

## FLORIDA YORK RITE DISTRICTS



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## PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

Saturday, 20 May 2000

The Pre-Convention activities got under way on Saturday. Several Committees met on Saturday and Sunday preceding the Grand Bodies. As is the custom of Miami Priory No. 10 K.Y.C.H and Miami Conclave Red Cross of Constantine each met on Saturday. The evening culminated with the usual combined Banquet of the two organizations.



SUNDAY, 21 MAY 2000



### RELIGIOUS SERVICE

On Sunday morning a devotional service was held in the Convention room. There was a real nice turn out and a collection was made for the York Rite Charities.

### GRAND YORK RITE DIVINE & MEMORIAL SERVICE

We are aware that man's life on earth, at its longest, is but a footprint upon the sands of time. In his anguish, Job asked a question that is as old as death itself: "If a man die, shall he live again?" It is a question that is found in every sob of sorrow. It is a question that is really a prayer. Into the ancient world with its questions came Christ's resurrection, declaring that life is mightier than death, and love can never lose it own. "Christ appeared in the splendor of the stars at Christmas and reappeared in the beauty of the lilies at Easter that we might know the truth of everlasting life." Therefore, in answer we might know the truth of everlasting life." Therefore, in answer to Job's question: "If a man die, shall he live again?", the Great Captain of our salvation answers: "I am the resurrection and the Life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die." "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away." Praise be to God, that through Christ's victory over death, and His great love for us, we have the Blessed Assurance that when our labors have ended and we have laid down the working tools of this mortal life a place, eternal in the Heavens.

Each year it is our sad duty to report on the number of our members from the three Grand York Rite Bodies who have passed through this vale of tears, never to pass again; knocked and the door has been opened to them as we pray it shall be opened to us one day. The Grand Chapter lost 203 by death; the Grand Council 204 and the Grand Commandery 230. This, of course, includes some overlapping as some of them belonged to all three Bodies. As Masons, we believe in the mortality of the body and the Immortality of the soul and we rejoice in the knowledge that each of them has heard that thrilling admonition, "Well done thy good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many. Enter thou now into the joys of thy Lord."

Our ranks have been thinned by the loss of the following Past Grand Presiding Officers since May 1999: Most Excellent Companion Woodrow W. Cash, Grand High Priest in 1972 and S.K. Cornelious K. McAvoy Past Grand Captain General in 1968.



The eulogies of the Past Grand Officers were read by the two present Grand Presiding Officers of the Grand Chapter and the Grand Commandery in that order, following which each of the three Grand Presiding Officers placed a white rose upon the altar in loving memory of those members of each Grand Body who died during the past year.

May the lives of those of our number who have preceded us in death teach us to live as men who are prepared to die, and to die as men who are prepared to live; for the young may die, the old must die and the wisest knoweth not how soon.

At this time we also extend our sympathies to our Sister Grand York Rite Bodies in the loss of their leaders.

Rev. Lee Ferdon

#### GRAND YORK RITE BANQUET

The Grand York Rite Bodies held their combined Banquet on Sunday at 7:00 P. M., M.I.P.G.M. Robert E. Burlson was the Master of Ceremonies. During dinner there were several awards presented. The following distinguished guests were seated at the head table with the Presiding Grand Officers and their Ladies: M. C. Bud Himes, D.G.G.M. - SE Region; Emory J. Ferguson, D.G.G.H.P. - SE Region; Keith W. Dean, M.:W.: Grand Master F&AM, Florida; Perry B. Anderson, G.G.P.C.W. and James M. Ward, Grand Master of Grand Encampment. The following Masonic Youth Representatives were introduced:

Rainbow Girls; Ms Erin Guest, Grand Worthy Advisor, Mrs. Dorothy Brillhart, Supreme Inspector; Mrs Jackie Harmon, State Mother Advisor  
Job's Daughters: Ms. Tiffany Steinger, Miss Florida Job's Daughter  
DeMolay's: Christopher Cook, State Master Councilor; Jody McGuire, State Illustrious Knight Commander; Ms Sarah Finkel, State Priory Princess;

William Marti, Executive Officer, Florida & Member International Supreme Council.

The Grand Lodge Officers and York Rite General Grand Officers were also recognized.

#### ICE CREAM SOCIAL

An Ice Cream Social was held on Monday Night for all Members and Guests. It was held by the pool, there was a really good turn out and a pleasant evening was had by all. There was plenty of Dairy Queen Ice Cream for all.

# GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF FLORIDA

## ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL GRAND CONVOCATION

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DAVID C. WILKINSON

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Presiding

VIRGIL P. BROWN, JR.  
Elected

Held at Daytona Beach, Florida  
22 May 2000 A. I. 2530





**DAVID C. WILKINSON**  
**MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST**  
**OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF FLORIDA**  
**1999 - 2000**



**MASONIC RESUME OF DAVID C. WILKINSON, M.E.G.H.P.****Personal:**

Born August 25, 1940, Palatka, Florida. Attended public schools of Putnam County and the St. Johns River Junior College, Palatka, Florida. Married Karen (Kay) February 1, 1970. I have three (3) Boys, one (1) Girl and a step-son. Employed by Putnam County Road and Bridge Department, February 20, 1970, to present. Member Midway Baptist Church, Bardin, Florida.

**Masonic History:**

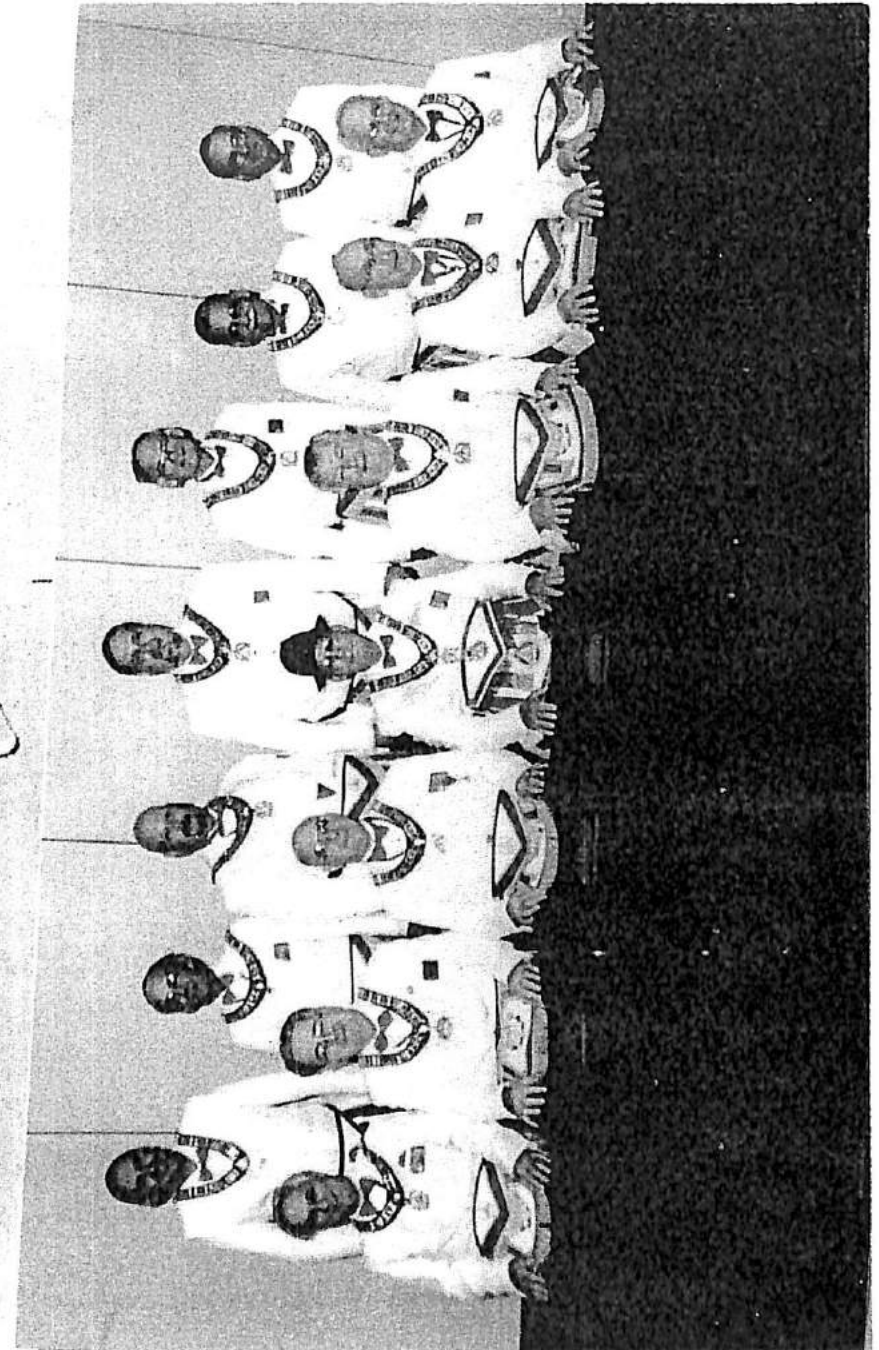
Pineland Lodge No. 86: Initiated April 1983, Passed June 1983, Raised August 1983, Worshipful Master 1988;  
M. W. District Deputy Grand Master of the 11th Masonic District 1989;  
Master and Wardens Association of the 13th Masonic District Chairman 1988, Treasurer 1989 to present.

**Palatka York Rite Bodies:**

Exalted, Advanced and Knighted on March 1984;  
Served as High Priest 1990;  
Illustrious Master 1989;  
Eminent Commander 1991;  
KYCH 1991;  
Grand Council, District Deputy Grand Master 1990;  
Appointed to Grand Chapter Line in 1992

**Other Masonic Orders:**

Scottish Rite, Valley of Jacksonville - 1989;  
Order of the Amaranth, served as Royal Patron several times;  
Order of the Eastern Star, Past Worthy Patron;  
Northeast York Rite College No. 114;  
Franklin C. Smith High Twelve, Past President;  
William A. Bessent, III, Council Allied Masonic Degrees, Sr. Deacon;  
The Royal Order of Scotland;  
Gateway Council No. 51 Knight Masons;  
Hallmark Council No. 3 Royal and Select Masters;  
Red Cross of Constantine;  
Florida Lodge of Research.

**GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF FLORIDA  
1999 - 2000 OFFICERS**



1999 - 2000

**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST  
GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF FLORIDA**



**THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF FLORIDA  
GRAND LINE OFFICERS FOR 1999 - 2000**

David C. Wilkinson (9) Kay ..... M. Ex. Grand High Priest  
P.O. Box 161, East Palatka 32131 ..... 904/329-4052

Virgil P. Brown, Jr. (27) Lorraine ..... R. Ex. Grand King  
2360 Bal Harbour Terrace, Titusville 32780 ..... 407/269-5969

Wayne E. Parks (7) Donna ..... R. Ex. Grand Scribe  
4535 Eagle Nest Rd., Fruitland Park, 34731 ..... 352/315-0468

Duane B. Young (29) Norma ..... R. Ex. Grand Treasurer  
141 Shadow Lane, Lakeland 33813-3594 ..... 941/646-6695

Wm. Robert Young (27) Jean ..... R. Ex. Grand Secretary  
3845 Catalina St., Titusville 32796 ..... 407/267-4556

Wm. Ronald Taylor (62) Ann ..... Ex. Grand Chaplain  
RR # 1 Box 180, Sanderson 32087-9712 ..... 904/259-7471

Steven Q. Steele (11) Judy ..... Ex. Grand Captain of the Host  
P.O. Box 661371, Miami Springs 33266-1371... 305/888-0692

H. Warren Almand, Jr. (32) Lydia ..... Ex. Grand Principal Sojourner  
4980 Flynt Drive, Marianna 32446-6385 ..... 850/482-4809

Luther Bodiford, III (1) Anne ..... Ex. Grand Royal Arch Captain  
2605 Nez Perce Trail, Tallahassee 32303 ..... 850/562-3148

Robert G. Stearns (24) ..... Ex. Grand Master of 3rd Veil  
74 Akron Road, Lake Worth 33467 ..... 561/965-5087

Glenn E. Chandler (12) Janet ..... Ex. Grand Master of 2nd Veil  
5360 Redrac St., Jacksonville 32205-9603 ..... 904/358-5626

William F. Wyllie (29) Ellen ..... Ex. Grand Master of 1st Veil  
2404 Cleveland Hgts. Blvd., Lakeland 33803 ..... 941/687-4654



Michael A. Padron, Jr. (Sally) ..... Ex. Grand Sentinel  
P.O. Box 5402, Key West, 33045-5402 ..... 305/294-4575

Charles R. Denman (13) Joan ..... Ex. Grand Organist  
2520 Friday Road, Cocoa 32926 ..... 407/632-7806

Howard P. Bennett (27) Pauline ..... R.E. Gr. Secretary Emeritus  
2805 Matthew Dr., Rockledge 32955-3815 ..... 407/636-0668

**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS**

- District No. 1 (Chapters 11, 20, 24, 65) ..... Roy P. Hendrickson
- District No. 2 (Chapters 18, 35, 50) ..... Charles T. Hutton
- District No. 3 (Chapters 3, 31, 45, 63) ..... Ralph Vaughan
- District No. 4 (Chapters 8, 16, 22, 29, 41, 64) ..... Louis A. King
- District No. 5 (Chapters 4, 5, 7, 15, 33) ..... David M. Brown
- District No. 6 (Chapters 27, 28, 59, 66) ..... William M. Henderickson
- District No. 7 (Chapters 9, 12, 17, 48, 49) ..... Kenneth E. Walker
- District No. 8 (Chapters 2, 13, 25, 38, 62) ..... James Rudman
- District No. 9 (Chapters 1, 32, 39) ..... David F. Emory, Sr.
- District No. 10 (Chapters: 6, 40, 57) ..... Charles E. Green, Sr.

**ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL GRAND CONVOCATION  
MAY 23, 2000**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

Putnam Chapter No. 9 opened in full form, the Grand Chapter Officers were introduced. The Grand High Priest was given Grand Honors and conducted to the east. The Grand Officers were asked to assume their respective stations, then the District Deputy Grand High Priests were seated. The Grand High Priest introduced Vernon E. Adams, M.I.G.M., and Edwin B. Moore, III, R.E.G.C., and asked that they be seated in the east. While awaiting the lineup of the past Grand High Priests of Florida and any distinguished guests not already introduced.

Returns and Credential Committee gave their report; it was adopted. The M. Ex. Grand High Priest then gave his report. It was accepted, with a round of applause.

The Mileage and Per diem report was given by Gordon Anderson and adopted. Companion Anderson then gave the Pre-Convention report, which was also adopted as read. The Necrology was given by Wm. Ronald Taylor; Grand Chaplain it was

adopted. The Grand Secretary made a motion that all the reports that were printed and distributed be accepted as written; the motion was adopted. The Grand Secretary then made a motion that the Proceedings be accepted as the minutes of the last meeting; they were adopted. The Grand Secretary then made a motion that all distinguished guests here for the first time be made Honorary Members; it was adopted. The Grand Secretary then gave the totals of the statistics for the Grand Chapter; with a total loss of 74. The Grand Secretary read the Youth Report.

Then M. Ex. Companion Vernon E. Miller gave the Jurisprudence report; it was seconded and adopted. M. E. Companion Miller also gave the report on Long Range Finance Committee, Foreign Relations report, and the Constitution Review Committee report. All the Committee reports were seconded and adopted. R. E. Companion Virgil Brown made some comments on the new amendments and how they would affect the constituent Chapters.

M. Ex. David C. Wilkinson then turned the floor over to Companions Wilbur Allen and Joe Ken West for the slide show on York Rite Masonry. M. W. Keith Dean, Grand Master of Masonry of Florida told R. E. Companion Virgil Brown (Grand High Priest - elect) that if he would like to politely request it, he could bring the slide show on Monday and show it for the over 2,000 Blue Lodge members attending Grand Lodge. The idea was applauded! The show was presented. Companion Tom Steele was recognized for the creating the slide show.

M. Ex. Companion Walter H. Winchester was escorted west of the alter, where the Grand High Priest presented him his Fifty Year Award and Pin.

Ex. Companions Marvin W. Gerhard and Vernon H. Miller were presented as holders of the Silver Distinguished Service Medal. M. E. Companion Wilkinson talked of what a great honor this medal is, all the Companions were given a standing applause then seated. M. E. Companion Vernon H. Miller received the Silver Distinguished Service Medal at the banquet this year.

Companion George Chipouras gave the report on the Ad-Hoc Committee; it was adopted. Companion Wayne E. Parks gave the reports on Ritualistic Material and the Religious Affirmation day, they were adopted.

The Bronze Distinguished Medal Holders were introduced, acknowledged, and given a standing applause.



M. E. Companion William O. Walker gave the report on the R.A.R.A. Committee, stating that he was unable to give the final figures due to the fact money is still being received. His final report will be recorded in the Proceedings.

