

PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

Saturday, 28 April 2002

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, 29 APRIL 2001



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

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 198 by death; the Grand Council 184 and the Grand Commandery 186. Our ranks have been thinned by the loss of the following Past Grand Presiding Officers since May 2000: Grand Chapter: Most Excellent Companions's: James W. Oder, 1977; Ralph O. Sheppard; M. E. Past Grand High Priest's and Excellent Companion Vernon G. Hitchcock, Grand Chaplain. Grand Council: Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Hugh R. Dixon, 1976. Grand Commandery: Right Eminent Past Grand Commander Russel E. Strawn. The eulogies of the Past Grand Officers were read by the present Grand Presiding Officers, following which each of the three Grand Presiding Officers placed a white rose upon the alter in loving memory of those members of each Grand Body who died during the past year. At this time we also extend our sympathies to our Sister Grand York Rite Bodies in the loss of their leaders.

A collect was made to be divided between the Charities of the Grand York Rite Bodies. The service was followed by the Grand Banquet.

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. Keith Dean was the Master of Ceremonies. During dinner there were several awards presented. There was a great meal of Prime rib and Chicken enjoyed by all.

The following Masonic Youth Representatives were introduced:

Rainbow Girls; Mrs. Dorothy Brillhart, Supreme Inspector; Mrs Patsy Warmack,
State Mother Advisor

Job's Daughters: Ms. Shirley Terrell, Miss Florida Job's Daughter

DeMolay's: Corey Allhouse, State Illustrious Knight Commander; 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.

The evening was enjoyed by all, we hope. (We didn't have any complaints)

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

An Ice Cream Social was held on Monday Night for all Members and Guests. It was held
by the pool, unfortunately there was some confusion as to the time, the Hotel served the
Ice Cream early, while a lot of companions were still in the degrees. We are sorry for the
mix-up. We would like to note that although many of the companions didn't get an Ice
Cream there was quite a few ladies that did. One table of ladies said they had several
bowls each, they said they hated to see it melt and go to waste. Also that it was very
good!

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF FLORIDA

ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FOURTH
ANNUAL GRAND CONVOCATION

VIRGIL P. BROWN, JR.
Presiding

WAYNE E. PARKS
Elected

Held at Tampa, Florida
1 May 2001 A. I. 2531

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 three 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 King; 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.

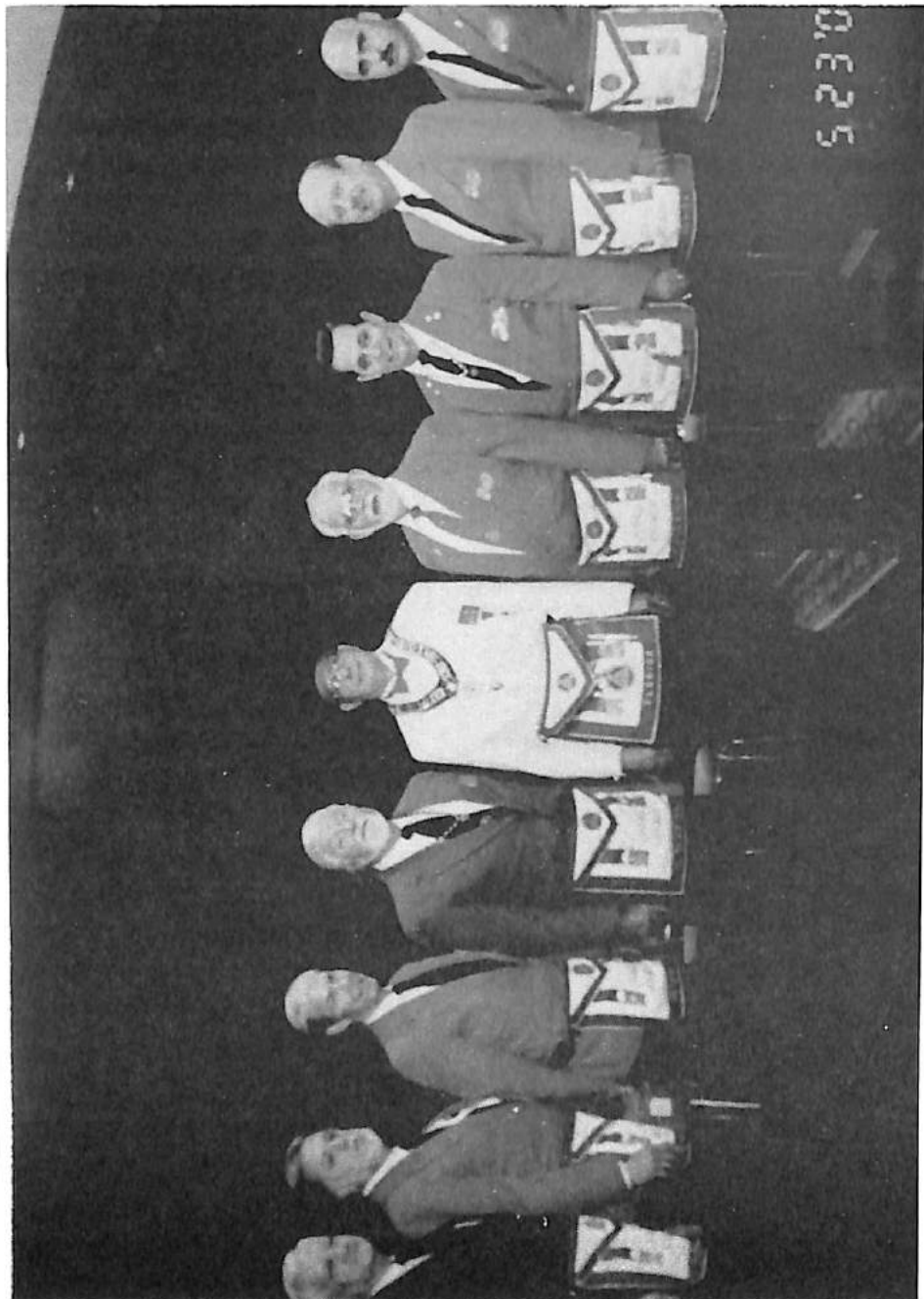
Other Masonic Orders: Florida Priory # 60, KYCH, Prior - 2000; Labarum Conclave RCC, presently Sr. General; John B. Phelps York Rite College # 31, presently Deputy Governor; Space Coast Council Knight Masons # 32, presently Sr. Knight; Space Coast Forest #196 Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Grand Tall Cedar - 2000; Space Coast Council # 366 Allied Masonic 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, Heros of "76 - Mason M. Patrick Camp; 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**



