

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

**1979**

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

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DIVINE SERVICE  
85th ANNUAL CONCLAVE OF THE GRAND  
COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
OF FLORIDA



Seven o'clock on Sunday evening, 20 May 1979

Ramada Inn, South; St. Petersburg, Florida

- Organ Prelude ..... Sir Knight Harold W. Kelley, KYCH  
Grand Organist
- \*Processional Hymn ..... "Onward, Christian Soldiers"  
(Congregation standing and singing)
- \*Invocation ..... Sir Knight and Rev. Eldon E. Strawn,  
Excellent Grand Prelate
- \*Gloria Patri
- Welcoming remarks ..... Sir Knight Stephen L. Van Norden,  
Right Eminent Grand Commander
- \*Hymn ..... "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus"
- Announcements ..... The Grand Commander
- Offering for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation
- Offertory ..... Solo—"How Great Thou Art"  
William Howard Greene
- Sermon ..... The Grand Prelate
- \*Hymn ..... "Battle Hymn of the Republic"
- \*Benediction ..... The Grand Prelate
- \*Recessional Hymn ..... "Onward, Christian Soldiers"  
(The congregation is requested to remain standing in place  
until all of the Sir Knights have retired)
- Postlude ..... The Grand Organist

\*Denotes the congregation standing.

The organ was furnished by the courtesy of  
WRIGHT PIANO AND ORGAN CO.

## BANQUET PROGRAM

Tuesday, May 22, 1979 — 7 P.M. — Ramada Inn South

Welcome—Stephen L. Van Norden, P.G.C., Master of Ceremonies

Invocation—Sir Knight and the Reverend Eldon E. Strawn, Grand Prelate

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of the Head Table—Sir Knight Van Norden

Earl R. Allan and Minnie Lee—S.E. Regional Deputy Grand Master, General Grand Council

S. K. and Rev. Eldon E. Strawn and Pat—Grand Prelate, Grand Commandery, Florida

Willis D. Porter and Chris—Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council, Florida

S. K. K. Edwin Applegate and Betty—Rt. Em. Dept. Cmdr., East Central Dept., and the Personal Representative of the M.E. Grand Master, Grand Encampment, K. T., U.S.A.

Georgia Benson Van Norden

Franklin C. Smith and Virginia — M. W. Grand Master, Grand Lodge, Florida

Duane B. Young and Norma—M. E. Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, R.A.M., Florida

Frank T. Lee and Anna Belle—S. E. Regional Deputy Gr. High Priest, Gen. Grand Chapter

Dinner—Marinated London Broil

Introduction of the Second Head Table—Sir Knight Van Norden

Walter H. Winchester, M.D. — General Grand Scribe, General Grand Chapter, R.A.M.

Elizabeth Payne—Guest of the Grand Council, R.&S.M., Florida

Dr. D. A. McClellan, Jr. and Edith—Grand Secretary-Recorder, Grand York Rite Bodies, Florida

Lynn P. Blich and Margaret — Rt. Wor. Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge, Florida

William F. Haythorn and Jean—Rt. Em. Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, K. T., Florida

J. Willard Register and Lavada—R. E. Dept. Cmdr., S.E. Dept., Gr. Encampment, K. T.

J. Fred Wilson and Sandra—Rt. Ex. Grand King, Grand Chapter, R.A.M., Florida

Donald H. Wessell—Im. Past M.W. Grand Master, Grand Lodge, Florida

Jack Hardy—Administrator, Masonic Home of Florida

Russell W. Houston and Ruth—Gr. Treasurer, Gr. York Rite Bodies, Florida

Remarks and presentation to Ralph A. Jones, Jr.—Frank T. Lee

Introduction of other Distinguished Guests—Willis D. Porter, M.I.G.M., Grand Council, Florida

Arther C. Harding and Charlotte—R. E. Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, Alabama

John M. McClurd and Neil—R. E. Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, Georgia

Miss Daria Arcadi—Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Job's Daughters, Florida

Mrs. Helen V. Hardy—Grand Bethel Guardian, Job's Daughters, Florida

W. B. Anderson and Juanita—M. E. Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, R.A.M., Tennessee

Benny Allen, Most Excellent High Priest, Gr. Chap., R.A.M., Georgia

Evan L. Fleming, Jr., M. E. Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, R.A.M., Mississippi

Introduction of additional Distinguished Guesst—Duane B. Young, M.E.G.H.P., Grand Chapter, Florida

Russell G. Lengel and Lois—M. I. Grand Master, Grand Council, South Carolina

Max F. Shafer and Yukie—M. I. Grand Master, Grand Council, Tennessee

Bobby Byrd and Peggy—M. I. Grand Master, Grand Council, Georgia

Charles C. Adams and Julia—R. E. Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, South Carolina

Charles W. Smith, M. I. Grand Master, Grand Council, North Carolina

Fred W. Batson and Grace—M. E. Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, South Carolina

Robert F. Secrest and Minnie Lee—Grand Secretary/Recorder, So. Carolina

George W. Busby and June—R. E. Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, Alabama

Thomas W. Mann and Bebe—Grand Secretary/Recorder, Alabama

Presentation—To Harold W. Kelley by Franklin C. Smith

Presentation—Past Grand Commander's Certificate to Stephen L. Van Norden, and Knight Templar Cross of Honor to Ralph D. Van Valkenburg, both by S. K. Applegate, on behalf of the Grand Encampment, K. T., U.S.A.

Presentation—To Duane B. Young as Grand Representative to Oklahoma by S. K. Van Norden

To S. L. Van Norden as Grand Representative to the Netherlands, by M. E. Companion Young

To Flora Zelner, Chairman, Ladies Program, in appreciation, by D. B. Young

To Russel Strawn, General Chairman of the Convention, in appreciation, by S. K. Van Norden

Speaker—Dick Bothwell, Humorist and Cartoonist, St. Petersburg Times

Benediction—Grand Prelate, Eldon E. Strawn

**GRAND CHAPTER AWARDS FOR 1978**

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL**  
Ralph Adam Jones, Jr.  
(of Putnam Chapter No. 9 in Palatka)

**TRIPLE TAU PLAQUE**  
(For largest percentage of net membership gain)  
James Yeager Chapter No. 62 in Lawtey (27% gain)

**KEYSTONE PLAQUE**  
(For largest number of affiliations)  
Winter Haven Chapter No. 41 (63 Affiliations)

**CERTIFICATES FOR 10% OR MORE NET MEMBERSHIP GAIN**  
James Yeager Chapter No. 62 in Lawtey  
Winter Haven Chapter No. 41 in Winter Haven

**LAKE CITY - CLEARWATER CONTEST**  
Lake City Chapter net gain of 3  
Clearwater Chapter net loss of 3

**WALTER M. SHIRRA TROPHY**  
to DeMolay Chapter with largest number taking  
the Leadership Correspondence Courses:  
Bahia Chapter of Orlando

**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  
Cryptic Masons  
at Cedar Rapids, Iowa  
September 6 - 10, 1981

## 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: 1979 and 4000—5959

### Scottish Rite—

Add 3760 years to the common era. Thus: 1979 and 3760—5739  
After September add another year.

### Royal Arch—

Add 530 years to the vulgar year. Thus: 1979 and 530—2509

### Royal and Select Masters—

Add 1000 years to the common era. Thus: 1979 and 1000—2979

### Knights Templar—

From the Christian era take 1118. Thus: 1118 from 1979—861

### Order of High Priesthood—

To the Christian era add 1913, the year of Blessing: Thus: 1979 add 1913—3892.



J. FRED WILSON

*Grand High Priest*

1979-1980

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

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND  
ANNUAL CONVOCATION

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DUANE B. YOUNG  
*Grand High Priest*  
PRESIDING

J. FRED WILSON  
ELECTED

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HELD AT ST. PETERSBURG  
MAY 23-24 A.D. 1979 A.I. 2509

OFFICERS  
of the  
**Grand Chapter**  
**Royal Arch Masons**  
of  
**FLORIDA**  
A.D. 1979-1980

J. FRED WILSON (15)	<i>M.E. Grand High Priest</i>
P.O. Box 759, Sanford 32771—Res. 305-322-8102; Bus. 305-322-5622	
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1608 Paseo Ave., Ft. Pierce 33450—Res. 305-461-5533	
THOMAS E. MCGOWAN (11)	<i>R.E. Grand Scribe</i>
141 Lawn Way, Miami Springs 33166—Res. 305-888-8016; Bus. 305-325-0889	
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7500 S.W. 64th Ct., Miami 33143—Res. 305-665-5387	
DANIEL A. MCCLELLAN, JR. (34)	<i>R.E. Grand Secretary</i>
Rm. 15-414 W. Main St., Leesburg 32748—Res. 904-787-5958; Bus. 904-787-4649	
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Rt. 12 Box 260-P, Tampa 33615—Res. 813-855-1714	
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377 Sunset Dr., Jacksonville 32208—Res. 904-764-0993	
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535 Palmeden Dr., Lakeland 33803—Res. 813-682-1294	
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97 Griggs Dr., Casselberry 32707—Res. 305-831-6634	
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P.O. Box 5147, Orlando 32805—Res. 305-422-3062	

**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND  
ANNUAL CONVOCATION IN THE YEAR 1979**

May 23, 1979 at 9 A.M.

In the Ramada Inn South in St. Petersburg.

Most Excellent Duane B. Young, Grand High Priest, along with the other Grand Chapter Officers, opened the Grand Chapter in the Royal Arch Degree in Full Form.

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Walter H. Winchester      Earl R. Allan      Robert G. Weisenbarger

DISTRIBUTION

Thomas E. McGowan      Joe H. Sellers      Edward E. Moore

PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES

L. Earl Haskell      Andrew F. Jorgensen      James D. Banketas

CHARTERS, DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS

Hency C. Bengel      William F. Perry      Ralph A. Jones, Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Eugene N. Berato      Francis L. Dancy      Henry G. Zellner

TIME AND PLACE

Willis D. Porter      J. Fred Wilson      William F. Haythorn

THANKS

Stephen L. Van Norden      Roy M. Bobo      Billie J. Collins

Announcement was made that some of the Committee Reports made would be received on Wednesday and brought up again Thursday for adoption, with copies posted on a bulletin board for study in the interim.

Rolls were called with the following found to be present.

Duane B. Young (31)	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest</i>
J. Fred Wilson (15)	<i>R. E. Grand King</i>
Henry C. Bengel (28)	<i>R. E. Grand Scribe</i>
Russell W. Houston, P.G.H.P. (11)	<i>M.E. Grand Treasurer</i>
Daniel A. McClellan, Jr. (34)	<i>R. E. Grand Secretary</i>
Wilbur W. Masters, Jr., P.G.H.P. (12)	<i>M.E. Grand Chaplain</i>
Thomas E. McGowan (11)	<i>Ex. Grand Captain of the Host</i>
William R. Pennington (3)	<i>Ex. Grand Principal Sojourner</i>
Wendell D. Harrington (12)	<i>Ex. Grand Royal Arch Captain</i>
William A. Cogburn, Jr. (1)	<i>Ex. Grand Master of Third Veil</i>
Arnold R. Lambe (32)	<i>Ex. Grand Master of Second Veil</i>
Floyd Ziegler (29)	<i>Ex. Grand Master of First Veil</i>
Gary Brent Cull (27)	<i>Ex. Grand Sentinel</i>
Harold W. Kelley (7)	<i>Ex. Grand Organist</i>

## LIVING PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

*With the Year of Service and Their Address*

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
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

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1978-79

District No. 1—	James D. Putzig
District No. 2—	Richard V. Pelton
District No. 3—	Theodore G. Cooper
District No. 4—	Jack R. Newsome
District No. 5—	L. Burke Steele
District No. 6—	Preston B. Matteson
District No. 7—	William L. Buck, Jr.
District No. 8—	Carlos D. Broyles
District No. 9—	John L. Berry
District No. 10—	William A. Howard
District No. 11—	Randy L. Zeigler

## RECIPIENTS IN FLORIDA

OF THE

## GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER R. A. M.

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

Orville W. Cassady.....	1972	Theo. E. Windhorst.....	1975
Franklin C. Smith.....	1974	Frank J. Busbey.....	1977
Harold F. Enter.....	1976	Ralph A. Jones, Jr.....	1979

## ROLL CALL 1979 — GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Henry C. Bengel, Alabama	Stephen L. Van Norden, Netherlands
Harry A. Rosenthal Jr., Alaska	Duane B. Young, Montana
Woodrow W. Cash, Alberta	Wm. R. Pennington, New Brunswick
Fred C. Urfer Jr., Argentina	David Frazier, New Hampshire
Raymond L. Ballard, British Columbia	Wendell D. Harrington, New Jersey
Edward H. Baxter, California	Alfred R. Peebles, New So. Wales
Richard I. Lanier, Canada	J. Fred Wilson, New York
Thomas E. McGowan, Colorado	Theodore G. Cooper, North Carolina
Arnold R. Lambe, Delaware	C. Allen Pattison, Oklahoma
Earl G. Nicholson, Dist. of Columbia	Albert G. Rogers, Oregon
James D. Yeager, Georgia	Wm. J. Hofheinz, Pennsylvania
James D. Banketas, Greece	Roy R. Wright Jr., Queensland
Walter H. Winchester, Hawaii	Paul R. Davis, Rhode Island
Arthur S. Stewart, Idaho	S. L. Van Norden, Scotland
Walter I. Stevenson, Indiana	Andrew F. Jorgenson, South Dakota
Franklin C. Smith, Iowa	Russel E. Strawn, Switzerland
Foster W. Merker, Israel	J. W. Oder, Tennessee
Joseph P. LeSuer, Louisiana	Russell W. Houston, Texas
Charles W. Arnold, Maine	Dr. Walter H. Winchester, Vermont
Jas. W. MacDonald, Maryland	Willis D. Porter, Victoria
Arnold S. Williams, Massachusetts	Jesse E. Hoffman, Washington
Joseph C. LeSuer, Minnesota	Leroy E. Healy, West Australia
Wilbur W. Masters Jr., Mississippi	U. V. Durden, West Virginia
Harry J. Guy, Missouri	Joseph J. Johnson, Wisconsin



## REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS PRESENT

Florida	No. 1	Bill Nolan Wheeler, H.P. Asa L. Harlee, K. Wesley C. Harter, Proxy S.
Gainesville	No. 2	Harvey M. Benton, H.P. William A. Bessent, III, K. Hugh M. Smith, S.
Tampa-Cushing	No. 3	Peter Joseph Hirth, H.P. James Charles Downall, Jr., K. Richard Arthur Young, S.
St. Johns	No. 4	George H. Francis, Proxy H.P. Hillis Thayer Knox, K. George Houghton Francis, S.
Halfax	No. 5	Denald J. Elko, H.P. John C. Stengel, K. Jon R. Patterson, Proxy S.
Mt. Horeb	No. 6	Donald Elrod, H.P. Leroy Healy, Proxy K. Donald Elrod, Proxy S.
Eureka	No. 7	Richard J. Carr, H.P. Robert G. Weisenbarger, K. John B. Fletcher, Jr., S.
Dade City	No. 8	William D. Wilson, H.P.
Putnam	No. 9	Willis M. Lewis, H.P. Charles C. Bear, K. Robert A. Niles, S.
Jerice	No. 11	E. Thomas Thurmond, Jr., H.P. George A. Chipouras, K. Myron E. Goodrich, Proxy S.
Jacksonville	No. 12	Herman J. Wheeler, Jr., H.P. Herman Jack Wheeler, Proxy K. Ewell J. Langdale, Jr., S.
Ocala	No. 13	Junius C. Clemons, H.P.
Monroe	No. 15	James E. Ray, H.P. J. Russell Hammond, Proxy K. Fred W. Wilson, Proxy S.
Plant City	No. 16	Ira B. Russell, Proxy H.P. Ira B. Russell, Proxy K. Ira B. Russell, Proxy S.
Manatee River	No. 18	James S. Brown, H.P. Charles M. Levan, K. George E. Haas, S.
Keystone	No. 20	Antoine Strnad, H.P. Gregory Tompkin, Proxy K. Fredrick Clarke, S.
Thomas Brown	No. 22	Hoke S. Touchton, H.P. Philip H. Koury, K.
Palm Beach	No. 24	Jehathan C. Munro, H.P. Charles W. Womble, K. Calvin Peterson, Proxy S.

