associating with the greatest people to be found anywhere. I am eternally grateful to those who guided my footsteps in the paths that led to this office and especially those who displayed confidence in my ability to undertake this role of leadership. I pray that they were not disappointed. To thank all of the friends who deserve expressions of appreciation in this short paragraph would be impossible but there are a few that must be mentioned. Companion Earl Allan and his lovely wife Minnie Lee, as most of you know, have been my constant traveling Companions and words won't describe the admiration that I have for these two lovely people. Alene, my wife and companion for more than thirty years deserves much of the credit for any success that I might have had. She not only performed her home-making duties but she provided a sympathetic concern and was a sounding board for all of my adversaries as well as my accomplishments. To my counterparts MI Luther Tison, his wife Wilma, RE Joseph Johnson, his wife Mae I extend my love and appreciation for your cooperation and support throughout the year. The friendship you displayed was a comfort and hopefully it will continue for many years to come. Finally, to my Officers I wish to acknowledge to this Grand Chapter that you have performed your duties in an outstanding manner and exceeded my highest expectations in every instance. You have earned not only a mark of excellence by my undying appreciation for a job well done.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. LeSuer, GHP

**SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST**

JOSEPH C. LESUER

This supplemental report covers the period from March 10th thru May 20th and completes my report to Grand Chapter.

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED**

Near Other Jurisdictions:

EC Charles S. Adams—Near New York

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES RECOMMENDED**

Near Florida

EC James D. Banketas—For Greece

**DISPENSATIONS**

Granted to hold special convocation to vote on petitions short of time.

Mar. 17—Eustis No. 33

Mar. 22—Ocala No. 13

Mar. 17—Eureka No. 7

Mar. 23—Bay County No. 39

Mar. 22—Duval No. 48

**CHAPTER MERGER COMPLETED**

Highlands No. 42 with Winter Haven No. 41. The assets including funds, Secretaries' records and regalia of Highlands No. 42 were delivered to Malcolm H. Filson, Sec. Recorder of Winter Haven Chapter No. 41 RAM whose mailing address is 442 Ave. A NE, Winter Haven, Fla. 33880. The Highlands Chapter seal and charter was picked up and delivered to the Grand Secretary, D. A. McClellan, Jr., on April 1st by the Grand King, Duane B. Young. Instructions will be issued and a follow up inspection will be made by the incoming Grand High Priest or his representative.

**THIRTY YEAR CERTIFICATES APPROVED**

Plant City No. 16—Two (2)

Thomas Brown No. 22—Twelve (12)

Jackson No. 32—Two (10)

Leesburg No. 34—Sixteen (16)

Bay County No. 39—One (22)

Crestview No. 40—One (21)

**FIFTY YEAR CERTIFICATES APPROVED**

Crestview No. 40—Comps. G. W. Barrow, P. Brett, C. L. Campbell, E. H. Campbell

Jericho No. 11—Comps. John B. Phelps, Russell W. Houston

Halifax No. 5—Comp. George Cunningham Smith

**BY-LAWS AND CHANGES APPROVED**

Apr. 13—Clearwater No. 45

Apr. 29—Leesburg No. 34

Vouchers No. 100 through 116 totalling \$2,876.06 for a grand total of \$32,261.11 were signed.

Expenses not provided for in budget:

102—Mar. 29, Internal Revenue Service .....\$72.60

109—Apr. 4, Fla. Unemployment Comp. .... 6.60

112—Apr. 10—Sun Bank of Miami ..... 8.00

**INSTATE VISITS AND ACTIVITIES**

May 1—Grand Lodge of Florida

**OUT OF STATE VISITS**

Mar. 20—Tennessee

Apr. 17—Georgia

Mar. 26—North Carolina

May 12—Mississippi

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. LeSuer, GHP

## DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

(which was adopted)

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

We, the Committee on Distributions, wish to submit the following report.

That the portion of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest's Report pertaining to our fraternal dead be referred to the Committee on Necrology.

That the portion pertaining to finance be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That the portion which refers to charters, dispensations and by-laws be referred to the Committee on Charters, Dispensations and By-Laws.

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

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee  
L. Earl Haskell  
Joseph H. Sellers  
Henry C. Bengel, Chm.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

(which was adopted)

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

We, your Committee on Benevolence, have made a careful investigation as to the health, welfare and general conditions of our Companions, their families, widows and orphans within our Grand Jurisdiction and are happy to report they are faring well. No applications have been made for assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee  
Chas. H. Green, Chairman  
Edward Hart Baxter  
Earl Rodney Allan

## RESOLUTION ON GRAND CHAPTER FEES AND DUES

(approved May 24, adopted May 25)

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

WHEREAS, The inflationary spiral of the last few years has had its effects on Grand Chapter costs of operation,

AND WHEREAS the Auditing Committee report has indicated the financial state of affairs of this Grand Chapter, and in particular citing operating losses over the last several years, with an operating loss approaching \$9,000.00 during this past year.

AND WHEREAS The Grand Chapter of Florida of its obvious need must place itself on sound financial footing for the future,

AND WHEREAS the necessary financial load must be shared by old and new members alike,

AND WHEREAS Article II Section 2 of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter reads in part "It may assess and collect from its Constituent Chapters annually, such sums of money as it may find necessary for its maintenance and support,

AND WHEREAS Article XXI (Amendments) Section 5 of the Grand Chapter Constitution states "That any section or part of the Regulations may be amended at any Convocation of this Grand Chapter when properly presented without notice by two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting on the same day that said amendment is proposed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Regulation No. 40 which now reads "Every Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall pay into the Treasury of the Grand Chapter, at such times as may be provided for by the Regulations, the following fees and dues. For every Exaltation, FIVE (\$5.00) dollars; for every member of the Chapter who has membership during the Capitular year, the sum of ONE and 25/100 (\$1.25) dollars, AND until such returns are made, and dues paid or remitted, no Chapter shall be entitled to representation in this Grand Chapter; PROVIDED

Fees and Dues Payable to Grand Chapter"

Be revised to Read:

Fees and Dues Payable to Grand Chapter

"Every Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall pay into the Treasury of the Grand Chapter, at such times as may be provided for by the Regulations, the following fees and dues for every Exaltation, TEN and 00/100 (\$10.00) dollars; for every member of the Chapter who has membership during the Capitular year, the sum of TWO and 00/100 (\$2.00) dollars, and until such returns are made, and dues paid or remitted, no Chapter shall be entitled to representation in this Grand Chapter."

Such revision to the Regulations to take effect in the fiscal (and Calendar) year of 1979.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

J. W. MacDonald, P.G.H.P.  
Duane B. Young, Grand King  
Floyd Ziegler, Grand Sentinel

## EUREKA CHAPTER NO. 7 JURISDICTION

(which was adopted)

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

We, the undersigned would like to make the following motion:

To restore to Eureka Chapter No. 7 its jurisdiction as originally stated in our By-Laws to include the city of Orlando, Florida and also the city of Pine Castle, Florida, our present location.

Respectfully submitted,

John Metsger, HP  
Woodrow Mays, PHP  
Blenus Williams, PHP  
Fred Morris, PHP  
Charles Arnold, PHP

## PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES COMMITTEE REPORT

(which was adopted)

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

We, the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, are happy to report that nothing has been brought before this Committee for its consideration and

that peace and harmony prevail in this Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy R. Wright  
Andrew F. Jorgensen  
James D. Banketas

Motion carried that the minutes of the last Grand Convocation as printed in the 1977 Proceedings be adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORK

(which was adopted)

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

The Committee on Work is pleased that some schools of instruction were held during the Capitular year, but regret that there were not as many as this committee feels are appropriate.

We are pleased to report that the revision of the Red Book, with complete indexing, is complete, including the printing, and distribution will be accomplished within 30 days subsequent to this Grand Convocation. The Red Book includes the Chapter Installation in full form and it is requested that this installation be used, and preferably not read.

We recommend that the Grand High Priest instruct his District Deputies to assist in establishing a time and place of instruction within each district that we may conform to the Grand Chapter Regulations. These schools of instruction are intended to be separate from whatever instruction is presented at the normally scheduled District Meetings. The District Deputies should coordinate with the Chairman of the Committee on Work to establish time and place.