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



**THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF FLORIDA
GRAND LINE OFFICERS FOR 2000 - 2001**

Virgil P. Brown, Jr. (27) Lorraine	M.E. Grand High Priest
Wayne E. Parks (7) Donna	R.E. Grand King
Steven Q. Steele (11) Judi	R.E. Grand Scribe
Duane B. Young (29) Norma	R.E. Grand Treasurer
Wm. Robert Young (27) Jean	R.E. Grand Secretary
Vernon G. Hitchcock (27) Helein (Passed Away 2001)	Ex. Grand Chaplain
Robert A. Niles (09) Alberta	Ex. Grand Chaplain
H Warren Almand, Jr. (32) Lydia	Ex. Gr. Captain of Host
Luther Bodiford, III (1) Anne	Ex Gr Principal Sojourner
Glenn E. Chandler (12) Janet	Ex. Grand Royal Arch Captain
William F. Wyllie (29) Ellen	Ex. Gr. Master of 3rd Veil
Michael A Padron, Jr.(65) Sally	Ex Gr. Master of 2nd Veil
Wilbur R. Allen (22) (Diane)	Ex Gr. Master of 1st Veil
Daniel E. Fitch (27) Liz	Ex. Grand Sentinel
David R. Meade (3) Judy	Ex Grand Organist
Howard P. Bennett (27) Pauline	RE Gr. Secretary Emeritus

**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS
(Chapter numbers for that District)**

No. 1 (# 11, 20, 24, 65)	Jorge L. Aladro (65) Bonie
No. 2 (# 18, 35, 50)	Calvin A. Bonnett (18)
No. 3 (# 3, 31, 45, 63)	Jose J. Camara (3) Alice
No. 4 (8, 16, 22, 29, 41, 64)	Thomas L. Steele (16) Jacquelyn
No. 5 (# 4, 5, 7, 15, 33)	John W. Carroll (7) Ruth
No. 6 (# 27,28,59,66)	Frederick G. 'Ted' Ferris (59) Ruth
No. 7 (# 9, 12, 17, 48, 49)	Albert B. Russ, Jr. (12) Gerry
No. 8 (#2, 13, 25, 38, 62)	David A. Aponte (13) Lucy
No. 9 (# 1, 32, 39)	Donald L. Heaton (39) Betty
No. 10 (# 6, 40, 57)	Charles A. Hendrix (6) Peggy

EMERGENT CONVOCATION

An Emergent Convocation of the Grand Chapter was held on February 8, 2001, at Putnam Chapter No. 9, in Palatka. For the purpose of installing Companion Robert A. Niles, as Ex. Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Florida, due to the death of the Grand Chaplain, Ex. Companion Vernon E. Hitchcock in January.

MINUTES OF THE GRAND CONVOCATION OF 2001

Challenger Chapter No. 66 opened in full form, then 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 Richard S. Agster, M.I.G.M., and Daniel L. Bennett, R.E.G.C., and asked that they be seated in the east. While awaiting the introduction of Past Grand High Priest and Distinguished guests, the following reports were given: the Returns and Credentials Committee report and the Mileage and Per-Diem report. They were both adopted as read. The distinguished guests were introduced and given proper honors. While the Past Grand High Priest lined up for introductions, Companion Bob Bursleson made a motion that Companion Marvin Gerhard be reimbursed \$100.00 for expenses for the Museum, the motion was seconded and passed. Companion Bursleson made a motion that the Grand Treasurer be reimbursed 1/3 the cost of a new copier not to exceed \$500.00, the motion was passed. The Grand Secretary moved that the reports as printed and distributed be accepted as read, the motion was passed. The Grand High Priest apologized for forgetting to introduce the Past Grand High Priest of Florida, they were then introduced and given proper honors. The roll call was taken from the registration list. The Grand Lodge Officers of Florida were introduced and welcomed.

The Grand High Priest then presented Mr. W. Louie King, Grand Master the Knight York Grand Cross of Honor with one Quadren. The Grand Treasurer, Duane Young announce that the Per Diem checks would be mailed.