Live Oak	No. 25	Herbert J. Rees, Proxy H.P. Herbert J. Rees, Proxy K.
Indian River	No. 27	Vernon G. Hitchcock, H.P. Kermit E. Huff, K. William L. Gooden, S.
Joppa	No. 28	Frederick A. Siddons, H.P. William J. Riordan, Sr., K. Joseph E. Bronson, S.
Lakeland	No. 29	Charles A. Capps, H.P. Jack W. Mallon, K. Vernon F. Hobart, S.
St. Petersburg	No. 31	Robert W. McVeigh, H.P. Henry G. Zelner, K.
Jackson	No. 32	Harold F. Schollian, Proxy H.P.
Eustis	No. 33	Joseph L. Cherry, H.P. Joseph A. Frohock, Jr., K. L. Earl Haskell, Proxy S.
Leesburg	No. 34	Glenn M. Smith, Proxy H.P. William M. Ritter, K. Delmar F. Tweedle, S.
Sarasota	No. 35	G. William Giese, H.P. Forrest L. Foster, K. Albert G. Rodgers, Proxy S.
Lake City	No. 38	George W. Green, Proxy H.P. George W. Green, Proxy K. George W. Green, Proxy S.
Bay County	No. 39	Ron Bobo, Proxy H.P. Vernon H. Miller, Proxy K. Earl Allan, Proxy S.
Crestview	No. 40	Wayne Weeks, H.P. Walter W. Weeks, Proxy K.
Winter Haven	No. 41	John T. Kirk, H.P. Howard Hoffman, Proxy K. T. N. Buckholtz, S.
Clearwater	No. 45	Daniel Gillespie, Jr., H.P. Marion Gerhard, Proxy K. Orville W. Cassady, Proxy S.
Duval	No. 48	Charles Edward Losey, H.P. Robert Edwin Kennedy, S.
Nassau	No. 49	Ottis Teston, H.P. Quinnie R. Williams, Proxy K. Ottis Teston, Proxy S.
Poinciana	No. 50	Arrie J. McClaskey, Proxy H.P.
St. Joseph	No. 56	Everett McFarland, Proxy H.P. Thomas J. Adkins, S.
Surf	No. 57	E. Roger Pryor, H.P. Lloyd C. Huffstetler, K. Paul F. O'Haran, S.
Melbourne	No. 59	Millard W. Finch, Proxy H.P. Millard W. Finch, Proxy K. Millard W. Finch, S.

- Cabal ..... No. 61—Phillip F. Perretta, H.P.  
Robert L. Lucas, Proxy K.  
Donald W. Lindsey, Proxy S.
- James Yeager ..... No. 62—James W. Dalzell, Proxy H.P.  
Lloyd Wilkerson, K.  
James Dalzell, S.

Distinguished members presented:

Stephen L. Van Norden, Grand Commander 1978-79; William F. Haythorn, Grand Commander 1979-80; Willis D. Porter, M.I. Grand Master 1979-80.

Stephen L. Van Norden was presented his Commission as Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Florida from the Netherlands.

Willis D. Porter was presented his Commission as the Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Florida from Victoria.

RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

(Which was received)

*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. All are represented except St. Augustine Chapter No. 17.

Fraternally submitted,

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

Motion carried that the minutes of the last Grand Convocation be adopted as printed in the 1978 Proceedings.

Distinguished Guests Presented:

George W. Busby, MEGHP of Alabama; Thomas W. Mann, Grand Secretary-Recorder of Alabama; Arthur C. Harding, REGC of Alabama; Benny Allen, MEGHP of Georgia; Evan L. Fleming, Jr., MEGHP of Mississippi; Fred W. Batson, MEGHP of South Carolina; Robert F. Secrest, Grand Secretary-Recorder of South Carolina; W. B. Anderson, MEGHP of Tenn.; Max F. Shafer, MIGM of Tenn.; Frank Brownell, P-MEGHP and P-MWGM of Vermont; Harold W. Kelley, P-MIGM of Maine.

Motion carried that all the above who had not already been done so be made Honorary Members of this Grand Chapter.

REPORT OF THE TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE

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

We, your Committee on the General Grand Chapter Triennial, held in

Denver, Colorado, September 12-14, 1978, wish to report that 18 voting delegates from the Grand Chapter R.&A.M. of Florida were in attendance.

M. E.: Walter H. Winchester was elected into the office of General Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter R.A.M., International by more than a two-to-one majority.

This Committee also wishes to report that M.I.: Ben F. Mandelbaum was elected General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work in the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International. Companions Winchester and Mandelbaum have worked very closely throughout the past years and will surely complement each other as they serve their respective Grand Bodies.

It is also our pleasure to report that M.I.: Earl Rodney Allan was appointed S. E. Regional Deputy General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, and that M.E.: Frank T. Lee, P.G.H.P. of Tennessee was appointed S. E. Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest.

Excellent Companion Arnold R. Lambe traveled to Denver at his own expense for the express purpose of learning more about the R.A.R.A. Research Assistance Program being conducted at Colorado State University. We commend Comp. Lambe for his interest in the R.A.R.A. Program and his desire to provide our Grand Chapter with factual information.

We would be remiss if we did not mention the void felt due to the absence of our beloved companion John Bridges Phelps, for many years emeritus member of the General Grand Chapter Budget and Finance Committee and Past Most Puissant General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International.

We, your Committee wish to express our thanks for the privilege of serving as your representatives.

The next Triennial will be held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, September 6-10, 1981.

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee:  
J. Fred Wilson, Chairman  
Henry C. Bengel  
Thomas P. McGowan

Distinguished Guests Presented:

Earl R. Allan, S.E. Regional Deputy General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International; Frank T. Lee, General Grand Principal Sojourner and S.E. Region Deputy General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of R.A.M., International; Walter H. Winchester, General Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter of R.A.M., International; Franklin C. Smith, Most Wodshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge F & AM of Florida; Motion carried to elect Frank T. Lee an Honorary Member of this Grand Chapter.

Commissions Presented:

Earl R. Allan and Vernon H. Miller were presented their Commissions as the Grand Representatives of the Grand Chapters of Michigan and Ohio near the Grand Chapter of Florida respectively.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY  
(Which was received)

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

Your Grand Secretary submits his third annual report as follows:

Membership December 27, 1978.....	10,827	
ADDITIONS:		
Exalted .....	449	
Reinstated .....	26	
Affiliated .....	147	
Error Corrected .....	3	
	625	625
		11,452
LOSSES		
Death .....	261	
Dimit .....	131	
Suspensions .....	162	
	554	554
Membership December 27, 1978 .....	10,898	
Net membership gain 1978 .....	71	
Emeritus members exempt from dues .....	127	
Fifty Year Members exempt from dues .....	59	
Number of Chapters .....	41	

INVENTORY OF GRAND CHAPTER OF R.A.M. OF FLORIDA

Office furniture and fixtures (see master sheet Grand Commandery).....	\$ 786.40
Office equipment (see master sheet Grand Commandery).....	853.55
1 G.H.P. pocket seal .....	17.00
	\$1,656.95

PARAPHERNALIA (depreciable)

1 Grand High Priest collar .....	52.00
12 Grand Line officer collars, jewels, aprons and cases .....	2,652.00
11 District Deputy aprons and cases .....	1,207.00
126 Sets Committee on Work Books .....	1,512.00
2 "Saga of the Holy Royal Arch" films .....	500.00
1 Set Royal Arch Research Assistance equipment .....	425.00
	\$6,348.00

PARAPHERNALIA (non-depreciable)

1 Grand High Priest Jewel .....	\$1,300.00
6 Acres of property on Fla. 19 North of U.S. 27 .....	\$35,000.00
(Deed and abstract in Safety Deposit Box No. 3186 in Sun First National Bank, Leesburg, Florida)	

My sincere thanks are offered to those who assisted me in the performance of my duties.

A Handbook for Secretary Recorders in 8½ x 11 three-ring binders was prepared and presented to each Secretary-Recorder during the past year with plans to update them as required. Florida York Rite Bodies are blessed with a great number of dedicated Secretary-Recorders.

Fraternally submitted,

D. A. McClellan, Jr., Grand Secretary

DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE REPORT  
(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 Priests 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:

Thomas E. McGowan  
Joe H. Sellers  
Edward E. Moore

CUSTODIAN OF RITUALISTIC MATERIAL REPORT  
(Adopted)

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

A letter of instructions was duplicated and with three cards was sent the Secretary of each constituent Chapter with instructions for him to see that the three dais officers, after they were installed, should complete their cards with the information requested, and then return the cards to me.

As of 15 May 1979, the dais officers of 15 Chapters HAVE NOT returned their cards. Also, ONE Grand Line Officer and SIX District Deputies failed to return their cards.

The recommendations I made the past several years have not done much good. I believe that after the reports are read in Grand Chapter and are published in the proceedings, they are never referred to. I hope that my successor will have better luck than I had. Its time for a change. As of May 24th, 1979 I am resigning.

I plan to be in St. Petersburg from May 20 to May 24, and shall try to show my successor the way I have handled the apron cases of the Grand Line Officers and District Deputies.

After more than thirty years of service to this Grand Chapter I am retiring from all committee appointments, and have asked the incoming Grand High Priest not to consider me for service on any committee.

I attended my first Grand Chapter meeting held at Tallahassee June 23 and 24, 1947. I was King of Eureka Chapter No. 7. In 1948 Grand Chapter was held at Winter Haven and I represented Eureka Chapter as the High Priest. In 1949 I was District Deputy Grand High Priest of the 5th, Capitular District and attended Grand Chapter held at Bradenton. In 1950 I was appointed Grand Sentinel of Grand Chapter which was held at Miami. After serving through the chairs I was elected Grand High Priest in 1958 at St. Petersburg. I was elected Steward of Florida Council Order of High Priesthood in 1960. I was elected Vice President of the Council and served until 1969 when I resigned and recommended M. E. James W. MacDonald be elected to serve in my place. Since 1949 I have served this Grand Body in some capacity so I think that is long enough. I will soon be 85 and would like to attend the sessions and be able to enjoy the fellowship without being tied down on some committee.

Thanking you for the appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

Chas. W. Arnold, P.G.H.P.

In the above report ME Charles W. Arnold advised that he was resigning as Chairman of this Committee. After complimentary remarks by the M.E.G.H.P. and M.E. Woodrow W. Cash, motion carried that Companion Arnold be made Honorary Chairman of this Committee and he was given a standing vote of thanks.

Grand Master's Address:

M.W. Franklin C. Smith, Grand Master of Masons in Florida, gave a talk for the good of the order.

Grand Chapter was recessed from 10:30 to 11 A.M.

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF FLORIDA  
RUSSELL W. HOUSTON, GRAND TREASURER  
(Adopted)

May 1, 1978 Balance in Sun Bank of Miami, Miami Florida checking account, as per 1987 proceedings	\$ 9,320.93
RECEIPTS:	
Received from Grand Secretary	\$16,605.93
July 1, 1978—6% interest for one year on \$12,000.00 certificate No. 661 in Safe Deposit Box	\$ 720.00
Sept. 25, 1978—York Rite Bodies Lakeland, Florida, 1978 principal payment on 20 year loan of \$28,000.00	1,400.00
Sept. 25, 1978—York Rite Bodies Lakeland, Florida, 4% interest for one year on \$19,600.00 balance	784.00
Jan. 22, 1979—York Rite Bodies Panama City, Florida, 1979 principal payment on 20 year loan of \$20,000.00	1,000.00
Jan. 22, 1979—York Rite Bodies Panama City, Florida, 4% interest for one year on \$15,000.00 balance	600.00
Apr. 18, 1979—York Rite Bodies Ft. Myers, Florida, 1979 principal payment on 20 year loan of 12,000.00	600.00
Apr. 18, 1979—York Rite Bodies Ft. Myers, Florida, 4% interest for one year on \$3,800.00	144.00

Apr. 18, 1979—York Rite Bodies Tampa, Florida Principal paid in full	4,800.00
Apr. 18, 1979—York Rite Bodies Tampa, Florida 4% interest for one year on \$4,800.00	192.00
May 30, 1978—Transfer from Sun Bank of Miami, Savings account	3,000.00
Jun. 9, 1978—Transfer from Sun Bank of Miami, Savings account	2,000.00
Aug. 1, 1978—Transfer from Sun Bank of Miami (Land Purchase)	10,000.00
Aug. 1, 1978—Transfer from Sun Bank of Midtown (Land Purchase)	20,000.00
Aug. 1, 1978—Transfer from Sun Bank Coral Gables (Land Purchase)	5,000.00
Aug. 23, 1978—Transfer from Sun Bank of Miami, Savings account	1,000.00
Sept. 6, 1978—Transfer from Sun Bank of Miami (Winchester Fund)	4,000.00
Oct. 6, 1978—Transfer from Sun Bank of Miami, Savings account	1,000.00
Oct. 27, 1978—Transfer from Sun Bank of Miami, Savings account	2,000.00
Nov. 22, 1978—Transfer from Sun Bank of Miami, Savings account	1,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$75,845.93
	\$85,166.86

DISBURSEMENTS:

May 25, 1978—Vo. 1, 1978 Delegates mileage and per diem Panama City, Florida	\$ 9,132.75
May 25, 1978—Vo. 2, 1978 Distinguished Guests	745.50
May 25, 1978—Vo. 9, General Grand Chapter RAM—Per Capita Tax	1,082.70
Aug. 1, 1978—Vo. 26, W. G. & L. C. Haynie (Land purchase)	35,000.00
Sept. 25, 1978—Vo. 60, thru 72 Dais Officers and Past Grand High Priests travel to Denver Colo. to General Grand Convocation, to support W. W. Winchester for election as Gen. Gr. Scribe	4,300.00
Mar. 5, 1979—Vo. 113, Transfer to Sun Bank of Miami, Savings account	5,000.00
May 1, 1979—Vo. 3, thru 136 (excluding No. 9-26-60 thru 72-113)	\$17,739.64
May 1, 1979—Balance in Sun Bank of Miami—checking account	\$12,166.27

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

SUN BANK OF MIAMI, MIAMI FLORIDA—SAVINGS ACCOUNT:

May 1, 1978—Balance in Sun Bank of Miami—Savings account	\$ 25,228.71
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## ADDITIONS:

Mar. 5, 1979—Transfer from Sun Bank of Miami— Checking account .....	5,000.00
Apr. 1, 1979—1978-1979 Interest earned .....	528.45
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONS</b> .....	<b>\$ 5,528.45</b>
	<b>\$30,757.16</b>

## DISBURSEMENTS:

May 29, 1978—Transfer to Sun Bank of Miami, Checking account .....	\$ 3,000.00
Jun. 7, 1978—Transfer to Sun Bank of Miami, Checking account .....	2,000.00
Aug. 1, 1978—Transfer to Sun Bank of Miami, Checking account (Real Estate) .....	10,000.00
Aug. 23, 1978—Transfer to Sun Bank of Miami, Checking account .....	1,000.00
Sept. 6, 1978—Transfer to Sun Bank of Miami, Checking account (Winchester) .....	4,000.00
Sept. 6, 1978—Transfer to Sun Bank of Miami, Checking account .....	1,000.00
Oct. 27, 1978—Transfer to Sun Bank of Miami, Checking account .....	2,000.00
Nov. 22, 1978—Transfer to Sun Bank of Miami, Checking account .....	1,000.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b> .....	<b>\$24,000.00</b>
May 1, 1979—Balance in Sun Bank of Miami Springs account .....	<b>\$ 6,757.16</b>

## SUN BANK OF MIDTOWN, MIAMI, FLORIDA—SAVINGS ACCOUNT.

May 1, 1978—Balance in Sun Bank of Midtown— Savings account .....	\$25,005.94
Apr. 1, 1979—1978-1979 Interest Earned .....	607.93
	<b>\$25,613.87</b>

## DISBURSEMENTS:

Aug. 1, 1978—Transfer to Sun Bank of Miami— Checking account Land Purchase .....	20,000.00
May 1, 1979—Balance in Sun Bank of Midtown, Miami, Fla. Savings .....	<b>\$ 5,613.87</b>

## SUN BANK OF CORAL GABLES, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA—

## SAVINGS ACCOUNT:

May 1, 1978—Balance in Sun Bank of Coral Gables— Savings account .....	\$13,225.04
Apr. 1, 1979—1978-1979 Interest Earned .....	509.31
	<b>\$13,734.35</b>

## DISBURSEMENTS:

Aug. 1, 1978—Transfer to Sun Bank of Miami— Checking account, Land Purchase .....	5,000.00
May 1, 1979—Balance in Sun Bank of Coral Gables— Savings account .....	<b>\$ 8,734.35</b>
Certificate of Deposit No. 651, Sun Bank of Miami, Miami, Florida, bearing 6% interest \$720.00 inter- est received—see under receipts in checking account.	