M. E. Companion Walter H. Winchester talked about the Grand Representative meeting that was held last night. The representatives learned more of what they should be doing and what it means to our Grand Chapter. M. E. Companion Wilkinson talked of the need for Grand Representatives to not take the position if they don't plan to correspond with their counter-parts. M. I. Companion Vernon E. Adams was presented at the altar, M. E. Companion Wilkinson, with the assistance of M. E. Companion Frederick Young, presented him with his Commission as the Grand Representative to the Phillipines.

Companion H. Warren Almand asked that his report on the Committee on Thanks be accepted as it will be printed in the proceedings.

The floor was open for elections at 11:00 AM. M. E. Companion William Buck asked that M. E. Companion Vernon Miller cast a unanimous ballot for Virgil P. Brown for Grand High Priest. It was so done and Companion Brown accepted. M. E. Companion J. Russel Hammond cast a unanimous ballot for Wayne Parks as the Grand King, who accepted. R. E. Companion George Chipouras cast a unanimous ballot for Steven Steele as Grand Scribe, and he accepted. M. E. Companion Walter Winchester cast a unanimous ballot for Duane Young as Grand Treasurer, and he accepted. M. E. Companion Duane Young cast a unanimous ballot for Wm. Robert Young as Grand Secretary, he accepted. The elections for 2000 - 2001 were declared closed. R. E. Companion Virgil P. Brown announced his appointments for the ensuing year.

The Grand Secretary gave the Photography, the Unfinished Business, and the Budget & Finance Committee report, they were adopted. This completed the Committee reports.

The Grand High Priest then presented the Gold Key awards (see list of recipients in awards section). The Grand High Priest presented M. E. William Buck a Past Grand High Priest Jewel to replace the one he lost in his house fire.

The Grand High Priest introduced the General Grand Chapter RAM International officers in attendance. M. E. Companion Larry Gray, General Grand Scribe, gave a talk on the state of Royal Arch Masonry around the world. M. E. Companion John Kirby, General Grand Secretary, also gave a brief talk. M. E. Companion Smokey Ferguson, Southeastern Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest, gave a talk on the RARA.

Companion Virgil Brown presented the Grand Chapter with a special box, made by Companion Chuck Hayes of Challenger Chapter # 66, for the Grand High Priest Award, to keep it from being scratched or damaged. The box displays the award and allows people to see how really beautiful it is.

The Grand Chapter was recessed till installation of the new officers.

#### ROLL CALL

David C. Wilkinson	M. Ex. Grand High Priest
Virgil P. Brown	R. Ex. Grand King
Wayne E. Parks	R. Ex. Grand Scribe
Duane B. Young	R. Ex. Grand Treasurer
Wm. Robert Young	R. Ex. Grand Secretary
Wm. Ronald Taylor	Ex. Grand Chaplain
Steven Q. Steele	Ex. Grand Captain of the Host
H. Warren Almand, Jr.	Ex. Grand Principal Sojourner
Luther Bodiford, III	Ex. Grand Royal Arch Captain
Robert G. Stearns	Ex. Grand Master of the 3rd Veil
Glenn E. Chandler	Ex. Grand Master of the 2nd Veil
William F. Wyllie	Ex. Grand Master of the 1st Veil
Michael A. Padron	Ex. Grand Sentinel
Charles R. Denman	Ex. Grand Organist
Howard P. Bennett (Absent)	R. Ex. Grand Secretary Emeritus

#### PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS PRESENT

James W. MacDonald	1967	Walter H. Winchester	1971
Richard I. Lanier	1975	Joseph C. LeSuer	1977
Duane B. Young	1978	Wendell D. Harrington	1982
J. Russell Hammond	1987	Vernon H. Miller	1988
R. Earl Shiver	1989	Ewell J. Langdale, Jr.	1992
William L. Buck, Jr.	1993	William O. Walker	1994
Harry R. "Bob" Davis	1995	Harvey L. Ward, Sr.	1996
Frederick R. Young	1997	Leslie H. Scott, Jr.	1998

#### SILVER DISTINGUISHED MEDAL HOLDER

Marvin W. Gerhard



**BRONZE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL HOLDERS LIVING**

Joseph J. Johnson	1969**	Howard P. Bennett	1986
Wallace P. Dix	1970	George A. Chipouras	1987**
Harold F. Enter	1976	Charles E. Palmour	1989
Frank J. Busbey	1977	Lawrence L. Howell	1990**
Ralph A. Jones	1979**	William E. Eubank	1993**
C. Allen Pattison	1980**	Frederick M. Morris	1994**
Wallace C. Stich	1982	Quinnie Williams, Sr.	1996**
Willis M. Lewis	1985	J. D. Moffitt	1997**
Charles B. Curry	1998**	Wilbur R. Allen	1999**

(\*\* Denotes Present)

**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS**

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Roy P. Hendrickson  | 2. Charles T. Hutton      |
| 3. Ralph Vaughan       | 4. Louis A. King          |
| 5. David M. Brown      | 6. William M. Hendrickson |
| 7. Kenneth E. Walker   | 8. James Rudman           |
| 9. David F. Emory, Sr. | 10. Charles E. Green, Sr. |

**GRAND CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT**

AL	Paul W. Friend	AK	Steven Q. Steele
ALB	Robert Moyer	ARG	Joe Ken West
AZ	Richard J. Carr	AR	Luther Bodiford, III
BC	Robert E. Burlison	CA	William B. Porter
C/Ont	Richard I. Lanier	CT	Virgil P. Brown, Jr.
DE	Arnold R. Lambe	DC	Wilbur Allen
FIN	Daniel E. Dale	FR	H. Warren Almand
GA	William O. Walker	GER	Dencel R. Smith
Greece	Richard Foreman	HI	Walter H. Winchester
ID	Rodger L. Craig, Sr.	IL	William Wyllie
IN	Burt Maguire	IA	David C. Wilkinson
Israel	Ralph A. Jones, Jr.	Italy	Jorge Aldro
KS	Jacob J. Krawiec	KY	Robert F. Scott, Jr.
LA	J. Russell Hammond	ME	Wayne E. Parks
MB	Harry A. Rosenthal, Jr.	MD	James W MacDonald
MA	James W. Dalzell	*MEX	William A. Cogburn
MI	Earl R. Allan	MN	Clarence N. Gruber
MS	Gordon L. Anderson	MO	William L. Buck, Jr.
MT	Duane B. Young	Monaco	Walter Hassler

NE	George A. Chipouras	NETH	Leonard Whitehead
NV	Richard Young	NB	Jerry Morgan
NH	A. A. Pete Bennett	NM	Carl Williams
NSW	James B. Vanders	NY	Marvin W. Gerhard
NF	George Lundrigan	NZ	Quinnie R. Williams
*NC	Theodore Cooper	ND	Charles Losey
NS	Robert A. Niles	OH	Vernon H. Miller
OK	C. Allen Pattison	OR	R. Earl Shiver
PAN	Ralph O. Sheppard	PA	Frank Buell
PI	Vernon E. Adams	Port	Michael Padron
QUE	Leslie H. Scott, Jr.	AUS	Wm. Ronald Taylor
RI	George E. Malone	SASK	Jack P. Rickels
SCOT	William A. Howard	SA	Harry R. "Bob" Davis
SC	Robert C. Wilson	SD	Robert G. Stearns
*TN	William Norrie	TX	Wendell Harrington
UT	Columbus Webb	VT	Wm. Robert Young
*VEN	Raul Reyes	VIC	Willis Porter
VA	Harvey L. Ward, Sr.	WA	Ewell J. Langdale, Jr.
WV	William Ferrell	WAust	Frederick Morris
WI	Joseph J. Johnson	WY	Hugh F. Moore

**REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS**

Florida	No. 1	Michael A. Free	HP
		Richard L. Kasten	King
		Timothy Hutchison	Scribe
Gainesville	No. 2	Wayne Thigpen	Proxy
		James Egan	Proxy
		Harvey L. Ward, Sr.	Proxy
Tampa - Cushing	No. 3	Jose Camara	Proxy
		Claudio Poccia	King
		Frank Potter	Scribe
St. Johns	No. 4	Paul S. Harrison	HP
Halifax	No. 5	Peter V. Filippello	HP
		John L. Ault	King
		William Ault	Proxy
Mt. Horeb	No. 6	P. E. Bush	Proxy
		Charles Perez	King
Eureka	No. 7	Freddy G. McNabb	HP
		Willis T. McBribe	King
		Richard Fox	Scribe



Dade City	No. 8	David Thompson	HP
Putnam	No. 9	Warren Sawyer	Scribe
Jericho	No. 11	Kenneth L. Lowery	King
		George Chipouras	Proxy
		J. T. Hendricks	Proxy
Jacksonville	No. 12	Leroy Fackler	Proxy
		Albert Russ Jr.	Proxy
Ocala	No. 13	Walter Hammond	Proxy
		David Aponte	HP
Monroe	No. 15	George Wolf	Proxy
		Frederick Gaines	HP
		William O. Walker	Proxy
		J. R. Hammond	Proxy
Plant City	No. 16	David Mason	HP
		Timothy Surrancy	Proxy
		John Hancock	Proxy
St. Augustine	No. 17	Rueben Owens	Proxy
		Frederick Shone	Proxy
		Burt Maguire	HP
Manatee River	No. 18	Robert F. Ramieh	King
		Elwood H. Williams	HP
Keystone	No. 20	Michael Beaudet	Proxy
		Michael Beaudet	Proxy
		Michael Beaudet	HP
Thomas Brown	No. 22	Robert J. Hernandez	HP
Palm Beach	No. 24	James Worth	King
		Ideal F. Baldoni, II	Proxy
		A. Ray Kinser	Proxy
Live Oak	No. 25	James S. Foster	HP
Indian River	No. 27	Richard A. Wolfe	Proxy
		James McDonald	Proxy
		Frank Glenn	Proxy
Joppa	No. 28	Francis Dancy	Proxy
		Paul W. Friend	HP
		Jack Mallon	Scribe
Lakeland	No. 29	William Wyllie	HP
		S. Richard Wallace	Proxy
St. Petersburg	No. 31	Donald T. Harriott	

Jackson	No. 32	Arnold Lambe	Proxy
		H. Warren Almand, Jr.	Proxy
		C. F. Tatom	Proxy
Eustis	No. 33	James Moore, III	Proxy
Sarasota	No. 35	Louis E. Marchetti	HP
		B. John Ross	King
		Malcom Ryder	Proxy
Lake City	No. 38	Hugh Moore	HP
Bay County	No. 39	Franklin T. Sellars	HP
		D. L. Heaton	Proxy
Crestview	No. 40	A. E. Barnes	Proxy
Winter Haven	No. 41	Stephen D. Piner	HP
		Robert N. Herrault	King
		Jack Rickles	Proxy
Clearwater	No. 45	James T. Mason	HP
		Ralph O. Sheppard	Proxy
		Charles Cicero	Scribe
Duval	No. 48	Tony C. Gagarin	HP
		Clarence Gruber	King
Nassau	No. 49	Allen E. Yarborough	HP
		Quinnie Williams	Proxy
Poinciana	No. 50	Ernest G. Strauss	HP
Surf	No. 57	Donnie Pettis	HP
		Robert Showers	Proxy
		Samuel A. Sidoni	Proxy
Melbourne	No. 59	Charles Hollinger	HP
		William M. Owings	Proxy
James Yeager	No. 62	M. M. Slate	Proxy
		James Griffis	Scribe
Eden	No. 63	James Keaveny	Proxy
Highlands	No. 64	C. Harrison	Proxy
		James Keaveny	Proxy
		J. E. Aladro	Proxy
Island	No. 65	Tomas Ratner	King
		Michael A. Padron, Jr.	Proxy
		Virgil P. Brown	King
Challenger	No. 66	Charles Allen	Scribe



**RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

We find that the Grand Officers and Representatives of Chartered Chapters furnished by the Grand Recorder at the roll call to be correct, with all Chapters having made and paid, their per capita. Further we find there to be 232 votes present on the floor. This constitutes a simple majority as 117 votes and a 2/3's majority as 156 votes. We further find that all Chartered Chapters are represented with the exception of Eden # 63.

J. W. MacDonald      Walter Hammond      Alan J. Graulich

**GRAND CHAPTER AWARDS FOR 1999 - 00**

**GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER**

**SILVER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL**

Vernon H. Miller

**BRONZE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL**

Michael A. Padron, Jr., Island Chapter No. 65

**GOLD KEY AWARDS**

Name	Chap # - Dist #	Name	Chap # - Dist #
Frank Potter	3 3	Claudio Poccia	3 3
Edwin B. Moore, III	5 5	John H. Bryant	6 10
Edward Johanan	9 7	William J. Freund	13 8
Adrian Ray Kinser	24 1	Bernie Prunier	25 8
Richard E. Foreman	39 9	Ralph O. Sheppard	45 3
Robert Young, III	57 10	Clarence Bettines	59 6
**Edward Beaulieu	17 7	(passed away before this presentation)	

**GRAND HIGH PRIEST AWARD**

Mount Horeb Chapter No. 6, District No. 10

**TRIPLE TAU AWARD**

Island Chapter No. 65, District No. 1

**KEYSTONE PLAQUE**

Live Oak No. 25, District No. 8

**TOP LINE SIGNER AWARDS**

**10 or More Petitions**

13 Petitions - Thomas W. Vann, Tampa Cushing No. 3, Dist. No. 3

**5 to 9 Petitions**

District No. 9	Florida	No. 1	Michael Free Rick Kasten
District No. 10	Mt. Horeb	No. 6	Arngie Pope Edward Bush Grady Fountain

**3 to 4 Petitions**

District No. 1	Palm Beach	No. 24	Wesley Dickmann
District No. 2	Sarasota	No. 35	Louis H. Ortt
District No. 3	Tampa Cushing	No. 3	Jose Camara
District No. 5	Halifax	No. 5	Gordon Anderson
District No. 6	Indian River	No. 27	Robert Moyer Barry Shaffer Daryl Hamilton
	Joppa	No. 28	Paul W. Friend Ted. J. Miller
District No. 7	Putnam	No. 9	Robert A. Niles
	St. Augustine	No. 17	Burt F. Maguire
District No. 8	Gainesville	No. 2	Milledge Murphy
	Ocala	No. 13	James Rudman
District No. 10	Mt. Horeb	No. 6	Charles Perez Drexel P. Caldwell John H. Bryant
	Crestview	No. 40	Robert V. Erdman

There were 143 Top Line Signers of 1 to 2 Petitions in addition to these listed above. There was a grand total of 294 Top Line Signers.

**REPORT OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST 1999 - 2000**

Welcome to the One Hundred Fifty Third Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida. We are honored by your presence with us today. I hope you have been properly received and that all your accommodations are satisfactory. We are pleased that we have distinguished guests from other Grand Jurisdictions and General Grand Officers present.



It is indeed a pleasure and honor to stand before you today as your Grand High Priest. I have had an enjoyable year for the most part. I have had some bad tidings this past year. We were informed of the death of Most Excellent Woodrow W. Cash at our last Grand Convocation, my brother was diagnosed with cancer in August, and my son, David, Jr., was killed December 24, 1999. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who have had my family in their prayers and for all the kind words and deeds that have been extended. Thank you.

All has not been bad. I have had the pleasure to talk and visit with many distinguished masons and their families this year.

#### STATE OF THE CRAFT

I believe Royal Arch Masonry is alive and doing well. We could do better. Some Chapters are exalting new Royal Arch Masons at a good pace. Others are not bringing any new Companions in. We have gained some younger members this year. I believe we will be a little ahead on membership this year. This may be partly because of the slide presentation that Companion Wilbur Allen has put together for us.

#### NECROLOGY

The Grand Line has not been broken this year and we are pleased. However, it is with deepest regrets that some of our prominent Masons have been called from this veil of tears. Most Excellent Woodrow W. Cash departed this life May 21, 1999. There were many other respected and honored Companions who will be sorely missed. We extended our deepest sympathy to the family, friends, and loved ones of those who have gone on. I call upon our Grand Chaplain to offer a prayer in their memory.

#### BY-LAW CHANGES APPROVED

- July 28 Bay County No. 39 to change meeting location
- July 28 Mount Horeb No. 6 to increase dues
- Oct. 07 Plant City No. 16 to increase fees for degrees
- Oct. 12 Plant City No. 16 to increase dues
- Oct. 12 Plant City No. 16 to change street address; add time; summer recess
- Nov 10 St Petersburg No. 31 to change meeting time
- Mar 18 Monroe No. 15 to adopt uniform code of by-laws; increase dues; dispense with July and August meetings
- Mar 15 Palm Beach No. 24 to adopt the uniform code of by-laws
- April 08 Palm Beach No. 24 to change meeting location
- April 08 Joppa No. 28 to increase fees for degrees

#### BY-LAW CHANGES DENIED NONE

#### DISPENSATIONS DENIED

- Dec. 12 Halifax No. 3, to call a meeting for receiving and allotting on Petitions, Not Needed
- April 8 Indian River No. 27 to permit a member other than the Secretary to publish the newsletter, Not Needed

#### DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

- July 05 Surf No. 57 to elect High Priest and Officers due to health of High Priest
- July 31 Gainesville No. 2 to hold Antient Craft Table Chapter, Aug. 17 at Alachua
- Oct. 16 Jacksonville No. 12 to hold Antient Craft Table Chapter, Oct. 28
- Jan. 03 Surf No. 57 to elect High Priest and other Officers due to unavailability of a companion who would accept at regular election date
- Jan. 22 Gainesville No. 2 to hold Antient Craft Table Chapter Feb. 15 at Alachua
- Mar. 24 Jacksonville No. 12 to hold a one day class at Morocco Shrine Activity Bldg.