We would like to make the following comment about usage of the Red Book: within the constituent chapters, although each chapter is issued a Red Book for each Dias officer, we find that many times other officers and members are not aware of these Red Books in their Chapter. Even though these books are placed in control of the 3 dias officers, they are intended for use and instruction of all members, and the control by dias officers is for administrative purposes only. We therefore urge all dias officers of constituent chapters to make this known to their members and impart in whatever manner they see fit, the contents contained therein.

As stated many times before, it is still the desire of this committee that no rituals be used during the opening and closing, or conferring of degrees, except that of the appointed prompter, and that all chapters endeavor to confer the degrees in a manner impressive to the candidate.

Our sincere thanks to all companions for their support and assistance during the year, and to serve the M.E. Grand High Priest for again granting us the privilege to serve this Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. MacDonald, Chairman  
Duane B. Young  
Willis D. Porter  
Thomas E. McGowan  
Tom Priddy

#### TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE REPORT

(which was adopted)

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

An invitation to hold the next Annual Grand Convocation of this Grand Chapter in St. Petersburg was accepted for May 23-24, 1979.

#### DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

Franklin C. Smith, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge F & AM of Florida gave a talk.

#### REPORT OF THE BUDGET-FINANCE COMMITTEE

(which was adopted)

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

##### INCOME

Per Capita .....	\$13,500.00
Exaltation Fees .....	2,855.00
Reinstatement and Affiliations .....	31.25
Interest on Loans .....	1,720.00
Interest on Savings .....	3,075.00
Interest on Certificates .....	720.00
Transfer from Reserves .....	9,593.95

\$31,495.20

##### DISBURSEMENTS

Wages Grand Secretary .....	\$ 2,400.00
Payroll Taxes .....	150.00
Office Expense .....	670.00
Travel Grand Secretary .....	350.00
Grand Treasurer Allowance .....	950.00
Printing .....	500.00
Proceedings .....	1,260.00
York Rite Light .....	3,600.00
Rent .....	437.50
Office Equipment .....	600.00
Insurance .....	140.00
Grand High Priest Allowance .....	1,500.00
Grand Officers Allowance .....	700.00
District Deputy's Allowance .....	200.00
Committee on Work .....	200.00
Contingency Fund .....	350.00
Grand H.P. Jewel and Apron .....	560.00
Delegates Travel and Per Diem .....	8,000.00
Distinguished Guest .....	900.00
Host City .....	700.00
Youth Association .....	496.00
Grand Lodge Donation .....	100.00
Per Capita .....	1,082.70
Southeastern Conference .....	350.00
Masons for America .....	100.00
District Meetings .....	545.00
Triennial Fund .....	4,450.00
Accountant .....	100.00
Demolay Trophy .....	104.00

\$31,495.20

Your Committee

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

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE  
(which was adopted)

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

The Audit Committee has audited the Records of Account of both the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer. All funds received and disbursed have been accounted for according to good accounting procedures. Balances in checking and saving accounts agree with bank statements and savings account books.

It is the opinion of your Committee that we now have a complete set of books where all vital information is available regarding the financial operation of this Grand Chapter. We wish to commend the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for the manner in which the records are kept and to express our sincere thanks for the assistance rendered to this Committee while preparing this audit.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND DISBURSEMENTS

OPERATING INCOME:

Per Capita .....	\$13,708.75	
Exalting Fees .....	2,855.00	
Reinstatements & Affiliation Fee .....	25.00	
Rituals, Patents & Etc. ....	666.50	
Donations .....	50.00	
Refund Travel & Motel .....	49.92	
Insurance Refund .....	18.58	
<b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME .....</b>		<b>\$ 17,373.75</b>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Office Expenses .....	\$ 669.35
Rent .....	350.01
Grand Officers Expense .....	687.18
District Meetings .....	483.49
Wages, Grand Secretary .....	2,400.00
Grand High Priest Allowance .....	1,500.00
District Deputy Expenses .....	207.53
Travel Expense, Grand Secretary .....	349.49
York Rite Light .....	3,763.28
Grand Treasurer Allowance .....	950.00
Printing .....	429.41
Insurance .....	211.61
Proceedings .....	1,010.67
Payroll Taxes .....	120.89
Rituals, Patents & Etc. ....	754.91
Markers & Flowers .....	19.82
Delegates Travel & Per Diem .....	8,074.89
Distinguished Guest .....	953.96
Safe Deposit Box .....	16.00
Grand High Priest Jewel & Apron .....	333.95
Per Capita .....	1,060.70
Committee on Work Expense .....	120.58
State Wide Class .....	100.00
Masons for America Day .....	100.00
Plaques .....	48.95
Grand High Priest Jewel Repairs .....	36.60
Grand Lodge Donation .....	100.00
Demolay Trophy .....	104.00
Accountant .....	105.20
Youth Association .....	496.00
Host City .....	700.00
Winchester Fund .....	588.93
Audit Adjustment .....	.60

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES  
BEFORE DEPRECIATION .....

	\$ 26,848.00
Operating Loss Before Depreciation .....	(\$9,474.25)
Depreciation Claimed .....	1,933.16
Operating Loss .....	(\$11,407.41)
OTHER INCOME:	
Interest on Loans .....	\$ 1,864.00
Interest on Savings Account .....	3,775.28
Net Operating Loss .....	(\$5,768.13)

BALANCE SHEET  
YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1978

ASSETS:

Cash:	
Checking Account .....	\$ 9,320.93
Savings Accounts .....	75,459.69
Loans Receivable .....	43,000.00
Fixed Assets:	
Grand High Priest Jewel .....	1,300.00
Office Equipment .....	1,384.65
Paraphernalia .....	6,348.00
	\$ 7,732.65
Depreciation .....	1,933.16
<b>TOTAL ASSETS .....</b>	<b>\$134,880.11</b>
LIABILITIES & NET WORTH	
Accrued Payroll Taxes .....	\$ 3.16
Net Worth .....	134,876.95
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET WORTH .....</b>	<b>\$134,880.11</b>

CASH RECAPITULATION

Cash on Hand April 30, 1977 .....	\$ 85,415.59
Operating Income .....	17,373.75
Interest on Loans .....	1,864.00
Interest on Savings Accounts .....	3,775.28
Loan Principal Payments .....	3,600.00
Total Cash Available .....	\$112,028.62
Operating Expenses .....	26,848.00
Copy Machine Purchase .....	400.00
Cash on Hand, April 30, 1978 .....	\$ 84,780.62

Your Committee

A. R. Peebles  
T. E. McGowan  
C. H. Green

## MASON H. DORSEY MESSAGE

M.E. Mason H. Dorsey, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of North Carolina gave a talk. He welcomed all to attend the Great Smokies Assembly in Maggie Valley, N.C., conducted this year on July 9, 10 and 11 by the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of North Carolina.

## DEDICATION OF THIS CONVENTION

At the suggestion of the Grand High Priest, and, with the approval of the delegates present, this Grand Convocation was dedicated to Charles B. Finney, the most recent recipient of the Distinguished Service Medal Award.

## JR. P.G.C. AND JR. P.M.I.G.M. RECOGNIZED

Joseph J. Johnson, Junior Past Grand Commander, and Luther H. Tison, Jr., Junior Past M.I. Grand Master were presented and recognized by the Grand High Priest.

## REPORT OF NECROLOGY COMMITTEE

(which was adopted)

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

Our thoughts this morning are stayed upon those who have been our inspiration and our Companions for many years.

So, it is mete and right that we gather in this sacred and quiet moment to pay our tribute of love and affection to these 288 companions who have answered the summons of our Heavenly Father and have entered their eternal home.

When earths last picture is painted  
And the tubes are all twisted and dried  
When the oldest colors have faded  
And the youngest critics have died  
We shall rest—and faith, we shall need it  
Lie down for an Aeon or two  
Till the Master of all good workmen  
Shall set us to work again

And those who are good shall be happy  
They shall sit in a golden chair  
They shall splash at a ten league canvass  
With brushes of comets hair  
They shall find real saints to draw from  
Mardalene, Peter and Paul  
They shall work for an age at a sitting  
And never grow weary at all

And only the Master shall praise them  
And only the Master shall blame  
And no one shall work for money  
And no one shall work for fame  
But each for the joy of the working  
And each in his separate star  
Shall draw the things as he sees them  
For the God of things as they are.

Theirs is the experience of whatever eternity may be. We commend their immortal spirits to the great architect of Heaven and Earth. His is to honor—His to reward—His to censor and to blame. He is the great giver of the penny at the end of earths day.