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF FLORIDA  
RUSSELL W. HOUSTON, GRAND TREASURER  
RECAPITULATION OF INVESTMENTS

Sun Bank of Miami, Miami, Florida—Savings account .....	\$ 6,757.16
Sun Bank of Midtown, Miami, Florida—Savings account .....	5,613.87
Sun Bank of Coral Gables, Coral Gables, Florida—Savings account .....	8,734.35
Certificate of Deposit No. 651, bearing 6% interest in Sun Bank of Miami, Miami, Florida—Safety Deposit Bod .....	12,000.00
York Rite Bodies Ft. Myers, Florida, balance on 20 year loan (5 years), payable \$600.00 per year and 4% interest on unpaid balance .....	3,000.00
York Rite Bodies Lakeland, Florida, balance on 20 year loan (13 years), payable \$1,400.00 per year, and 4% interest on unpaid balance .....	18,200.00
York Rite Bodies Panama City, Florida, balance on 20 year loan (14 years), payable \$1,000.00 per year, and 4% interest on unpaid balance .....	14,000.00
Real Estate Purchase, Clermont, Florida, Route 27 and Turnpike area .....	\$ 35,000.00
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b> .....	<b>\$103,305.38</b>

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF FLORIDA  
CHARITY FUND

May 1, 1978—Balance in Security Federal Savings and Loan Asso- ciation, Miami, Florida .....	\$ 2,786.79
Apr. 1, 1979—1978-1979 interest earned .....	162.93
May 1, 1979—Balance in Security Federal Savings and Loan Association .....	<b>\$ 2,949.72</b>

Fraternally submitted,  
Russell W. Houston,  
Grand Treasurer

MEMORIAL MARKER COMMITTEE  
(Adopted)

To The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida:  
The Committee on securing a proper marker for Past Grand High Priest,  
Companion Alexander Clement Blount who was also a Past Grand Commander

of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida reports that a contract has been made with the Pensacola Marble and Granite Company to furnish a Head Stone marker with the emblems as described on pages 9 and 20 of the Grand proceedings for 1961.

In accordance with the resolutions adopted on pages 28 and 4 of the 1963 proceedings. The mounment Company agreed to furnish the marker for the sum of \$200.00 as per that resolution where this sum was established for a Companion and Sir Knight who has presided over two of the Grand York Bodies.

This marker should be in place within the next two or three months and at that time I will make a personal inspection of the marker and make a report to The Most Excellent Grand High Priest and the Right Eminent Grand Commander.

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee,  
Leroy E. Healy, Chairman

James W. MacDonald made a verbal report, stating that the committee was still in the process of obtaining a suitable marker for our deceased Past Grand High Priest, William J. Abram.

#### MOTION RE: BANQUET PRESENTATIONS AND RECEPTION LINE

Companion David Frazier made a motion, which carried, that, in the interest of York Rite Unity, Equality and Cooperation, under no circumstance should the Grand Presiding Officers of the Grand York Rite Bodies or the Grand Lodge of Florida or their personal representatives be omitted from the Grand Officers Reception line, also, at the annual banquet that opportunity be given to each Grand Presiding Officer, including the Most Worshipful Grand Master, to make any presentation that they need to make.

#### GRAND HIGH PRIEST REPORT (adopted)

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

Welcome Companions! I take this opportunity to welcome you, not only to Florida, not just to St. Petersburg, but in fact to my part of town. At the time that I entered York Rite, I lived within a few blocks of this Grand Convocation. I trust that you have and will continue to participate in the fellowship and deliberations of this Grand York Rite Convention and this 132nd Grand Convocation of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida. While we must take care of the business at hand, remember always that our fellowship is a Keystone within the Keystone branch of Masonry, our Royal Arch Chapter. We hope that you will leave this Grand Convocation somewhat unwillingly, having made new friends, savored old friendships, and taking with you a feeling of pride in our Fraternity and its accomplishments.

To our Distinguished Guests from out of state, we're glad you are here and bid you a special welcome to the Sunshine State. It is the goal of the Grand Chapter of Florida and the Convention Committee in particular that you are the recipients of the best aid and accommodations that we can offer. If there is anything that we can add to the arrangements made, please advise our Convention Chairman or a member of his staff. We hope that your stay with us will yield many things for you. Certainly we would desire that you achieve a new interest in Florida, many new friends, and hopefully a bit of new knowledge, for in

the words of our General Grand Scribe, "When you're through learning—you're through."

To the delegates, this is your Grand Chapter: Participate! We welcome your ideas toward the success of Freemasonry in general and Royal Arch Masonry in particular.

One very short year ago at Panama City you honored me by entrusting the Exalted Office of Grand High Priest to my care. I accepted that honor with humility, pride, and a sense of anticipation toward our hopefully accomplishing many things together. Long years of experience had taught me that a leaders' role is best accomplished similar to that of the "sweeper" in the sport of Curling—lending a bit of guidance and direction. The real accomplishments come from you. You, the Grand Line Officers, you the District Deputies, You the Committee members, You the Constituent Body Officers, and You the members of the Craft. Yes, you are the ones who made it a successful year and advanced the growth and strength of Royal Arch Masonry throughout the state. I am happy to report that under our stewardship Florida had another year of membership gain. A modest gain of 71 members for the year, but be not disheartened—you are among the winners!

My goals for the year were focused on the fundamentals that form the basis for continuation and expansion of the Craft. They were 1.) Practice Unity with all branches of Masonry, with particular emphasis on York Rite. 2.) Minimize loss of membership through NPD's. 3.) Make York Rite better known to our Blue Lodge Brethren. 4.) Attempt to improve our statewide communication tool. 5.) Codify and update our Constitution, Laws and Regulations. (6.) Continue to extend our actions toward establishing physical roots through realization of a "Permanent York Rite Home".

As to accomplishments, 1.) Unity of action within York Rite likely reached an all time high, with near perfection in terms of common actions, goals, and support. Unity with other branches of Masonry is difficult to measure, but York Rite was accepted and/or invited to meet with branches of the Fraternity not normally contacted at the Grand Officer level. 2.) Suspensions for Non Payment of Dues showed no marked improvement. 3.) A formal procedure for appointing Grand York Rite Representatives to Blue Lodges has been drafted and should be implemented by Grand Convocation time. 4.) Attempts to improve distribution of the York Rite Lite have proven fruitless to date majorly due to the sheer size of the task and the constant volume of address changes of the members. 5.) Though Committee efforts did not get underway in sufficient time to precirculate resolutions toward updating of By Laws, Rules and Regulations, such resolutions/motions will be presented at this Grand Convocation. 6.) The Committee for a Permanent York Rite Home succeeded in purchasing the property that was described to you at our last Grand Convocation. Their success should be applauded in that they not only succeeded in acquiring the described land at the forecasted figure, but acquired the desired additional acre of ground within the budgeted figure as well.

Perhaps the two most memorable things about the year were 1.) The outstanding achievement by Most Excellent Companion Dr. Walter H. Winchester in gaining election to the office of General Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International for which we congratulate him and give thanks to all of you for your support of his candidacy. 2.) The genuine Unity, Support and Affection shared for a year and a half by Right Eminent Grand Commander Stephen L. VanNorden and Georgia, Most Illustrious Grand Master Arthur J. Payne and Elizabeth, and Norma and myself prior to the Most Illustrious Grand Masters untimely death. We shall long mourn the loss of this kind benevolent and practising Mason. Though temporarily reduced to five, our relationship has in fact now expanded to seven with the recent additions of Most Illustrious Grand Master (acting) Willis D. Porter and Chris.

You will recall that at the last Grand Convocation I admonished each of you to "Be a Pro". Do it professionally with PRIDE.

Professionalism gains  
 Respect that excites  
 Interest which  
 Develops into  
 Enthusiasm!!

Having had an opportunity to visit almost all Chapters in the state, I find that those Chapters who are most successful are those who are performing their tasks as professionally as possible.

I again admonish you to "BE A PRO".

#### NECROLOGY

The Grand Chapter line remains unbroken by the blessing of the Supreme Grand High Priest. For this we give thanks and pray for continuance of this blessing. The messenger of death settled upon two of our Past Grand High Priests and 256 of our other Companions during the year and they now participate in eternal rest. The Committee on Necrology will pay appropriate tribute to these and those of our Sister Jurisdictions who were called from labor.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED—Near other Jurisdictions

Right Excellent Companion Vaughn Olmstead—QUEBEC  
 Companion George W. Constable—NEW SOUTH WALES  
 Companion Harvey D. Reynolds—KENTUCKY  
 Companion Earl W. Carr—NEBRASKA  
 Excellent Companion Louis Rodriguez—NEW YORK

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES RECOMMENDED—Near Florida

Excellent Companion Stephen L. VanNorden—for NETHERLANDS

#### SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Rt. Ex Companion J. Fred Wilson—personal representative to Job's Daughters Convention.  
 Rt. Ex. Companion Henry C. Bengel—Chairman Religious Affirmation Day.  
 Rt. Ex. Companion J. Fred Wilson—Committee on Permanent York Rite Home  
 M.E. Companion H. Ashton Brosnham—Memorial Committee—M.E.C. Clement Blount.  
 P.R.E.G.C. Leroy Healy—Memorial Committee—M.E.C. Clement Blount.  
 M.E. Companion James W. MacDonald—Memorial Committee—M.E.C. William J. Abram.  
 Rt. Ex. Companion J. Fred Wilson—Memorial Committee—M.E.C. William J. Abram.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED 12

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS GRANTED 8

#### THIRTY YEAR CERTIFICATES APPROVED

Eustis No. 33—Three  
 Manatee No. 18—Six  
 Clearwater No. 45—Nine  
 Winter Haven No. 41—Twelve  
 Joppa No. 28—Two  
 Monroe No. 15—One

#### FIFTY YEAR CERTIFICATES APPROVED

Eureka No. 7—Carl A. Jackson	
Eustis No. 33—Frank Fmeory Owens	
Manatee No. 18—Robert C. Trimble	Harry W. Fogg
Joppa No. 28—Ralph E. Tiller	E. Sheldon Moody
David Howard Saunders	Raymond Saunders
Winter Haven No. 41—Clyde Hughes Pettijohn	George Herbert Kendrick
John Hunter Hyer	Clarence Herbert Henson
Thomas V. Snively	Melville A. Smith
Louis H. Alsmeyer	W. J. Touchton

#### BY-LAWS CHANGES APPROVED

June 20—Keystone No. 20	Nov. 17—Cabal No. 61
Aug. 15—St. Augustinne No. 17	Jan. 4—Jacksonville No. 12
Aug. 20—Putnam No. 9	Jan. 18—Dade City No. 8
Sept. 20—St. Johns No. 4	Feb. 12—Duval No. 48
Sept. 30—Thomas Brown No. 22	
Oct. 16—Plant City No. 16	
Oct. 16—Clearwater No. 45	
Oct. 23—Indian River No. 27	
Oct. 23—Ocala No. 13	

#### VOUCHERS APPROVED

Vouchers numbered 1 thru 112 for \$64,388.63 were signed.

#### VOUCHERS DRAWN THAT DO NOT AFFECT THE BUDGET

##### IN/OUT FUND

Voucher No. 8	50 Rituals	\$ 150.00
Voucher No. 59	50 Rituals	\$ 150.00
Voucher No. 107	50 Rituals	\$ 150.00

##### WINCHESTER FUND

	\$1911.57	May 24, 1978 Balance
Voucher No. 41	\$ 300.00	
Voucher No. 42	\$ 28.65	
Voucher No. 43	\$ 152.36	
Voucher No. 47	\$ 751.15	
	\$ 679.41	Feb. 28, 1979 Balance

##### YORK RITE PROPERTY

Voucher No. 26	\$35,000.00	May 24, 1978 Balance
	\$35,000.00	
	0.00	Feb. 28, 1979 Balance

## GRAND CHAPTER BUDGET

Grand Chapter Budget Status as of February 22, 1979

Wages, Grand Secretary .....	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 600.00
(Reserve for S. S. & Int. Rev.) .....		109.14
Payroll Taxes .....	150.00	( 67.80)
Office Expense .....	670.00	( 244.21)
Travel, Grand Secretary .....	350.00	176.44
Grand Treasurer's Allowance .....	950.00	237.50
Printing .....	500.00	160.67
Proceedings .....	1,260.00	( .10)
York Rite Lite .....	3,600.00	1,693.96
Rent (Grand Secretary's Office) .....	437.50	72.93
Office Equipment .....	600.00	433.20
Insurance .....	140.00	( 86.20)
Grand High Priest Allowance .....	1,500.00	.00
Grand Officers' Allowance .....	700.00	359.20
District Deputies' Allowance .....	200.00	157.85
Committee on Work .....	200.00	141.84
Contingency Fund .....	350.00	123.21
Grand High Priest Jewel and Apron .....	560.00	2.15
Delegates Travel and Per Diem .....	8,000.00	(1,132.75)
Distinguished Guests .....	900.00	154.50
Host City .....	700.00	.00
Youth Association .....	496.00	496.00
Grand Lodge Donation .....	100.00	.00
Per Capita Tax .....	1,082.70	.00
Southeastern Conference .....	350.00	193.25
Masons for America Day .....	100.00	100.00
District Meetings .....	545.00	3.95
Triennial Fund .....	4,450.00	.00
Accountant .....	100.00	.00
DeMolay Trophy .....	104.00	104.00
	\$31,495.20	\$ 3,788.73