#### PROCLAMATIONS; APPOINTMENTS

- May 24 Proclamation - Religious Affirmation Day
- July 17 Appointed Protocol Committee: Vernon H. Miller, Duane B. Young, Earl R. Allan, and Marvin W. Gerhard.
- Feb. 04 Appointed Perpetual Membership Fund Committee: Duane B. Young - three years; Steven Q. Steele - two years; John B. Fletcher - one year.

#### EMERGENT CONVOCATION

With the permission of the Grand High Priest of Mississippi and the General Grand High Priest, I opened an Emergent Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Florida for the purpose of installing Charles E. Green, Sr., as the District Deputy Grand High Priest, District # 10, in Gulfport, Mississippi on June 26, 1999. After installing Rt. Ex. Charles E. Green, Sr., I closed the Emergent Convocation.

#### VOUCHERS SIGNED

Vouchers No. 1 through No. 112 signed in the amount of \$ 43,014.29.

#### OUT OF STATE VISITATIONS

Due to family and work restraints, I was able to attend only one.  
Nov 18-21 Grand Chapter RAM of Virginia



## OFFICIAL VISITS AND OTHER MASONIC ACTIVITIES

- May 22 Elected and installed M. E. Grand High Priest, Daytona Beach  
 23-26 Grand York Rite of Florida, Daytona Beach  
 26-29 Grand Court, Order of Amaranth of Florida, Tampa  
 May 30-June 2 Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, Orlando  
 June 03 Pineland Lodge No. 86, Palatka  
 10 Palatka York Rite Bodies  
 22 Official visit to Challenger Chapter No. 66, Mims  
 23 Masters and Wardens Assoc. 13th Masonic Dist., Hastings Ldg. # 183  
 24-26 Southeastern Regional York Rite Conference, Gulf Port, Mississippi  
 July 1 Pineland Lodge # 86, stated meeting  
 8 Official visit Putnam Chapter # 9, Palatka  
 11-14 Summer Assembly: Maggie Valley  
 16 M.W. Keith Dean official visit to the 13th district  
 24 M.W. Keith Dean Homecoming, Tampa  
 25 Visit Masonic Home, St. Petersburg  
 28 Masters and Wardens Assoc., 13th Masonic Dist., Palatka  
 Aug. 5 Stated meeting Pineland Lodge # 86, Palatka  
 7 Master Mason Degree, Pineland Lodge # 86, Palatka  
 14 Attended York Rite Districts 9 & 10 meeting, Marianna  
 17 Official visit Gainesville Chapter #2 and Antient Craft Table Chapter  
 21 Junior Grand Warden's Homecoming, Pensacola  
 25 Masters and Wardens Assoc., 13th Dist., Lake Lodge # 72  
 Sept. 9 Palatka Commandery # 5, stated meeting  
 18 Attended York Rite Districts 2 & 3 meeting, St. Petersburg  
 19 York Rite Masonic Home Day, St. Petersburg  
 22 Masters and Wardens Assoc 13th Masonic Dist, Pineland Lodge # 86  
 23 Official visit Duval Chapter # 48, Jacksonville  
 25 Attended 10th reunion DDGM 1989, MW Sam Lewis, Sanford  
 Oct. 9 Attended York Rite Districts 7 & 8 meeting, Gainesville  
 14 Official visit James Yeager # 62, Lawtey  
 15 Attended 100th Anniversary Pilgrim Commandery # 7, Gainesville  
 23 KYCH/Red Cross meeting in West Palm Beach  
 28 Official visit Jacksonville Chapter #12 & Antient Craft Table Chapter  
 Oct. 30 - Nov. 4 Triennial at Witcha Kansas  
 Nov. 6 York Rite Districts 1 & 6 meeting, Melbourne  
 11 Palatka York Rite Bodies  
 17 Masters & Wardens Asso #13 Dist, Ashlar Lodge #98, St Augustine  
 18-21 Attended Grand Chapter RAM of Virginia, Williamsburg, VA

- Dec. 2 Pineland Lodge # 86 election of Officers, Palatka  
 9 Palatka York Rite Bodies  
 15 Masters and Wardens Assoc #13 Dist, Middleburg Lodge # 107  
 Jan. 8 Ocala York Rite Bodies installation, Belleview  
 13 Lawtey York Rite Bodies installation, Lawtey  
 23 KYCH/Red Cross meeting, Bartow  
 Feb. 4 Official visit Ocala Chapter # 13, Belleview  
 8 Masonic Appreciation Day, Shrine Temple, Jacksonville  
 12 Grand High Priest Homecoming, East Palatka  
 13 Grand Lodge Masonic Home Day & Parade, St. Petersburg  
 15 Antient Craft Table, Alaucha  
 19 Palatka York Rite Degrees  
 28 50 Year Presentation Palatka Lodge # 34  
 Mar. 4 York Rite Districts 4 & 5 meeting and budget meeting, Winter Park  
 7 Official visit St. Johns Chapter # 4, Deland  
 8 Official visit Indian River Chapter # 27, Cocoa  
 9 Official visit Halifax Chapter # 5, Ormond Beach  
 11 Installation of officers of Azalea Court # 65, Lake City  
 13 Official visit Bay County # 39, 25 & 50 year presentations, Callaway  
 20 Official visit Palm Beach Chapter # 24, Palm Beach Gardens  
 21 Official visit St. Augustine #17  
 23 Attended Legislature meeting in Tallahassee  
 25 Attended dedication of new York Rite Temple, Pensacola  
 Mar. 31 AMD meeting, Gainesville  
 April 13 Official visit Eureka Chapter # 7, Orlando  
 15 REGC Edwin Moore's Homecoming, Daytona Beach  
 20 Past Masters Night (MM degree) Pineland Lodge # 86, Palatka  
 25 Official visit Highlands Chapter # 64, 50 Year Presentation, Sebring  
 26 Masters and Wardens Assoc #13 Dist, Lake Lodge #72, Crescent City

## RECOMMENDATION

Continued emphasis on membership and use of the Blue Lodge Representatives. Utilize the slide program. Continue to strive for 100% in our R.A.R.A. participation. Keep the good of the Order out front.

## APPRECIATION

My sincere thanks to the companions for allowing me to be your Grand High Priest. It has been an honor I will long cherish. To the many Companions who have been willing to help me in all my undertakings. To M. E. Ewell J. Langdale, Jr., who appointed me to the bottom of the Grand Line. To all the Past Grands who have been



willing to give me advice and instruction when needed. To M. I. Vernon Adams and R. E. Edwin Moore for their cooperation through this year. To the many ladies who have helped us and took part in many of our activities. To all the Grand Chapter Officers and District Deputies for carrying through with our plans for this year.

A special thanks to Irene Walker, Lydia Almand, and Rite Moore for helping in place of my wife who could not come. And to my wife, Kay, for putting up with my being gone so much.

Fraternally Submitted, David C. Wilkinson, M. E. Grand High Priest

## GRAND COMMITTEE REPORTS

### AUDIT COMMITTEE

On June 10, 2000, the Audit Committee, consisting of Columbus Webb, George Malone, David C. Wilkinson, Steven Q. Steele, and Virgil P. Brown, met with Duane B. Young, R. Ex. Grand Treasurer, and Wm. Robert Young, Grand Secretary, at the office of the Grand Secretary/Recorder in Titusville, Florida.

The Grand Secretary's and the Grand Treasurer's records were reviewed. All financial records were found to be in proper order.

The Convention Committee records were not available for audit and will be audited later.

The audit committee would like to thank the M. E. Grand High Priest, David C. Wilkinson for the privilege of serving the Grand Chapter.

Also we would like to thank the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary for keeping very good records and their assistance in the audit.

David C. Wilkinson Virgil P. Brown Columbus Webb George Malone

### BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE

This Committee is pleased to report that the Constituent Chapters and the Companions of those Chapters have been supportive of our philanthropies and youth groups and aided in the relief and welfare of the distressed. On behalf of this Grand Chapter, we

commend each of you for your concern for the welfare of others, and we wish to extend the thanks of this Grand Chapter, to each of you, and through you to the Companions of the Constituent Chapters.

Ewell J. Langdale, Jr. William A. Cogburn, Jr. J. Russell Hammond

### BLUE LODGE REPRESENTATIVES & MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

We wish to thank those Blue Lodge Representatives and Companions whose enthusiasm and zeal for the fraternity have added membership to our ranks. Their dedication has continued to add members to our ranks. As in all things, the dedication and zeal of the membership and commitment of the leadership of our individual Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies greatly influence the positive or negative trends in membership. Some York Rite bodies are active and growing, some are stagnant and in decline. Personal commitment makes the difference.

Continued effort in the areas of education and Blue Lodge involvement are the two major areas that will continually be emphasized and stressed. Other appendant bodies are still expecting the Blue Lodge members to provide recruitment. We are responsible for our own recruitment and only through personal dedication will we be able to accomplish it. We have a wonderful and enlightening system of teaching to offer. Let us educate ourselves in its beauties and mysteries. Thus armed and fortified, we can truly show why we are **PROUD** to be York Rite Masons.

The members of this committee wish to thank the Grand High Priest for allowing us the opportunity to serve the Grand Chapter and the York Rite on this committee. It is hoped that our efforts may make a small contribution to this great fraternity.

Steven Q. Steele H. Warren Almand, Jr. Wilbur R. Allen

### BUDGET AND FINANCE

The Budget and Finance committee met at 12:00 noon on March 4, 2000, at Winter Park Lodge. All Committee members were present. The Following changes were made:

Budget	1999-2000	2000/2001
Grand Secretary Office Staff		
Payroll, FICA, Payroll Tax,		
Fed Unemp., State Unemp.	\$9,360	\$10,000
Audit Committee	100	200
Delegates Mileage & Per Diem	6000	7000
Triennial	900	750



Library Committee	750	0
Masonic Youth	200	250
Masonic Home	100*	1000
Grand Secretary Office Expenses	4000	4300
Printing	500	650
Education & Training	100	100

TOTAL 2000 - 2001 BUDGET: \$43,335

\* \$1000 was actually given to the Masonic Home

The Committee will meet again on Sunday, May 21, 2000 during the Grand Convocation to make final adjustments that may become necessary.

Virgil P. Brown                      William O. Walker                      William L. Buck, Jr.  
Duane B. Young, Grand Treasurer                      Wm. Robert Young, Grand Secretary

#### CHARTERS, DISPENSATIONS, & BY - LAWS

No matters have been referred to this committee for consideration.

Robert A. Niles                      Wayne E. Parks                      Wm. Ronald Taylor

#### COMMITTEE ON THANKS

The Committee on Thanks for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida wishes to express its thanks to the following:

The Royal Arch Masons of the 5th Capitular District of Florida for their many and selfless labors on behalf of this Grand Convocation, and for their courtesies to its attendants and their Ladies, and to all our honored guests;

Our Ladies, whose warmth and graciousness once again brought us light and pleasantness, and, without whose dedication and devotion to our causes and goals, these proceedings and we would be greatly impoverished;

The management and staff of the Plaza Resort and Spa for their efforts to secure those necessities and amenities that would make our stay a pleasant one;

Our distinguished guests, whose presence honored us and whose good will and fellowship supported us and our endeavors in York Rite Masonry;

The Convention Committee, whose many hours of hard work showed in an exceptionally smooth registration process; and M.E.G.H.P. David C. Wilkinson, M.I.G.M. Vernon E. Adams, and R.E. G.C. Edwin B. Moore, II, whose purposeful and dedicated work performed in peace and harmony has provided us all a model of cooperation.

H. Warren Almand, Jr.                      Francis Dancy                      Edward S. Johanan

#### COMMITTEE ON WORK

It was our pleasure to visit with the companions in various districts, enjoying the fellowship and holding periods of instruction to assist in improving the floor work and the conferral of the degrees. It is apparent that by replacing the RED BOOK by APPENDIX D, many subjects have been clarified, thus improving Chapter work.

Some members of this committee had the privilege of attending several two day classes consisting of a large number of candidates, and observing the conferring of the degrees in a most proficient manner. We congratulate the Companions who participated and thank them for giving their time and effort.

Although instruction periods were held in many district's, it is regrettable that some had to be canceled due to other activities, and that there was a failure to schedule one in some districts. We are thankful for that which was accomplished. It is only by the assistance of the District Deputies and Companions that periods of instruction can be arranged, and we hope that in the future all districts will arrange for some assistance from this committee.

Although attendance at these meetings was fair and those attending showed great interest, we regret, that many times, very few current officers were in attendance, and we hope this will improve in the future.

We are prepared to assist the District Deputies, Officers, and Companions of Constituent Chapters at any time it is requested, either at district schools or individual Chapter meetings. All that is required is that the chairman of this committee be contacted and efforts will be made to have a member present.

We trust that the Companions will continue to study APPENDIX D so that Chapter work may be accomplished in a most proficient manner. We also hope the incoming Grand High Priest will urge his deputies to arrange for instruction by this committee in his district.



Our thanks to the District Deputies and Companions for their assistance during the year, and a special thanks to our M. E. Grand High Priest for granting us the privilege and pleasure of serving this Grand Chapter.

Jim W. MacDonald Harvey L. Ward, Sr Duane B. Young  
Richard I Lanier Vernon H. Miller

**CONSTITUTION, INDEX & UPDATE COMMITTEE**

This committee presented four proposed amendments to the Constiution and Regulations for the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Florida. Each of the proposed amendments were coordinated with the Jurisprudence Committee as content and propriety. All were found to be in proper style for presentation to the delegates for their consideration and ballot. (Each Proposed amendments is numbered here for ease of reference only)

Amendment No. 1: Proposed to amend Laws, Rules and Regulations, Chapter Nine - Grand Secretary, by adding Section 9.02 (New):

"All fees, reports, donations (except donations to the Royal Arch Research Assistance), and all registrations shall be sent through the Grand Secretary's Office, who shall keep a proper record thereof and provide copies to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and the necessary Grand Chapter Committees."

**This proposed Amendment failed the two-thirds majority vote required for adoption.**

Amendment No. 2: Proposed to amend Laws, Rules and Regulations, Chapter Twelve - Grand Chapter Convocations and Proceedings by amending Section 12.02 a. (1), Mileage and per diem, to read:

"A. General Provisions.

(1) Each Grand Officer and one Representative of each Chartered Chapter attending the Grand Convocation of this Grand Chapter, all members of Committees, Past Grand High Priests, District Deputies, and Distinguished Service Medal Holders, who are in attendance in no other capacity, shall be entitled to receive from the funds of the Grand Chapter such funds for mileage and per diem as may be recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee and approved by the delegates. If on any occasion the Grand Council and/or Grand Commandery should meet on the same day as the Grand Chapter when mileage and per diem are usually paid, and a Companion is also entitled to mileage and per diem from either of the other bodies, the

mileage and per diem shall be divided equally by the respective bodies. In

no event shall any Companion of this Grand Chapter receive more than 1 day mileage and per diem for any single calender day. Such mileage to be calculated one way for the distance from the site of their Chapter or their place of residence, whichever is nearer to the place of the Grand Convocation. Those who reside outside the limits of the state will be paid from the site of their Chapter or their place of entry into the state whichever is nearer to the place of the Grand Convocation. This resolution shall become effective on June 1, 2000.

**This proposed amendment was duly adopted.**

Amendment No. 3: Proposed to amend Laws, Rules and Regulations, Chapter Thirteen - Grand Chapter Committees and Convention Board (General Provisions) by adding Section 13.05 (New):

"No committee created or described under this Chapter shall maintain a separate bank account, and all moneys received by any committee shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary for proper accounting. No committee, either created or described under this Chapter, shall expend any funds except in accordance, as more specifically provided in these regulations."

**This proposed amendment failed the two-thirds majority vote required for adoption.**

Amendment No. 4: Proposed to amend Appendix A, Uniform Code of By-Laws for subordinate Chapters by amending Article XI, Dues, to read:

"The annual dues to this Chapter shall be (Amount) dollars, plus the annual per capita of the Grand Chapter plus such additional sums as the Grand Chapter shall from time to time prescribe, payable in advance at the beginning of each Chapter year, to wit: December 28th of each year. This resolution shall become effective June 1, 2000."

**This proposed amendment was duly adopted.**

Vernon H. Miller Harvey L. Ward, Sr., William L. Buck, Jr. Wm. Robert Young

**CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Companions, on behalf of the Convention Committee, let me welcome you to Daytona Beach for the 152nd Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida. We hope that you have managed to enjoy the sun, sand, and hospitality of the East Coast while attending to Grand Chapter business. While we did experience some difficulties with the facility, the fellowship and brotherhood were outstanding

Before we proceed with this report, it is necessary for us to thank Rita Moore for her work at the bazaar table. The bazaar was one of the best we have ever had, and this



committee received nothing but extremely positive comments about the results. We should all be grateful for her service.