At this time a map of the State of Florida was placed near the East on which were 12 small light blubs, representing the 11 Capitular Districts in the State of Fla., and one representing the deceased of other Grand Jurisdictions.

The number of deceased Companions of each District was read by the Grand Chaplain and the District Deputy of that particular District placed a small American Flag beside the light bulb and then turned the light on. Then the Grand Chaplain placed a flag and lighted a lamp which represented the Sister Grand Jurisdictions.

Soft, appropriate background music was played by the Grand Organist, Harold Kelly. The ceremony was then concluded with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

ALABAMA—Garlin Stanley Stout, R.E.G. Scribe, died July 6, 1977; Vaiden Nash Carmichael, M.E.G.H.P., 1970-71, died Sept. 9, 1977.

ARKANSAS—Walter Clyde Hickmon, M.E.G.H.P., 1940, died Jan. 24, 1978; Houston Alton Brian, M.E.G.H.P., 1969, died Dec. 8, 1977.

ILLINOIS—John Clarence Bowers, Grand Scribe, 1975, died May 4, 1976.

KENTUCKY—Archie Guy Sparks, M.E.G.H.P., 1957-58, died April 18, 1977.

KANSAS—Samuel Lewis Smith, M.E.G.H.P., 1964, died Oct. 24, 1977.

MARYLAND—Charles Ellwood Smyrk, M.E.G.H.P., 1951, died June 25, 1977.

MINNESOTA—Edwin A. Lofquist, M.E.G.H.P., 1964-65, died April 28, 1977.

MISSISSIPPI—Joe Blankinship Nesom, Sr., M.E.G.H.P., 1951, died January 4, 1978; Edward Boyd Shearer, M.E.G.H.P., 1968, died July 1, 1977; James Franklin Brownlee, M.E.G.H.P., 1973, died Nov. 21, 1977.

NEBRASKA—George H. Murphy, M.E.G.H.P., 1953-54, died Aug. 20, 1977; L. Harold Parker, M.E.G.H.P., 1975-76, died Dec. 15, 1977.

NEVADA—Allison B. Andrews, M.E.G.H.P., 1975-76, died January 4, 1978.

NEW BRUNSWICK—Ralph J. Coy, Gr. Chaplain, First Grand Principal in 1969, died Dec. 4, 1977.

NOVA SCOTIA—Ernest Clifford MacMillan, M.E.G.H.P., 1977, died Feb. 17, 1978.

OHIO—Clayton W. Vetrovsky, M.E.G.H.P., 1956-57, died Oct. 14, 1977; Harry E. Sark, M.E.G.H.P., 1962-63, died September 25, 1977.

SOUTH CAROLINA—Frederick Sitgreaves McFadden, M.E.G.H.P., 1965-66, died July 17, 1977.

SOUTH DAKOTA—Raymond H. Moore, Grand Capt. of the Host, died Jan. 10, 1977; William M. Sunday, M.E.G.H.P., 1947, died Sept. 15, 1976.

VIRGINIA—Wilbur Applewhite, M.E.G.H.P., 1961-62, died March 16, 1977.

WASHINGTON—Ceil Miner Ward, M.E.G.H.P., 1955-56, died July 18, 1977.

WYOMING—Alvah L. Good, M.E.G.H.P., 1970-71, died Nov. 8, 1977.

## CLOSING PRAYER

Our Father, from whom we come and in whom, while we tarry here, we live and move and have our being. We thank thee for thy good gift of life, for its wonder and mystery, its interest and joys, its friendships and its fellowships. We thank thee for the tie that binds us one to another. We thank thee for thy loving and patient dealings with us, for teaching us thy truth and thy way by the many experiences through which we pass. And for the meanings which lie hidden even in the very heart of sorrow, pain, loss and grief. We thank thee



To the Memory of the  
Companions of This Grand  
Jurisdiction

Who have passed on to that eternal life  
during the year

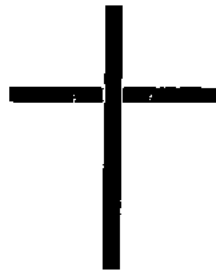
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This Page we fraternally dedicate

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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.



that deep in the human heart is an unquenchable trust that life does not end with death, that the Father who has made us will not leave us in the dust, but will care for us beyond the bounds of vision, even as He cared for us in our earthly life. We thank thee for these Companions we have long loved and lost but for awhile. Grand unto them. O God, eternal rest and may the light perpetually shine upon them and may they rest in peace.

The names of our fraternal dead of other Grand Jurisdictions is a part of this report.

Fraternally submitted.

Wilbur W. Masters, Jr.  
Necrology Committee

Grand Chapter was recessed from 11:45 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. for lunch.

Announcements were made that the Order of High Priesthood would be conferred at 3 P.M., a York Rite College meeting at 7 P.M. and a Masonic Play at 8 P.M.

#### GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT (adopted)

Information contained in the Audit Committee Report previously made.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVE FROM GREECE TO FLORIDA

The Grand High Priest announced that he had failed to include in his report that he had recommended to the Grand High Priest of Greece that James D. Banketas be appointed the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Greece near the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Florida.

#### WILLIAM H. EALY

William H. Ealy, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Alabama gave a short talk.

#### REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY (which was adopted)

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

Your Grand Secretary submits his second annual report as follows:

Membership December 27, 1976 .....	10,610	
Additions:		
Exalted .....	571	
Reinstated .....	25	
Affiliated .....	89	
	685	685
		11,295

#### Losses:

Died .....	288	
Dimit .....	35	
Suspended .....	145	
	468	468

Membership December 27, 1977 .....	10,827
Net gain for 1977 .....	217
Emeritus members exempt from dues .....	130
50 Year members exempt from dues .....	38

Many thanks to those who assisted me in the Grand Secretary's Office, who helped arrange for the Secretary Seminars, who saw to it that presentations were made of the many 50 Year Awards sent us from other Grand Jurisdictions and to the Secretaries who cooperated in sending in their reports on time.

An up-dated inventory of the furniture, fixtures and equipment in the Grand Secretary's Office will appear in the Proceedings.

D. A. McClellan, Jr., Grand Secretary

#### DEPRECIABLE REGALIA

1 Grand High Priest collar .....	\$ 52.00
12 Grand Line Officers Jewels, Aprons & Cases .....	2,652.00
11 District Deputy Grand High Priest Aprons & Cases .....	1,207.00
126 Sets of Committee on Work Books .....	1,512.00
2 "Saga of Holy Royal Arch" films .....	500.00
1 Set R.A.R.A. Promotional Equipment .....	425.00
	6,348.00

#### OFFICE EQUIPMENT, FURNITURE & FIXTURES

Office Equipment (see master sheet) .....	660.63
Furniture & Fixtures .....	647.02
1 Pocket Seal for Grand High Priest .....	17.00
1 Desk seal for Grand Secretary .....	60.00
	1,384.65

#### PARAPHENALIA (NON-DEPRECIABLE)

Grand High Priest Jewel .....	1,300.00
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"In prefacing remarks to the following report the committee chairman, Duane B. Young, Grand King, explained that the committee was established by the Grand Chapter with specific inclusion of Earl R. Allan, P.G.M. and Charles H. Green, P.G.C., as members, such that the committee would truly be representative of York Rite and not just Grand Chapter. All actions of this committee have been taken in the interest of York Rite as a whole."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PERMANENT YORK RITE HOME  
(which was adopted)

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

Your Grand Chapter Committee on Permanent York Rite Home has taken measured actions during the past year.

In recognition of the fact that in order to establish such a permanent home, it is a necessity to have property with certain minimal characteristics, the thrust over this past year has been aimed to that end.

We first established some minimal characteristics that were considered to be most desirable if not necessary.

They were:

1. Such property should be centrally located within the Florida York Rite populace.
2. This size of the property should be such that if at some point a facility should be constructed to house central meetings, up to and including Grand Conventions, then appropriate space should be available. We settled on a nominal 5 acres as a guideline.
3. Such property should be highly accessible by highway based on the mode of transport that the preponderance of the membership uses.
4. Such property should be near to supporting facilities for food and lodging.
5. Such property should be reasonable in cost.
6. It would be desirable for such a facility to be occupied by the Grand Secretary/Recorder if possible (to avoid paying other facility rental).