## GRAND HIGH PRIEST TRAVEL

## OFFICIAL VISITS

6/ 1/78 No. 41 Winter Haven	7/13/78 No. 9 Palatka
6/ 2/78 No. 31 St. Petersburg	8/ 3/78 No. 59 Melbourne
6/ 5/78 No. 7 Orlando	8/ 4/78 No. 33 Eustis
6/ 6/78 No. 4 DeLand	8/12/78 No. 62 Lawtey
6/ 7/78 No. 8 Dade City	8/28/78 No. 39 Panama City
6/ 8/78 No. 35 Sarasota	9/ 1/78 No. 11 Miami
6/ 9/78 No. 13 Ocala	9/ 5/78 No. 28 Ft. Pierce
6/12/78 No. 16 Plant City	9/ 6/78 No. 45 Clearwater
6/13/78 No. 29 Lakeland	9/26/78 No. 25 Live Oak
6/14/78 No. 27 Cocoa	9/28/78 No. 49 Fernandina Beach
6/15/78 No. 22 Bartow	10/ 6/78 No. 48 So. Jacksonville
6/26/78 No. 17 St. Augustine	10/ 9/78 No. 1 Tallahassee
7/ 7/78 No. 3 Tampa	10/10/78 No. 50 Ft. Myers

10/12/78 No. 12 Jacksonville	11/14/78 No. 38 Lake City
10/17/78 No. 2 Gainesville	11/21/78 No. 61 Princeton
11/ 8/78 No. 20 Ft. Lauderdale	12/12/78 No. 34 Leesburg
11/ 9/78 No. 9 Daytona Beach	2/13/79 No. 15 Sanford

## DISTRICT MEETINGS

9/16/78 No. 50 Ft. Myers	10/14/78 No. 4 DeLand
9/23/78 No. 59 Melbourne	10/28/78 No. 24 West Palm Beach
9/30/78 No. 16 Plant City	11/11/78 No. 57 Ft. Walton Beach
10/ 7/78 No. 9 Palatka	11/18/78 No. 1 Tallahassee

## INSTALLATIONS

12/27/78 No. 45 Clearwater	1/ 6/79 No. 45 Clearwater (Commandery)
12/29/78 No. 3 Tampa	
1/ 3/79 No. 8 Dade City	1/ 8/79 No. 16 Plant City
1/ 4/79 No. 41 Winter Haven	1/12/79 No. 31 St. Petersburg
1/ 5/79 No. 33 Eustis	1/22/79 No. 17 St. Augustine (Commandery)

## OTHER FUNCTIONS

6/ 3/78	John B. Phelps York Rite College	Orlando
6/ 4/78	York Rite Property Showing	Clermont
6/17/78	Knight Masons of South Carolina	Sumter, S. C.
6/16/78	Allied Masonic Degrees Meeting	Winter Haven
6/24/78	Pentagon York Rite College	Tampa
7/8-11/78	Great Smokies Summer Assembly	Waynesville, N. C.
7/23/78	DeMolay Convention	Sarasota
7/28/78	York Rite College Degree	Orlando
7/29/78	York Rite Sovereign College	Orlando
8/ 5/78	Chapter Property Closing	Clermont
8/19/78	Pentagon York Rite College	Tampa
8/22/78	York Rite Bodies Meeting	Paducah, Kentucky
9/9-15/78	General Grand Chapter	Denver, Colorado
10/24/78	Bartow York Rite Bodies	Bartow
10/25/78	Clearwater York Rite Bodies	Clearwater
11/ 2/78	Winter Haven York Rite Bodies	Winter Haven
11/ 4/78	Grand Officers Meeting	Clermont
11/10/78	Lawtey Commandery Constitution	Lawtey
12/ 1/78	Eustis Bodies Election and Installation	Eustis
12/ 2/78	Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priesst	Orlando
12/ 9/78	John B. Phelps York Rite College	Orlando
1/19-20/79	Southeastern Regional	Atlanta
1/27/79	Red Cross of Constantine	Clermont
2/ 7/79	Grand Master Arthur J. Payne Funeral	Panaama City
2/10/79	Grand Officers Meeting	Leesburg

## VISITS TO OTHER GRAND CONVOCATIONS

2/25-27/79	Alabama Grand York Rite Bodies	Birmingham
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## OUT OF STATE INVITATIONS DECLINED

VIRGINIA	—Conflict with District Meeting
LOUISIANA	—Conflict with South Carolina
NORTH CAROLINA	—Conflict with Tennessee



### PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The evolutionary cycle of Bondage, Freedom, Indifference, Apathy, Bondage seems to have run half its course at this point in our history, and

WHEREAS, The arrest of the decay cycle of our era can be supported by holding fast to the tenets of our forefathers who fostered our freedom originally, and

WHEREAS, The leaders among our forefathers were practicing the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, and

WHEREAS, One of the cardinal principles of Freemasonry and a principle emphasized by Capitular Masonry in particular is that a belief in the SUPREME BEING shall guide us to righteous goals, and

WHEREAS, It is the conviction of the Grand High Priest of Florida that all Royal Arch Masons wherever dispersed should proclaim to the world their steadfast attachment to the tenets of our fraternity by publicly participating in a RELIGIOUS AFFIRMATION DAY.

Now therefore, I, Duane B. Young, Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida, do proclaim that Sunday, October 22, 1978 AD shall be designated RELIGIOUS AFFIRMATION DAY and call upon all Royal Arch Masons, Families and Friends within this Grand jurisdiction 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 and further affirming our veneration to the fundamental principles of Freemasonry.

Each Constituent Chapter will please advise the Grand Scribe, Henry Bengel, 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 10th day of August, 1978 AD.

Duane B. Young  
Grand High Priest

### EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 1

I, Duane B. Young, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida do hereby issue the following Executive Order.

WHEREAS, The Internal Revenue Code requires all organizations "Exempt from Income Tax under Section 501 (C) paragraph 10 of the Internal Revenue Code" to file a Form 990 for each fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, The Official requirement above is specifically directed to organizations having gross receipts in excess of \$10,000 per year, and available legal advisors advocate that all such Bodies regardless of amount of income per year should so file, 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 said organization's fiscal year and provides for penalties for failure to comply therewith, and

WHEREAS, The High Priest of each Constituent Chapter shall be responsible for the enforcement of this order, and failure of such High Priest and/or Secretary to comply therewith shall subject them to Masonic Discipline, and

WHEREAS, The Fiscal Year for each Constituent Chapter ends on December 27th unless otherwise provided for in their by-laws, thereby making compliance with the Internal Revenue Code mandatory by May 15, and

WHEREAS, It is necessary to have an Employer Identification Number (Obtained by using IRS Form SS-4) in order to properly complete the Form 990.

Now therefore, I, Duane B. Young, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida do hereby order and direct the High Priest and Secretary of each Constituent Chapter to secure an Employer Identification Number and to file a United States Internal Revenue Form 990 with the Internal Revenue Service on or before April 15, 1979, in keeping with the legal requirements of the Internal Revenue Code and other legal advisory, and further that a copy thereof be forwarded to the Grand Secretary on or before said date.

Done and Ordered at Lakeland, Florida, this 10th day of January, 1979.

Copies to: Each High Priest	District Deputy Grand High Priests
Each Secretary	Jurisprudence Committee
Grand Chapter Officers	Earl G. Nicholson, Legal Advisor

Attest:

D. A. McClellan, Jr.  
Grand Secretary

Duane B. Young  
Grand High Priest

### EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 2

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 4, issued by Donald H. Wessell, Grand Master of Masons of Florida, on the subject of the solicitation of funds, now therefore,

I, Duane B. Young, as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida, do hereby issue the following Executive Order:

WHEREAS, it is a fundamental rule and policy of the Grand Lodge of Florida that no solicitation shall be made in any manner, directly or indirectly, except from Masons and their families, and in order to be in conformity to that said policy of the Grand Lodge of Florida.

NOW THEREFORE, I, DUANE B. Young, Grand High Priest do hereby order and direct all Constituent Chapters in this jurisdiction to refrain from any solicitation of funds in any manner, either directly or indirectly, from any persons, firms, or corporations except from Masons and their families.

DONE AND ORDERED at Lakeland, Florida, this 26th day of January, A. I. 2509, A. D. 1979.

Duane B. Young, Grand High Priest

cc: Grand Chapter Officers  
District Deputies  
Past Grand High Priests  
Chapter Secretaries

Attest:

D. A. McClellan, Jr.  
Grand Secretary

NOTE: The High Priest and Chairman of any fund raising committee is to be advised of this Executive Order at once.

This Order is to be read at the next two successive Convocations of each Chapter immediately following its receipt.

### RULING No. 1

An inquiry has been made regarding the eligibility of a blind Master Mason to petition for and to have the Degrees of the Royal Arch Chapter conferred upon him. This particular Brother was Raised in 1927, and forty years later lost his sight. He is in good standing in a Florida Lodge, and for the past five years has been the holder of a Blue Proficiency Card.

The conditions for acceptance of a candidate by a Chapter are defined in the Grand Chapter Constitution, Article XX, Sections 1 thru 4. In particular, Article XX Section 4 applies in this case, "Physical perfection is not re-

quired in candidates for the degrees of the Chapter. The Chapter is the sole judge of the qualifications of its members."

In keeping with the above, the physical disability of blindness suffered by Brother Lacy Grantham is not considered an impediment to his petitioning St. Johns Chapter No. 4 at DeLand, Florida. Upon receipt of proper petition and favorable action thereon, St. Johns Chapter may proceed to confer the Degrees of the Chapter upon him.

Duane B. Young  
Grand High Priest

Attest:  
D. A. McClellan, Jr.  
Grand Secretary

Distribution  
Jurisprudence Committee  
All Grand Chapter Officers  
All Grand Chapter District Deputies

#### GRAND OFFICERS

All elective and appointive Grand Officers including the District Deputies have done outstanding service during the past year. In addition to performing their duties in an outstanding manner, the personal aid and support to the Grand High Priest was superb. Their reports have been promptly sent and have provided much visibility into Constituent Chapter conditions. Their personal contribution in the form of attendance at District Meetings and Grand Officers meetings (at their own expense) is an example of unusual dedication.

The Grand Chapter of Florida can look with pride upon an Excellent line of future officers.

#### STATE OF THE CRAFT

From reports and from personal observation, the state of the craft ranges from poor to excellent. We have several very active and growing Chapters. Most Chapters seem to be functioning in Peace and Harmony. Some are so peaceful that virtually nothing constructive is happening. The number of Past High Priests serving in appointive positions in the Constituent Bodies is cause for concern, and in some cases, even alarm. Our membership gain was down considerably from the two previous years. We must continue our search for the key to attraction and retention of new members. We must strive for the pride, professionalism, and dignity that will make our Fraternity more desirable to the media-sophisticated potential candidates.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. There are at present no detailed procedures by which Grand Chapter is to be operated. A full set of procedures should be established to standardize application of the laws, rules and regulations.
2. A semi-formal training program for Grand Line Officers should be established to familiarize them with the Procedures, Committee Work, and Constituent Bodies.
3. The Dispensing of Ritualistic training has been available on an as requested basis with very little participation. This training needs to be provided on a more formal and localized basis.
4. Two assigned visitations by District Deputies (per Grand Chapter Constitution Article XII, Section 10.) plus one assigned visit by Grand Line Officers, plus one planned visit by the Grand High Priest results in four planned visits to each Chapter by Grand Officers. When one considers that many York Rite Bodies are now holding multiple meetings on the same night, plus the fact that there are three Grand Lines, the result is too many visitations. It is therefore recommended that this be reduced, perhaps by the Grand High Priest and Grand Line Officers sharing the one visitation to each Chapter.

5. Recommend the Grand Chapter actively support State Wide one-day classes to attract those who would not otherwise become members.

#### CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I want to thank those who saw in me the potential to adequately serve this lofty station. I trust that they now feel that their crystal ball was clear after all. To my predecessors, most notably my immediate predecessors Most Excellent Companions James W. Oder and Joe C. LeSeur, special thanks for your guidance and support. To my anticipated successors, Thanks for your support and let me assure you that you can look forward to a rewarding experience. Everywhere I traveled there was an expression of brotherhood and friendship. I have enjoyed the companionship of several in my travels, but my wife Norma has been my nearly constant companion and support. To Norma and the rest of my family—especially Paul—I say thanks for carrying on without me—sometimes even when I was physically at home. Thanks again to all of my Grand Line Officers—the future lies in your capable hands.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane B. Young

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

#### SUBJECT: GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

The waning portion of my year has been at least as interesting and memorable as the months that had gone before. By far the saddest event during this period was the death of our beloved Past Grand High Priest and "MR. YORK RITE" of Florida, John Bridges Phelps. We shall miss his counsel and advice for many years. Reciprocally, the high points are almost too numerous to mention. The out of state visits have been a real treat, both from the outstanding opportunity to meet many new friends and from the opportunity to learn from them.

Certainly a highlight of the year was the opportunity to accept the gracious invitation of Most Worshipful Grand Master Donald Wessel to attend the Grand Lodge of Florida. I regret that I could not be there early, but I did have the opportunity to witness some of his masterful handling of the business of the Grand Lodge. The opportunity was also available to witness the installation of Most Worshipful Franklin Columbus Smith as the new Most Worshipful Grand Master of Florida. The honor of being able to dine with him and his new deputy team will not be soon forgotten.

As to an accounting for these past three months I offer the following:

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED—Near Other Jurisdictions

Most Excellent Companion John J. McClearn—Delaware  
Excellent Companion Henry Scott Hammill—Utah  
Most Excellent Companion William E. Kaloudis—Greece  
Excellent Companion Harold Garrett—Wyoming

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES RECOMMENDED—Near Florida

Right Excellent Companion Daniel A. McClellan Jr.—Delaware  
Excellent Companion William A. Cogburn, Jr.—Mexico  
Excellent Companion Billie J. Collins—Arizona  
Excellent Companion John L. Berry—Finland  
Excellent Companion Eugene N. Berato—Manitoba  
Excellent Companion Earl R. Allan—Michigan  
Excellent Companion Vernon W. Miller—Ohio  
Excellent Companion Brent Cull—Nebraska

Excellent Companion Randy Ziegler—New Zealand  
 Excellent Companion Edward E. Moore—Nova Scotia  
 Excellent Companion Floyd Ziegler—Saskatchewan  
 Right Illustrious Companion Willis D. Porter—Victoria

#### SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Excellent Companion Thomas E. McGowan—Memorial Committee—John B. Phelps.

#### ADDITIONAL DISPENSATIONS GRANTED 3

#### ADDITIONAL THIRTY YEAR CERTIFICATES APPROVED

Eustis No. 33—One

#### ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Excellent Companion Doctor Arnold R. Lambe has continued his outstanding efforts toward the leadership of our Chapter Charity. In a large part due to his efforts, I am happy to report that this years' contributions exceeded last years by several hundred dollars. Outstanding individual contributors include the following individuals: Companions William R. Pennington, James B. Vanders, John Southerland Taaffe, Peter J. Hirth, Ben W. Keitel, Henry Brodowski, Harry H. Hill, and Arnold R. Lambe himself. The following Chapters, No. 4, No. 5, No. 6, No. 12, No. 48, No. 15; Union Council No. 7; Couer de Lion Commandery No. 1; Pensacola, and Palatka York Rite Bodies all contributed \$100 or more, as did the individuals listed above. By far the most outstanding contribution to date has been the bequest by Excellent Companion and Mrs. Cliff Lawson of property currently valued in the range of \$75,000. These are the leaders, won't you join them!