The ladies lunch was again a rousing success, with 141 ladies attending. All who attended told us how much they enjoyed the time they spent and the entertainment. The mens lunch was also a smashing success. We had 192 Companions and Sir Knights attending. The response this committee received was also very positive.

It should be noted that 304 Companions/Sir Knights along with 141 ladies were in attendance at the banquet. This makes it one of the largest banquets in recent history. This year the Grand Presiding Officers arranged for entertainment at the banquet. We on the committee are in agreement with every comment we heard, that this year's entertainment was outstanding. While we had some difficulties with the banquet, from the comments we have received, and from our own personal experience, the food was outstanding. The level of fellowship was extremely high.

Florida Graphics was again the lowest bidder for our souvenir program, and once again they did an outstanding job. It should be noted, however, that ad sales were down this year. A greater effort needs to be made by the Companions and Sir Knights to help sell ads. Please remember that this is a source of revenue for our Grand Bodies.

Every year in this report we have stressed the need for pre-registration. This is not only for the convention committee but also for each of you. This year we timed the Companions and Sir Knights as they attempted to register. For those who pre-registered the time spent at the registration table was (on average) 1 minute 32 seconds. For those who had not pre-registered this average was 15 minutes 42 seconds. Further, by pre-registering you are insuring yourself all of the information and supplies we give. Each year we run out of supplies because we have to guess how many have not pre-registered without running over. For your own benefit, please pre-register.

The computerization of the Convention Committee continues, in attempt to further serve you. Each year we receive requests from the three Grand Lines for information on how to streamline the convention and allow for greater levels of camaraderie. We have been meeting these request and continue to look long term at what this committee can do in the future.

#### Final Convention Committee Report

##### ASSETS

Cash in Bank - checking	8,052.33	
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$ 8,052.33</b>

#### LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 218.36	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>\$ 218.36</b>
<b>NET WORTH</b>		
Net Worth - prior		403.39
Retained earnings - current	7,430.58	
<b>Total Net Worth</b>	<b>\$ 7,833.97</b>	
<b>Total Liabilities and New Worth</b>		<b>\$ 8,052.33</b>

#### STATEMENT OF INCOME (LOSS)

for the Six Months Ending June 30, 2000

<b>Revenues</b>	<b>Amount</b>	
Advertising income	\$ 7,890.00	
Registration	2,880.00	
Banquet	5,520.00	
Ladies Lunch	749.00	
Men's lunch	1,963.00	
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>19,002.00</b>
<b>Direct Cost</b>		
Program expense	3,680.00	
Fruit baskets	216.13	
Banquet, men's & ladies's lunch	5,855.73	
Ice Cream social	288.97	
Entertainment expense	500.00	
Miscellaneous convention costs	197.29	
<b>Total Direct Costs</b>		<b>10,738.12</b>
Gross Margin		8,263.88
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Office supplies	541.68	
Postage	291.62	
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>		<b>833.30</b>
<b>Net Income</b>		<b>\$ 7,430.58</b>

Next year's convention will again be at the Camberly Inn, and we look forward to seeing each of you.

Gordon L. Anderson	Walter M. Hammond	Alan J. Graulich
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**Final Convention Consolidated Report for the Grand York Rite Bodies**

<u>REVENUE</u>				
Collected by Convention Committee				\$ 19,002.00
From Grand York Bodies General Funds				18,770.80
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>				<b>\$ 37,772.80</b>
<u>EXPENSES</u>				
Convention Com. Direct cost	10,738.12	3,579.38	3,579.38	3,579.38
Convention Com. Operating cost	833.30	277.76	277.76	277.76
Other cost (sound equipment)	682.38	227.46	227.46	227.46
Other cost (gift Baskets)	137.00	45.67	45.67	45.67
Other cost (Ladies lunch, rms, etc)	4,471.32	1,490.44	1,490.44	1,490.44
Mileage and Per Diem	15,153.41	5,417.00	4,713.60	5,022.81
VIP's (Grand Lodge, out of state)	5,757.27	1,919.09	1,919.09	1,919.09
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 37,772.80</b>	<b>12,956.80</b>	<b>12,253.40</b>	<b>12,562.60</b>

George Malone                      Wm. Robert Young

**CUSTODIAN OF RITUALISTIC MATERIAL**

I am pleased to report that "Essentials" and "Key Lectures" were furnished to all Chapters that requested them and were recorded properly.

Wayne E. Parks                      J. Russell Hammond

**DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**

We, your committee on Distinguished Guests, are happy to report that special note was taken of the presence of the Past Grand High Priests of this Grand Chapter at the Chapter Session. This was in complement to the reception of all at the Commandery Conclave. In addition, some who had not been introduced before were accorded a welcome, and our General Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge Officers were welcomed as listed below.

The past Grand High Priests presented were the following Most Excellent Companions:

James W. McDonald	1967	Richard I. Lanier	1975
Joseph C. LeSuer	1977	Duane B. Young	1978
Wendell D. Harrington	1982	J. Russel Hammond	1987
Vernon H. Miller	1988	Randal Earl Shiver	1989
Ewell J. Langdale, Jr.	1992	William L. Buck, Jr.	1993
William O. Walker	1994	Harvey. L. Ward, Sr.	1996
Frederick R. Young	1997	Leslie H. Scott	1998
Dr. Walter H. Winchester	1971 - General Grand High Priest 1984-87		

In addition:

M. Ex. Companion Ralph O. Sheppard, Past Grand High Priest of Panama Canal  
M. Ex. Companion Stephen D. Piner, Past Grand High Priest of Connecticut  
Most Illustrious Companion Beecher W. Vaughn, Grand Master of Ohio

The Following were recognized from the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International:

Most Ex. Companion Emory J. Ferguson, Southeastern Regional Deputy  
Grand High Priest and the Personal Representative of the Grand Master  
General of the Knights of the York Cross of Honor  
Right Ex. Companion Larry E. Gray, General Grand Scribe  
Right Ex. Companion John Kirby, General Grand Secretary  
Most Ex. Companion Ralph O Sheppard, General Grand Ambassador at Large  
Most Ex. Companion William O Walker, General Grand Ambassador, Florida

The following Grand and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida were received:

Most Worshipful Brother Keith W. Dean, Grand Master  
Most Worshipful Brother Louis A. King, Deputy Grand Master  
Right Worshipful Brother James Durham, Junior Grand Warden  
Most Worshipful Brother Michael A. Padron, Past Grand Master

Your committee on Distinguished Guests thank you for the opportunity to serve in this honored capacity.

Duane B. Young                      Earl R. Allan                      William O. Walker

**FOREIGN RELATIONS REPORT**

The Committee on Foreign Relations is pleased to report that excellent peace and harmony exist with The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Florida and among the several Appendant and Allied Orders in this Grand Jurisdiction. Further, the committee observes most cordial relations with our Sister Grand Chapters and York Rite Bodies of the eight Grand Jurisdictions in the Southeast Region, U.S.A..

The Committee has received information that Companions in the State of Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, have petitioned the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons International, to organize a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, U.D.. This is encouraging news, as it demonstrates an increased interest in the expansion of Capitular Masonry in the South and Latin American Regions.



A significant personnel change for the European Region, General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons International, became effective in October 1999, the beginning of the 1999-2002 Triennium. M. E. Companion Pandelis Mastromanolis of Greece was appointed Deputy General Grand High Priest for the European Region. He replaced M. E. Companion Edelhart A. Hoffman of Germany, who retired from the position after twelve years of outstanding dedicated service, and was designated the General Grand Ambassador, European Region.

We now look forward to continued progress for Capitular Masonry in Europe and the contiguous areas under the capable leadership of M.E. Companion Mastromanolis. This Grand Chapter commends Companions Hoffman and Mastromanolis for their dedicated contributions to Capitular Masonry.

Reports received from the Far East Region reveal that Royal Arch Masonry, although small in membership, continues to display a viable presence within the respective Masonic families in the Republic of the Philippines, Republic of China (Taiwan) and Tokyo, Japan. This fact is especially significant in a region comprised of diverse Oriental/Asian cultures and religious practices.

Vernon H. Miller, PGHP

Frederick M. Morris

#### GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

I would like to thank you for electing me as your Grand Secretary/Recorder. I hope you have noticed the improvements Christine Dixon, our Office Secretary, and I have incorporated.

During the past year your Grand Secretary-Recorder's Office has continued updating the Records with the help of your Secretary/Recorders. It is estimated that the records of our active membership are now at 98%. Unfortunately, there are about 8,000 records of Demits, NPD's and Deaths that have not been put in the Computer as of this date. Five hundred dollars has been added to the Budget in order to eliminate this "backlog." This should complete the updating of our records. We have brought the Office up to the new information age. Improvements include all active members being now in a Data Base in the Computer, the ability to sort records based on Top Line Signers; those who have received their degrees during the Fiscal year; 25 yr. and 50 yr. members; NPDs, demits, deaths, etc.

The company that developed and sells the "Lodge Secretary" used by many Lodges throughout the USA, is in process of being updated to allow it to be used for York Rite

Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies as well as Blue Lodges. This could provide us with a program to improve our system as well as each Secretary/Recorder.

Another system is under study that will allow Secretary/Recorders to directly input the master data bank, thereby reducing their work load and cutting the cost of mailing, etc. There will be a Committee of experienced Software programmers appointed by our three Leaders with knowledgeable Secretary/Recorders to review and debug this program to see that it meets our needs. It is hoped that each Secretary/Recorder will some day obtain Computers or have a member of his Body with a computer that will help him. This will improve our operation and reduce his and our work load, as well as standardize our record system. We will set up classes for any who desire them.

Computer printouts are being provided to Secretaries and Recorders requesting them for their Chapter, Council, and Commandery. Hopefully, by the end of next year we will also be able to provide them with floppies containing their records, forms, etc.

Our Florida Web page has had more than 2800 visitors. Have you visited our Web Page? It contains Schedule of Events, lists of our Grand Line Officers, District Deputies, etc. We have had many good comments on it.

Our E-Mail system is working very well, for information, monthly reports, schedule impacts, ordering forms, and other supplies. We now have thirty Secretary/Recorders who use computers, allowing improved communications, in addition to other members who keep them informed. (For those who do not have computers or E-Mail.) Remember, Secretary/Recorders, if you are not interested in using a computer have one of your officers or friends work with you.

Christmas Eve we were informed about a tragedy of a son of one of our Grand Line and we opened the office up Christmas Morning to get the message out. (Try to get people, Christmas Eve or Christmas Morning by telephone!) By using E-Mail and telephone we were able to spread the word to more than 200 Companions and Sir Knights immediately. Had we waited until Tuesday and used only the telephone, it would have taken us two or three days plus \$200 to \$300 dollars. The more we use the E-mail system the more we can cut our operating cost.

Your Grand Secretary/Recorder has attended four Grand York Rite Secretary/Recorder conferences this year where interchange of ideas has been very valuable.



Remember, you have a standing invitation to come and spent a few hours in our Office in order to see what we do. We might even put you to work if you are interested.

Many thanks to Burt Maguire and Frank Sender for helping us out in the office; Terry Sender and Sonja Piasecki for their help at District meetings and the Convention; and George Malone our computer technician who keeps our computers working. They have helped us cut operating cost.

During 1999 - 2000 there were:

Exalted 268	Affiliated 34	Reinstated 26	Gain Total 328
Died 203		NPD's 164	Dimits 45 Loss
	Total 412	Overall Loss for year 84	

Wm. Robert Young, Grand Secretary

**GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT**

**GRAND CHAPTER - Income and Expense Report 6/1/00**

Bank Balance 4/30/00		\$ 35,511.87
Outstanding Checks 1457, 1483, 10522, 1734, 35		454.78
Checkbook Balance 4/30/00		35,057.09
Income: Deposit 5428.53	Int. 30.07	Sc - 4.25
Other Write off 1457, 83, 10522	116.6	+ 5,570.95
<b>TOTAL</b>		40,628.04
Expenses 6/01/99 To 5/31/00		43,014.29
Expenses 6/01/99 To 4/30/00		26,260.46
May Expenses	16,753.83	- 16,753.83
Checkbook Balance 5/31/00		23,874.21
Outstanding Checks C2386.08 PD2499.2	675	+ 5,560.28
Bank Balance 5/31/00		\$ 29,434.49

**GRAND CHAPTER BUDGET 6/1/99 - 5/31/00**

Item	Budgeted	Spent	Percent	Balance
10001 Grand Secretary Salary	2,800.00	2,800.00	100.00	0.00
10001A GS Payroll Tax	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
10002 Grand Secretary Asst	4,600.00	4,600.00	100.00	0.00
10002A GSA Payroll Tax	450.00	0.00	0.00	450.00
10003 Office Assistant	500.00	450.00	90.00	50.00
10003A OA Payroll Tax	60.00	0.00	0.00	60.00
10004 GYR Payroll Tax	650.00	1,128.37	173.560	- 478.37

10005	FED Unemployment tax	70.00	113.93	162.76	- 43.93
10006	FLA Unemployment Comp	200.00	211.06	105.53	- 11.06
10010	Grand High Priest	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
10011	Grand King	800.00	800.00	100.00	0.00
10012	District Deputies	0.00	0.00		0.00
10015	Grand Treasurer Exp.	1,200.00	1,200.00	100.00	0.00
10020	Accountant & Audit	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
10030	Grand Secretary Exp.	600.00	600.00	100.00	00.00
10031	Grand Sec. Asst Allow	200.00	200.00	100.00	00.00
10040	Chmn. Charity Comm	250.00	40.00	16.00	210.00
10045	Committee on Work	100.00	41.20	41.2	58.80
10050	Delegates Per Diem	7,000.00	5,417.00	77.39	1,583.00
10051	Distinguished Guests	1,000.00	3,682.66	368.27	- 2,682.66
10060	S.E. Conference	300.00	200.00	66.67	100.00
10065	Triennial	900.00	785.00	87.22	115.00
10070	Library Committee	750.00	750.00	100.00	0.00
10075	District Meetings	500.00	487.74	97.55	12.26
10090	Masonic Youth	200.00	240.00	120.00	- 40.00
10095	Masonic Home	1,000.00	1,000.00	100.00	0.00
	Grand Secretary's Office				
10100	Miscellaneous	600.00	933.33	155.55	- 333.33
10105	Postage	800.00	800.00	100.00	0.00
10110	Rent	1,000.00	1,000.00	100.00	0.00
10120	Telephone	800.00	800.00	100.00	0.00
10130	Electric	400.00	400.00	100.00	0.00
10140	Computer Expense	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
10160	Maintenance	300.00	300.00	100.00	0.00
	Miscellaneous				
10200	Printing	500.00	677.16	135.43	177.16
10225	Summer Assembly	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
10250	Proceedings	1,400.00	1,400.00	100.00	0.00
10300	Y.R. Publications	1,200.00	283.59	23.63	- 916.41
10350	Education & Training	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
10425	Corporate Fee	65.00	61.25	94.23	3.75
10450	Per Capita Tax	3,500.00	3,510.00	100.29	- 10.00
10460	Reimbursables	700.00	2,032.08	290.30	- 1332.08
10465	Awards	700.00	364.09	52.01	335.91
10470	Insurance	600.00	854.66	142.44	- 254.66
10500	Plaques & Markers	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
10550	Jewel, Apron, Case	500.00	961.32	192.26	- 461.32



10600	Contingencies	1,000.00	689.85	68.99	310.15
	TOTALS	42,095.00	43,014.29	102.18	- 919.29

**GRAND TREASURERS CONSOLIDATED REPORT**

Acct.	5/31/99 Balance	Interest	+ Income	+ Deposits	- Expenses	5/31/00 = Balance
GF	15,283.47		334.80	51,270.23	43,014.29	23,874.21
INV	183,905.01		14,272.53	157,755.24	- 173,468.00	182,464.78
CHF	7,212.18		312.23			7,524.41
CVF	2,456.08		102.95			2,559.03
LIBF	1,360.13		19.54	750.00	- 60.00	2,069.67
TRF	1,607.02		55.17	785.	- 1800.	647.19
	211,823.89		15,097.22	210,560.47	- 218,342.29	219,139.29

**CHAPTER INTEREST INCOME DETAIL 1999 - 2000**

Invested (CD's)		General Fund			
7130345913	7130338535	3138302774	071-4916	Inv Int	GenFund
5,130.27	3866.51	850.26	4425.49	14272.53	334.80

**CHAPTER GENERAL FUND DETAIL 1999 - 2000**

Per Capita	Reim.	Convention	Other	Inv Int	Total
35,009.00	595.53	1,638.05	SC-6.00	14,027.65	51,270.23

**GRAND CHAPTER INVESTMENTS AS OF 5/31/2000**

INV #	Int. Rate	Inv Date	Maturity	Term	Amount
0713034591338	6.00%	7/13/99	8/6/01	25M	105,130.27
07130338535	5.25	5/11/99	2/11/01	21M	77,334.51
			TOTAL		\$182,464.78

**CHAPTER BUDGET 6/1/99 - 5/31/00**

ACCT #	ITEM	BUDGETED
10001	Grand Secretary Salary	3,000.00
10001A	Grand Secretary Payroll Tax	0.00
10002	Grand Secretary Assistant	5,000.00
10002A	Grand Secretary Asst. Payroll Tax	400.00
10003	Office Assistant	1200.00

10003A	Office Asst. Payroll Tax	100.00
10004	GYR Payroll Tax	500.00
10005	FED Unemployment Tax	70.00
10006	FLA Unemployment Tax	200.00
	ALLOWANCES	
10010	Grand High Priest	3,000.00
10011	Grand King	800.00
10015	Grand Treasurer	1,200.00
10020	Accountant & Audit	200.00
10030	Grand Secretary	600.00
10031	Grand Secretary Assistant	200.00
10040	Chairman Charity Committee	250.00
10045	Committee On Work	100.00
10050	Delegates Per Diem	6,000.00
10051	Distinguished Guests	1,000.00
10060	S. E. Conference	300.00
10065	Triennial	750.00
10070	Library Committee	750.00
10075	Area Meetings	500.00
10090	Masonic Youth	250.00
10095	Masonic Home	1000.00
	GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE	
10100	Miscellaneous	600.00
10105	Postage	800.00
10110	Rent	1,000.00
10120	Telephone	1,000.00
10130	Electric	400.00
10140	Computer Expense	200.00
10160	Maintenance	900.00
	OTHER ACCOUNTS	
10200	Printing	650.00
10225	Summer Assembly	100.00
10250	Proceedings	2,400.00
10300	Y.R. Publications	1,500.00
10350	Education & Training	300.00
10425	Corporate Fee	62.00
10450	Per Capita Tax	3,500.00
10460	Reimbursable	700.00
10465	Awards	700.00
10470	Insurance	600.00



10500	Plaques and Markers	300.00
10550	Jewel, Apron, Case	500.00
10600	Contingencies	1,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 44,582.00</b>

Duane B. Young, Grand Treasurer

#### HISTORY COMMITTEE

Companions, I will open this report by reminding the membership that we still do not have a copy of the Grand Chapter Proceeding for 1872 and 1873. If and when our Grand Chapter should decide to print a complete history of our Chapters and Grand Chapter activities, we would have to omit the proceeding of those two years.