The Grand High Priest announced that Ex. Companion Howard P. Bennett, Grand Secretary Emeritus, had passed away at 3:00AM this morning, the Grand Chaplain then offered a prayer, in his memory.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Virgil P. Brown, Jr. gave his report. The Grand Amendments and Resolutions were read and voted on. (see Resolution section for results)

M. E. Grand High Priest presented Companion Frank Buell with his 50 year award from Massachusetts.

All committee reports not already distributed were read and approved. The Awards were presented, see awards section for list of awardee's. Then elections of officers were held. The Grand Chapter recessed till installation of Officers at 1:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Virgil P. Brown	M. Ex. Grand High Priest
Wayne E. Parks	R. Ex. Grand King
Steven Q. Steele	R. Ex. Grand Scribe
Duane B. Young	R. Ex. Grand Treasurer
Wm. Robert Young	R. Ex. Grand Secretary
Robert A. Niles	Ex. Grand Chaplain
H. Warren Almand, Jr.	Ex. Grand Captain of the Host
Luther Bodiford, III	Ex. Grand Principal Sojourner
Glenn E. Chandler	Ex. Grand Royal Arch Captain
William F. Wyllie	Ex. Grand Master of the 3rd Veil
Michael A. Padron	Ex. Grand Master of the 2nd Veil
Wilbur R. Allen	Ex. Grand Master of the 1st Veil
Daniel E. Fitch	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	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	David C. Wilkinson	1999

SILVER DISTINGUISHED MEDAL HOLDER LIVING

Marvin W. Gerhard, Vernon E. Miller (absent)

BRONZE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL HOLDERS LIVING (* Denotes Present)

Joseph J. Johnson	1969*	Lawrence L. Howell	1990
Wallace P. Dix	1970	William E. Eubanks	1993*
Harold F. Enter	1976	Frederick M. Morris	1994*
Frank J. Busbey	1977	Quinnie Williams, Sr.	1996
Ralph A. Jones	1979*	J. D. Moffitt	1997*
C. Allen Pattison	1980	Charles B. Curry	1998*
Wallace C. Stich	1982	Wilbur R. Allen	1999*
Howard P. Bennett	1986	Michael A. Padron, Jr.	2000*
George A. Chipouras	1987*	Charles E. Palmour	1989

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

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| 1. Jorge L. Aladro | 2. Calvin A. Bonnett |
| 3. Jose J. Camara | 4. Thomas L. Steele |
| 5. John W. Carroll | 6. F. G. "Ted" Ferris |
| 7. Albert B. Russ, Jr. | 8. David A. Aponte |
| 9. Donald L. Heaton | 10. Charles A. Hendrix |

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. Burselson	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
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
MI Earl R. Allan	MN Clarence N. Gruber	MS Gordon L. Anderson
MO William L. Buck, Jr.	Monaco Walter Hassler	MT Duane B. Young
NE George A. Chipouras	NETH Leonard Whitehead	NB Jerry Morgan
NH A. A. Pete Bennett	NJ John W. Carroll	NSW James B. Vanders
NY Marvin W. Gerhard	NS Robert A. Niles	OR R. Earl Shiver
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
TX Wendell Harrington	UT Columbus Webb	VT Wm. Robert Young
VEN Raul Reyes	VA Harvey L. Ward, Sr.	WA Ewell J. Langdale, Jr.
WV William Ferrell	W.Aust Frederick Morris	WI Joseph J. Johnson
WY Hugh F. Moore		

REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

# 1 Florida	Richard L. Kasten	HP	Edward D. Paschall	Proxy
# 2 Gainesville	Howard Osgood	HP	Sam Boone, Jr.	King
# 3 Tampa-Cushing	Claudio Poccia	HP	Frank Potter	King
			James Vanders, Jr.	Scribe
# 4 St. Johns	Frederick R. Young	Proxy		
# 5 Halifax	John L. Ault	HP	John Eidman	King
# 6 Mt. Horeb	Charles Perez	HP		

# 7 Eureka	Willis T. McBride	HP	Douglas Noden	Proxy
			Richard Fox	Scribe
# 8 Dade City	Miguel Arraya	HP	Thomas Collins	King
# 9 Putnam	Kenneth L. Lowery	HP	Willis Hawkins	King
# 11 Jericho	Steven Q. Steele	Proxy	Leroy Fackler	Proxy
			George Chipouras	Proxy
# 12 Jacksonville	Darryl D'Angina	HP	Richard I. Lanier	Proxy
			Samuel D. Reasor	Proxy
# 13 Ocala	Richard Moffett	HP	Richard Moffett	Proxy
			James Lichlyter	Scribe
# 15 Monroe	William O. Walker	Proxy	J. R. Hammond	Proxy
# 16 Plant City	Larry Gillespie	HP	Kenneth Ramsay	King
			Darrel Atkin	Scribe
# 17 St. Augustine	Robert E. Hendren	Proxy	Burt Maguire	Proxy
			James Hunt, Jr.	Proxy
# 18 Manatee River	Elwood Williams	HP	Richard Walls	King
# 20 Keystone	Emil Meyer	HP	Michael Beaudet	Proxy
			Jack Large	Scribe
# 22 Thomas Brown	Robert J. Hernandez		HP	
# 24 Palm Beach	Roy Hendrickson	HP	Ideal F. Baldoni, II	King
			James Worth	Proxy
# 25 Live Oak	Wayne Harris	Proxy	Wayne Harris	Scribe
# 27 Indian River	Richard A. Wolfe	Proxy	William Ellis	Proxy
			Robert Moyer	Proxy
# 28 Joppa	Francis Dancy	Proxy	Paul W. Friend	Proxy
			Bud Barney	Proxy
# 29 Lakeland	Robert Brigman	HP	Duane Young	Proxy
			William Wyllie	Scribe
# 31 St. Petersburg	Lloyd McTighe	HP	S. Richard Wallace	King
			Ronald Wybrow	Scribe
# 32 Jackson	Francis Tompkins	Proxy	C. F. Tatom	Proxy
# 33 Eustis	Warren Shippee	HP	James Moore, III	Proxy
			Stuart Sadler	Proxy
# 35 Sarasota	William Burris	HP	Malcolm Ryder	Proxy
			Rodger Craig	Proxy
# 38 Lake City	Hugh Moore	Proxy		
# 39 Bay County	Roy Rhodes	HP	Franklin T. Sellars	Proxy
			Larry Layton	Proxy
# 40 Crestview	Robert V. Erdman	Proxy	Robert V. Erdman	Proxy
			Wilson Hart	Proxy