#### ADDITIONAL FIFTY YEAR CERTIFICATES APPROVED

Eureka No. 7—Most Excellent Companion Charles Winn Arnold  
 —George G. Grant

#### VOUCHERS APPROVED

Vouchers numbered 113 thru 136 for \$8,604.76 were signed.

#### VOUCHERS DRAWN THAT DO NOT AFFECT THE BUDGET

Transfer of funds to havings account.....\$5,000.00 (113)

BUDGET BALANCE AS OF 5/7/79 \$183.97

#### ADDITIONAL GRAND HIGH PRIEST

#### OFFICIAL VISITS

4/10/79 No. 18 Bradenton  
 5/14/79 No. 32 Marianna

#### OTHER FUNCTIONS

3/1/79 Bartow York Rite Bodies Bartow  
 3/7/79 Masonic All States Night St. Petersburg  
 3/17/79 Super Excellent Winter Haven  
 3/31/79 Pentagon York Rite College Tampa  
 4/4/79 Commandery placed Under Dispensation Dade City  
 4/12/79 Al Rogers Night Sarasota  
 4/19/79 Winter Haven York Rite Bodies Winter Haven  
 4/29/79 John B. Phelps Funeral Miami  
 5/2-3/79 Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Florida Miami  
 5/5/79 Homecoming Lakeland

#### VISITS TO OTHER GRAND CONVOCATIONS

3/11-13/79 Grand York Rite Bodies of South Carolina Myrtle Beach  
 3/25-27/29 Grand York Rite Bodies of Tennessee Nashville  
 4/15-17/79 Grand York Rite Bodies of Georgia Macon  
 5/11-12/79 Grand York Rite Bodies of Mississippi Meridian

RULINGS (Additional) See Attachments

#### GRAND OFFICERS

The Active official family remains intact. They have continued their fine support actions and for this I again thank them.

#### CONCLUSION

As noted in my preliminary report, it is my feeling that we have an outstanding line of officers in the Grand Chapter of Florida. This is most solidly attested to by no less than three members of the Grand Line being selected as District Deputy Grand Masters by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Florida. The future of the Grand Chapter lies in Capable hands indeed!

Respectfully submitted,

Duane B. Young

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS, DISPENSATIONS & BY-LAWS

(Received)

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

We, your committee, find that no requests have been made to form new chapters and no charters have been granted.

Dispensations granted for permission to ballot on petitions at called communications are in order, except in some instances there was not sufficient time allowed for due and timely notice to the members.

Dispensations granted for election of King and Secretary were unnecessary.

Dispensation granted to confer the degrees was unnecessary.

Dispensation granted to change date of stated convocation was illegal.

Changes in by-laws as approved by G.H.P. were in order except for one which lacked the signature of the high priest and chapters: St. Augustine No. 17, Ocala No. 13, Plant City No. 16, Keystone No. 20, Jacksonville No. 12, St. Johns No. 4, Putman No. 9, Clearwater No. 45, Cabal No. 61, which lacked documentation in compliance with Sec. 8, Article 20; i.e.: due and timely notice.

Your committee is grateful for this opportunity to serve.

Zealously submitted,

William F. Perry

Henry C. Bengel, Chairman

Ralph A. Jones, Jr.

#### PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE BUDGET-FINANCE COMMITTEE (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 18 cents per mile one way.

Respectfully your Committee,

Roy R. Wright  
 James W. Yeager  
 Earl R. Allan

REPORT OF BUDGET-FINANCE COMMITTEE  
(Adopted)

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

From: The Budget & Finance Committee

Subject: Proposed Budget for 1979-80

DISBURSEMENTS:

Accountant: .....	\$100.00	
Committee on Work .....	100.00	
Contingencies .....	350.00	
District Deputy Expense .....	200.00	
Distinguished Guest .....	900.00	
District Meeting Expense .....	550.00	
Grand High Priest Allowance .....	2,000.00	
Grand Treasurer Allowance .....	950.00	
Grand Officer Expense .....	450.00	
Host City .....	700.00	
Insurance Expense .....	325.00	
Jewel & Apron GHP .....	680.00	
Masonic Home Donation .....	100.00	
Office Expense .....	670.00	
Printing .....	500.00	
Proceedings .....	1,375.00	
Per Diem & Travel Delegates .....	8,000.00	
Per Capita Tax .....	1,634.70	
Rent .....	437.50	
Salary—Grand Secretary .....	3,000.00	
S.E. Conference .....	300.00	
Taxes, Payroll .....	183.90	
Triennial Expense .....	200.00	
Travel—Grand Secretary .....	350.00	
York Rite Light .....	3,000.00	
Summer Assembly—N.C. ....	50.00	
York Rite Class .....	100.00	
Surplus .....	3,821.02	
Total .....		\$31,027.12
Anticipated Income .....		
Exalting Fees .....	4,490.00	
Per Capita Tax .....	21,796.00	
Reinstatements .....	52.00	
Sale of Rituals .....	603.43	
Interest Earned—Loans .....	1,720.00	
Interest Earned—Savngs .....	1,645.59	
Interest Earned—C/D's .....	720.00	
Total .....		\$31,027.12

Respectfully submitted,

Roy R. Wright, Jr.  
James D. Yeager  
Earl R. Allan  
The Committee

BALANCE SHEET  
YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1979

ASSETS:

<i>Cash</i>		
Checking Account .....	\$12,166.27	
Savings Account .....	21,105.38	
Certificate of Deposit .....	12,000.00	\$45,271.65
Loan Receivable .....		\$35,200.00
<i>Fixed Assets;</i>		
Grand High Priest Jewel .....	\$ 1,300.00	
Land .....	35,000.00	\$36,300.00
<i>Depreciable Assets;</i>		
Office Equipment .....	\$ 1,716.95	
Paraphernalia .....	6,348.00	\$ 8,064.95
Accured Depreciation .....		(3,119.16)
TOTAL ASSETS .....		\$121,717.44
LIABILITIES (Per capita tax) .....		1,635.00
		120,028.44
Net Worth .....		\$121,717.44

CASH RECAPITULATION

Cash on Hand April 30, 1978 .....		\$84,780.62
Operating Income .....	\$16,605.93	
Interest on Savings Account .....	1,645.69	
Interest on Loans .....	1,720.00	
Interest on Certificate of Deposit .....	720.00	
Principal received on Loans .....	7,800.00	\$28,491.62
Total Cash Available .....		\$113,272.24
<i>DISBURSEMENTS:</i>		
Operating Expenses .....	\$32,668.29	
Equipment Purchases .....	332.30	
Land Purchase .....	35,000.00	
Total Disbursements .....		\$68,000.59
Cash on Hand April 30, 1979 .....		\$45,271.65

CASH ACCOUNT

Checking Account .....	\$12,166.27
Sun Bank of Miami, Saving Account .....	6,757.16
Sun Bank of Midtown Miami, Saving Account .....	5,613.87
Sun Bank of Coral Gables .....	8,734.35
Certificate of Deposit No. 651 .....	12,000.00
Total Cash .....	\$45,271.65

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. McGowan  
Alfred R. Peebles  
William F. Haythorn

REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE  
(Adopted)

YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1979

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

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND DISBURSEMENTS

OPERATING INCOME:	
Exalting Fees .....	\$ 2,245.00
Per Capita .....	13,725.00
Reinstatement Fees .....	32.50
Rituals, Patents & Etc. ....	603.43
Total Operating Income .....	\$16,605.93
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Accountant .....	\$ 100.00
Committee on Work .....	58.16
Contingencies .....	328.32
District Deputies Expense .....	112.65
Distinguished Guest .....	745.50
Demolay Trophy .....	104.00
District Meetings Expense .....	541.05
Grand High Priest Allowance .....	1,500.00
Grand Treasurer Allowance .....	950.00
Grand Officers Expense .....	779.23
Host City .....	700.00
Insurance Expense .....	228.60
Jewel & Apron, Grand High Priest .....	557.85
Masonic Home Donation .....	100.00
Office Expense .....	832.15
Printing .....	527.28
Proceedings .....	1,256.10
Per Diem & Travel for Delegates .....	9,132.75
Per Capita .....	1,082.70
Rent .....	437.50
Rituals, Constitutions, Patents & Etc. ....	450.00
Salary, Grand Secretary .....	2,400.00
S.E. Conference .....	270.75
Taxes, Payroll .....	142.28
Triennial Expenses .....	4,450.00
Travel, Grand Secretary .....	226.07
Winchester Fund .....	1,232.16
Youth Association .....	496.00
York Rite Light .....	2,924.03
Total Operating Expenses before Depreciation .....	\$32,665.13
Operating Loss before Depreciation .....	(\$16,059.20)
Depreciation Claimed .....	(1,186.00)
Operating Loss .....	(\$17,245.20)
OTHER INCOME:	
Interest on Loans .....	\$ 1,720.00
Interest on Savings Accounts .....	1,645.69
Interest on Certificate of Deposit .....	720.00
Total Other Income .....	\$ 4,085.69
Net Operating Loss .....	(\$13,159.51)

To the Memory of the  
Companions of This Grand  
Jurisdiction

Who have passed on to that eternal life  
during the year

This Page we fraternally dedicate

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

—John Ellerton.



REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY  
(Adopted)

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

Symbolism has always played a very prominent part in the work of our great Fraternity. In memorial services we often use a candle to symbolize a life that has been brought to an end in the year that has passed. Tonight we will use an electric light bulb. However, if you will think of it as a candle, it will immediately bring to mind the thought of fire. The fire of one who has contributed to the great plan of Masonry, in general, and these bodies in particular. But, the central candle that towers above all the other candles is that of the Creator of all the other candles, God. Have you ever known some devoted individual who has let the divine fire light his life and has let that light reflect from him into the life of another. Then think of those whom we memorialize today and remember they too were familiar with the letter G.

So, in this quiet moment of remembrance it is fitting that we cull from this central candle the spark of FAITH. A trait, so important to life and one central in the life of the ones we remember today. The sacred writer informs us that Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. He speaks of many noble characters who were sustained by that great quality, who embarked on a course, the end of which was unknown to them. The ranks of the silent majority we honor here today speak to us of their dependance on faith. A quality that brought them through many trials and tribulations and carried them safely through the dark valley of the shadow of death and landed their enfranchised spirits in the abodes of the peaceful.

Another spark we would cull from this central candle is HOPE. Oscar Hammerstein once said he couldn't write anything without hope in it and then sat down and wrote that beautiful—Oh, What a Beautiful Morning. Then he said I think it is just as important to sing about beautiful mornings as it is to talk about slums. These men we remember today had a great hope and we are the beneficiaries of the hope that they nourished.

And also from this candle we transfer another fire, the light of immortality. Death is not represented by an interrogation mark, nor by an exclamation mark and certainly not by a period. But, by the simplest sign of all—a comma. It represents cessation for a second, taking a breath and then going on into the great future.

Such has been the experience of those of our Companions we memorialize today. We remember and highly regard those who have joined the ranks of the great majority endearing them in our memory and reminding ourselves that the inexorable movement of the Scythe of Time leads each of us closer to taking our place in the Grand Chapter on High.

We are grateful to the Grand High Priest of Heaven and Earth for his Providential care over the Grand Line Officers of this Grand Chapter, but we were saddened to hear of the passing of two of our Past Grand High Priests. Two, whose records of life, service in this Grand Chapter and deaths are most comparable. Both of them were born within a year of each other served this grand Chapter within two years of each other and passed to the Grand Chapter on High within one month of each other.

Alexander Clement Blount, born on the 9th of September, 1889 in Pensacola, Florida, served the Grand Chapter as Grand High Priest—1955 and departed this earthly scene on November 11th 1978 in Pensacola, Florida. Most Excellent Companion Blount was Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of Florida in 1951. He was a charter member of San Carlos Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine. He was also a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason and held other honors.

William Josua Abram, born the 17th day of April, 1890 in Frankfort, Kentucky was Grand High Priest in 1957 and answered the last roll call December 7, 1978 in Erlanger, Kentucky. He was a member of Miami Conclave,

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS  
of Florida

## In Memoriam

### John Bridges Phelps

M.E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST 1938

#### BORN

July 10, 1885

CAMDEN, S. C.

#### DIED

April 27, 1979

MIAMI, FLORIDA

Red Cross of Constantine. A very zealous mason in the Lakeland area in the fifties and sixties. We shall miss them for their particular contribution to this Grand Chapter.

Since writing this memorial, we have lost yet another of our esteemed Past Grand High Priests, John Bridges Phelps.

What shall we say of this man John Phelps? There was a sense of sadness that enveloped me when I read in the paper I was reading in my room at the Konover Hotel in Miami Beach, where the Grand High Priest of Heaven and earth had summoned into His eternal home our beloved and universally admired, John Bridges Phelps. I immediately called Bob Prest, who offered to come and escort me and anyone else who was at Grand Lodge and wanted to go. So, on Sunday, with the acting Grand Master of the Grand Council, Willis Porter, Excellent Companion Hank Bengal and Excellent Companion Howard Bennet, we drove to the Philbrick Funeral Home in Miami where we were met by many Sir Knights and Companions of Miami Commandery and from all parts of the State of Florida. There were other Grand Officers present, including the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Duane Young, William F. Haythorn, acting for the Grand Commander, who was ill, James Banketas, Grand Generalissimo, Fred Wilson, Grand King Dan McClellan, Grand Sec.-Recorder; and other Grand Officers of the three Grand Bodies.

The Knight Templar Services were beautifully exemplified with Past Grand Commander, Russell W. Houston as Commander, Past Grand Master Walter I. Stevenson as Grand Prelate and assisted by Charles H. Green, Past Grand Commander, William F. Haythorn, Deputy Grand Commander, Robert O. Bell, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council and Myron Goodrich, Past Commander.

The Apostle Paul said — Blessed are they that die in the Lord, for their works shall follow after them. Certainly the works of this dearly beloved Brother, Companion and Sir Knight will remain as vivid in our minds in the years to come as they are at this moment.

In this past year we have lost 261 Companions by death. With the aid of the District Deputy Grand High Priests we will now light the lamp which indicates that their spirits, infused by the fire of Divinity, have winged their way into a eternity.

May the strength of the Creator be yours. May the sweet indwelling Spirit of God the Father-Son Holy Ghost be your constant Companion as you journey through the pilgrimage of life.

#### DEATHS IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

ALBERTA—Norman Edward Scheer, Past Grand First Principal, May 7th, 1978, Frank Leroy Colwell, Past Grand First Principal, July 2nd, 1978.

INDIANA—Robert Ingalls, P.G.H.P., Sept. 7th, 1978, R.E. Carl E. Schrader, Grand Secretary, March, 1979.

KENTUCKY—James Daniel Carmichael, P.G.H.P., April 18, 1978; Kenneth H. Williams, May 20, 1978.

OKLAHOMA—Norman E. Angel, P.G.H.P., January 18, 1978.

OREGON—Daniel Lynn Woodson, P.G.H.P., Feb. 23, 1979.

SOUTH CAROLINA—Hugh Nettles Layne, P.G.H.P., Dec. 21, 1978.

SOUTH DAKOTA—Roger S. Brown, P.G.H.P., Jan. 18, 1979.

TENNESSEE—George Adams Peters, P.G.H.P., Jan. 15, 1978; Lawrence James Sharp, P.G.H.P., Oct. 18, 1978.

IOWA—Ross James Camblin, P.G.H.P., May 15, 1978.

WYOMING—Irving E. Clark, P.G.H.P., June 28, 1978; Lincoln W. Sexton, P.G.H.P., June 11, 1978; Alfred R. Corsberg, P.G.H.P., March 21, 1979.