During the period of this report, we have located, in Grand Lodge F & AM, a large number of paper documents, which I am sure have been in the vault for many years. These documents include letters of correspondence, demits, certificates of good standing, dispensations for organizing new Chapters, and in a few instances, old Chapters.

I have in my possession, various documents from (24) of our Active Chapters and (34) Chapters which are now defunct. It may be that Chapters have no use for such of yesterday's history; however, I will keep them in the Grand Lodge Museum and History Committee vault so that they are available, if needed. The active Chapters for which I have such documents are: Gainesville # 2, St Johns # 4, Eureka #7, Putnam #9, Jericho #11, Live Oak #11, Ocala #13, St Augustine #17, Manatee River #18, Keystone # 20, Thomas Brown # 22, Lake Worth # 24, Indian River #27, Joppa #28, Lakeland #29, S Petersburg #31, Jackson #32, Sarasota #35, Bay County #39, Crestview # 40, Winter Haven # 41, Clearwater # 45, Duval #48, and Poinciana # 50.

If any Chapter or Grand Chapter should want to take charge of these papers, I will be pleased to turn them over to them.

Our sincere appreciation to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, for permitting this committee to serve in this area of our fraternal affairs.

J. Roy Crowther

#### JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

The Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed the report of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion David C. Wilkinson. We find the Grand High Priest acted judiciously within the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Florida; and within the prerogatives of his office.

We examined eleven (11) By - Law Amendments which were properly approved and sealed. Eight requests for dispensation were examined, of which M. E. Wilkinson granted six. Two requests were denied for valid reasons.

The Committee took cognizance that M.E. Companion Wilkinson, in unity and cooperation with the Most Illustrious Grand Master and Right Eminent Grand Commander, appointed a Protocol Committee to serve this Grand Chapter in particular, and the Grand York Rite Bodies in general, during the Capitular Year 1999-2000.

Further cognizance was taken that M. E. Companion Wilkinson implemented the Perpetual Membership Program, adopted at the 1999 Grand Convocation, by appointing the required Committee to administer the program.

Three proposed amendments to the Constitution, Law, Rules and Regulations for the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Florida, adopted May 20, 1997, as amended; and, one proposed amendment to Appendix "A" Uniform code of By-Laws, thereto, were examined in coordination with the Constitution Review Committee. Each of the proposed amendments was found to be proper for presentation to the delegates for consideration and ballot.

The Grand High Priest represented well this Grand Chapter at the 1999 Southeast Regional York Rite Conference; the Triennial Session, General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, International; and those foreign jurisdictions wherein he officially visited.

M. E. Companion Wilkinson is commended for sustaining a high visibility for this Grand Chapter through the number of visitations to constituent Chapters and allied Masonic organizations. This committee commends M. E. Companion Wilkinson for prudent and deliberate manner with which he executed the affairs for this Grand Royal Arch Chapter during his term of office. Each member of this Jurisprudence Committee expresses his personal gratitude for the distinct privileges of serving this Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

Vernon H. Miller

Ewell J. Langdale, Jr.

William L. Buck

William O. Walker

Harvey L. Ward, Sr.



**LEGAL ADVISORS COMMITTEE**

Various matters were referred to the committee by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, and all matters have been researched and responded to. The Committee wishes to thank the Grand High Priest for his confidence in this Committee.

Richard S. Agster

Charles R. Denman

**LIBRARY REPORT**

Each year it seems there is always something very interesting that happens regarding the library and its use. This year proved no exception.

Doctor Winchester received a telephone call from an individual in one of our northern states seeking assistance. It seems he was doing research on Meriweather Lewis the Mason, rather than just the explorer. Volumes have been written about the explorer, but very little about his Masonic affiliations. This call was followed up with a letter detailing the type of information desired.

On several occasions the committee went to the library and did research, and we are pleased to report the information located quite possibly assisted this man in his work.

As in previous years, the library was the beneficiary of additional books. Again Lois Yeager, wife of the late Harold Yeager (PGGHP), sent several additional volumes over and above those she had sent last year. Also, Betsy Widman, wife of the late James F. Widman (PHP) of Clearwater Chapter #45, donated several volumes of Quatuor Coronati.

In addition to their other responsibilities the committee worked several days within the library, repositioning the thousands of volumes on the shelves to be more closely aligned with the card file index. □

As previously reported, book plates should be placed in each of the volumes, and we welcome any ideas for a design for these book plates. Bear in mind that this is the Ray V. Denslow library of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International, and any design should complement as such.

As in previous years, the committee attended the Florida Antiquarian Book Fair held at St. Petersburg. We recommend to the many interested members of our fraternity that they give a very special effort to attend this function next year. It is always held in the □

month of March in St. Petersburg, and for more information you can contact Dr. Walter H. Winchester.

Marvin W. Gerhard, Ralph O. Sheppard, Walter H. Winchester, G. Gordon Goodman

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

Life Memberships have increased very slightly during the past year while interest rate of return has decreased slightly.

Participation for 1999 is as follows:

No	Chapter Name	LM	TI 12/99	% Returned	\$ Rtn'd
1	Florida	28	2474.6	0.0113911	108.55
3	Tampa Cushing	125	7513.6	0.04777208	453.46
4	St. Johns	20	828.67	0.005042573	49.95
5	Halifax	7	531.3	0.003506359	34.73
6	Mt. Horeb	91	3904.70	0.023143186	229.25
7	Eureka	56	4065.90	0.024041779	238.15
9	Putnam	31	1259.90	0.007666363	75.94
12	Jacksonville	62	3434.30	0.020899615	207.03
16	Plant City	6	564	0.001849375	18.32
17	St. Augustine	6	520	0.002718029	26.92
18	Manatee	9	853.30	0.005082917	50.35
20	Keystone	6	829.6	0.004468115	44.26
22	Thomas Brown	4	244	0.001484774	14.71
24	Palm Beach	7	1559.9	0.007976249	79.01
25	Live Oak	1	46.5	0.000282959	2.8
27	Indian River	16	665.83	0.004051669	40.14
28	Joppa	7	410.4	0.002497341	24.74
29	Lakeland	38	2973.	0.016538396	163.83
31	St. Petersburg	67	3632.2	0.022102445	218.94



32	Jackson	3	218.9	0.001332037	13.19
33	Eustis	5	286.4	0.001742784	17.26
35	Sarasota	13	1285.8	0.006722051	66.59
38	Lake City	5	251.4	0.001529804	15.15
40	Crestview	11	450	0.002738313	27.12
41	Winter Haven	105	5509.6	0.03325255	329.39
45	Clearwater	18	2058.5	0.01252626	124.08
48	Duval	9	441.2	0.002666508	26.41
50	Poinciana	35	2153.6	0.013104957	129.82
59	Melbourne	20	1336.5	0.008132789	80.56
62	James Yeager	9	291.5	0.001773818	17.57
63	Eden	14	1605.45	0.009769388	96.77
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>52182.55</b>	<b>0.307742302</b>	<b>3048.4</b>

\*\*The % returned is calculated on number of months the investment draws interest.

The investment of funds of the Grand York Life Membership Fund as of Dec.31, 1999 and the resultant income was as follows:

Bank Name CD #, M Date /IntRate	NAV 1/15/99	NAV 12/31/99	NAV 1/15/00	1999 Interest
Crown # 001-3084744 6/16/03 - 5.827%	8954.54	9491.78	9491.78	537.24 x
AM Gen Ann FF206094 4/07/04 - 7.25%var	0.0	21054.70	21054.70	1054.7
1st Union # 50803436 02/12/01 6.25%	11776.87	12513.09	12513.09	736.22 x
Crown # 001-3101233 3/24/04 - 4.975%	26047.90	.0	.0	332.91 x
Crown # 001-3111547 1/26/00 - 7.042	28,675.98	30,767.58	30,767.58	2092.95 x

CG/1st Union 5/6/97 82-12-600860-2 8%	2,618.85	3,241.90	3,241.90	41.9
Citrus/Chemical 6% 29025309 11/14/01	82,638.03	87,571.30	87,571.30	4,933.27 x
SA/1st Union # 60024167 Psbook- 1.45%	10.	3,331.31	2668.56	24.51 x
Huntington 30357738	0	12152.17	2246.3 -9905.87	152.17
Investments 1/15/99	160722.17	180123.83	169555.21	9905.87 (Payout)
Investment '99'	833.04			
Investments 1/15/00	169555.21			

Your Committee on Life Membership wishes to thank the Grand York Rite for the opportunity to be of service.

Steven Q. Steele

Duane B. Young

#### LONG RANGE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Long Range Finance Committee derives authority and composition as specified in Article XII, Section 5m, Constitution and Regulations, Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Florida. The Committee is charged with the study and oversight of long range financial matters for this Grand Chapter, and not to usurp the constitutional duties and responsibilities of the Grand Treasurer.

By virtue of the committee composition, the Grand Treasurer is an integral member. This composition enables the committee to coordinate and consult easily.

The very nature of the several financial accounts for this Grand Chapter offer only minimum flexibility to diversify from conservative fiscal practices by the Grand Treasurer and/or this Committee.

This committee shall continue to search for ways and means to increase annual income, or growth, though secure investments as opportunities are presented.

Vernon H. Miller

J. Russell Hammond

Duane B. Young



**MILEAGE AND PER DIEM COMMITTEE**

Your Budget and Finance Committee has recommended that the per diem rate for this convention be \$35.00 and that mileage be paid at a rate of 20 cents per mile one way.

Delegates and others entitled to per diem shall be paid for one day for each body represented.

The Committeemen for the Spring Budget and Finance Committee meeting shall be paid according to the formula established in the 1987 Grand Proceedings.

James W. McDonald    Wendell D. Harrington    Daniel E. Dale  
Walter M. Hammond    Alan J. Graulich

**MUSEUM AND MEMORABILIA REPORT**

This year the committee revised the entire record of the items listed in the museum. The committee spent approximately a week checking each and every one of the items on record. Any additional information obtained regarding an item was included in the updated record.

When the record was completed a copy was mailed to the Grand Recorder's Office to be filed as a back up. Copies were also mailed to each of the three Grand Presiding Officers for their records.

As new items are received, each is tagged, entered into a log book, and then entered into the computer. After enough additional items are received warranting additional backup, it will be done. We now have some 250 plus items, all displayed in the several show cases. The items include pins, glassware, plate-ware, commemorative jewels, Past Grand Commander Chapeau, an Eastern Star tea set, projectors, commemorative Knights Templar plates, old K.T apron with sash and dagger, etc.,.

The committee wishes to thank the three Grand Presiding Officers for the opportunity to serve this Grand York Rite.

Marvin W. Gerhard, Walter H. Winchester, Ralph O. Sheppard, Gordon Goodman



*In Memory of Companions  
of this and other  
Grand Jurisdictions  
Who have passed on to that  
Eternal Reward in  
1999 - 2000*



*This Page we  
Fraternally Dedicate*



**NECROLOGY COMMITTEE**

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 Mr. Kurtz, he dead. . . Joseph Conrad "Heart of Darkness"  
 Alas poor Yorick, I knew him. . . William Shakespeare "Hamlet"

It is with a great deal of regret that I report that the Grand Chapter lost 203 Companions to death this year.

The Necrology committee proposes that the Memorial Service of Sunday, May 21, 2000, be adopted as the report of the Necrology Committee, and that a list of distinguished departed Companions from our sister Grand jurisdictions be included in the report. We are saddened by the following known losses in other grand jurisdictions:

Most Excellent General Grand High Priest Calvin A. Behle, 1969 - 1972  
 State of Kentucky: M. Ex. Companion Cayle D. Baber, PGHP - 1976/77  
 State of Nova Scotia: M. Ex. Companion Percy James Briggs, PGHP 1978-1980

W. Ronald Taylor

**PATRIOTIC, CIVIC, & RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

Most Excellent Companion Wilkinson, your Committee is pleased to report to you and the Companions of Florida that during the Masonic year 1999-2000 the constituent Chapters of Royal Arch Masons and their members continue to actively support Patriotic, Civic, and Religious activities in thier respective communities throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

The collective and individual participation in these areas is often performed under banners of our Grand Lodge, our Shrine efforts and the several sister allied and appendant Masonic Bodies in which we as Royal Arch Masons also activity participate, therby demonstrating your goal of unity in Masonry.

Your Committee sent inquiries to the 42 Secretaries of our Chapters around the state requesting information on their Chapter's activities. Most of the Secretaries, being overworked and under compensated, have not yet responded. However, eight of the forty-two, or 19%, did respond in writing and we have documented proof of a small portion of our activities. We realize from personal contact and knowledge that many other Chapters have participated in committee related activities, but have not reported the same in writing.

Activities reported to Patriotic, Civic, and Religious Activities Committee during 1999:

ACTIVITY	Gainesville # 2	Mt. Horeb # 6	Eureka # 7	Putnam # 9	Ocala # 13	Landin River # 27	Sarasota # 35	Highlands # 64
Religious Affirmation	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Polling Place	X							
Youth Assist	X							
Flag Day		X						
Funerals	X	X						X
RARA	X	X	X	X				
Presidents Day			X					X
Attended Conv.	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Parades						X		
Family Day						X		
Blood Drive						X		
Mas. Home Day						X		
Care of Sick	X							X
Lodge Visits	X							X

We can see that there are areas in this Grand Jurisdiction where Royal Arch Masons in action are producing serious results in behalf of Freemasonry. The several reporting Chapter are noted to be in areas where Freemasonry is more than an antiquated term. It is easily seen as a place and a group of folks who are obtaining results in the betterment of their respective communities. Mount Horeb # 6 on March 25, 2000,



**NECROLOGY COMMITTEE**

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*It is with a great deal of pleasure that we thank you for your kind words and for the beautiful flowers that you have sent. Your Committee members thank you for allowing us to serve you and this Grand Chapter.*

Harvey L. Ward, Sr.

Ralph A. Jones, Jr.

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

Photographs and a video recording were made as required or requested and as appropriate for all Convention activities. All usual pictures were made available to members and wives from our committee. We thank the appointing authority for this opportunity to serve. We wish to thank Companion Quinnie Williams for videotaping the Convocation for us again this year. We would also like to thank George Malone for taking pictures with his digital camera for the Proceedings and to Richard Wolfe for taking the regular pictures.

E. L. Lank Green

Daniel Fitch

George Nevens

**PRINTING**

During the 1999 - 2000 year we had the following printing. Most of this printing is completed in the office; however, some of the printing was subcontracted, due to equipment and manpower constraints. The final copies of the Proceedings was done by an outside printer at a cost of \$ 2,524.67 plus covers completed in the office, saving over \$ 500.