# 41 Winter Haven	Russell Whelpley	Proxy		
# 45 Clearwater	Phillip Ware	HP	Charles Cicero	King
			Bruce Davis	Scribe
# 48 Duval	Clarence Gruber	HP	Clarence Gruber	Proxy
# 49 Nassau	Danny Fullwood	Proxy		
# 50 Poinciana	James Record	HP	Andrew Stanforth	King
			Ernest G. Strauss	Scribe
# 57 Surf	Charles Lillie	HP	Chris Hughes	King
			Donnie Pettis	Scribe
# 59 Melbourne	Russell Harper	HP	Benton Herron	King
			Dayle Schrock	Scribe
# 62 James Yeager	James Griffis	HP	Robert Atwell	Proxy
			Robert Atwell	Scribe
# 63 Eden	Lawrence Ruby	HP	Wilfred Jodoin, Jr.	Scribe
# 64 Highlands	Fred Steffens	HP	Robert Murray, Jr.	King
			Valentine Clay	Scribe
# 65 Island	Tomas Ratner	HP	Michael A Padron	Proxy
			A. Ray Kinser	Proxy
# 66 Challenger	Virgil P. Brown	King		

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 228 votes present on the floor. This constitutes a simple majority as 115 votes and a 2/3's majority as 152 votes. We further find that all Chartered Chapters are represented.

J. W. MacDonald Frank R. Potter Frank Buell

GRAND CHAPTER AWARDS FOR 2000 - 2001

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER - BRONZE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

Burt F. Maguire, Sr. Augustine Chapter No. 17

**GOLD KEY AWARDS

Name	Chap # - Dist #	Name	Chap # - Dist #
Donald X. Hawley	3 3	Darryl A. D'Angina	12 7
Charles R. Cooper	12 7	David A. Aponte	13 8
James A. Nash	15 5	Thomas L. Steele	16 4
Frank Glenn	27 6	Grover D. Kinsley	45 3
Cecil L. Wright	48 7	Andrew Stanforth	50 2

Frederick "Ted" Ferris	59	6	Clarence Bettinger	59	6
Herbert M. Slate	62	8	Ernest W. Beeman	62	8
Robert L. Holder	62	8	Fred H. Steffens	64	4

GRAND HIGH PRIEST AWARD
Nassau Chapter No. 49, District No. 7

TRIPLE TAU AWARD
Tampa-Cushing Chapter No. 3, District No. 3

KEYSTONE PLAQUE
(Five Chapters tied for this award)

Name	Chap # - Dist #	Name	Chap # - Dist #
Florida	1 9	Eureka	7 5
Sarasota	35 2	Melbourne	59 6
Keystone	64 4		

TOP LINE SIGNER AWARDS
10 or More Petitions

17 Petitions - Elam Swilley, Tampa Cushing No. 3, Dist. No. 3

5 to 9 Petitions

District No. 9	Florida No. 1	Timothy Hutchinson
	Bay County No. 39	Harry R. 'Bob' Davis, MEPGHP

3 to 4 Petitions

District No. 1	Keystone	No. 20	Jack Large
District No. 2	Sarasota	No. 35	Malcolm Ryder William Burris
	Poinciana	No. 50	Guy E. Waltman, REPGC Paul Goehle
District No. 3	Tampa Cushing	No. 3	Claudio Poccia E. B. McAuley
District No. 4	Lakeland	No. 29	Duane B. Young, MEPGHP

There were 70 Top Line Signers of 1 to 2 Petitions in addition to these listed above. There was a grand total of 81 Top Line Signers.

REPORT OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST 2000 - 2001

To the Officers, District Deputies, Past Grand High Priests, and members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida, welcome to the One Hundred Fifty-Fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida. We are very pleased and honored by your attendance and participation in conducting the affairs of our Grand Chapter. I hope that you have been properly received and that your accommodations are satisfactory.

To our distinguished guests from other Jurisdictions:

We extend to each of you our most cordial greetings, and are particularly pleased by your attendance. We trust that you have been properly received, and that your accommodations are satisfactory.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

Capitular Masonry is alive and generally well in Florida. Some of our Chapters are strong and vibrant; some are weak and floundering; most are just getting by. The relative strength of a given Chapter, and the interest and attendance at its meetings is depending upon the comradeship of its members and general preparation of its officers. Relative size has nothing to do with its strength. The loss of members due to NPD's is still a major problem. The long-term effect of the Shrine's action to drop the requirement for membership in the York or Scottish Rite is still to be decided.

On January 13, 2001, my Grand Chaplain, R. E. Companion Vernon G. Hitchcock, one of my oldest friends and my Masonic Mentor, lost his battle with cancer. I appointed, and installed, R. E. Companion Robert A. Niles on February 8, 2001, to fill the remainder of the term as Grand Chaplain.