Based on a study accomplished several years ago by S. L. Van Norden related to KYCH and Red Cross of Constantine, The Clermont, Florida area is statistically centrally located among the overall membership. Since these two bodies represent a relatively good sample of the York Rite Bodies as a whole it is assumed that this location would be very nearly centrally located for the overall York Rite Bodies as well.

Armed with the above desirable characteristics and study results, your committee began to search in the general area of Clermont, Florida for such a site. Via a Lakeland Realtor we reviewed several possibilities and specifically toured four specific sites, one of which has a high percentage of the desirable characteristics.

Site One was approximately 1.5 miles off Highway 27 near the Citrus Tower. It was basically "Burned Out" Citrus land. Access is fair, nearness to supporting facilities is poor, available size is acceptable, cost was \$8,000.00 per acre. Land was uneven and would need extensive clearing of old scraggly trees. Located approximately 16 miles from present Grand Secretary/Recorders home city of Leesburg. Location rating poor, Overall rating poor to fair.

Site Two was located on Highway 27 approximately 1.5 miles east of Florida Highway 19. A high hill top location with excellent commercial visibility but the price of \$11,000 per acre over ruled consideration. In addition only 3 of the five acres offered would be usable due to terrain. Distance to support facility approximately 1.25 miles—overall rating fair.

Site three is some 4 miles to the south of the junction of Highway 27 and Florida Highway 19. No details were sought. Price indicated to be in the \$8,000-\$10,000 per acre range. Facilities were 4 miles distant. (rated poor) Accessibility rated good, price rated high. Distance to present Grand Secretary/Recorder 14 miles—rated fair. Overall rating fair.

Site Four is approximately ¼ mile off Highway 27 and directly on Florida Highway 19. It lies between Highway 27 and the Florida Turnpike and in fact is adjacent to the turnpike property. Four motels—Ramada Inn, Howard Johnson, Holiday Inn and 8 Days Inn are located at the intersection of Highway 27

and Florida Highway 19, thus all are within ½ mile, with the nearest being 500 feet. Facilities rated excellent. Being ¼ mile from Highway 27, on Florida Highway 19 and approximately ¾ mile from a Florida Turnpike exit provides excellent rating for accessibility. This location is approximately 10 miles from the present Grand Secretary/Recorders city of Leesburg—distance rated good. Five acres and possibly more are available.

The land is apparently virgin sod with an excellent sprinkling of tall pines. Land lay is essentially flat with 4 of the 5 acres offered being directly usable. It could be safely driven on immediately without benefit of paving.

This particular site is owned by a Scottish Rite Brother who offers two things: 1) property improvement—by providing an access road directly to Florida Highway 19 together with clearing what could become reflecting pools at the entrance; 2) implied in his offering was a price of something less than his \$7,000 per acre quoted figure (which is rated very good!).

The committee is of the opinion that this property described as Site Four is an outstanding opportunity for purchase. It is our further intuitive feeling that if it becomes evident for some reason that no further action could be taken toward a permanent York Rite Home, the property would be a good investment with very small chance of loss, and potentially considerable chance of appreciation. We are sufficiently strong in this viewpoint that we place a motion before the Grand Chapter that the Committee with the approval of the Grand High Priest be empowered to consummate the purchase of the property as described on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Florida. The motion carried.

Duane B. Young, Earl R. Allan, James W. MacDonald,  
Earl G. Nicholson, Charles H. Green.

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, have diligently searched the 1977 proceedings and find no business of the Grand Chapter incomplete, or undone.

Woodrow W. Cash, David Frazier, Vernon H. Miller.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DEMOLAY  
(which was adopted)

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

Our Grand Chapter has again aided the Masonic Youth of Florida through its donation to the Masonic Youth Association of Florida, Inc. Demolay, Rainbow and Job's Daughters are thus helped and we trust by this token of our concern, our local towns and cities as well as those who must come behind us will benefit.

We commend the Tampa York Rite Bodies for its donation to the Association and would urge all of the other York Rite Bodies in Florida to follow suit, be the amount large or small.

Companions, if the frightening statistics given by our Most Worshipful Grand Master Donald H. Wessell at last night's Grand Banquet are not to become facts and our very Order to be but lines written on a history page, it is imperative that we support today's youth. They are our Companions of tomorrow—no one else.

The Walter M. Schirra, Jr. Astronaut Trophy for 1977 was won by Okaloa Chapter, Ft. Myers, for completing the most Leadership Correspondence Courses.

The name of the game today seems to be money. We urge each of you to find out what the other members of the Masonic Family to which you may belong are doing for today's youth and if possible have them make donations to the Masonic Youth Association of Fla., Inc.

We recommend that our Grand Chapter continue its financial support of the Masonic Youth Association by its contribution of \$600.00 before deducting the cost of our Astronaut Trophy which shall be a revolving award after this year.

Fraternally yours,

Harry A. Rosenthal, Jr., KYGCH

**REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS**  
(which was adopted)

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

We, your District Deputy Grand High Priests for the Eleven Districts of the Grand Jurisdiction of Florida express our sincere appreciation for the privilege of serving this Grand Royal Arch Chapter. On our visitations throughout the state, we endeavored to promote your "I's" and "U's" program. We found the Companions ready and willing to zealously promote and accept this program. We also found harmony and unity prevailing among the Companions, Chapters and Districts.

As you retire from the position of Most Excellent Grand High Priest, each of us thank you for the guidance provided to us; and, we wish you all the good fortunes of the future as you pursue still more light while sharing your wisdom, along with your Most Excellent Companions, for the continued promotion of our Great Fraternity.

Zealously and fraternally submitted,

Vernon H. Miller, DDGHP No. 9  
(Note: All District Deputies signed the above Resolution)

**REPORT OF THE RELIGIOUS AFFIRMATION ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**  
(which was adopted)

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

The Grand Scribe is charged with the duty of gathering and reporting the attendance of the various Chapters at Religious Affirmation Day services as requested by the Proclamation issued by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Having observed the successful achievement of our Grand King in the preceding year, I again solicited the help of the District Deputies. A self-addressed post card was provided to each Deputy with the request that he gather the District data and forward same for incorporation into this report.

I am pleased to again have a report from each of the eleven Districts. The results are as follows:

Dist. 1—87	Dist. 5—139	Dist. 9—59
Dist. 2—77	Dist. 6—48	Dist. 10—118
Dist. 3—122	Dist. 7—128	Dist. 11—50
Dist. 4—68	Dist. 8—69	

The total attendance reported was 965. The total attendance was up somewhat from the previous year, and Districts 1,3,5,7,9 and 10 are to be congratulated on increased participation. However, it appears that we have not yet found the right stimuli to induce our Companions to take advantage of this outstanding opportunity to indicate publicly our beliefs and present ourselves in the most favorable of lights to the community.

Can you help? Certainly you can! Cooperate with your Companions. Organize your Religious Affirmation Day service plans well in advance. Publicize your plans then execute them to publicize our Fraternity, and above all do it with Enthusiasm

With Gratitude the Most Excellent Grand High Priest thanks and appreciates the near 1,000 who took the opportunity to Worship together and to publicly testify for York Rite.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Fred Wilson, Grand Scribe

Companion Paul Everett Spengler, a member of Sarasota Chapter 35 and a Past High Priest of Federal Chapter 10 of Salem, New York was voted a member of this Grand Chapter.

AARON RUSSELL

Aaron L. Russell, M.E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi gave a talk.

**YORK RITE PERMANENT HOME PROPERTY**

James W. MacDonald moved that the committee which had been authorized to purchase a five acre tract near Leesburg, be authorized to obtain an option for thirteen months on some of the adjoining property in case it might be needed later. Motion carried.