Patents			
Annual Reports	300	Constitutions	2400 pages
Education Package	360 pages	Constitution Rev	1600 pages
Eye Foundation package	1000 pages	Resolutions	200 pages
Secretary/Recorder forms	200 pages	Directories	42000 pages
Memo's	2500 pages	Convention Reports	6600 pages
25 yr. Certificates	250 pages	Proceedings (in house)	1400 pages
50 yr. Certificates	225	(Books were not included; they went To an outside printer.)	
Letterheads, envelopes	200	Miscellaneous	800 Pages
Total pages printed over	3000 pages		
	63,000		

Actual			
804.36			
561.83			
1000.00			
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283.59	100		
700.00	460 Reimbursable	700	
3349.78	Total	4400	

David Wilkinson    Vernon Adams    Edwin Moore III    Wm. Robert Young

**PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES**

We, the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, are pleased to report that nothing has come before this Committee for its consideration. Peace, Harmony, and Unity continue to prevail within the Grand Jurisdiction.

Harry R. Bob Davis    Ewell J. Langdale, Jr.

**PROTOCOL**

It has been roughly sixteen years since PROTOCOL has been addressed by the Grand York Rite Bodies. During the last sixteen years most of you have become the leaders of York Rite. More often than not you have heard the word PROTOCOL, but it was never explained.

The committee applaud your Grand York Rite presiding officers for their decision to appoint a committee to study and implement a program on PROTOCOL.

PROTOCOL, as defined in Webster's Unabridged Dictionary is as follows: an original copy, draft, minutes, or a record document, more specifically it is referred to as a civil law system. However, the Spanish, Dutch, and Romans more specifically referred to its usage as DIPLOMACY. The definition of diplomacy has been accepted as the art and practice of conducting local, national, or international intercourse with skill and tactfulness. Perhaps a more permanent definition is provided in Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary: A code describing strict adherence to correct ETIQUETTE and PRECEDENCE.

From the latter two definitions we can form a definition that is most applicable to the diplomatic performance of our activities in York Rite. Ergo, PROTOCOL for our application shall be defined as the "Art and Practice of conducting local, state, and national meetings with skill and tactfulness by following a code describing strict



adherence to correct ETIQUETTE and PRECEDENCE. Such adroitness, kindness, fineness, distinction, courtesy and chivalry, which by the way have been hallmarks of our fraternity from time immemorial.

If each of us would practice the foregoing and develop a more refined sense of PROTOCOL, the fraternity would once again attain some of the enviable position it held in bygone years.

The subject of protocol is so broad and comprehensive that a large volume could be written about it. As you are aware, much of our conduct in the York Rite is governed by tradition, custom, and usage. There should not be a need to enforce the use of proper PROTOCOL or to penalize for infringement of good practice, but all should be aware of what it constitutes.

Our fraternity is a unique creation. The presence of the HOLY BOOK on the altar makes it inconceivable how any Brother, Companion, or Sir Knight could allow an atmosphere of slovenliness or undignified activity to be permitted within the walls of the respective body. Within these walls the HOLY BOOK opened is truly a place whereon "thou standest on HOLY ground." Within these walls there should be a sacredness and reverence to the fraternity in all its facets. That reverence should be sufficiently manifest to impress one as he enters. A great portion of the dignity which emphasizes reverence hinges on PROTOCOL.

The following are some examples as they should apply within our bodies: □

1. Sir Knight, Companion, or Brother is known as the style of an individual of our organization. Within these walls of the respective body the individual should always be addressed by the proper style, followed by the Surname. For example, Sir Knight Jones-never Jones, or Mr. Jones, or even Sir Knight James Jones. Amplifiers or Modifiers of the style might be such as Worshipful, Right Worshipful, Most Worshipful, Right Excellent, Most Excellent, or just plain Excellent as the case may be; even Illustrious, Right Illustrious, Most Illustrious, Eminent, Right Eminent, or in the case of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Most Eminent Grand Master. These modifiers should precede the style where appropriate. For instance, one might address Right Excellent Jones without making reference to his title.

Titles signify the station which the individual occupies or has occupied. Titles might be Captain of the Host, or Conductor of the Council, or Senior Warden, or any of the appropriate TITLES that abound. It follows then that to address a member you should □

use the style and surname, while to introduce you should use the style and full name followed by his title and organization. For example:

When Most Excellent Companion John Doe is being introduced in United Commandery Number 99, it would likely be proper to introduce him as Sir Knight John Doe, past Commander of Whistle Stop Commandery Number Twenty One, currently serving as the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida. Introduce him by his title in the respective body first, then honor him with any currently prominent title in a sister body.

When introductions are being made, announcements read, or statements made, it shows a complete lack of PROTOCOL to make any form or remarks, especially derogatory remarks.

If someone is speaking, wait until he is finished before you rise to be recognized. You should always rise to be recognized.

If a guest speaker is running past his allotted time, it is the duty of the presiding officer and no one else to gently remind him that his time is up and that no other business is to be handled (no remarks or giggling from the sidelines).

Some guidelines for written communications:

Do not use Style prefixes as a part of the address envelope. Generally if you are writing to a current or past Grand Officer it is appropriate to use the preface HON. (implying honorable), but be sure you put a period after the n; otherwise just the name is appropriate.

It is most appropriate to use the Style prefix in the salutation beginning the letter. This is an example of PROTOCOL when you properly recognize the Style and the current title that the individual has earned.

When closing the letter to a Masonic family member there are particular closings that are considered Masonic.

Masonic closings should read as follows:

□  
 Courteously for Chapter correspondence, Zealously for Council correspondence, Courteously and Fraternally for Commandery correspondence, Fraternally for Symbolic Lodge correspondence, and Fraternally when in doubt.



Examination of Masonic documents of the past reveals that our forebears tended to use considerably more flowery and eloquent terms. This may have been a way of separating the educated Mason from the less educated profane, or as a way of promoting the education of the Craft. Remember, Masonry has always fought illiteracy. While currently not in vogue, the use of intelligent and eloquent remarks possibly could help restore the fraternity to the elevation it once held. For example, the addition of the words "your humble and obedient servant" could be added to any of the closings above.

A prime example of respect and PROTOCOL is found in the admonition "Congratulate in public, admonish in private." This should always be a watchword of our gentle craft.

The following is additional information as to the use of proper PROTOCOL for the reception of ALL Guests AT GRAND COMMANDERY.

**Protocol for the Reception of All Guests at Grand Commandery**

Local Bodies Open and form Lines.

Local Bodies form reception Lines.

x x  
x x  
x x  
x x

Grand Line Officers Enter.

REGC  
Grand Line Officers

Grand Commander Received through lines.

Grand Line Officers Take their Stations.

Local reception lines Remain.

x x  
x x  
x x  
x x

Grand High Priest and  
Grand Illustrious Master enter

MEGHP & MIGM

MEGHP & MIGM received through lines.

Local reception lines remain.

x x  
x x  
x x  
x x

REGC declares Grand Commandery Open/Reconvened.

MEGHP declares Grand Chapter Open for reception of Guests.

MIGM declares Grand Council Open for reception of Guests.

Local reception lines remain.

x x  
x x  
x x  
x x

Florida Past Grand Commanders enter and are received through the lines, then take seats.

Past REGC'S

Local reception lines remain.

x x  
x x  
x x  
x x

Grand Encampment Officer/(Rep) enters and is received through the Lines.

MEGM

Local RECEPTION LINES DISBANDED

Other State level Grand Commandery Officers rec'd at one time and in more than one line if necessary

Elected Officers  
Past Grands  
Appointed Officers & Grand Reps.

Florida Past Grand High Priests received

FLORIDA PGHP'S

Other State level Grand Chapter Officers received at one time and in more than one line if necessary

Elected Officers  
Past Grands  
Appointed Officers & Grand Reps

Florida Past Grand Illustrious Masters received

FLORIDA PGIM'S + PDGIM

Other State level Grand Council Officers received at one time and in more than one line if necessary

Elected Officers  
Past Grands  
Appointed Officers & Grand Reps

Appendant Order Officers Received at one time

Top Officers Only - Preferably one line

Scottish Rite, KYCH, RCC, HRAKTP  
York Rite College, etc.



General Grand Chapter Officers received at one time, including current Florida appointments and special Medal Holders (MWG) (V.H.M.)

MEGGHP (Rep) -- others  
Florida appointees

General Grand Council Officers received at one time, including current Florida appointments and any special Medal Holders

MPGGIM (Rep) -- Others  
Florida appointees

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING IS SUGGESTED, BUT THE GRAND MASTER'S WISHES PREVAIL.

Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Officers rec'd at one time in more than one line if appropriate

MWGM  
Elected Grand Lodge Officers  
Past Grand Masters & Emeritus

Off

Appointive Officers

MEGHP declares Grand Chapter closed  
MIGM declares Grand Council closed.

#### GRAND COMMANDERY PROCEDURES

When the Grand Officer makes a scheduled visitation he should be met at the hotel or some place agreed upon and the presiding officer should, unless the District Deputy has accepted the duty, take charge of the hospitality of the Grand Officer visiting. If there is no dinner planned for the meeting, then the presiding officer, or one of the dais officers, should take the visiting officer to some restaurant.

We are not talking about any member when we say there are those who attend dinner of an official visitation and then leave before the meeting. That is most improper and lacks PROTOCOL. Also, at the dinner see that your distinguished guests are served first. That is PROTOCOL.

If a member arrives late, he should not indulge in loud talking, in the anteroom, and also no joshing of the candidates while work is being conferred. Mirth has no place in our degree work. Neither should there be applause. When you applaud a ritualist, you reduce the Ritual to the level of a stage play. Give the member a pat on the back or a warm handclasp after the work has been concluded. □

Prayers should never be offered in an off hand manner, because although Masonry is not a religion, it is religious in nature, and the Chaplain or Prelate should perform his duty with earnestness and sincerity, not in haste.

No officer should be dropped from the line for light or frivolous reasons; but if an officer is dropped from the line he should not take offense. He may not be qualified. He then should find where he can best serve the York Rite.

Always remember, whether you are in public, at work, with your family, or even when you are alone, you are a Mason. A non-Mason that might know you, will judge you and all Masonry by the way you conduct yourself. So you have in trust the reputation of every one of us. DO NOT BETRAY THAT TRUST.

The Committee wishes to express their thanks to the Grand Presiding Officers for allowing us to serve these Grand York Rite Bodies, and we recommend the continuance of this committee. Respectfully submitted, □

Marvin W. Gerhard      Vernon Miller      Earl R. Allen      Duane B. Young

#### RELIGIOUS AFFIRMATION DAY REPORT

I am very pleased to see the high number of Chapters participating in our Religious Affirmation Day program. Of the 42 Chapters, 37 reported - 2 did not participate in the program, and 3 did not send back their report; hopefully they held programs.

The 35 Chapters of record had a total attendance of 495, with the average being 14 per program.

We are encouraged by this report and recommend the Religious Affirmation Program be continued.

Wayne E. Parks

#### ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Twenty-eight Chapters and five other organizations contributed \$8,451.49 to the Royal Arch Research Program for a \$1.14 per member average. There were 14 Chapters that did not participate. Recommend that the District Deputy Grand High Priest include a presentation of the Royal Arch Research Assistance Program as a part of their Official Visits.

The following Chapters achieved one dollar or more per member:

Florida No. 1      Tampa Cushing No. 3      St. Johns No. 4



Halifax No. 5	Mount Horeb No. 6	Dade City No. 8
Monroe No. 15	St. Augustine No. 17	Thomas Brown No. 22
Palm Beach No. 24	St. Petersburg No. 31	Jackson No. 32
Eustis No. 33	Sarasota No. 35	Bay County No. 39
Crestview No. 40	Winter Haven No. 41	Clearwater No. 45
Melbourne No. 57	Highland No. 64	

Listed below are the contributions made by participating Chapters:

1. Florida No. 1	\$ 300.00	15. Palm Beach No. 24	\$ 194.00
2. Gainesville No. 2	140.00	16. St. Petersburg No. 31	200.00
3. Tampa Cushing No. 3	355.00	17. Jackson No. 32	88.00
4. St. Johns No. 4	200.00	18. Eustis No. 33	89.60
5. Halifax No. 5	232.00	19. Sarasota No. 35	181.00
6. Mt. Horeb No. 6	775.00	20. Bay County No. 39	986.00
7. Eureka No. 7	292.56	21. Crestview No. 40	190.00
8. Dade City No. 8	110.00	22. Winter Haven No. 41	220.00
9. Putnam No. 9	150.00	23. Clearwater No. 45	500.00
10. Jacksonville No. 12	311.00	24. Poinciana No. 50	50.00
11. Monroe No. 15	140.00	25. Surf No. 57	100.00
12. St. Augustine No. 17	100.00	26. Melbourne No. 59	120.00
13. Keystone No. 20	50.00	27. James Yeager No. 62	100.00
14. Thomas Brown No. 22	100.00	28. Highland No. 64	50.00

In addition to the above contributions have been received from the following organizations:

Ladies Bazaar	\$ 1,104.33
Gainesville Crescent Foundation	\$ 500.00
John B. Phelps Yr College # 31	\$ 100.00
Morning and Devine Service	\$143.00
Joseph P. LeSuer York Rite College	\$ 200.00

The Companions of Gainesville Chapter No. 2 have been responsible for obtaining the contribution from the Gainesville Crescent Foundation each year.

A new video "An Unheard Cry" is now available for loan from the Grand Secretary or State Executive Officer.

William O. Walker, State Executive Officer

#### TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE

The 154th Annual Grand Convocation of R.A.M. of Florida will be held at The Radisson Hotel Tampa at Sabal Park, 10221 Princess Palm Ave., Tampa, Sunday, April 29th, through Tuesday, May 1, 2000. The Grand Chapter will be convened on Tuesday, May 1, 2001.

Virgil P. Brown, Jr.      Richard S. Agster      Daniel L. Bennett

#### TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE

The 64th Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International was held Sunday, October 31 to November 3, 1999, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel and Century II Convention Center in Wichita, Kansas. M. E. William Schoene, Jr. of New Jersey, was elected General Grand High Priest for the 1999 - 2002 Triennial period. J. Benny Allen of Georgia, was elected General Grand King, and Larry E. Gray of Indiana, General Grand Scribe.

Virgil P. Brown, Jr.      Wayne E. Parks      Steven Q. Steele

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Upon examining the Proceedings from last year, we discovered only one piece of unfinished business remains. That piece of business involves a recommendation made by M.E. Companion Fred Young, as follows:

*"To review the implications of reducing the length of the Progressive Grand Line - possibly a training period of six years with more attention paid to developing our future leaders."*

Recommendation was made and accepted that this question be passed to the membership of Constituent Chapters in the form of a poll to determine their views.

We understand that such a poll was taken by the Grand Secretary's Office and the results will be provided at the Grand Convocation in May, 2000.

The Committee wishes to thank the Grand High Priest for the opportunity of serving on this committee.

Leslie H. Scott, Jr.

Frederick R. Young



### YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

For the past several years, all three Masonically sponsored youth groups have suffered from the lack of adult leadership. Properly trained and motivated leaders who are willing to spend the needed time with our youth are in short supply. Our apathy is showing.

While the Order of Rainbow for Girls in Florida appears to be increasing their membership slightly, most Assemblies do not have enough girls to put on their initiations without outside help. Here and there we see strong Assemblies, owing mainly to strong support from their sponsoring bodies. In 2001, the Rainbow will have a millennium celebration, for which they will need our financial assistance.

The International Order of Job's Daughters is barely hanging on. They no longer have a sufficient number of members to be officially recognized by their supreme governing body. For the past three years, this has meant that they are operating more or less unofficially, without a Grand Guardian Councilor Grand Bethel of Florida. The membership prerequisite of having a Masonic relative reduces the pool of eligible girls from whom they can draw. Add this to the problems all volunteer organizations are having, and there is no question why they are hurting.

The Order of DeMolay is not in such dire straits, but membership numbers are shadows of former times. The number of Chapters has dwindled from a 1968 all time high of 101 to the current number of about 30, with a corresponding drop in active membership. Most Chapters, like the Rainbow Assemblies, must get help from other Chapters to confer their work. Membership ideas and efforts in various parts of the state have promise, but results are yet to be seen. DeMolay International has instituted a screening procedure for prospective adult workers, which addresses parents' concerns about child abuse and fitness to work with young people.

In all three organizations, the youth have difficulty recruiting members because of the preponderance of alcohol, drugs, and gangs in the schools. Children involved with those things are not material for our groups. Parental fears also get in the way of recruiting. Many parents think our groups are demonic cults, anti-Christ, or some other bad thing. Even many decent kids say they are too involved in computers, video games and the Internet to be interested in getting out in a group. Nobody seems to have answers for these challenges.

One answer would be more active involvement on the part of Masons in helping our Masonic Youth build their groups. We can be on the lookout for decent kids ages 11-

20: Our children, grandchildren, nephews, nieces, neighbors, and co-workers kids, and give their names to youth leaders. We can invite Masonic and non-Masonic families to activities where they can meet members of our youth groups. We can invite the young people to perform or serve at various Masonic Functions. We can talk with the current adult youth leaders, give them encouragement and recognition, find out what they need. And, yes, we can contribute money to their causes. They need adults working with them most of all, but financial contributions can't hurt. Bottom line: We need to do SOMETHING, ANYTHING, before Rainbow, Job's Daughters, and DeMolay are just memories.