In recognition of our long time members, this year we added a 40-year silver certificate and pin; and 55, 60, 65, 70 - year gold certificates and pins to the existing 25 and 50 year certificates and pins.

NECROLOGY

Thankfully our Progressive Grand Line has remained intact this past year. However, with sadness, I must report that 198 of our companions have completed their Earthly labors and the Supreme Grand High Priest of Heaven and Earth has called them home. Among them were M. E. Past Grand High Priest of Panama, Ralph O. Sheppard, and my Grand Chaplain, R. E. Companion Vernon G. Hitchcock. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the families, friends, and loved ones of all these companions.

At this time, I ask the Grand Chaplain to offer a prayer for our deceased Companions.

OUT OF STATE VISITATIONS

I had the honor and privilege to represent our Grand Chapter at the Annual Convocations of the following Grand Royal Arch Chapters:

June 2 -3, 2000	Connecticut at Cromwell
November 16 - 18, 2000	Virginia at Williamsburg
February 25 - 27, 2001	Alabama at Birmingham
March 11 - 13, 2001	South Carolina at Myrtle Beach
March 18 - 20, 2001	North Carolina at New Bern
March 25 - 27, 2001	Tennessee at Nashville
April 15 - 17, 2001	Georgia at Macon

At each, I was most graciously received with courtesy and respect. I wish to thank each of them for the hospitality shown my wife and me during our visit, and hope the friendships we made or reestablished will continue for many years to come.

I received many other invitations, but was unable to attend due to other commitments and/or the time and distance involved.

In addition to the above, I also traveled out of state to attend the Southeastern York Rite Conference held in Huntsville, Alabama, June 22 - 24; the York Rite Summer Assembly at Maggie Valley, North Carolina, July 8 - 11; and the Sovereign York Rite College at Charlotte, North Carolina, July 20 - 22, where I received the Order of the Purple Cross.

OFFICIAL VISITS AND MASONIC ACTIVITIES

During this Capitular Year, I visited every Royal Arch Chapter in Florida, some more than once. I also had the honor of installing the officers of Dade City No. 8, Eustis No. 33, Ocala No. 13, Joppa No. 28, Indian River No. 27, Melbourne No. 59 and Challenger No. 66. We had 10 District Meetings, the attendance at which ranged from fair to excellent.

In addition, I attended the following Masonic meetings:

2000

May	20-24	Grand York Rite of Florida, Daytona Beach
	26	River City Forest NO. 198, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Jacksonville
	28-30	Grand Lodge of Florida
June	4	Merritt Island Lodge Anniversary
	17	York Rite Audit Committee meeting
	22	Master Mason Degree at Huntsville Lodge, Huntsville, AL
	30	Masonic District 26 Communication
July	8	Summer Assembly & North Carolina York Rite College, Waynesville, NC
	29	River City Forest No. 198, TCL, Jacksonville, received their Charter
Aug	15	Table Chapter, Gainesville Chapter No. 2
Sept.	2-3	Tall Cedars Rose Sale
	4	MDA Telethon, WFTV - CH35, Lady Lake
	23	Space Coast Council No. 366, AMD, Merritt Island

Oct.	1	Space Coast Tall Cedars of Lebanon Boat Cruise
	7	REGC Homecoming, Pensacola
	8	Ft. Walton Beach, York Rite Picnic
	21	Super Excellence Degree, Winter Haven
	22	Florida College, SRICF& York Rite Day at Masonic Home, St. Petersburg
	26	Melbourne Commandery No. 41 Widows Dinner
	28	Florida Priory No. 60, KYCH, Tampa
Nov.	25	Space Coast Council No. 32, Knight Masons, Cocoa
	27	Gateway Lodge No. 384, Mims
Dec.	7	AZAN Temple AAONMS, Melbourne, Elections
	9	John B. Phelps YR College No. 31, Orlando
2001 Jan.	4	Indian River Lodge No. 90, Installation, Titusville
	6	Merritt Island Lodge No. 353, Installation
	20	Labarum Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Orlando
	27	Space Coast Council No. 366, AMD, Merritt Island
Feb.	3	My Homecoming, Melbourne
	8	Putnan Chapter No. 9, Installed R. E. Comp Robert A. Niles, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Florida, Palatka
	10	Inducted into Mason M. Camp, Heros of '76, Tampa
	10	MIGM Homecoming, Tampa
	11	Masonic Parade at Masonic Home, St. Petersburg
	24	Florida Priory No. 60, KYCH, Lake City
Mar.	9-10	District 6, York Rite Spring Festival, Melbourne
	31	District 5, Chapter Degrees, Orlando
	31	Job's Daughters Miss Florida Pageant, Melbourne
April	7	Annual Scott/McLain Picnic, Merritt Island Lodge
	14	Heros of '76, Merritt Island Lodge
	27-May 1	Grand York Rite of Florida Convention, Tampa

Plus the following:

Regular Communications, Merritt Island Lodge No. 353	12 of 22
Regular Convocations, Indian River Chapter No. 27	4 of 6
Regular Assemblies, Hiram Council No. 13	6 of 7
Regular Conclaves, Brevard Commandery No. 24	6 of 12
Regular Convocations Challenger Chapter No. 66	6 of 10
Regular Meetings, Nile Grotto	6 of 10
Regular Meetings, Space Coast Forest No. 196, TCL	7 of 12
Regular Meetings, AZAN Clowns	3 of 11
Regular Meetings, Merritt Island HI-12 Club No. 713	2 of 12
Regular Weekly Luncheons, Central Brevard Shrine Club	10 of 50