**ELECTION OF 1978-1979 GRAND OFFICERS**

Roy R. Wright, Jr., Earl G. Nicholson and Richard I. Lanier were appointed tellers and the following elected to serve this Grand Chapter for 1978-79:

Duane B. Young, Grand High Priest  
J. Fred Wilson, Grand King  
Henry C. Bengel, Grand Scribe  
Russell W. Houston, Grand Treasurer  
Daniel A. McClellan, Jr., Grand Secretary  
Wilbur W. Masters, Jr., Grand Chaplain

**APPOINTIVE GRAND OFFICERS ANNOUNCED**

Thomas E. McGowan, Grand Captain of the Host  
William R. Pennington, Grand Principal Sojourner  
Wendell D. Harrington, Grand Royal Arch Captain  
William A. Cogburn, Jr., Grand Master of the Third Veil  
Arnold R. Lambe, Grand Master of the Second Veil  
Floyd Ziegler, Grand Master of the First Veil  
Gary Brent Cull, Grand Sentinel  
Harold W. Kelley, Grand Organist

## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

1978-79

- District No. 1—James D. Putzig, 4201 N.W. 19th Terrace, Ft. Lauderdale 33312. Ph. 305/739-1347. Jericho No. 11, Palm Beach No. 18, Keystone No. 20, Cabal No. 61.
- District No. 2—Richard V. Pelton, 305 E. Lake Dr., Box 3166, Sarasota 33578. Ph. 813/371-2922. Manatee River No. 18, Sarasota No. 35, Poinciana No. 50.
- District No. 3—Theodore R. Cooper, 4318 Corona St., Tampa 33609. Ph. 813/839-6466, Tampa-Cushing No. 3, St. Petersburg No. 31, Clearwater No. 45.
- District No. 4—Jack R. Newsome, 1554 Fern Rd., Lakeland 33801. Ph. 813/686-6720, Dade City No. 8, Plant City No. 16, Thomas Brown No. 22, Lakeland No. 29, Winter Haven No. 41.
- District No. 5—L. Burke Steele, 206 Elm Ave., Sanford 32271. Ph. 305/322-1961, St. Johns No. 4, Halifax No. 5, Eureka No. 7, Sanford No. 20.
- District No. 6—Preston B. Matteson, P.O. Box 460, Altoona 32207. Ph. 904/669-3696, Ocala No. 13, Eustis No. 33, Leesburg No. 34.
- District No. 7—William L. Buck, Jr., 602 S. 14th St., Palatka 32077. Ph. 904/328-2210, Putnam No. 9, Jacksonville No. 12, St. Augustine No. 17, Duval No. 48, Nassau No. 49.
- District No. 8—Carlos D. Broyles, 308 N.W. 14th Ave., Gainesville 32601 Lake City No. 38, Gainesville No. 2, Live Oak No. 25, James Yeager No. 62.
- District No. 9—John L. Berry, 3125 Shamrock So., Tallahassee 32303. 904/385-8931 Res., 904/488-7354 Bus. Florida No. 1, Bay County No. 39, Jackson No. 32, St. Joseph No. 56.
- District No. 10—William A. Howard, 195 Deluna Rd., Ft. Walton Beach 32548. 904/243-6256, Mt. Horeb No. 6, Crestview No. 40, Surf No. 57.
- District No. 11—Randy L. Zeigler, 3935 Alachua Ave., Titusville 32780. 305/269-1579, Indian River No. 27, Joppa No. 28, Melbourne No. 39.

COMMITTEES FOR 1978-79  
FINANCE AND BUDGET

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## YORK RITE PERMANENT HOME

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## LEGAL ADVISOR

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## Installing Officers

Walter H. Winchester, Grand Installing Officer; James W. Macdonald, Grand Installing Marshall and Thomas N. Morrison, Grand Installing Chaplain.

Duane B. Young, Grand High Priest Elect, presented his program for the following year.

Grand Chapter was recessed at 3:15 P.M., May 24 until 8:30 A.M., Thursday, May 25, 1978.

Grand Chapter was reconvened at 8:30 A.M., Thursday, May 25, 1978.

## TRIPLE TAU PLAQUE

Putnam Chapter 9 of Palatka was presented the Triple Tau Plaque in recognition of the largest percentage on net membership gain in 1977 with 19 per cent gain.

## KEYSTONE PLAQUE

Tampa-Cushing Chapter No. 3 of Tampa was presented the Keystone Plaque for having the largest number of Affiliations in 1977 with a total of 14.

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

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

We, your Committee on Charter, Dispensations and By-Laws, find that no dispensations or charters for Chapters have been presented to the Grand High Priest for his issuance of approval.

We further 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.

We find that all By-laws submitted are in order and approved by the Grand High Priest.

Fraternally submitted,

J. Fred Wilson  
Francis L. Dancy  
William F. Haythorn

COMMITTEE ON THANKS REPORT  
(which was adopted)

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

The Committee on Thanks, expresses our sincere gratitude to the Panama City Rite Bodies for the invitation to hold the ninety-eighth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Florida in their city.

Our thanks are extended to Companion Vernon H. Miller, Mrs. Minnie Lee Allan and other members of this committee for their well laid plans for this convocation. We hope that this report will in some measure repay them for all their work.

We also express our sincere thanks to the Miracle Mile Convention Com-

plex, its manager Mr. Greg Featherstone and his assistant Fay Shirah for their efforts to make our stay more enjoyable.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to our visiting dignitaries who by their presence greatly enhanced our convention.

We especially wish to thank our MWGM, Donald Wessell and PMWGM J. Lewis Hall for their visit to our convention and their address at our annual banquet.

Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, Companion Harold Kelly as usual provided a pleasant atmosphere with his organ renditions for which we are grateful.

Courteously submitted.

## The Committee

Joseph Jackson Johnson  
Luther H. Tison, Jr.  
Henry C. Kelley, Jr.

## TEN PERCENT NET MEMBERSHIP GAINS

Certificates from the General Grand Chapter R.A.M. International in recognition of 10% net membership gain during the year 1977 were presented to the following Chapters:

St. Johns No. 4 of Deland	Jacksonville No. 12 of Jacksonville
Dade City No. 8 of Dade City	James Yeager No. 62 of Lawtey
Putnam No. 9 of Palatka	

## VERNON A. AMICK

Vernon A. Amick, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina gave a talk.

R.A.R.A. COMMITTEE REPORT  
(which was adopted)

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

As State Chairman for the Royal Arch Research Assistance Program, I hereby submit the following report. Most of you are aware that the General Grand Chapter officially adopted the R.A.R.A. program at the 1975 Triennial with the first research project being in Auditory Perception, which was recommended by the A.M.A. as being the area of greatest need. It is estimated it will cost \$500,000 to fulfill any research project of this magnitude. The question has been asked, "Is a Chapter charity necessary?" It is best answered by another question, "It is enough for any group of Masons to exist only for the purpose of collecting fees, performing ritual, and assessing annual dues?" No human effort deserves success when it lives only for itself. Prestonian lectures say, "dependence is one of the strongest bonds of society." An understanding that interdependence pervades, every human effort carries with it a challenge to Royal Arch Masonry, which rightly ought to represent the ultimate and the best of Masonic ideals and objectives. Dr. Jack Willeford and associates, of Colorado State University, the research team have as their objectives: 1. Establish norms of hearing; 2. Discover the several causes of variations from those norms. 3. Experiment and find methods of correcting these dysfunctions. 4. Train teachers and technicians to unearth and determine these ailments; 5. Train teachers and technicians to put corrective measures into practice.

Even though it is not mandatory that all states adopt this program, some 35 states have adopted the program and are actively working to support it. An organizational structure has been developed in 40 out of 42 chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction. I had hoped to have 100% participation at this time. The

High Priest of constituent chapters were asked to appoint a chairman for their chapter. To this date, Plant City No. 16, has not responded after several pleas. Highlands No. 42, did respond but indicated they could not participate. The various chairmen have been contacted on several occasions giving them information on how they could promote the program, brochures on "Can You Help Me" totalling over 12,000 have been dispensed to them to distribute to the membership to educate them on the program. All chairmen also have received memorial contribution envelopes which is an excellent way of raising funds. I have stressed that each chairman keep an account of all donations coming through their chapter, that funds received, on a monthly basis be forwarded to our Grand Secretary, D. A. McClellan, who would then forward them on to the Gen. Grand Secy.

There has been some difficulty in doing this as the brochures have the Gen. Grand Secy. name and return on them with many I am sure mailing their donations to him. I had hoped to have an accurate record of each chapter's donations so that they could realize a sense of competition in their efforts. Many chairmen have reported wonderful effort and activity on their part in their chapters with different means in raising funds for such a good cause and they are to be congratulated for their work. A report from the Gen. Grand Secy. gives Florida a total of near \$4,000 donations during the year, which I believe is very good for our first year and it being a year of organization.