Walter M. Hammond

W. Ronald Taylor

Quinnie R. Williams

Luther Bodiford, III

Vernon E. Adams

### YORK RITE PUBLICATIONS

This committee was in hibernation this year and there are no activities to report. A discussion with the Most Worshipful Grand Master about our participation in, *The Florida Mason* clarified some miscommunications. Apparently the way we have been doing business with that publication over the last years was not the way we should have been doing business with that publication now. *One never knows, do one?*

Robert E. Burleson





**VIRGIL P. BROWN, JR.**  
**MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST**  
**GRAND CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF FLORIDA**  
**2000 - 2001**

#### **MASONIC RESUME OF VIRGIL P. BROWN, JR., M.E.G.H.P.**

**Personal:** Born Tulsa, Oklahoma on September 29, 1935 to Mabel and Virgil Brown, Sr.. Married Alyce L. Daubenspeck on February 18, 1962, they had 3 children: Pamela R. Cooper, Aiken, SC; David P. Brown, Titusville, FL.; Larry D. Brown, deceased. Graduated from Berryhill High School in 1954, went to Oklahoma State University, B.S. in Industrial Engineering and Management. Post Graduate; Florida Institute of Technology, MS Systems Management. US Army Reserve 1956-60, active duty 1960-1963, returned to Reserves till 1969, discharged a Captain. Employed by NASA, Launch Operations, Cape Canaveral, from 1963 till retirement in 1995. Member of Indian River City United Methodist Church, Administrative Board member for over six years now.

#### **Masonic History:**

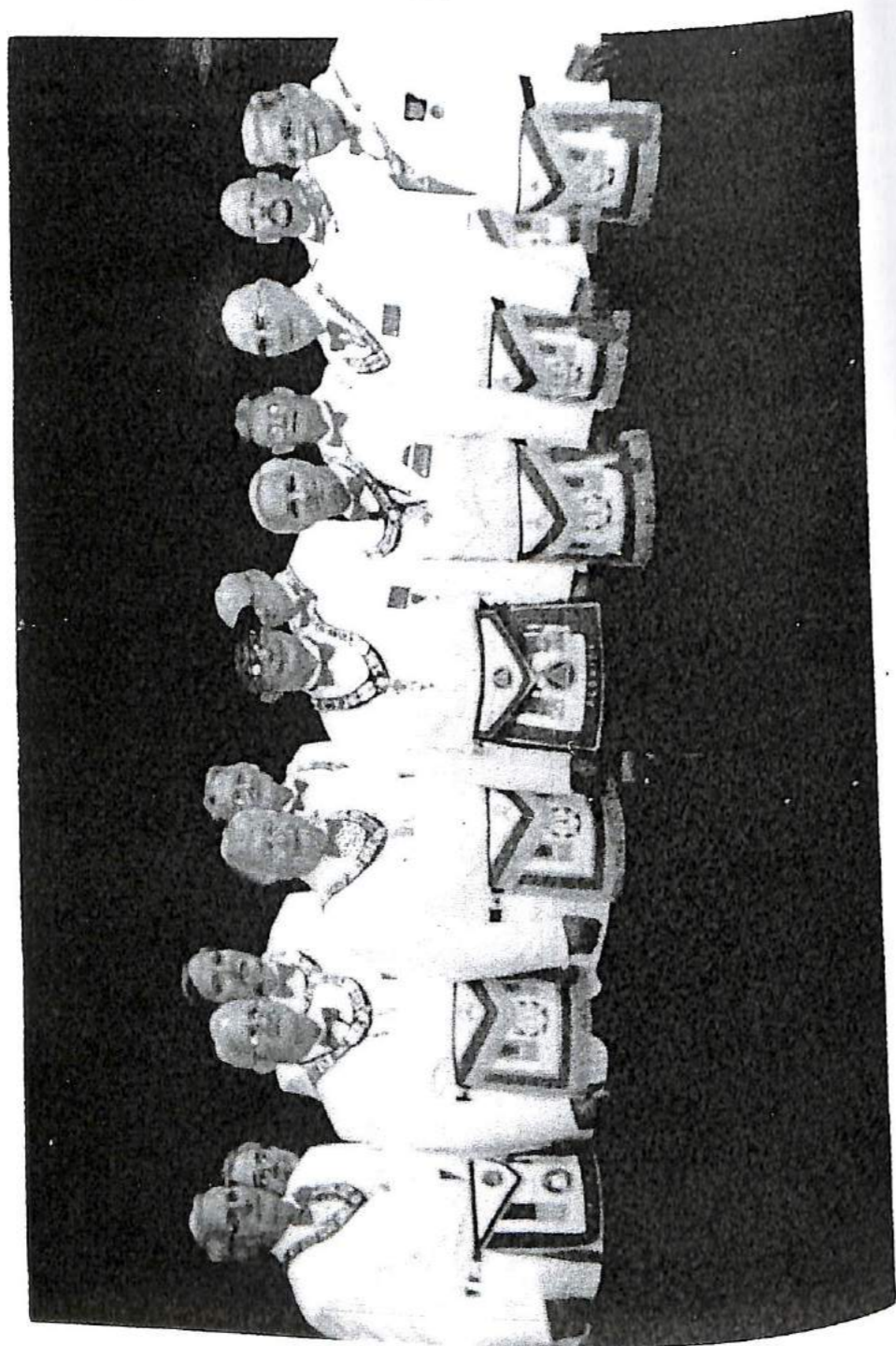
Merritt Island Lodge No. 353 F & AM, raised December 8, 1979; WM-1985.  
 Indian River York Rite Bodies: Indian River Chapter # 27, HP-1986; Challenger Chapter # 66, Charter Member, currently Scribe; Hiram Council # 13, IM-1987; Brevard Commandery # 24, EC-1986. Grand York Rite Bodies: Grand Council, DDGM - 1989; Grand Commandery, DDGC - 1990; Grand Chapter, DDGHP - 1991, appointed Grand Sentinel 1993, M. Ex. Grand High Priest 2000.

Other Masonic Orders: Florida Priory # 60, KYCH, Prior - 2000; Labarum Conclave RCC, presently Jr. General; John B. Phelps York Rite College # 31, presently Chancellor; Space Coast Council Knight Masons # 32, presently Jr. Knight; Space Coast Forest # 196 Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Grand Tall Cedar - 2000; Space Coast Council # 366 Allied Mason Degrees, presently Senior Warden; Nile Grotto # 125, M.O.V.P.E.R., Monarch - 1998, Secretary - 1999 to present; Scottish Rite, Valley of Orlando; AZAN Temple A.A.O.N.M.S.; AZAN Shrine Clowns, President - 1995; Merritt Island High Twelve Club # 713; Cape Canaveral Chapter # 366 National Sojourners; Florida College S.R.I.C.F.; Iowa Research Lodge # 2; Scottish Rite Research Lodge; Philalathes Society.

Non-Masonic Organizations: Toastmasters International; American Legion; National Wildlife Federation, Life Member; Florida Wildlife Federation; NRA- Life Member; Planetary Society; Voluntary Hunter and Firearm Safety Instructor for the Florida Game & Fish Commission, 8-9 years, Voluntary Counselor with the Brevard County Suicide Intervention Program and the Teen Hot-Line, 8 years.



GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF FLORIDA  
2000 - 2001 OFFICERS



2000 - 2001  
DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS  
GRAND CHAPTER of ROYAL ARCH MASONS of FLORIDA





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#### M. E. PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS - LIVING

1967	James W. MacDonald	Merritt Island
1971	Walter Winchester	Dunedin
1974	Earl G. Nicholson	Palatka
1975	Richard I. Lanier	Jacksonville
1976	James W. Oder	Tallahassee
1977	Joseph C. LeSuer	Panama City
1978	Duane B. Young	Lakeland
1979	J. Fred Wilson	Ft. Myers
1980	Henry C. Bengel	San Antonio, TX
1981	Thomas E. McGowan	Maggie Valley, NC
1982	Wendell D. Harrington	Jacksonville
1983	William A. Cogburn	Tallahassee
1985	Floyd Ziegler	Lakeland
1986	Gary Brent Cull	Titusville
1987	J. Russell Hammond	Casselberry
1988	Vernon H. Miller	Panama City
1989	R. Earl Shiver	Englewood
1991	William G. Norrie	Tallahassee
1992	Ewell J. Langdale, Jr.	Jacksonville
1993	William L. Buck, Jr.	Palatka
1994	William O. Walker	Deltona

1995	Harry R. 'Bob' Davis	Panama City
1996	Harvey L. Ward, Sr.	Gainesville
1997	Frederick R. Young	Cudahy, WI
1998	Leslie H. Scott, Jr.	Jacksonville
1999	David C. Wilkinson	Palatka

#### PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS - DECEASED

1847	Thomas Douglas	1848	John P. Duval
1849	Issac H. Bronson	1850	Harry R. Taylor
1851	R. A. Shine	1852	Thomas Brown
1853	Samuel Boardman	1854-5	J. Wayels Baker
1856	Thomas Hayward	1857	Gad Humphreys
1858	Thomas Hayward	1859	D. P. Holland
1860	Thomas Y. Henry	1861-4	George F. Baltzell
1865-7	David Jones	1868	James Ellenwood
1869-1	D. C. Dawkins	1872	William Morrill
1873-4	Michael Bowes	1875	Henry W. Long
1876-7	John S. Driggs	1878	Enos Wasgate
1879-80	Robert J. Perry	1881-2	William A McLean
1883	George S. Hallmark	1884-5	William E. Anderson
1886-7	Angus Patterson	1888-9	Marcus Endel
1890	J. W. Boyd	1891	T. S. Wilmarth
1892	Irving E. Webster	1893	Silas B. Wright
1894	William M. MacIntosh	1895	John H. Stevens
1896	William H. Jewell	1897	Warren Tyler
1898	Wilbur T. Webster	1899	James Carnell
1900	E. E. Haskell	1901	A. M. Cushman
1902	J. R. Wetherell	1903	T. G. Hutchinson
1904	Louis C. Massey	1905	Olin S. Wright
1906	Joseph R. Keller	1907	William S. Ware
1908	John H. Weddell	1909	Samuel Pasco
1910	T. Picton Warlow	1911	F. B. Stoneman
1912	Robert McClellan	1913	H. N. Sweeting
1914	John M. Cadwell	1915	Will C. Andress
1916	William R. O'Neal	1917	D. B. Palmer
1918	Charles H. Ketchum	1919	W. V. Carter
1920	Henry O. Snow	1921	John L. Hall
1922	Ralph J. Kishpaugh	1923	Ely P. Hubbell
1924	Earl L. Wirt	1925	T. T. Todd
1926	E. L. Shear	1927	Carey B. Fish



1928	Riley J. McMaster	1929	John Pasco
1930	Stafford Caldwell	1931	Alex B. Steuart
1932	William B. Greer	1933	R. P. Buckmaster
1934	Archie Aitchison	1935	George A. Dame
1936	Cleveland R. Horne	1937	J. Lloyd Head
1938	John B. Phelps	1939	Jessie C. Clark
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1942	William L. Marshall	1943	J. E. Herring
1944-5	George A. Lambe	1946	Harry R. Thompson
1947	Loren L. Dilger	1948	David M. Winans
1949	Leslie C. Bortie	1950	Carl H. Papier
1951	Orville A. Clark	1952	Richard Houghton
1953	Wilbur W. Masters, Jr.	1954	Thomas E. Dickenson
1955	A. C. Blount	1956	Herman J. Wendland
1957	William J. Abram	1958	Charles W. Arnold
1959	J. Robert Moore	1960	L. Earl Curry
1961	James A. Winfield	1962	Ray H. Schmidt
1963	Martin N. Gerhard	1964	Henry A. Brosnaham
1965	Roy R. Wright, Jr.	1966	Loftin D. Chiles
1967	Russell W. Houston	1968	Harold L. Beals
1969	Floyd M. Crippen	1970	William J. Hofheinz
1972	Woodrow W. Cash	1973	Edward H. Baxter
1984	Franklin C. Smith	1990	Russell W. Wells

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**FLORIDA No. 1 (District # 9) (Tallahassee) (1847)**

HP - Michael A. Free King - Lee R. Kasten Scribe - Timothy Hutchinson  
 SEC - Luther Bodiford III Meets: 2nd Monday - Monthly at 7:30 PM  
 Tallahassee Lodge, 2636 Capital Circle S.E., Tallahassee (904) 656-2406

**GAINESVILLE No. 2 (District # 8) (1879)**

HP - Nelson L. Mathis, Jr. King - Howard B. Osgood Scribe - Samuel Ferguson  
 SEC - Wayne Y. Thigpen Meets: 3rd Tuesday Monthly at 7:30 PM  
 R.T. Schafer Lodge, 2505 N.E. 9th Street, Gainesville (352) 372-9200

**TAMPA-CUSHING No. 3 (District # 3) (1882)**

HP - Ernest H. Fry King - Claudio Poccia Scribe - Frank R. Potter  
 SEC - Jose J. Camara Meets: 4th Friday - Monthly at 7:30 PM  
 Tampa Lodge, 4210 W. Oklahoma Ave., Tampa (813) 831-5406

**ST. JOHNS No. 4 (District # 5) (Deland) (1884)**

HP - Paul Stephen Harrison King - William Schuck Scribe - John A. Combs  
 SEC - Ronald J. Fritch Meets: 1st Tuesday Odd No. Months & Dec. at 7:30PM  
 Saint Johns Lodge, 2557 N Spring Garden Ave., Deland (904)734-9827

**HALIFAX No. 5 (District # 5) (Daytona Beach) (1896)**

HP - Peter V. Filippello King - John L. Ault Scribe - John G. Eidman  
 SEC - Robert Boggess Meets: 2nd Thursday - Monthly at 7:30pm  
 Ormond Beach Masonic Temple, 270 Kenilworth Ave, (904) 677-5005

**MOUNT HOREB No 6 (District # 10) (Pensacola) (1874)**

HP - Gregory D. Smith King - Charles Perez Scribe - Richard I. Fox  
 SEC - Drexel P. Caldwell Mts: 2nd Mon.- Feb, May, Aug, Nov, Dec, at 7:00PM  
 Pensacola York Rite Building, 185 Airport Blvd., Pensacola

**EUREKA No. 7 (District # 5) (Orlando) (1887)**

HP - Freddy G. McNabb King - Willis T. McBride Scribe - Richard I. Fox  
 (SEC) John B. Fletcher, Jr 2nd Thurs Monthly- 7:30pm (odd) 8:30pm (even mos)  
 Eloa Lodge, 3200 E Grant Street, Orlando (407) 898-3200

**DADE CITY No. 8 (District # 4) (1895)**

HP - David Thompson King - Thomas Collins Scribe - Warren Sawyer  
 SEC - George W. Robinson Meets: 1st Wednesday Monthly at 7:30 PM  
 Dade City York Rite, 13642 21st Street, Dade City (904) 567-5321

**PUTNAM No. 9 (District 7) (Palatka) (1889)**

HP - Thomas Stephenson King - Kenneth L. Lowery Scribe - Jack Hawkins  
 SEC - William L Buck Jr Meets: 2nd Thursday Monthly at 7:30 PM  
 Palatka Lodge, 1334 Crill Ave., Palatka (904) 325-5755

**JERICHO No. 11 (District # 1) (Miami) (1900)**

HP - Paul N. Phillips King - John H. Eason, Sr. Scribe - Roberto L. Ochoa  
 SEC - George A Chipouras Meets: 1st Friday Monthly at 7:30 P.M.  
 Miami York Rite Temple 1690 NW North River Dr, Miami (305) 325-0889

**JACKSONVILLE No. 12 (District # 7) (1854)**

HP - Harold E. Hunter, Jr. King - Darryl A. D'Angina Scribe Wilmer T. Atwell  
 SEC - Walter M. Hammond Meets: 2nd Thursday Monthly at 7:30 PM  
 Jacksonville York Rite Temple, 1237 S. McDuff Ave, (904) 389-0792

**OCALA No. 13 (District # 8) (Bellevue) (1888)**

HP - David A. Aponte King - Richard W. Bidwell Scribe - Benjamin R. Jones  
 SEC - William J. Freund Meets: 1st Friday Odd Number Months at 7:30 PM  
 Bellevue lodge, 5871 Baseline Road, Bellevue (352) 245-6468

**MONROE No. 15 (District # 5) (Sanford) (1893)**

HP - Frederick F. Gaines, Jr. King - James A. Nash Scribe - Ronald Roan  
 SEC - Warren J. Lunsford Meets: 2nd Tuesday Monthly at 7:30 PM.  
 Sanford Masonic Temple, 212 North Park Avenue, Sanford (407) 322-2616

**PLANT CITY No. 16 (District # 4) (1893)**

HP - David J. Mason King - Larry R. Gillispie Scribe - Kenneth J. Ramsey  
 SEC - John E. Hancock Meets: 2nd Monday Monthly at 7:30PM  
 Orlin Wright Lodge, 304 Acacia St., Plant City (813) 752-8061