DISPENSATIONS

Dispensations Granted:

- August 2, 2000 To Gainesville Chapter No. 2, - to hold Antient Craft Table Chapter on August 15, at 7:00 p.m. at Plantation Oaks Country Club in Alachua, FL.
- Sept. 5, 2000 To Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, - to hold Antient Craft Table Chapter on September 16, at 6:30 p.m. at their regular meeting place in Jacksonville.
- April 4, 2001 To Gainesville Chapter No. 2 - to hold Antient Craft Table on March 20, at 7:00 p.m. at Plantation Oaks Country Club in Alachua (Verbal dispensation was given ahead since I would be out of state and unable to sign request prior to the event.)

Dispensations Denied: None.

BY-LAWS CHANGES

By-Law changes Approved:

- June 27, 2000 Keystone Chapter No. 20, Change in meeting place.
- July 31, 2000 Mount Horeb Chapter No. 6, change in meeting place.
- December 5, 2000 Lakeland Chapter No. 29, change in annual dues.
- February 2, 2001 St. Petersburg Chapter No. 31, change in meeting time.
- April 19, 2001 Duval Chapter No. 48, change in meeting day.

By-Law changes Rejected: NONE

PROCLAMATIONS

- May 24, 2000 Requiring the Audit Committee to meet and audit all books of the Grand Chapter on June 17, 2000, in the Grand Secretary's Office and to require the Convention Board to deliver their books for same.
- May 23, 2000 Requiring each Chapter to conduct RELIGIOUS AFFIRMATION SERVICES, and report same to Grand Scribe.

GRAND REPRESENTED APPOINTED

Comp. Robert H. Starr
Ex. Comp. Neil J. Hibbert
V. Ex. Comp. John J. McCoy
R. Ex. Comp. L. George Dewar

District of Columbia
Kansas
New Brunswick
Nova Scotia

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NOMINATED

Comp. Howard H. Gardner
Comp. Richard S. Agster

Alaska
Austria

Comp. Richard E. Foreman
Comp. George A. Chipouras
Comp. Frederick L. Piasecki
Comp. Virgil P. Brown
Comp. Valentine O. Clay
Comp. Steven Q. Steele
Comp. Frank Sender

Connecticut
Greece
Nebraska
North Carolina
Panama
Switzerland
Western Australia

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS RECEIVED

Melbourne York Rite Bodies, Melbourne, FL
Ft. Pierce York Rite Bodies, Ft. Pierce, FL
Marianna York Rite Bodies, Marianna, FL
Lawtey York Rite Bodies, Lawtey, FL
St. Augustine Chapter No. 17, R. A. M., St. Augustine, FL.
Sarasota Chapter No. 35, R. A. M., Venice, FL.
Pensacola York Rite Bodies, Pensacola, FL.
Ocala York Rite Bodies, Belleview, FL.
Surf Chapter No. 57, R. A. M., Ft. Walton Beach, FL.
Gateway Lodge No. 384, F. & A. M., Mims, FL.
Grand York Rite Bodies of North Carolina
Grand York Rite Bodies of South Carolina
Grand York Bodies of Alabama
Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Virginia
Grand Chapter, R. A. M., of Tennessee
Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of Tennessee
Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Georgia
Grand Council, R. & S. M. of Georgia

VOUCHERS SIGNED

Vouchers No. 1 through 97, totaling \$ 43,110.47.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That continued emphasis be placed on membership and the Blue Lodge Representative & Membership Development Committee. That each Royal Arch Mason be encouraged to consider himself as an Ex. Officio member of that committee, and sell his Chapter and York Rite to his Blue Lodge Brothers.
2. That the two-day business portion of the York Rite Convention be continued, and that each Grand Line Officer be encouraged to observe and study the convention so that he may be able to correct mistakes made by his predecessors and thereby improve our sessions.

3. That a committee be appointed to study the feasibility of holding our Annual Conventions during the same week, and at the same location, as Grand Lodge.

4. That the Committee on Work develop a short-form opening to be used only during degree festivals, installations, and other special case openings.

APPRECIATION

I wish to express my deepest gratitude and thanks to the Companions of the Cocoa York Rite Bodies, Challenger Chapter No. 66, and District 6 for their support and encouragement during my years of going through the line of the Grand Chapter, especially during this past year. It would have been impossible without them. To M. E. Comp. William G. Norrie, who appointed me, at the last minute, to serve as Grand Sentinel at the 1992 Convocation, and to M. E. Comp. William L. Busk who appointed me to the bottom of the Grand Line in 1993; I am most grateful for giving me the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter as Grand High Priest. To the Grand Line Officers and my District Deputies, thank you for a great year. To E. Comp. Bob Young and to Chris, words cannot express my gratitude for your advice, support, and encouragement these past years, you kept me out of a lot of trouble. To the Past Grand High Priests, thank you for the advice, support, and encouragement you gave me during my years in the Grand Line. I may not have always followed your advice, but I did listen and give it consideration. To M.I. Comp. Richard Agster and Diane, and Sir Knight Daniel Bennett and Edna; thank you for a great five years, especially this past year. The five years we've been talking, meeting, and forming our plans have really paid off in one of our best years ever. I hope our friendship will last for the rest of our lives. To my loving wife, Lorraine, who lost a lot of sleep by traveling with me almost everywhere and listened to my problems and thinking; who understood and encouraged me, even though the "honey-do" projects were piling up; and whose love and encouragement kept me going when I considered dropping out of the line; I love you and thank you for allowing me to serve as Grand High Priest.