This would average about 38c per member statewide. It is hoped that this Grand Chapter see fit in the near future to adopt a resolution requiring every member to pay \$1.00 per year with their annual dues to support this program, as they do for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation in the Commandery. Also that we might have the opportunity to purchase Life Sponsorships. To list in the annual proceedings each year the names of the Chapters and Companions giving \$100.00 or more would stimulate interest in the program and also a sense of competition. Also to help promote the Philanthropy, I recommend to the incoming Grand High Priest that the District Deputy Grand High Priest, in addition to their regular duties be charged to act as District R.A.R.A. chairman in their respective districts. I have been asked to serve as State Chairman for 1978-79 and do solicit your ideas, comments, constructive criticism and above all your continued support and help to make this program a success again during the coming year. I appreciate being appointed chairman by our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Joe C. LeSuer, his encouragement and support along with all the other Grand Chapter Officers. It truly has been a wonderful experience and I have enjoyed serving this Grand Chapter in this great cause. The success we have had this year comes as a result of the efforts and great work the different Chapter chairmen have been doing.

Several of the Grand Chapter officers made personal donations so that we could purchase the Audio-visual equipment at a cost of \$425.00 with the slides and tape, all of which is now available to all chapters over the state to be used on a loan basis by appointment to show at gatherings to educate and raise funds to support R.A.R.A. We here in Florida are honored to have M.E. Comp. Dr. Walter Winchester, Past Grand High Priest, as one of nineteen internationally serving on the Advisory Board of R.A.R.A.

The slide presentation "Can You Help Me" is to be shown during this convention and brochures entitled the same are available at the registration desk for all who have not received one. More copies are available to the chairman as needed, just let me know and they will be mailed out the same day. The book "Story of R.A.R.A." is available to Chairmen from the Gen. Grand Secy. for \$2.00 giving a complete background of the program which will equip them with the information to better promote the program.

All things permitting, I hope to attend the Triennial in Denver in September to learn more about research in Auditory Perception and what is being done to help those less fortunate than we, with the thought of equipping myself to do a better job for you here at home. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Arnold R. Lambe,  
State Chairman

### JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

(which was adopted)

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

The Jurisprudence Committee having considered the resolution as presented by J. W. MacDonald, P.G.H.P., Duane B. Young, Grand King and Floyd Zeigler, Grand Sentinel, regarding an amendment to Regulation No. 40 of the Grand Chapter providing for an increase on each member exalted and per capita due the Grand Chapter, FINDS: that Article XXI, Section 4, states that on a two day meeting of Grand Chapter, "On the first day of such Grand Convocation any proposed amendment so made shall be read and referred to the committee on jurisprudence and lie over for one day, when said committee shall report thereon, and if carried by two-thirds vote shall be declared adopted." The resolution as presented is in proper form as presented on Wednesday, May 24, 1978 and is in proper form to be voted upon by the Grand Chapter on May 25, 1978, which requires a two-thirds vote of the Grand Chapter to adopt the same.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Oder, Chairman  
Richard I. Lanier  
Earl G. Nicholson  
Edward H. Baxter  
Woodrow W. Cash

### GOLD R.A.R.A. CERTIFICATE

Donations were made that were sufficient to pay \$100.00 for a Gold Royal Arch Research Assistance Certificate. Arnold R. Lambe, R.A.R.A., thanked those who donated to this charity and moved that the certificate be made out in the name of Charles B. Finney and eventually placed in the permanent York Rite Home.

### RESOLUTIONS ON FEES AND DUES

The Resolution presented on the previous day increasing the Exaltation Fee and Per Capita Tax and approved was adopted.

### GRAND COMMANDER AND GRAND MASTER RECEIVED

Arthur J. Payne, M.I. Grand Master for 1978-79 and Stephen L. Van Norden, R.E. Grand Commander for 1978-79 were recognized.

### FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Report as printed in Grand Commandery proceedings were adopted.

### REPORT ON K.Y.C.H. PRIORY IN WEST FLORIDA

Arnold R. Lambe reported that investigation shows that Florida does not have a great enough number of Chapters or Commanderies in the State to meet the requirements of the national organization of the K.Y.C.H. to form another Priory of Knights of the York Cross of Honour.

## R.A.R.A.

Those who had contributed to the purchase of the equipment to promote the Royal Arch Research Assistance Charity Program were thanked by the Grand High Priest.

## VERNON H. MILLER

The Grand High Priest presented a Thirty Year Certificate and Card to Companion Vernon H. Miller.

## CLEARWATER-LAKE CITY MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

Lake City Chapter received the plaque from Clearwater Chapter since they had the largest percentage of net membership gain in 1977 in the contest between the two Chapters.

## TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

(adopted)

Duane B. Young gave a report concerning the efforts on the part of the committee to promote the candidacy of M.E. Walter H. Winchester for the office of General Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter R.A.M. International.

## COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Duane B. Young, G.H.P. Elect announced the appointment of the District Deputy Grand High Priests as chairmen in their Districts of the R.A.R.A. Charity Campaign.

Walter H. Winchester and James M. MacDonald, Past M.E.G.H.P.'s, were appointed to revise the Laws, Rules, Regulations and Constitution as well as review and propose legislation based on the Recommendations made in Annual Reports of Past Grand High Priests.

## RALPH A. JONES, JR.

The Grand High Priest presented Ralph A. Jones, Jr., District Deputy Grand High Priest of the 7th Capitular District for 1977-78 a Past D.D.G.H.P. Apron purchased by companions in that District.

Grand Chapter was closed at 10 A.M. for Installation of Officers.

## GRAND CHAPTER INSTALLATION

The Elective, and Appointive Officers and District Deputies were duly installed for 1978-1979 by Walter H. Winchester, Grand Installing Officer, James W. MacDonald, Grand Installing Marshall and Thomas N. Morrison, Grand Installing Chaplain.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 A.M. Thursday, May 25, 1978.

## OFFICERS

of the

## General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons

A.D. 1975-1978

## ELECTIVE

GORDON R. MERRICK ..... *General Grand High Priest*  
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JUNIOR WAMSLEY VANDALL ..... *General Grand King*  
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A. J. LEWIS ..... *General Grand Scribe*  
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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

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ALBERT A. REMINGTON III ..... *General Grand Royal Arch Captain*  
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F. R. ERICK MULDER .....*General Grand Master of Third Veil*  
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DR. FORREST D. HAGGARD .....*General Grand Chaplin*  
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#### 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

#### 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. Shelburg .....1952	Noah M. Early .....1966*
Charles G. Oldfather .....1953*	J. Van Loy .....1967**
Nathan G. Stout .....1954*	Walter S. Brady .....1968
J. W. Nelson .....1955*	Joseph J. Johnson .....1969
James R. McCoy .....1956*	Wallace P. Dix .....1970
Frederick D. McDonald .....1957*	Glenn E. Pletcher .....1971*
C. Shellie Matthews .....1958	Orville W. Cassady .....1972
John E. Marley .....1959*	James K. May .....1973*
Joseph B. Johnson .....1960*	Franklin C. Smith .....1974
Frank L. Miller .....1961*	Theo. E. Windhorst .....1975
Reuel Daniel .....1962*	Harold F. Enter .....1976
Paul W. Chapman, Jr. ....1963	Frank J. Busbey .....1977
Gilbert A. Williams .....1964	Charles B. Finney .....1978
J. T. Williams .....1965*	

\*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 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
1975	Richard I. Lanier	4044 Green St., Jacksonville	32205
1976	James W. Oder	1009 Concord Road, Tallahassee	32303
1977	Joseph C. LeSuer	1409 Buena Vista Blvd., Panama City	32401

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. Kispough
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 Lambe
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