GEORGIA—David Lee Paulk, P.G.H.P., April 22, 1979.

To the Memory of the  
**Companions of Our Grand  
Jurisdiction**

Who have passed on to that eternal life  
during the year

—  
This page we fraternally dedicate

—  
We cannot think of them as dead,  
Who walk with us no more,  
Along the path of life we tread,  
They have but gone before."

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS  
of Florida

## In Memoriam

**William Joshua Abram**

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST 1957

BORN

April 17, 1890

FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

DIED

December 7, 1978

ERLANGER, KENTUCKY

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS  
of Florida

## In Memoriam

**Alexander Clement Blount**

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

1951

BORN

September 9, 1889

PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

DIED

November 11, 1978

PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

Member, Mt. Horeb, Chapter No. 6

R.A.M. Pensacola



REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORK  
(Adopted)

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

This committee is pleased that through the efforts and support of some of the District Deputies, in co-ordination with the chairman of this committee, we were enabled to hold some schools of instruction, and we trust that the companions were enlightned as to contents of the Red Book and Floor Work; but as stated in previous years, regret that there were not as many as the committee feels appropriate.

We are pleased that through the efforts of the M.E. Grand High Priest and this committee, with the assistance of Companions from the fourth district, were enabled to obtain slides showing most of the floor work in the Royal Arch degree, and that these slides were used by the M. E. Grand High Priest and this committee at the District Meetings, and are pleased by the favorable comment on this.

We are also aware that one picture many times, can accomplish more than many words, therefor our thanks to the companions who assisted in making this possible.

Although these slides are for the edification of the Craft, and shown at District Meetings, they are by no means intended to eliminate the necessary schools of instruction as required by our constitution. We therefor recommend that the incoming Grand High Priest instruct his District Deputies to contact the Chapters in his district, as to a favorable time and place to have at least two schools per year, and after coordination with the chairman of this committee this time and place be verified.

Again Companions, we recommend that more attention be given the Red Book and the contents of same, as these are issued to the Dias officers of each chapter for their information, and also for information to their members. Even though the books are issued to the Dias officers, and they are in their control, we urge them to make known to their members that they are entitled to know the contents of this book and to impart it to them in any manner they see fit.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

The Committee

J. W. MacDonald

Willis D. Porter

Thomas E. McGowan

Kenneth K. Johnson

REPORT ON COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
(Adopted)

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

We the Committee have diligently searched the 1978 proceedings and find no business of the Grand Chapter incomplete or undone.

Eugene Berato

Francis Dancy

Henry Zelner

Grand Chapter was recessed from 12:15 to 1:40 P.M. for lunch.

## CONSTITUTIONS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

This report was made in twelve separate sections, each of which were received.

## PROPOSAL No. 1

In 1969 the Committee on Work presented a report which was adopted to the effect that the Red Book be purchased and distributed to the High Priest, King and Scribe of each particular chapter by the Custodian of Ritualistic Records. — (p. 20, 1969)

In 1970 the report of the Custodian of Ritualistic Records was adopted, and contained references to the lack of cooperation of some of the Chapters concerning the necessary records. — (p. 27)

In 1971 the Custodian made a report which was adopted by Grand Chapter, and again the lack of cooperation was reported in obtaining the necessary receipts. — (p. 24-25, 1971)

In 1975 the Custodian made another of his annual reports, again calling to attention the fact that some of the Chapters in the jurisdiction for the Grand Chapter of Florida had been remiss in accounting for their Ritualistic materials, and again pleading with the craft for cooperation — (p. 20-21, 1975)

In 1976 the Custodian of Ritualistic Records again called attention to the lack of cooperation from several Chapters in the matter of providing proper accounting of these various Ritualistic Records, and he noted that these were properties of the Grand Chapter. His report, as previously, was adopted by the Grand Chapter. He made suggestions as to ways to ensure that the several Chapters did have the records on hand. — (p. 28, 1976)

In 1977 there was little change in his report, except that he reported with greater emphasis and feeling, and he again called attention to the lack of response from some of the chapters in the state. — (p. 26, 1977)

It is apparent therefore that there should be some Regulation to assist in the proper protection of these valuable records.

I move that there be added to the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter of Florida the following:

No. 74 (which now reads: Work: No deviation shall be permitted from the work outlined in the ritual adopted by this Grand Chapter.)

No. 74 (to read: Work: No deviation shall be permitted from the work outlined in the Ritual adopted by this Grand Chapter. All Ritualistic materials of official nature, namely Red Book, as promulgated by the Committee on Work, Essentials, and Key Lecture, shall be accounted for by each Chapter in a manner to be prescribed by the Grand High Priest under the direction of the Custodian of Ritualistic Records.)

## PROPOSAL No. 2

In our Constitution, Laws, Rules and Regulations, we find in Regulation No. 75 the rules pertaining to Life Membership. Basically to be eligible, a Companion must be a) in good standing in a Symbolic Lodge and in a Royal Arch Chapter, b) that he is 62 or more years of age and has actually retired from gainful employment, c) that he had paid dues for 25 years or more to a Florida Chapter (or Chapters) of which he has been a member, providing that dues have been paid to the Chapter five years immediately preceding the time of being elected to Life Membership, and d) that if the period of 25 years or more of membership herein referred has been interrupted by a suspension or expulsion, such suspension or expulsion was not for an offense involving moral turpitude.

Although there are many who are able to "retire" at 62, there are many who might not be able to retire at that age, but who would otherwise be felt by their Companions to be worthy of the distinction of Life Member, it seems restrictive to retain the condition of "retirement".

I therefore move that the Laws, Rules and Regulations of this Grand Chapter be amended to strike from Regulation No. 75, subsection b (which refers to the "retirement"), and substitute for that the following.

b) "That he is 62 or more years of age, and"

(a, c, and d would remain the same).

## PROPOSAL No. 3

For several years, including 1978 and 1979 our Most Excellent Grand High Priest has found it necessary to remind the craft by Executive Order of our obligation to obey the laws of our country is so far as they particularly involve taxation. Executive Orders have reminded us (and in conformity to Grand Lodge of Florida reminders) to comply with Chapter (196(74-236), Florida Statutes 1974 (re filing applications for exemption from taxation for real and personal property owned by the Chapter) and with Federal Internal Revenue Service regulations concerning the filing of Form 990 (Return of Organizations Exempt from Income Tax under Section 501 (c) of Internal Revenue Code).

It is apparent that there should be a continuing reminder for the various Chapters that would make unnecessary the preparation and distribution of Executive Orders year after year.

I move that the Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida be amended by the addition of the following regulation:

No. 76. All Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction are required to comply with Florida Statutes 1974, Chapter 196(74-236) (concerning application for exemption from taxation for real and personal property) where applicable. All Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction are required to comply with Federal Internal Revenue Service regulations concerning the filing of form 990. The Secretary of the Chapter shall certify to the Grand Chapter compliance regularly.

## PROPOSAL No. 4

In 1969 at the annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida Resolution No. 1 as amended was adopted to the effect that when a Companion is elected and installed as the M.E. Grand High Priest, he shall receive from the Grand Chapter a check in the amount of \$100 as an advance for expense purposes.

At the annual convocation in 1970 Resolution No. 2, as amended made this advance to the newly elected and installed M.E. Grand High Priest one quarter of his allowance.

For the past several years it has been the recommendation of the retiring Grand High Priest that the sum of \$1800 be budgeted for the expenses of the Grand High Priest for the year. During the past two years this sum has been cut by the Finance Committee, in spite of the fact that inflation has continued to reduce the value of the dollar. Each of the recent Grand High Priests has spent in excess of the amounts budgeted for him during his term of office. As long as our Grand Chapter is solvent it behooves us to support our M.E. Grand High Priest by providing him with the necessary "out of pocket expenses".

I therefore move that the sum of not less than \$2000 be budgeted for this purpose.

I further move that up to one half this amount be advanced immediately upon installation to the M. E. Grand High Priest, and that the remainder be advanced by December 1 of the same year if requested by the M.E. Grand High Priest.

I further move that there be added to the Laws, Rules and Regulations of the M.E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida the following:

55. 1 (remains the same) (which refers to those entitled to expenses to attend the Grand Convocation)
- 2 (remains the same) (which refers to some of the expenses during the year to be authorized some of the officers when on Grand Chapter business)
- add 3) This to read: "The Grand Chapter shall advance an amount equal to one half the annual allowance to the M.E. Grand High Priest upon his installation, and the remainder upon request after December 1. He shall not be required to account for these funds to the Grand Chapter.

## PROPOSAL No. 5

Numerous references in our proceedings attest to the concerns of our Past Grand High Priests concerning One Day State Classes. In 1969 our beloved PGHP Harold Beals recognized the value of the one day class, especially for some professional persons who might not be able to spend numerous days in taking the work. That some of our members who have had their work conferred in one day classes come back to serve our fraternity well we have only to point to our current presiding officer, M.E. Companion Duane B. Young.

I move that the Laws, Rules, and Regulations of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida be amended as follows:  
No. 46 (pertaining to Festivals) which now reads:

That at all State Festivals of the Grand York Rite Bodies of the State of Florida, the Grand Chapter should contribute the sum of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars, to help defray some of the expenses of the meeting.

To read: Festivals

- No. 46 There may be selected by the Grand High Priest a One Day Festival of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Florida which he may designate as a One Day State Class. The Ritual Work will be coordinated by the Committee on Work in conjunction with the Grand Officers, and the assistance of the several District Deputies of the Grand Chapter. The Grand Chapter may contribute the sum of One Hundred (100.00) Dollars to help defray some of the expenses of the meeting.

## PROPOSAL No. 6

It has been apparent to many officers of the Chapters throughout the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida for a number of years, that access to the Constitution, Laws and Regulations is difficult due to lack of a suitable index, and tedious hours of search are often necessary.

I move that the next reprinting of either the document in its entirety, or individual pages provide for a suitable and comprehensive index to make access to its contents more available to the craft.

## PROPOSAL No. 7

On Several occasions in the past, our Most Excellent Grand High Priests have made recommendations about our annual meeting, and have urged that some suitable system of rotation be established so that from time to time in keeping with our Spirit of Unity in the York Rite of Freemasonry that the Grand Commandery, the Grand Council, and the Grand Chapter may have equal opportunities for beginning the session.

I move that an Ad Hoc Committee be selected by the presiding officers of our Grand York Rite to study the feasibility and methods of implementation of

a concept of Rotation. It shall be the duty of the committee to review all aspects of our Grand York Rite annual meetings, and to make recommendations at our next annual session in 1980 for consideration by the craft.

## PROPOSAL No. 8

In 1972 the Grand High Priest in his recommendations urged that an interesting and factual history of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida be prepared, and printed, and if feasible, to be illustrated. (p. 9, 1972)

This recommendation was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee who approved the recommendation. The report of the Jurisprudence Committee was adopted. (p. 22, 1972)

Nothing has been heard from this recommendation since.

I move therefore that the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida supervise the development of a history from the archives and other sources, and to illustrate this history if possible.

## PROPOSAL NO. 9

There have been several recommendations in the past concerning recognition of outstanding accomplishments.

In 1972 the Grand High Priest made a recommendation that the Grand Chapter establish a system of awards recognizing outstanding ritual Work, both in openings and degree conferral, as well as "most improved." (p. 11)

The Jurisprudence Committee did not recommend this to the craft. (p. 21)

In 1974, the Grand High Priest made a recommendation in greater detail concerning the use of the Chalice which had been donated to the Grand Chapter as a part of a system of awards, to include attendance, ritual presentation. (p. 12, 1974) The Jurisprudence Committee recommended this to the craft, and their report was adopted by the Grand Chapter.

I move therefore that this Grand Chapter develop a system of awards and recognitions to provide incentives to the craft for improving their ritualistic work, and involvement in all branches of Capitular Masonry.

I move that the craft be informed of the incentives as a means of encouragement.

## PROPOSAL NO. 10

In 1975 our Most Excellent Grand High Priest recognized the need for the Dais officers to become more familiar with the finances of the Grand Chapter, particularly as the many and varied programs were involved. This then embodied two specific recommendations: 1) that the newly elected Grand King by virtue of his office be appointed chairman of the Budget Committee of the Grand Chapter, and 2) that the newly elected Grand Scribe, by virtue of his office be appointed chairman of the Audit Committee of Grand Chapter.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved these recommendations, and their report was adopted by Grand Chapter.

In order to implement this action, it is necessary to amend the Constitution, Article XII (Powers and Duties of Grand Officers), Section 5 (Appointment of Committees), Subsection 10 and 11, which now are listed as follows:

"10 Finance-Budget (3) Ex officio members to be the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

11 Auditing Committee (3).

I move that Article XII, Section 5, Subsections 10, 11 and 12 be amended

as follows:

10. Finance-Budget (4) Ex officio members to be the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary. The newly elected Grand King will be the appointed Chairman, by virtue of his office.

11. Auditing Committee (4). The newly elected Grand Scribe will be the appointed Chairman, by virtue of his office.

In a previous motion to amend the Constitution, you amended this same Section 5 by dividing the Finance-Budget Committee into two committees, namely Budget and Finance, the Finance Committee being charged to study long range financial matters of this Grand Chapter.

#### PROPOSAL NO. 11

At the Annual Convocation in 1978, held in Panama City, the Grand High Priest made several recommendations, concerning 30 and 50 year certificates (some new criteria to be developed), concerning the feasibility of establishing a York Rite Home with the Grand Council and Grand Commandery, concerning the reduction of the York Rite Light to a bi-monthly publication, concerning a reduction of the 5c per member subsidy paid by Grand Chapter at District meetings as a means of reducing expenses. The Distribution Committee report referred those last two items to the Committee on Finance, the Distribution Committee report was adopted. The Finance Committee prepared a budget allocating 3600 dollars for the York Rite Light, but without recommendation as to the number of issues to be published. 9 issues were published in the year 1977-78. The Finance Committee budgeted the sum of \$530 in 1977-78 for District meeting support, and \$545 in 1978-79. It would appear then that the Finance Committee did not act favorably upon the recommendation of the M.E. Grand High Priest.

Another recommendation of the Grand High Priest in 1978 concerned a separate Finance Committee to study the long range financial needs of the Grand Chapter, and to propose appropriate legislation. This committee was to be separate from the budget committee. (p. 14)

The Finance Committee (or Budget Committee) when presenting their report for 1978 made no recommendations concerning the Grand High Priest's suggestion. The Jurisprudence Committee in their report as found in the Proceedings did not apparently take cognizance of that recommendation.

Therefore I move that the Constitution be amended as follows:

Article XII, Section 5 which now reads:

Immediately after election installation of the officers of Grand Chapter, Grand High Priest shall appoint the following committees to serve during the term of his office. The said committees to consist of the number of members denoted by numerals following the name of the committee.

1. Printing (1)
2. Jurisprudence (5) (The FIVE to be all Past Grand High Priests.)
3. Returns and Credentials (3)
4. Mileage and Per-Diem (3)
5. Custodian of Ritualistic Materials (2)
6. Masonic Relations (1)
7. Triennial (3)
8. Necrology (1)
9. Benevolence (3)

10. Finance-Budget (3) Ex officio Members to be the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

11. Auditing Committee (3)

12. Committee on Work (3)  
to read: the same, except

10. Budget (3), Ex officio members to be the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

11. Finance (3)

12. Auditing Committee (3)

12. Committee on Work (5).

And ADDING a new Section 13, entitled Finance Committee,

"The Finance Committee is charged with studying the long range financial matters of this Grand Chapter, and proposing appropriate legislation from time to time."