**ST. AUGUSTINE No 17 (District # 7) (1903)**

HP - James B. Hunt King - William T. Hill Scribe - Frederick S. Shone  
 SEC - Burt F. Maguire Meets: 3rd Tuesday - Monthly at 7:30 PM  
 Ashlar Lodge, 105 King Street, St. Augustine (904) 829-8800

**MANATEE RIVER No. 18 (District # 2) (Palmetto) (1904)**

HP - Robert F. Ramieh King - Elwood H. Williams Scribe - Richard A Walls  
 SEC - Charles Levan Mts: 3rd Thursday- Feb, Apr, June, Oct, Dec, at 7:00PM  
 Palmetto Lodge, 404 10th Ave. W, Palmetto (941) 722-1719



**KEYSTONE No. 20 (District # 1) (Ft. Lauderdale) (1895)**

HP - Michael G. Beaudet King - Cyril 'Mike' Shortle Scribe - Jack M. Large  
 SEC - William D Spiker Meets: 1st Thursday Alternate Months at 7:30PM  
 J Dewey Hawkins Lodge, 555 NE 42nd Court Oakland Park

**THOMAS BROWN No. 22 (District # 4) (Bartow) (1871)**

HP - Robert J. Hernandez King - Jack L. Hacker Scribe - Harold Rivers  
 SEC - Joe K. West Meets: 1st Thursday - Monthly at 7:30 PM  
 Tuscan Lodge, 3205 S. Florida Avenue, Bartow (941) 533-2971

**PALM BEACH No. 24 (District # 1) (1904)**

HP - James W. Worth King - Ideal F. Baldoni, II Scribe - John Allen  
 SEC - David E. DeMent Meets: 3rd Monday Odd Number Months at 7:30PM  
 Harmonia Lodge, 1896 Palm Beach Lake Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens

**LIVE OAK No. 25 (District # 8) (Mayo) (1895)**

HP - Donald Wacha King - Donald Mock Scribe - George Noland  
 SEC - James S. Foster Meets: 1st Tuesday - Monthly at 7:30 P.M.  
 Mayo Lodge, US 27 & SR 51(across from High School) Mayo

**INDIAN RIVER No. 27 (District # 6) (Cocoa) (1906)**

HP - Richard A. Wolfe King - Patrick K. Corridan Scribe - Theodore A. Free  
 SEC - Frank Sender Meets: 2nd Wednesday - Odd Number Months at 7:30PM  
 Brevard Lodge, 40 Carmalt Street, Cocoa (321) 636-4785

**JOPPA No. 28 (District # 6) (Fort Pierce) (1906)**

HP - David K. Hellings King - Bud E. Barney Scribe - William Gilbert  
 SEC - Sandy Sanders Mts: 2nd Tuesday - Jan, Mar, May, Sept, Nov, at 7:30 PM  
 Ft. Pierce Lodge, Oleander & So. Market Ave., Ft. Pierce

**LAKELAND No. 29 (District # 4) (1909)**

HP - Jack W. Mallon King - Robert B. Histed, Jr. Scribe - William F. Wyllie  
 SEC - Duane B. Young Meets: 2nd Tuesday Monthly at 7:30 PM  
 Lakeland York Rite Temple, 1106 E Main Street., Lakeland (863) 683-3699

**ST. PETERSBURG No. 31 (District # 3) (1910)**

HP - S. Richard Wallace King - Dennis J. Thompson Scribe - Ronald A. Wybrow  
 SEC - Donald T. Harriott Meets: 1st Friday - Monthly - Ex July, Aug at 7:30PM  
 St Petersburg Lodge, 114 4th Street S. (727) 822-3517

**JACKSON No. 32 (District # 9) (Marianna) (1910)**

HP - Deward Besczeznski King - Luther H. Whittaker Scribe - Jeff Aaron Baxter  
 SEC - H. Warren Almand, Jr. Meets: 2nd Monday - Monthly at 7:30PM  
 Harmony Lodge, 3024 Jefferson St., Marianna (850) 482-3729

**EUSTIS No. 33 (District # 5) (1914)**

HP - Russell D. Krone King - Gordon L. Dobbs Scribe - Warren Shippee  
 SEC - Glenn L. Wood Meets: 1st Friday - Monthly at 7:30 PM  
 Eustis Masonic Lodge, 124 North Bay Street, Eustis (352) 357-7698

**SARASOTA No. 35 (Venice) (1915)**

HP - Louis E. Marchetti King - B. John Ross Scribe - Jason C. Pfothenauer  
 SEC - Malcolm B. Ryder Mts: 3rd Friday, Feb, Apr, June, Oct, Dec, at 7:00PM  
 Venice Lodge, 118 E Venice Ave, Venice (941) 484-0311

**LAKE CITY No. 38 (District # 8) (1950)**

HP - Charles Beecher King - Warren Minter Scribe - Stan Steinhaus  
 SEC - Hugh F. Moore Meets: 2nd Tuesday Monthly at 7:30 PM  
 Lake City Lodge, 2585 McFarlane Avenue, (904) 752-2339

**BAY COUNTY No. 39 (District # 9) (Panama City) (1945)**

HP - Franklin T. Sellars King - David F. Emory, Sr. Scribe - Bryan F. Johnson  
 SEC - Richard E. Foreman Mts: 2nd Monday Odd Number Months 7:00PM  
 Callaway Lodge, 5705 Douglas Road, Panama City (850)763-7094

**CRESTVIEW No. 40 (District # 10) (1920)**

HP - Dominic Canissario King - Albert Barnes Scribe - Richard Kupfer  
 SEC - Robert V. Erdman Mts: 3rd Tuesday, Odd Number Months at 7:00PM  
 Crestview York Rite Temple, 404 Garden St, (850) 682-1297

**WINTER HAVEN No 41 (District # 4) (1920)**

HP - Stephen D. Piner King - Robert N. Herrault Scribe - Russell Whelpley  
 SEC - Stephen Piner Meets: 1st Thursday Monthly at 7:30PM  
 Winter Haven Masonic Center, 375 Avenue "A" S.E. (863)294-2005

**CLEARWATER No. 45 (District # 3) (1922)**

HP - James T. Mason King - Philip S. Ware Scribe - Charles Cicero  
 SEC - Phillip M. Bohr Meets: 1st Wednesday, Monthly at 7:30PM  
 Clearwater Lodge, 407 N Belcher Rd., (727) 799-1665



**DUVAL No. 48 (District # 7) (Jacksonville) (1922)**

HP - Tony C. Gagarin King - Clarence Gruber Scribe - Billy G. Heister  
 SEC - Richard A. Barger 4th Thurs - Monthly (Nov & Dec 3rd Thur) at 7:30PM  
 Jacksonville Temple, 5700 Concord Ave., (904) 724-8282

**NASSAU No. 49 (District # 7) (Fernandina Beach) (1901)**

HP - Allen E. Yarborough King - Carl S. Amos Scribe - Jimmy D. Jones  
 SEC - Ed O'Rourke Meets: 4th Thursday Monthly (exp Nov, Dec) at 7:30PM  
 Amelia Lodge, 1101 S. 14th Street, Fernandina Beach (904) 261-3917

**POINCIANA No. 50 (District # 2) (Fort Myers) (1923)**

HP - Ernest G. Stauss King - Peter M. Kuchling Scribe - Wallace Bateman  
 SEC - Guy E. Waltman Mts: 2nd Tuesday Odd Number Months at 7:30PM  
 Noah Lodge, 41 Willis St., N. Fort Myers (941) 466-6363

**SURF No. 57 (District # 10) (Ft. Walton Beach) (1949)**

HP - Donnie Pettis King - Charles R. Lillie Scribe - Robert Young, III  
 SEC - William A. Howard Meets: 1st Monday Monthly at 7:00 PM  
 Alpha Lodge, 133 Brooks Street, Fort Walton Beach (850) 243-8051

**MELBOURNE No. 59 (District # 6) (1959)**

HP - Charles L. Hollinger King - Russell D. Harper Scribe Benton I. Herron  
 SEC - William Hendrickson Mts: 2nd Thursday, Odd Number Months at 7:30PM  
 Harbor City Lodge, 1715 Avacado Ave, Melbourne (321) 254-3456

**JAMES YEAGER No. 62 (District # 8) (Lawtey) (1976)**

HP - Robert L. Holder King - Donald Thornton Scribe - James E. Griffis  
 SEC - M. Eugene Shaw Meets: 4th Thursday Monthly at 7:30PM  
 Lawtey Lodge, North Grove and Jefferson Streets, (904) 782-1141

**EDEN No. 63 (District # 3) (New Port Richey) (1986)**

HP - W. Norman Clegg King - Keith Pratt Scribe - Lawrence Ruby  
 SEC - Luke DeRoberts Meets: 2nd Tuesday Monthly at 7:30 PM  
 Pearl of the West Lodge, 6319 Louisiana Ave, New Port Richey (727) 849-4122

**HIGHLANDS No. (64) (District # 4) (Avon Park) (1997)**

HP - Valentine Clay King - Robert S. Murray, Jr. Scribe - Fred H. Steffens  
 SEC - James P. Keaveny Meets: 4th Tuesday Monthly at 7:00 PM  
 Sebring Masonic Lodge, Home Avenue, Sebring

**ISLAND No. (65) (District # 1) (Marathon) (1997)**

HP - Richard Heber King - Tomas Ratner Scribe - Leland Cranmer  
 SEC - Steven Q. Steele Meets: 2nd Wednesday Monthly at 8:00 PM  
 Marathon Masonic Temple, 7 - 89th Street Ocean Marathon

**CHALLENGER No. (66) (District # 6) (Titusville) (1998)**

HP - George Neven King - Virgil P. Brown Scribe - Charles K. Allen  
 SEC - Wm. Robert Young Meets: 4th Tuesday Monthly at 7:30PM  
 Gateway Lodge, US # 1 & Temple Lane, Mims (321) 267-9822

**CHARTERS (Arrested, Surrendered, Restored, Merged)**

Kissimmee	10	Arrested	1936	Providence	38	Arrested	1939
Inverness	14	Arrested	1936	Melbourne	41	Arrested	1939
Island	21	Arrested	1918	Perry	44	Arrested	1933
Chipley	23	Surrendered	1931	Okeechobee	46	Surrendered	1932
Jefferson	26	Arrested	1966	Dade	47	Surrendered	1930
Leesburg	34	Surrendered	1991	New Smyrna	51	Arrested	1936
Arcadia	36	Arrested	1932	Orange	52	Surrendered	1930
Walton	37	Surrendered	1928	Delray	53	Surrendered	1932

Lake Butler	19	Merged w/Lake City	1967
Gadsen	30	Merged w/ Florida # 1	1967
Bay County	39	Arrested 1933 - Restored	1945
Highlands	42	Merged w/ Winter Haven # 41	1978
Nassau	49	Arrested 1935 - Restored	1945
M. D. Cushing	54	Merged as Tampa Cushing # 3	1967
Hill City	55	Merged with Dade City # 8	1971
St. Joseph	56	Merged with Bay County # 39	1981
Canaveral	62	Merged with Indian River # 27	1967
Hiram	60	Merged with Miami as Jericho # 11	1965
Cabal	61	Merged with Jericho # 11	1996



**ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD**  
**MAY 23, 2000**  
**DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA**

The Ex. President Duane B. Young called the meeting to order at approximately 7:15 PM and asked the Officers to take their stations. The station of the Treasurer, Russel Hammond, was vacant so James W. MacDonald was asked to pro tem.

All the stations being filled, the Secretary proceeded to called the roll of Officers.



President	Duane B. Young
Vice President	Vernon H. Miller
Chaplain	Walter H. Winchester
Secretary	Joe C. LeSuer
Treasurer	James W. MacDonald, Pro-tem
Master of Ceremonies	Harry R. 'Bob' Davis
Conductor	R. Earl Shiver
Herald	William L. Buck, Jr.
Steward	Richard I. Lanier
Sentinel	Ewell J. Langdale, Jr.

All of the Officers being in their stations, the Ex. President asked the Chaplain to give the opening prayer. Then the Order was opened in full form.

The Ex. President asked the Secretary to proceed with the business. The Secretary offered a motion that the minutes of the previous meeting as printed and distributed in the 1999 Proceedings be adopted. The motion was accepted.

The Treasurer was asked to give his report. The report is as follows:  
RECEIPTS:

Balance as of May 13, 1999	\$3,196.13
Candidates fees 25 @ \$30.00	750.00
Interest through 5/00	85.73
Sold Bible	25.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,492.85</b>

DISBURSEMENTS:

20 Heirloom Bibles	\$ 429.61
R.A.R.A	100.00
Secretary's Expense	<u>35.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 564.61</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$2,928.61</b>

The Treasurer made a motion that the report be accepted. It was properly seconded and passed.

The Secretary read the bills for payment:

Lee Publications for 35 Bibles	\$ 902.60
R.A.R.A. donation	100.00

A motion was made to pay the bills. The motion was adopted.

The Secretary announced that his desk was clear of present business and that there were 25 past or present Excellent High Priests waiting to receive the Order of High Priesthood.

The Excellent President, responding to the announcement, replied that if there was no objection, the list of Candidates would be elected, anointed, and consecrated into the Order of High Priesthood.

Name	Chapter		Yr HP
Edward D. Paschall	Tallahassee	#1	98
William Stedham	Tampa-Cushing	#3	99
Peter Fillippello	Halifax	#5	2000
Virgil Albright	Eureka	#7	99
David R. Thompson	Dade City	#8	2000
Frederic F. Gaines	Ocala	#13	99
David A. Aponte	Ocala	#13	2000
Tony C. Gagarin	St. Augustine	#17	99
Robert Ramieh	Manatee River	#18	2000
Calvin A. Bonette	Manatee River	#18	2000
Michel G. Beaudet	Keystone	#20	2000
Robert J. Hernandez	Thomas Brown	#22	98
Allen Simmons	Palm Beach	#24	99
Wesley E. Dickmann	Palm Beach	#24	2000
James W. Worth	Palm Beach	#24	98
Daniel Fitch	Indian River	#27	2000
Richard A. Wolfe	Indian River	#27	98
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After the Order was completed the Ex. President asked if any member of the class wished to comment on the degree that was just conferred. Several of the new companions commented on the impressive way the work was done.



The Ex. President then stated that if there was no further business to come before the Council the next thing in order was the election of Officers for the ensuing year.

A motion was made and properly seconded that the present Officers remain in their present Stations. But before the motion was voted on Dr. Walter H. Winchester asked to speak. He stated that he had served as Chaplain for many years (24) and that he would like to have someone else take over his job as Chaplain. The Ex. President regretfully accepted his resignation and thanked him for his many faithful years of service.

Jim MacDonald made a motion that we make Dr. Winchester Emeritus Chaplain of this order. It was seconded in several places about the room and was a unanimous vote.

The election was held and M. E. Companion David C. Wilkinson was elected to be chaplain and all other Officers remained in their present stations.

All of the business being concluded, the Ex. President closed the Order in full form at approximately 9:00PM.

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CHRONOLOGY  
Titles of Meetings and Dates of Bodies  
Composed Exclusively for Masons

The ordinary Calendar, or vulgar era, is not generally used by Freemasons in dating their official documents. They have one peculiar to themselves, differing according to their various Rites.

**Ancient Craft Masons** in all parts of the World, add 4,000 years to the Christian era, calling it Anno Lucis - Year of Light; abbreviated A.L. (This fact has a symbolic reference, not because they believe Freemasonry is, but that the principles and light of the institution are coeval with the creation.) AF & AM Lodges hold "Communications."

**Royal Arch Masons** date from the building of the second Temple - 530 B.C. Their style is, therefore, Anno Inventionis - A. Inv. - in the year of the discovery. Royal Arch Chapters hold "Convocations."

**Cryptic Masons** date from the completion of Solomon's Temple 1000 B.C. Their style is Anno Depositionis - A. Dep. - in the year of Deposit. Royal and Select Councils hold "Assemblies."

**Knights Templar** date from the organization of the Order in 1118 A.D. Their style is, therefore, Anno Ordinis - A.O. - in the year of the Order. Knights Templar Commandries hold "Conclaves."

**Order of the High Priesthood** dates from the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchizedek, which occurred 1914 B.C. Their style is Anno Benedictionis - A.B. - in the year of the Blessing. Councils of Anointed High Priest "Convocations."

**Scottish Rite** differs from the Ancient Craft in that they use the Jewish chronology, ANNO MUNDI (A.M.) "In the Year of the World".

**ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS** - Add 4,000 years.  
Thus: 2001 + 4,000 = A.L. 6001

**Royal Arch Masons** - Add 530 years  
Thus: 2001 + 530 = A. Inv. 2531

**Royal and Select Masters** - Add 1,000 years.  
Thus: 2001 + 1000 = A. Dep. 3001

**Knights Templar** - Subtract 1118 years.  
Thus: 2001 - 1118 = A.O. 883

**Order of High Priesthood** - Add 1914 years.  
Thus: 2001 + 1914 = A.B. 3914

**Scottish Rite** - Add 3760 years.  
Thus: 2001 + 3760 = A.M. 5761