Virgil P. Brown, Jr., M.E.G.H.P.

GRAND COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following committees had no action to report or a report was not necessary:

Benevolence	Charter, Dispensations & By-Laws	Convention Assistance
Ritualistic Material	Distribution	Finance - Long Range
Legal Advisors	Masonic Relations	Triennial
Protocol	Unfinished Business	

AUDIT

On July 14th at 9:30 A.M. the Audit Committee met at the Grand York Rite Office to audit the Chapter, Council, Commandery, Convention, and York Rite Office books.

The Grand Secretary/Recorder and Grand Treasurers for the Convention were in good order, showing money and members who had preregistered. We were able to use records from the Grand Treasurer in place of not having the records from the Mileage and Per Diem Committee. The lack of proper records from those at the front desk prevented us from doing a complete audit of the convention.

It was pointed out that due to the Hotel problem of over booking and contract, we had higher than normal room cost.

It is recommended that a record keeping system be implemented for the registration desk. We were informed that there will be a new system in place of the old for the next convention to provide better control and records of late registrations. Also, the new preregistration program worked very well and we will continue using the same system at the next convention.

Income was \$24,299.34 and expenses were \$ 28,227.22. However, there is still income of \$ 649.51 outstanding from the former Convention Board's checking account that is being closed. The difference between the income received and expenses of the convention will be taken from the approximately \$7,500.00 that has been in a separate Convention Fund Account for many years, the balance going into the General Fund. Income included \$3,429 in Registration fees and \$ 3,204 from the ads in the Convention Program.

Wm. Robert Young

BLUE LODGE REPRESENTATIVES

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 influences the positive or negative trends in membership. Some York Rite Bodies are active and growing, some are stagnant and declining, personal commitment making 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 recruitment. Only through our personal dedication and involvement will the membership of the York Rite grow and prosper. We cannot, should not, rely on the efforts of others to do our recruiting. 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. 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 Finance and Budget Committee met at 4 P.M. February 3, 2001, prior to Virgil Brown's Homecoming in Melbourne. All Committee members were present. The Convention estimated expenses were added to the Budget in order for more control by the Grand High Priest, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer and to meet the Constitution and By-Laws requirements.

The Committee will meet again on Sunday, April 29th, during the Grand Convocation to make final adjustments that may become necessary.

At the final Committee meeting the last of the adjustments were made to the budget. The following budget was adopted for 2001/2002. ** See new Budget with Grand Treasurer's Report on page 29.

Wayne E. Parks

Richard J. Carr

Duane B. Young

Wm. Robert Young

COMMITTEE ON THANKS

The 154th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida wishes to Thank:

The York Rite Bodies of the Third District for their courtesy and service to us all at this Grand Convocation;

The various York Rite Committees that make our convention run as smoothly as possible;

The management and staff of the Radisson for their hospitality and efforts to serve our every need;

Our distinguished guests for honoring us with their attendance and fellowship, and for making our meeting a better one;

Our Ladies, as always, for their usual warmth and cheerfulness that make any gathering a more pleasant one, and for their hard work for the benefit of our Royal Arch Research Assistance;

Our M. E. Grand High Priest, Grand Officers, and District Deputies for an outstanding year.

William F. Wyllie

Thomas L. Steele

COMMITTEE ON WORK

We are pleased to report that members of this committee had the pleasure of attending several District Schools of Instruction and enjoying the fellowship of the companions in attendance, and observing the improvement in floor and degree work. It was our observation that Appendix 'D', along with our assistance, was of great help to all.

However, we observed that there are many Chapters that need instruction and that none was held in their Districts, mainly because it was not requested from this committee, so we hope that in the future all District Deputies will endeavor to have a member of this committee meet with and assist them.

We would hope that the incoming M. E. Grand High Priest will inform his District Deputies as to the duties of this committee and request them to endeavor to have a member of this committee present at some time for instruction.

Our thanks to all District Deputies for their assistance and cooperation during the year. Had it not been so, this committee could not have been of any help to the companions. At any time a Chapter desires to have instruction at a regular meeting, all that he needs to do is contact the chairman of this committee and he will endeavor to have a member present to assist them.

Our thanks to the M. E. Grand High Priest for permitting us to serve this Grand Chapter.

James W. MacDonald, Fred M. Morris, Wilbur R. Allen, Robert G. Stearns, Raul A. Reyes

CONVENTION REPORT

Our York Rite Convention, April 28 through May 1, 2001, was a big success. A total of 307 Companions and Sir Knights preregistered, with 35 late registrations, for a grand total of 342. We had 392 men and women at our banquet of steak and chicken. Our Mens Lunch had 192 men and the Ladies Lunch had 152 ladies, the largest turn out ever.

Other than the Commandery exceeding its estimated schedule by 1 ½ hours, due to an abnormal number of resolutions, the two-day session was a great success. We had many good comments about a shorter convention, especially from many of the Delegates. Some complained that the introductions are still too long. However, there were fewer complaints this year than in the preceding years, so we are improving. Some suggested that the Order of High Priest, Silver Trowel, and Knight Crusader degrees could be done prior to each GHP, GM, and GC Homecoming.

All the convention committees: Convention Assistance, Returns & Credentials, Mileage & Per Diem, Convention Board, and Registration members did a very good job.