#### PROPOSAL NO. 12

In May 1974, our presiding Grand High Priest recommended during his annual report to the companions of this Grand Jurisdiction that Constituent Chapters be granted the authority to receive and ballot on petitions at the same convocation (as a Festival). This recommendation was approved by the Jurisprudence Committee, and the report of the Jurisprudence Committee was apoted (74-p. 18).

At present, Section 8 of Article XX reads as follows:

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest shall have the authority in emergency, the urgency of which is to be judged by him, to grant a Dispensation, allowing subordinate Chapters to receive and ballot upon petitions for membership at some SPECIAL MEETING when due and timely notice HAS BEEN GIVEN THE MEMBERSHIP.

I move that the Constitution be amended as follows:

Section 8, Article XX (concerning Balloting)

Each Chapter must preserve the ancient landmark of the ballot. All petitions for the degrees must be acted upon at a regular or stated convocation of the Chapter, excepting only those received by the Secretary following a regular meeting may be balloted upon at a special meeting, providing due and timely notice has been given to the craft, said special meeting to be primarily for the purpose of conferring one or more degrees.

There is also a Regulation pertaining to the same subject which also needs to be modified and could be done at the same time.

Regulation No. 63 now reads: "A petition for the degrees must be presented at a regular convocation of the Chapter, or may at a Special Convocation upon receiving dispensation from the Grand High Priest and provided that written notice of such proposed reception has been mailed to each member of the Chapter 10 days prior to such Special Meeting, and if received, shall be referred to a Committee of three members of the Chapter for investigation, and may be acted upon at the same meeting at the discretion of the Chapter."

I move that Regulation be written to delete the reference to the necessity of the Dispensation, so that it would read as follows:

Regulation No. 63. "A petition for the degrees must be presented at a regular Convocation of the Chapter. A petition presented to the Secretary after the last regular Convocation may be received at a Special Convocation providing

written notice of such proposed reception has been mailed to each member of the Chapter 10 days prior to such Special Meeting, and if received, shall be referred to a Committee of three members of the Chapter for investigation, and may be acted upon at the same meeting at the discretion of the Chapter. This special Convocation must be in the regular meeting place of the Chapter having jurisdiction of the petitioner."

Respectfully submitted,  
The Committee:  
James W. MacDonald  
Walter H. Winchester

### YORK RITE PERMANENT HOME COMMITTEE REPORT

(adopted)

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

In light of the increasing price of property in Florida, and the rapid appreciation of the cost of acquisition of any land at a reasonable price, the M.E. Grand High Priest, appointed the following committee to secure land on behalf of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Florida, as a permanent home for the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery:

J. W. MacDonald  
Earl R. Allan  
J. C. LeSuer

Charles Green  
Fred Wilson  
Earl Nicholson as Legal Advisor.

The committee examined the site located on a 6 acre tract located on State Road 19, with 300 foot frontage and 900 foot depth. This site was chosen by the committee because of the close proximity of four motels at the intersection of State Road 19 and U.S. 27, between U.S. 27 and the Sunshine Parkway, to accommodate dias officers and house the permanent records of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Florida.

The property was purchased from William G. Haynie, a Masonic brother, who is active in the Scottish Rite Bodies of Orlando, Florida, on August 5, 1978. Brother Haynie contracted to sell 5 acres with an option to purchase an additional acre. On acquiring the property from Brother Haynie, he gave the Grand York Rite the additional acre.

Your committee having completed its assignment recommends the following: That the incoming Grand High Priest appoint a permanent York Rite Home committee to inquire into the feasibility of service, materials, labor and supplies to begin construction of an office to house the records of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Florida.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Committee  
J. W. MacDoald, Chairman  
Earl R. Allan  
J. C. LeSuer  
Charles Green  
Fred Wilson  
Earl Nicholson

### JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

(adopted)

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

The Jurisprudence Committee after examining the proposals presented to this convocation by the M.E. Companion Walter H. Winchester PGHP, on the first day of this Convocation find that:

1. The several proposals namely:

A.—Forming an Ad hoc Committee to study a concept of rotation.

B.—Establishing a system of awards.

C.—Developing a comprehensive index to the Constitution.

D.—Preparing and printing a factual history of Grand Chapter or RA Masons of Florida.

Can be acted on at this convocation by the Grand High Priest and delegates.

2. According to Article 21, Section 5 of the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Florida those proposals dealing with adding a Regulation No. 76, striking a part of Reg. No. 75, adding to Reg. No. 74, amending Reg. No. 46, and add a Section 3 to Reg. No. 55 may be voted upon at the second day of the Convocation without notice. When passed by 2/3 vote of those delegates present and voting on the first day of the Convocation.

3. The proposals affecting Article XII, Section 5; Article XII, Section 5, Subsection 10, 11, 12 and Regulation 63; can be received but must be circulated to the Constituent Chapter 60 days before the next Grand Session with proper certification to the Grand Secretary that they were received and read before they can be acted upon.

Fraternally submitted,  
Joe C. LeSuer, Chairman  
J. W. Oder  
Richard I. Lanier  
Edward H. Baxter  
Earl G. Nicholson

### RELIGIOUS AFFIRMATION DAY COMMITTEE REPORT

(adopted)

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

October 22nd, 1978 was Proclaimed by our Most Excellent Grand High Priest as RELIGIOUS AFFIRMATION DAY. This action, in conformity to established procedure, called upon all Royal Arch Masons, their families and friends to assemble at the various churches designated by the High Priests of each Chapter. This is a once-each-year occasion when Capitular Masonry is on display in the Community. Being proud of our heritage it would seem logical that we would assemble in large numbers to Worship. This seems not to be the case, for in most instances, we were conspicuous, only by the seeming indifference of the vast majority who chose not to assemble.

It is the duty of the Grand Scribe to gather and report attendance. This has been accomplished these past three years with the assistance of the District Deputies, whose reports, when compiled, revealed that Statewide attendance has maintained a 950 level. The implied percentage, upon first consideration, appears to be 8 2/3%, however this is, in fact, greatly reduced by the large number of family and friends who constitute a vast portion of the combined total.

This report separates some of the components for evaluation and reveals:

THAT: Total attendance, as reported, was 939, of which 333 were family and friends.

THAT: The actual number of Royal Arch Masons attending was only 606, a mere 5 1/2% of our statewide membership.

THAT: Six Chapters did not schedule group attendance.

THAT: The three largest Chapters with a combined membership of 2,230 reported only 2 1/2% participation.

THAT: 50% of the Dais Officers, 28% of the other Officers and 9 of the District Deputy Grand High Priests responded to the Proclamation.

It is with considerable pleasure and a warm heart that I report the excellent example set by St. Johns No. 4—33% of their membership assembled! Companions, St. Johns has shown us that it can be done. When called upon to assemble, publicly, as Royal Arch Masons, let us emulate their example and convince mankind of the goodness of our Institution.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest expresses his sincere thanks to the Officers and members of St. Johns Chapter No. 4, Royal Arch Masons and to all the members and their families who assembled to worship, thereby, publicly testifying for Capitulat Masonry.

Respectfully submitted,  
Henry C. Bengel  
Grand Scribe

### BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

(received)

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

We, your Committee on Benevolence are happy to report that a careful investigation was made and found no applications have been made for aid and assistance.

The health, welfare and general conditions of our Companion, Widows and Orphans within our General Jurisdiction are all faring well.

Respectfully submitted,  
William J. Hofheinz, Charman  
Robert G. Weisenbarger  
David Frazier

### R.A.R.A. COMMITTEE REPORT

(adopted)

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

As chairman of the Royal Arch Research Assistance philanthropy program of the Grand Chapter of Fla., I submit the following report of activities and progress for this past year. Our M.E. Grand High Priest Young saw fit to appoint me as your chairman for which I sincerely appreciate, for charity and assistance to those less fortunate than we who cannot help themselves, is one of the great attributes of Masonry, and is rewarding to be an active part of raising funds to promote research in "Auditory perception Deficits." The endowment fund is now nearing \$300,000 with about \$1,000 flowing in weekly. They anticipate a cost of \$500,000 to thoroughly research this project; but remember, only the interest from this fund can be used to promote the program, which last year was only about \$8,000. I did attend the Triennial in Denver last September with my object being to learn all I could about the research and remedial care from Dr. Jack Willeford and associates a good program was presented during the meeting and several were fortunate to have a conducted tour of the research center at Colorado University and given detailed information as well as demonstrations of the expensive equipment need to run the battery of tests to determine if a person has auditory perception deficits. The team indicated they would like to spend full time on this work if finances were available to do so.

As of this date, May 17th, 1979, a total of \$4,784.29 has been donated by 25 of the 41 chapters of this jurisdiction for this year and forwarded to the General Grand Secretary. We topped our last year donations by over \$750.00. May chapters are using the memorial contribution approach to support the program which is an excellent and easy way of raising funds. Outstanding work is being done by many chapters and the following are the six chapters making the largest contributions:

Tampa-Cushing No. 3, with \$1155.20 with Comp. Ted Cooper as chairman.  
Jerico No. 11, with \$478.00 with Comp. George Chipouras as chairman.

Jacksonville No. 12 with \$282.00 with Ex. Comp. Wendell Harrington as chairman.

Mt. Horeb No. 6 with \$251.00 with M.E. Comp Henry A. Brosnaham as chairman.

Keystone No. 20 with \$224.00 with Comp. Joseph Kennedy as chairman.  
St. Johns with \$200.00.

Monroe No. 15 with \$193.00 with Comp. James R. Hammond as chairman.

To my disappointment, only about 20% of chapters have requested the use of the Slides and Audio-Visual equipment to assist in educating their members on the program. I firmly believe that the sixteen chapters that have made no contributions, is because they are not aware of what Royal Arch Assistance is all about. Hopefully these groups will make an effort during the coming year, and it should be the challenge of the D. D. G. High Priest to assist in educating the membership in his district. Cabal No. 61 demonstrated their dedication by amending their By-laws to assess each member \$1.00 per year, which is outstanding and should be an example for the rest to follow. All individuals or Chapters donating \$100.00 or more are listed elsewhere in the proceedings.

Mr. Steve Harvey, a Miami based representative with "Worlds Finest Chocolate Co." has introduced to us a promotion with his company on a consignment basis that is being used in one district that should be of value to us in raising money for R.A.R.A. It has been approved by our Grand High Priest Young and has the sanction of our R.E. Grand King J. Fred Wilson. You will be introduced to this project during this Grand Session and we do hope all chairmen and D.D.G. High Priests will take advantage of it and take orders for this candy promotional. New educational materials will soon be available from General Grand Chapter for our use in promoting our charity and will be made known to our state as soon as available.

Special recognition is extended to Comp. Cliff Larson of Clearwater Chapter No. 45 and his wife, who have updated their wills to include bequests of real property to the R.A.R.A. philanthropy valued at near \$75,000. We extend our sincere thanks to them for their generosity for such a worthy cause.

My congratulations go out to all in the twenty-five chapters who have contributed by "going the extra mile" and made this year a better year for our R.A.R.A. program. My thanks to our M.E.G. High Priest all the Grand Chapter Grand Line Officers for their counsel and assistance, as well as P.G.H.P. M.E. Walter Winchester for sharing his wealth of knowledge on many aspects of the program.

Respectfully submitted,  
Arnold R. Lambe, State Chairman

### R.A.R.A. RESOLUTION

(Received May 23 Not Adopted May 24)

#### TO THE GRAND CHAPTER R.A.M. OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS: In 1975 during the Triennial, the General Grand Chapter adopted as its philanthropy, the Royal Arch Research Assistance program, which was recommended by the American Medical Assn. as a project deserving top priority in category of greatest need.

WHEREAS: Even though each respective Grand Chapter is sovereign to itself, the Grand Chapter of Florida at its Grand Convocation in 1977 adopted the R.A.R.A. program as its philanthropy and charity.

WHEREAS: Due to being restricted in receiving donations from anyone outside the Masonic family, thereby rendering it difficult to attract contributions large enough to build an endowment fund to adequately support even ONE

research project which is estimated to be \$500,000. With the amount of contribution made during these past two years, it will take this Grand Chapter THREE YEARS to approach the quota of \$1.00 per member per year. Presently, hardly 10% of the members are carrying the burden of supporting this worthy endowment! Are we really being charitable? Let us emulate little Cabal Chapter No. 61 who amended their by-laws to make this provision. They have made an example for us, as well as the entire state of Arizona!

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Florida take the initiative now and assess the membership of this jurisdiction \$1.00 per member per year to adequately and honestly support the R.A.R.A. charity.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that as an alternate to the \$1.00 per year assessment that the Grand Chapter of Florida offer the purchase of a LIFE SPONSORSHIP of Royal Arch Research Assistance for a sum of \$30.00 to be held in a separate endowment fund by the Grand Chapter of Florida for the purpose of paying into the R.A.R.A. fund a minimum of \$1.00 per year for each Life member of record. Any annual administrative costs involved in handling this endowment fund not exceed 2% of the fund principal and be paid from the proceeds of the endowment fund. This to become effective in 1980. This alternate Life sponsorship plan would exempt the sponsors from their \$1.00 per year assessment.

Courteously submitted,  
Arnold R. Lambe,  
State R.A.R.A. Chairman

#### CLEARWATER-LAKE CITY MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

Lake City Chapter passed the Membership Plaque over to Clearwater Chapter since they had the largest membership gain in 1978. This contest between the two Chapters was instituted in 1974 by Clearwater.

#### COMMISSION PRESENTATION

Billie J. Collins was presented his Commission as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas near the Grand Chapter of Florida.

#### YORK RITE LIGHT

Report as printed in the Grand Commandery portion was adopted.

#### FRATERNAL RELATIONS

Report as printed in Grand Commandery portion was adopted.

#### DUANE B. YOUNG AWARD

Presented to Ocala Chapter No. 13 for having the largest percentage of net gain in membership in the Sixth Capitular District. This was the first year this award was presented.

#### TRIPLE TAU PLAQUE

Presented to James Yeager Chapter No. 62 in Lawtey for the largest percentage of net membership gain in the state.

#### KEYSTONE PLAQUE

Presented to Winter Haven Chapter No. 41 for having the largest number of affiliations in the state.

#### REPORT OF THE MASONIC YOUTH COMMITTEE (Received)

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

We are pleased to report that through our continued financial support to the Masonic Youth Association of Fla., Inc., a Florida corporation not for profit, DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Rainbow in Florida have been greatly assisted and programs which could not otherwise have been undertaken have been done.

Bahia Chapter of Orlando, which is jointly sponsored by the York Rite of Orlando, won the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery annual awards for membership and Leadership Correspondence Course. St. Petersburg Chapter won the "Best All Around" award from the Grand Council. These three awards were made traveling plaques this year to help curtail the annual expense of trophies.

We recommend that the annual donation of \$500.00 to the Masonic Youth Association of Fla., Inc. be continued for 1979.

Fraternally submitted,  
Harry A. Rosenthal, Jr.  
Franklin C. Smith

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

M.E. Companions Roy R. Wright, Jr., J. W. MacDonald and William J. Hofheinz were appointed tellers and the following elected to serve this Grand Chapter for the year 1979-1980:

J. Fred Wilson (Sandra)	M.E. Grand High Priest
Henry C. Bengel (Bertha)	R.E. Grand King
Thomas E. McGowan (Billie)	R.E. Grand Scribe
Russell W. Houston (Ruth)	R.E. Grand Treasurer
D. A. McClellan, Jr. (Edith)	R.E. Grand Secretary
Wilbur W. Masters, Jr. (Marjorie)	R.E. Grand Chaplain

Grand Chapter was recessed at 3 P.M. Wednesday May 23, 1979 until 8:30 A.M. Thursday May 24, 1979.