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Ralph W. Heidel	1211-46th Ave. No., St. Petersburg 33703	Finland	William E. Kaloudis	62 Wiesbaden, Parkstrasse 27, W. Germany
John B. Phelps	201 Curtis Pkwy., Miami Springs 33166	France	J. Owen Edgerton	
James D. Yeager	Rt. 2, Box 107-A, Starke 32091	Germany	Frank W. Perry	P.O. Box 10, Pocatello 83201
Lifton D. Chiles	734 Hempstead Dr., Orlando 32803	Greece	Douglas C. Harrison	1311 Dorothy Dr., Clearwater, Fla. 33516
James D. Bonkatas	816 Palm Ave., Ft. Pierce 33450	Hawaii	Millard W. McConne J.	607 Snell Bldg., Ft. Dodge 50501
Walter H. Winchester	241 Scotland St., Dunedin, Fl. 33528	Idaho	R. W. Iser Choroczans	4 Chen Blvd., Tel Aviv
Arthur S. Stewart	9722 Old St. Augustine, Jacksonville 32217	Illinois	Roy W. Rieple	Palace Bldg., Emporia 66801
James W. Carter	125 32nd Ave. N. E., St. Petersburg 33704	Indiana	James Trimble	2814 Greenway Rd., Ashland 41101
Walker I. Stevenson	7611 S.W. 78th Ct., Miami 33143	Iowa	Raymond M. Bealer	6530 Argonne Blvd., New Orleans 70124
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Foster W. Merker	7608-15th Ave. No. St. Petersburg 33710	Kansas	F. M. Orestre	224 Lambert Blvd., Winnepeg 29
Ross J. Haynes	5 Gateshead Dr., Dunedin 33528	Kentucky	Edward J. Grabowski	22 Sunnyview Ct., Germantown 20757
Winston H. Ward	93 W. Underwood St., Orlando 32806	Louisiana	Charles F. Albert	13 Gray Gardens East, Cambridge 01238
Joseph P. LeBuer	4107 W. 19th St., Panama City, Fl. 32401	Maine	William Webber	Apartment 9151, Mexico D.F.
Charles W. Amole	228 E. Miller St., Orlando 32806	Maryland	Gerald B. Perkins	427 W. Tienken Rd., Rochester 48063
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Howard M. Smith	1671 Bayshore Blvd., Dunedin 33528			
Joseph C. LeSuer	1409 Buena Vista Blvd., Panama City 32401			
Wilbur W. Masters Jr.	817 Dante Pl., Jacksonville 32207			

## CHAPTER LIST OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

From FLORIDA	Address	Grand Chapters	To FLORIDA	Address
Harry J. Guy	P.O. Box 3163, Winter Haven 33882	Missouri	E. Faye Denny	Excelsior Springs 64024
Duane B. Young	141 Shadow Lane, Lakeland 33803	Montana	Francis D. Hess	Denvon 59430
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Ray H. Schmidt	P.O. Box 957, Panama City 32401	Netherlands	W. J. van Et	Cor. Drabbelstraat 24, Amsterdam 1005
Wm. R. Pennington	Rt. 4, Box 260P, Tampa 33165	Nevada	Gerald A. Bean	1659 Royal Jr., Reno 89503
David Frazier	111 Sunset Ave., Ft. Pierce 33450	New Brunswick	Curtis E. Steves	981 Hillisboro Road, Riverview, N.B. E1B 3W6
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Charles A. Griffin	Rt. 1, Box 124, Live Oak 32060	New Zealand	I. H. Hall	34 Dawn Crescent, Waresnet, Nadder
Theodore G. Cooper	4318 Corona St., Tampa 33609	North Carolina	Maurice E. Walsh	404 Colonial Dr. No., Whitesboro 28659
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Dr. Walter H. Winches	241 Scotland St., Dunedin 33528	Vermont	T. G. Congleton	26 Nelson St., Coburg 3559, Australia
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Joseph J. Johnson	1110 E. 13th St., Jacksonville 32206			
Kay H. Schmidt	P.O. Box 837, Panama City 32401			



1978 DIRECTORY OF CHAPTERS

Name	No.	Location	Address	Telephone	Char-tered	Convocations
Florida Gainesville	1	Tallahassee	1361 E. Lafayette St.	904-877-4616	1847	Second Monday
Tampa-Cushing	2	Gainesville	215 N. Main St.	904-372-9350	1879	3rd Tues. 8 P.M. except July Aug.
St. Johns	3	Tampa	1200 Mondigo St.	813-876-5247	1882	1st Friday
Haitrix	4	DeLand	2011 N. Spring Garden Ave.	904-234-9827	1885	1st Tues. except July & Aug.
Mr. Horeb	5	Daytona Beach	135 Orange Ave.	904-258-7715	1874	2nd Thurs.
Bureka	6	Pensacola	5 1/2 E. Gordon St.	904-434-2641	1887	2nd Monday
Dade City	7	Pinellas	1216 Hoffman Ave.		1887	1st Monday
Prinam	8	Dade City	921 S. 21st St.	904-567-5321	1895	First Wed. 8 P.M.
Jacksonville	9	Palatka	1334 Crill Ave.	904-325-5755	1889	4th Thurs.
Ocala	10	Miami	1690 N.W. No. River Dr.	305-879-8830	1920	1st Friday except July & Aug.
Monroe	11	Jacksonville	1237 S. McDuff Ave.	904-389-0792	1854	2nd Thurs. (4th Optional)
Plant City	12	Ocala	1846 S.E. 36th Ave.	904-694-2461	1888	2nd Fri. & P.M.
St. Augustine	13	Ocala	212 N. Park Ave.	305-327-2616	1883	2nd Monday
Monroe River	14	Plant City	Altoona Dye	904-757-8041	1893	2nd Monday
Keyston	15	St. Augustine	105 King St.	813-746-6313	1934	4th Monday
Thomas Brown	16	Bradenton	814 12th St. W.	813-746-6313	1895	2nd Tuesday 8 P.M. except July, Aug., Sept.
Palm Beach	17	Bradenton	700 N.E. 18th St.	305-764-4080	1871	2nd Wed.
Live Oak	18	Bradenton	320 S. Florida Ave.	813-533-2971	1904	3rd Thursday
Indian River	19	West Palm Beach	311 1/2 Clematis St.	305-932-5830	1895	1st Mon. except July, Aug. & Sept.
Joppa	20	Live Oak	40 Carmalt St.	305-436-4795	1906	2nd Wed.
Lakeland	21	Cocoa	29th St. So. of Virginia Ave.	813-888-1118	1909	1st Tuesday except July & Aug.
St. Petersburg	22	Fr. Pierce	110 1/2 E. Main St.	813-822-3517	1910	2nd & 4th Tues.
Jackson	23	St. Petersburg	114 S. 4th St.	904-482-3729	1914	1st Friday except July & Aug.
Eustis	24	Mar-anna	Jefferson & Lafayette Sts.	904-357-2698	1916	2nd Monday
Leesburg	25	Eustis	128 N. Bay St.	904-787-5676	1915	1st Friday
Loebsburg	26	Leesburg	414 W. Main St.	904-787-5676	1916	2nd Tuesday
Surasola	27	Leesburg	2160 Main St.	904-787-5676	1915	2nd Tuesday 8 P.M.
Lake City	28	Surasola	2885 McFarland Ave.	904-752-3796	1950	2nd Tuesday
Bay County	29	Lake City	2800 W. 10th St.	974-763-1894	1945	4th Monday
Crestview	30	Pinama City	148 W. Cedar Ave. A. S.E.	904-682-4225	1920	2nd Thurs. 7 P.M.
Winter Haven	31	Crestview	4th St. and Ave. A. S.E.	813-294-2005	1920	1st & 3rd Thurs.
Clearwater	32	Winter Haven	407 N. Belcher Rd.	813-447-2794	1922	1st Wed.
Duval	33	Clearwater	2620 Dean Rd.	904-737-1900	1972	1st Fri. 3rd Fri. Optional 8 P.M.
Nassau	34	So. Jacksonville	1101 S. 14th St.	904-261-3917	1901	2nd & 4th Thurs. & P.M.
Polk	35	Fernandina Beach	Linehart Ave.	813-334-3913	1923	2nd Tues. 9 P.M. & P.M.
St. Joseph	36	Fr. Myers	Masonic Temple	904-243-8051	1947	1st & 3rd Monday & P.M.
Surf	37	Port St. Joe	Brooks St.	305-727-8875	1949	1st Monday
Melbourne	38	Fr. Walton Beach	Babcock & Strawbridge Sts.	305-727-8875	1959	1st Thurs.
Cabal	39	Melbourne	Coconut Palm Dr. E. of U.S. 1	305-248-4616	1960	3rd Tues. 8 P.M.
James Yeager	40	Princeton	Masonic Temple		1976	4th Thurs.
	41	Lawley				

All Convocations at 7:30 P.M. unless otherwise stated. Convocations in Masonic Temple except Clearwater, Ft. Myers, Jacksonville, Lateland, Miami, Panama City and Tampa. These are held in York Rite Temples.