Grand Chapter was reconvened at 8:30 A.M. Thursday May 24, 1979.

#### MEMBERSHIP GAIN CERTIFICATES

Certificates from the General Grand Chapter R.A.M. International were presented to Winter Haven Chapter No. 41 and James Yeager Chapter No. 62 in recognition of a net membership gain in 1978 of 10 per cent or more.

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

Jericho Chapter No. 11 was presented a Gold Certificate for contributions from their membership to this Charity in 1978.

## COMMITTEE ON THANKS REPORT

(adopted)

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

We, your Committee on Thanks, on behalf of the Companions in attendance, wish to express the sincere appreciation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Florida, to the York Rite Bodies of St. Petersburg for so graciously hosting our One Hundred and Thirty Second Annual Conclave here in the Sunshine City.

We express our deep appreciation to the General Chairman of the Convention Committee, Excellent Companion Russel E. Strawn; and to Mrs. Henry G. Zelner, the Chairman of the Ladies Program Committee for their unstinting efforts on our behalf to make this Convention an outstanding success. To those several others, both members and their Ladies of the York Rite Bodies of Clearwater, Tampa and St. Petersburg, who worked so diligently with the committee, we say "thank you" for all of the help that you so willingly provided.

We are grateful for the excellent sermon given by Sir Knight and the Reverend Eldon Earl Strawn, Grand Prelate, at the Grand Commandery's Divine Service at the start of this Convention. It was inspiring and certainly set the direction that this Convention would take.

To our Distinguished Guests, we express our delight at their presence and their participation in our proceedings. They have honored us and added much to the success of this Convention.

Our thanks go to the management of the Ramada Inn-South for its cooperation over and extended period of planning and during the Convention itself. The hotel staff has been most cooperative and the attention paid to our needs and wants is appreciated. We especially thank Mrs. Stephen Proctor, better known to us as Susan Proctor, for her unfailing courtesy and cooperation.

We express our thanks to the Honorable Corinne Freeman, Mayor of the City of St. Petersburg, for her remarks of welcome at the beginning of our business sessions.

To Sir Knight and Most Illustrious Companion Harold W. Kelley, our Grand Organist, go our thanks for the excellent contributions that he has made to each of our sessions, both official and social. His music adds much to our pleasure at every affair and is appreciated by all.

To this many others who worked so diligently, frequently behind the scenes, to make this Convention so successful and pleasant, we express our gratitude.

Fraternally submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

Stephen L. Van Norden

Roy M. Bobo

Billie J. Collins

## TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE REPORT

(adopted)

*To the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Florida:*

*To the Grand Council R. and S.M. of Florida:*

*To the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Florida:*

The York Rite Masonic Bodies of West Palm Beach extend a most cordial invitation to the:

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida.

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Florida.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida.

to hold the next scheduled Grand Convention of these Bodies at the City of West Palm Beach, from the 18th to the 22nd of May 1980.

Sincerely and fraternally,

The Committee

William F. Haythorn

J. Fred Wilson

Willis D. Porter

The following Reports that were read and received May 23, 1979 were adopted:

## AUDITING COMMITTEE

## GRAND TREASURER

## GRAND SECRETARY

## COMMITTEE ON PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES

(adopted)

We the committee on Propositions and Grievances are happy to report that nothing has been brought before this committee for consideration and that peace and harmony prevail in this Grand Chapter.

L. Earl Haskell

Andrew F. Jorgenson

James D. Banketas

## BUDGET &amp; FINANCE SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Report that was read and received May 23, 1979, not including a donation to the Masonic Youth Association, was adopted.

## RETURNS &amp; CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT.

Adopted, as corrected, which stated that all Chapters had filed their Annual Returns and paid their per capita tax, and that all Chapters were represented at this Grand Convocation except St. Augustine Chapter.

## COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE REPORT

(adopted as received May 23)

## COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS, DISPENSATIONS &amp; BYLAWS

(adopted as received May 23)



GRAND CHAPTER JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE  
SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT  
(Adopted)

Concerning Proposal Submitted by Dr. Lamb pertaining to R.A.R.A.

The Jurisprudence Committee find that under:

Article 13, Sec. 14, of the Constitution, Laws and Regulation of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, a Chapter has the responsibility of regulating the dues of its membership. The Grand Chapter has the power to set per capita assessed to the local Chapter only.

Joe C. LeSuer  
Earl G. Nicholson  
Edward H. Baxter  
J. W. Oder  
Richard I. Lanier

CONSTITUTION REVISION PROPOSALS

Motion carried to adopt Proposals A, B, C, and D received as numbered 7, 9, 6 and 8 respectively.

Motion carried to adopt Proposals received as Numbers 1 and 2 and 3 dealing with numbers 74 and 75.

Motion carried that the other proposals made by the Constitution Revision Committee must remain over and be circulated 60 days prior to the next Annual Convention for action at that time.

DEPUTY GENERAL GRAND HIGH PRIEST

Companion Frank T. Lee, Grand Principal Sojourner and South Eastern Deputy General Grand High Priest gave a talk and presented M.E. Joe C. LeSeur a Commission as a member of the General Grand Officers Committee on Fraternal Relations for 1978-1981.

1979-1980 APPOINTMENTS

William R. Pennington (Geraldine)..... *Grand Captain of the Host*  
Wendell D. Harrington (Louise) ..... *Grand Principal Sojourner*  
William A. Cogburn, Jr. (Jean) ..... *Grand Royal Arch Captain*  
Arnold R. Lambe (Lola) ..... *Grand Master of Third Veil*  
Floyd Zeigler (Linnie) ..... *Grand Master of Second Veil*  
Gary Brent Cull (Judy) ..... *Grand Master of First Veil*  
J. Russell Hammond (Nancy) ..... *Grand Sentinel*  
Harold W. Kelley (Sue) ..... *Grand Organist*

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

1979 - 1980

- District No. 1—R. Earl Shiver (11), (Helene Irene), 275 Lenape Drive, Miami Springs, Fla. 33166. Res. 305-887-6046, Jericho No. 11, Palm Beach No. 18. Keystone No. 20. Cabal No. 61.  
District No. 2—C. Allen Pattison (35), (Ida), 605 Menendez, Venice, Fla.

33595. Res. 813-484-2242, Manatee River No. 18, Sarasota No. 35, Poinciana No. 50.

- District No. 3—Lester H. Smith (3), (Elinor), 903 Linwood Terrace, Lutz, Fla. 33549. Res. 813-949-1168, Tampa-Cushing No. 3, St. Petersburg No. 31, Clearwater No. 45.  
District No. 4—James E. Bradford (41), (Rebecca), 345-17 St. NE, Winter Haven, Fla. 33880. Res. 813-293-3055, Dade City No. 8, Plant City No. 16, Thomas Brown No. 22, Lakeland No. 29, Winter Haven No. 41.  
District No. 5—O. Howard Thornburg (5), (Katherine), 129 Milton Rd., Daytona Beach, Fla. 32018. Res. 904-252-3591, St. Johns No. 4, Halifax No. 5, Eureka No. 7, Monroe No. 15.  
District No. 6—John E. Schotter (13), (Dorothy), P. O. Box 988, Dunellon, Fla. 32630. Res. 904-489-2089, Ocala No. 13, Eustis No. 33, Leesburg No. 34.  
District No. 7—Columbus Webb (9), (Henrietta), P. O. Box 387, Lake Como, Fla. 32057. Res. 904-649-4044, Putnam No. 9, Jacksonville No. 12, St. Augustine No. 17, Duval No. 48, Nassau No. 49.  
District No. 8—Eugene B. Taylor (62), (Sarah), Rt. 2 Box 178-T, Starke, Fla. 32091. Res. 904-964-5036, Lake City No. 38, Gainesville No. 2, Live Oak No. 25, James Yeager No. 62.  
District No. 9—William G. Norrie (1), (Harriett), 2333 Kilkenny E., Tallahassee, Fla. 32308. Res. 904-893-2454, Florida No. 1, Bay County No. 39, Jackson No. 32, St. Joseph No. 56.  
District No. 10—Gerald D. Eggers (57), (Sue), 1025 Beachview Dr., Ft. Walton Beach, Fla. 32548. Res. 904-242-9335, Mt. Horeb No. 6, Crestview No. 40, Surf No. 57.  
District No. 11—David D. Kelley (None), 3515 Sloan Rd., Ft. Pierce, Fla. 33450. Res. 305-461-6012, Indian River No. 27, Joppa No. 28, Melbourne No. 59.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

COMMITTEES FOR 1979-80

FINANCE AND BUDGET

Roy R. Wright, Jr., P.O. Box 1497, Sanford, 32771.  
J. D. Yeager, Rt. 2 Box 107A, Starke, 32091  
Earl R. Allan, 443 N. Star Ave., Panama City, 32401  
Russell W. Houston, 7500 S. W. 6th Ct., Miami, 33143.  
Dr. Daniel A. McClellan, Jr., 414 W. Main St., Leesburg, 32748.  
Henry C. Bengel, 1608 Paseo Ave., Ft. Pierce, 33450.

AUDITING

Alfred R. Peebles, P.O. Box 8171, West Palm Beach, 33407.  
William F. Haythorn, 1011 Locust St., West Palm Beach, 33405.  
Thomas E. McGowan, 141 Lawn Way, Miami Springs, 33166.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

Leslie C. Bortle, 2305 Arbuckle Creek Rd., Sebring, 33870.

Fred C. Urfer, Jr., 602 S. Spring Garden Ave., Deland, 32720.  
Kenneth S. Lawrie, Rt. 2, Box 553-C, Deland, 32720.

#### JURISPRUDENCE

Duane B. Young, 141 Shadow Lane, Lakeland, 33803.  
Joseph C. Lesuer, 1409 Buena Vista Blvd., Panama City, 32401.  
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Richard I. Lanier, 4044 Green St., Jacksonville, 32205.  
Earl G. Nicholson, P.O. Box 773, Palatka, 32077.

#### RITUALISTIC WORK

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Duane B. Young, 141 Shadow Lane, Lakeland, 33803.  
Thomas E. McGowan, 141 Lawn Way, Miami Springs, 33166.  
Thomas Priddy, 1909 Mill Creek Rd., Jacksonville, 32211.  
Kenneth K. Johnson, 4608 Burkett Circle, Tampa 33614.

#### RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS

U. V. Durden, Rt. 1 Box 167-A, Wewahatchika, 32465.  
Paul R. Davis, 3031 Northwest 22nd Court, Miami, 33142.  
John E. Dreher, 723 North Peninsula Dr., Daytona Beach, 32018.

#### TRIENNIAL

Henry C. Bengel, 1608 Paseo Ave., Ft. Pierce, 33450.  
Thomas E. McGowan, 141 Lawn Way, Miami Springs, 33166.  
William R. Pennington, Rt. 12, Box 260-P, Tampa, 33615.

#### BENEVOLENCE

William J. Hofheins, 1230 Circle Dr., Tallahassee, 32301.  
Robert Weisenbarger, 2797 Vine Street, Orlando, 32806.  
David Franzier, 111 Osceola Ave., Ft. Pierce, 33450.

#### MASONIC RELATIONS AND DEMOLAY

Franklin C. Smith, P.O. Box 94, Interlachen, 32048.  
Harry R. Rosenthal, Jr., 329 Braddock Ave., Daytona Beach, 32018.

#### NECROLOGY

Wilbur W. Masters, Jr., 817 Dante Place, Jacksonville, 32207.

#### YORK RITE PERMANENT HOME

James W. MacDonald	Joe C. Le Suer
Charles H. Green	Henry C. Bengel, Ex Officio
Earl R. Allan	Joe H. Sellers, Ex Officio
Wilbur W. Masters, Jr.	Earl G. Nicholson, Legal Advisor

#### YORK RITE LIGHT

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ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Dr. Arnold R. Lambe, Rt. 4, Box 20, Marianna, 32446.

#### CUSTODIAN OF RITUALISTIC MATERIALS

Charles W. Arnold, Chairman Emeritus.  
Woodrow W. Cash, P.O. Box 258, Sanford, 32771, Chairman.

#### LEGAL ADVISER

Earl G. Nicholson, P.O. Box 773, Palatka, 32077.

#### MEMORIALS

J. W. MacDonald for William J. Abram  
Leroy E. Healy for A. Clement Blount  
Thomas E. McGowan, for John B. Phelps

J. Fred Wilson, Grand High Priest Elect, then presented his program and goals for the year 1979-1980.

#### R.A.R.A. ASSESSMENT

Joseph C. LeSeur, Chm. of the Jurisprudence Committee, reported the proposal to increase the per capita tax was legal.

Motion was made to increase the per capita tax one dollar per year with the funds thus obtained to go the Royal Arch Research Assistance Charity of the General Grand Chapter of R.A.M. International.

This Motion was amended that the increase would be effective in the year 1981.

The proposed amendment passed, but the original motion was defeated.

#### R.A.R.A. LIFE SPONSORSHIP

Motion carried that a process be set up for a voluntary system of Life Sponsorships for the R.A.R.A.

#### EVAN R. FLEMING, JR.

M.E. Fleming, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Miss. and Past M.I. Grand Master of the Grand Council of Miss., spoke to express the appreciation of the Distinguished Guests for the hospitality extended them while at this Grand Convention.

Grand Chapter was recessed for an open installation, with M.E. Companions Woodrow W. Cash, Installing Grand High Priest, Roy R. Wright, Jr., Grand Marshal and Comp. R. W. Hammond, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Chapter Officers and District Deputies were installed.

M.E. Walter H. Winchester presented M.E. Duane B. Young his Past Grand High Priest Jewel and Companion Warren Conklin presented M.E. J. Fred Wilson one of his hand made gavels.

Elizabeth Payne was presented a card and pin from the General

Grand Council in recognition of her husband, Arthur John Payne, having served as Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Florida from May 1978 until his death February 3, 1979.

Grand Chapter was reconvened.

Companions William F. Haythorn and Willis D. Porter, Grand Commander and Grand Master respectively for 1979-1980 were recognized by the Grand High Priest.

Grand Chapter was closed at 11:50 A.M. Thursday May 24, 1979.

D. A. McClellan, Jr.,  
Grand Secretary

J. Fred Wilson,  
Grand High Priest



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

Leroy J. Shellburg (24) .....1952	Noah M. Early (42) .....1966*
Charles G. Oldfather .....1953*	J. Van Loy (18) .....1967**
Nathan G. Stout .....1954*	Walter S. Brady (6) .....1968
J. W. Nelson .....1955*	Joseph J. Johnson (12) .....1969
James R. McCoy .....1956*	Wallace P. Dix (38) .....1970
Frederick D. McDonald .....1957*	Glenn E. Pletcher (16) .....1971*
C. Shellie Matthews (40) .....1958	Orville W. Cassady (45) .....1972
John E. Marley (33) .....1959*	James K. May (57) .....1973*
Joseph B. Johnson .....1960*	Franklin C. Smith (9) .....1974
Frank L. Miller (15) .....1961*	Theo. E. Windhorst (4) .....1975
Reuel Daniel (16) .....1962*	Harold F. Enter (12) .....1976*
Paul W. Chapman, Jr. (22) 1963*	Frank J. Busbey (61) .....1977
Gilbert A. Williams (27) .....1964	Charles B. Finney (13) .....1978
J. T. Williams (1) .....1965*	Ralph A. Jones, Jr. (9) .....1979

\*\*Denotes Demitted.

\*Denotes deceased.