DIRECTORY OF CHAPTERS  
DEFUNCT CHAPTERS

Kissimmee No. 10	Kissimmee Charter Arrested 1936
Inverness No. 14	Inverness Charter Arrested 1936
Island No. 21	Key West Charter Surrendered 1918
Chiplay No. 23	Chiplay Charter Surrendered 1932
Jellerson No. 26	Monticello Charter Arrested 1966
Gadsden No. 30	Quincy Consolidated with Florida No. 1 Tallahassee 1967
Arcadia No. 36	Arcadia Charter Arrested 1932
Wallon 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 1959 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. 17	Consolidated with Lake City No. 38 December 1969
Hill City No. 55	Consolidated with Dade City No. 8 December 1971
Highlands No. 42	Consolidated with Winter Haven No. 41 April 1978

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1977

Number	1978 CHAPTER	Membership 1978				Total	Demitted	Suspended	Died	Dropped	Membership 1977	50 Years Membership	Membership Affiliated from FL. Chapter	GAIN	LOSS	Emeritus	Dues
		Exalted	Affiliated	Reinstated													
1	Florida.....	317	20	2	1	340		51	16	319		2	2	5	513.75		
2	Gainesville.....	272	18			290		21	8	280	3		8	3	440.00		
3	Tampa-Cushing.....	429	43	14		486		3	13	470		5	41	9	801.25		
4	St. Johns.....	82	13			96			2	93			11		185.00		
5	Halifax.....	298	12	2		312			13	299			1	3	445.00		
6	Mt. Horeb.....	647	11	3	2	663		11	6	646			1	10	860.00		
7	Eureka.....	327	11			398	2	7	10	379				2	541.25		
8	Dade City.....	147	20	1	1	169	3			166	1	19		1	310.00		
9	Putnam.....	199	38	11		228			4	224			35		475.00		
11	Jericho.....	693	12	1	4	710	3	17	14	676			17	19	903.75		
12	Jacksonville.....	819	107	2	4	932		7	16	908	18	89	6	6	1,666.25		
13	Ocala.....	148	8	3		157	2		5	150			4	1	233.75		
15	Monroe.....	195	5	1		205	1			197			2	2	281.25		
16	Plant City.....	142	6	1	3	152			7	149			7	2	221.25		
17	St. Augustine.....	144	3			147	1		2	144				2	196.25		
18	Manatee River.....	238	10	3	1	252		4	5	242			4	2	358.75		
20	Keystone.....	407	11	3		421	2	14		405			2	5	572.50		
22	Thomas Brown.....	87	2			89		2		87					121.25		
24	Palm Beach.....	229	14	1		244		12		232		3	4	4	370.00		
25	Live Oak.....	172	8	1	1	181		1	1	179			7	2	263.75		
27	Indian River.....	271	14	3		289	2	3	6	278			7	7	420.00		
28	Joppa.....	209	9	2	1	221	1	6	6	208			1	1	313.75		
29	Lakeland.....	302	3			305	1	9	6	289	4		13	5	373.75		
31	St. Petersburg.....	239	5	6		250	6	2	15	227			12	3	331.25		
32	Jackson.....	129	5			134		6		128	1	1	1	2	188.75		
33	Eustis.....	138	7	3		148	1	2	5	140	1	2	1	1	215.00		
34	Leesburg.....	172	8	1		181	1	1	1	179	2		7		262.50		
35	Sarasota.....	164	10	9		183		7	6	170			6	2	267.50		
38	Lake City.....	252	15	1		269	1		2	266		14	4		407.50		
39	Bay County.....	487	32	4	1	524		8	10	506		19	5		800.00		
40	Crestview.....	330	5			335	1	2		322	4		8	3	421.25		
41	Winter Haven.....	208	13	4		225	2	3	10	210	3		2	1	337.50		
42	Highlands.....	67				67		6	4	57			10		76.25		
45	Clearwater.....	339	26	8	2	375	1	13	10	351		12	8		575.00		
48	Duval.....	316	3	1		317	1	10	12	294			22		375.00		
49	Nassau.....	97	3			100		5		91			6	2	132.50		
50	Poinciana.....	260	10	8		278	2	18		278			5		416.25		
54	St. Joseph.....	65	1			67				66			1	3	86.25		
57	Surf.....	289	16			305	2		5	298		9			461.25		
59	Melbourne.....	107	4			111			4	107				1	155.00		
61	Cabal.....	51	1			52			1	51					68.75		
62	James Yeager.....	54	12	1		67			1	66			12		143.75		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>10,610</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>11,295</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>10,827</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>16,588.75</b>	

SUMMARY

Membership end of Year 1976	10,610
Exalted	571
Affiliated	89
Reinstated	25
Total additions during Year 1977	485
Demitted	35
Suspended	145
Died	288
Drop	
Net Losses	468
Net Gain	217
Membership end of Year 1977	10,827
Emeritus members exempt from dues	130
50 Year Members	38

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

Annual Assembly held in Panama City, May 24, 1978

The Annual Assembly was opened with prayer by Dr. Walter H. Winchester at 4:10 P.M. and was 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 1977 Proceedings.

The following Officers were present at Roll Call:

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

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY TREASURER

Your Secretary-Treasurer submits the following report as of May 1, 1978.  
May 1, 1977—Balance in First Federal Savings and Loan

Association, Miami, Fla. \$1,721.76

RECEIPTS:

May 18, 1977—Fees from Candidates for Order of High Priesthood	360.00
April 1, 1978—1977-1978 Interest earned on Savings Account	90.61
	\$ 450.61
	\$2,172.37

DISBURSEMENTS:

May 18, 1977—Wm. Lehmborg & Sons, 35 R.A.C. Bibles at 1.25 ea.	\$ 358.75
Parcel Post	10.40
May 18, 1977—Salary, Secretary-Treasurer for year	35.00
May 8, 1978—250 Membership Cards—Order of High Priesthood	52.63
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 456.78</b>
May 1, 1978—Balance in First Federal Savings & Loan, Miami	\$1,715.59

Fraternally submitted,

Thomas N. Morrison  
Secretary-Treasurer

Election of Officers was held with the following results:

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James W. MacDonald	Vice President
Dr. Walter H. Winchester	Chaplain
Joseph C. LeSuer	Secretary-Treasurer
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Petitions for the Order of High Priesthood were received from 27 Candidates, all being Present or Past High Priests of their respective Chapters:

## LIST OF CANDIDATES

Donald D. Strausera .....	Gainesville No. 2
Roy M. Lee .....	Tampa-Cushing No. 3
O. Howard Thornburg .....	Halifax No. 5
John F. Goerke .....	Mt. Horeb No. 6
John E. Metzger .....	Eureka No. 7
Adolphus W. Waldron .....	Dade City No. 8
Columbus Webb .....	Putnam No. 9
Lowry S. Hockett .....	Jerico No. 11
Robert M. Brandon .....	Jacksonville No. 12
James Spellman .....	Manatee River No. 18
James A. Whitaker .....	Palm Beach No. 24
James R. Sample .....	Joppa No. 28
Robert L. McCulloch .....	Lakeiland No. 29
Clifford T. Sheenhan .....	St. Petersburg No. 31
Charles F. Tatom .....	Jackson No. 32
Herman W. Graf .....	Eustis No. 33
James L. Wall .....	Sarasota No. 35
Joseph H. Sanford .....	Crestview No. 40
Verlin F. Mahnken .....	Crestview No. 40
John O. York .....	Crestview No. 40
Dan P. Hains .....	Winter Haven No. 41
Marvin Larson .....	Clearwater No. 45
David L. Woodworth .....	Duval No. 48
Quinnie Williams Sr. ....	Nassau No. 49
Earlie E. Weeks .....	St. Joe No. 56
Gerald D. Eggers .....	Surf No. 57
Eugene B. Taylor .....	James D. Yeager No. 62

Remarks were made by a number of the Candidates.

Motion prevailed that the following out of state visitors be made Honorary Members: M.E. Companion Wm. H. Ealy, Alabama; M.E. Companion Aaron L. Russell, Mississippi; M.E. Companion Vernon A. Amick, South Carolina; M.E. Companion William E. Smith, Jr., Germany.

Motion prevailed that due to the increased cost of the Bibles, that the fee for the Order of High Priesthood be increased to \$12.00. No further business appearing before the Order of High Priesthood, the body was closed with prayer by Dr. Walter H. Winchester, Chaplain, at 5:50 P.M.

Wilbur W. Masters, Jr.  
*Excellent President*

Thomas N. Morrison  
*Secretary-Treasurer*