The Divine Service collection of \$303.00, Church Service collection of \$92.00, and the Ladies Bazaar money was split between the Charities. The Ladies did an outstanding job!

The problem with the Convention Board's contract with the Hotel was, only 169 rooms at \$65.00 per night were available instead of the 200 rooms needed, and several of those were not available for Sunday and Monday. The hotel had overbooked prior to our cut-off date of April 6. This caused us to send many Companions, Sir Knights, and Guests to other hotels. To those who had to go to other hotels, we apologize. Our future contracts with hotels will have clauses to prevent this from happening again.

A new system, replacing the Convention Board system, will be used next year, eliminating or greatly reducing the problems at the registration desk. However, pre-registering earlier will also help to reduce this type of problem. We did implement one part of the procedure for this convention, by having the Grand Secretary/Recorder handle Preregistration. As always, changes can confuse things. We hope to have the problems worked out, and we will implement other changes for our next convention. We hope to continue to improve the convention operation and reduce our expenses.

Convention Board member George Malone handled the Convention Souvenir Program. He collected the money for the Souvenir Program ads, put the program together, and had it printed. This earned

\$3,204.49 toward Convention expenses. Everyone needs to get behind this project in order to reduce our Convention expenses. His report is in the Commandery section of the Proceedings.

Income was \$3,005 from Registration, plus the Souvenir Program's \$ 3,204.49, for a total of \$6,209.40. General expenses were \$ 5,932.35

Delegate & Distinguished Guests expenses of \$22,360.87 were taken out of the Chapter, Council, and Commandery General Accounts.

Wm. Robert Young

CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMITTEE

This Committee was presented with nineteen matters for consideration. There were proposed three Constitutional amendments and sixteen amendments to the Laws, Rules, and Regulations. Each of the proposed amendments was coordinated with the Jurisprudence Committee as to content and propriety. Some were found to be in proper form to be presented to the delegates for their consideration and ballot. (Each proposed amendment is numbered here for ease of reference only.)

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Florida:

1. Proposed to amend Article V, Section 2 (Eligibility to hold grand office) Would allow a PHP who had not presided over a Florida Chapter to hold office.

The Committee finds that: There is no effective date. The proposal is not in proper form. It should not be considered in its current form.

2. Proposed to amend Article XII Powers and Duties of Grand Officers, Section 5; Standing Committee add "n" Investment. Add Section 19:

The Committee finds that: The proposal is not in proper form. The letter "n" is already used for Constitutional Revision. There is no effective date. It should not be considered in its current form.

3. Proposed to amend Article XII, Section 5, Standing Committee; d. Mileage and Per Diem by deleting Mileage:

The Committee finds that: The Proposal is not in proper form. There is no effective date. It should not be considered in its current form.

Proposed amendments to the Laws, Rules, and Regulations of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Florida:

1. Proposed to amend Chapter Nine - Grand Secretary; To add (.02 dealing with fees, reports, and donations.

The Committee finds that: The proposal is not in proper form. There is no effective date. It should not be considered in its current form.

2. Proposed to amend Chapter Twelve - Grand Chapter Convocations and Proceedings. It would delete the payment of mileage and other qualifiers in the current legislation.

The Committee finds that it is not in proper form. There is no effective date. It should not be considered in its current form.

3. Proposed to amend Chapter Twelve - Grand Chapter Convocations and Proceedings; 12.05; Delete entire section.

The Committee finds that it is in proper form for the consideration of the delegates.

4. Proposed to amend Chapter Thirteen - Grand Chapters Committee and Convention Board (General Provisions); 13.04 York Rite Convention Board; Delete entire section.

The Committee finds that it is in proper form for the consideration of the delegates.

5. Proposed to amend Chapter Thirteen - Grand Chapter Committee and Convention Board (General Provisions) 13.01 and 13.04 as presently written; 13.04 new dealing with Committee's receipt of money.

The Committee finds that it is not in proper form. There is no effective date. It should not be considered in its current form.

6. Proposed to amend Chapter Twenty-Nine - Chapter representatives to Grand Chapter; Stops mileage from being paid.

The Committee finds that it is not in proper form. There is no effective date. It should not be considered in its current form.

7. Proposed to amend Chapter 43.05 Certificates of Longevity and Presentation; adds Certificates of Longevity.

The Committee finds that it is not in proper form. There is no effective date. It should not be considered in its current form.

8. Regulations 1.04, 8.02, 9.02, 12.01, 13.04c, 26.03c2, 26.03c3, 26.03e2, and 44.01 were all proposed for amendment. The Grand Secretary advised the Committee that they had been withdrawn by the person who wrote them, and were therefore not considered by the Committee.

The Committee wishes to point out that its stands ready to serve the Companions of this Grand Chapter in preparing legislation for consideration. Any legislation received by the Grand Secretary's office ninety days or more prior to the opening of the annual Grand Convocation is eligible for review by the Committee, and the Committee will be happy to offer assistance and correction for such legislation. Unfortunately, legislation submitted past that date will not be offered the opportunity for revision. No assistance was requested for any of the legislation referenced in this report.

Should any Companion wish assistance in preparing or reviewing legislation for the ensuing year, he should feel more than welcome to contact this Committee through its Chairman and/or the Grand Secretary's Office.

The Committee thank the Most Excellent Grand High Priest for the opportunity to serve the Grand Chapter.

Harvey L. Ward William G. Norrie Albert B. Russ, Jr. Wm. Robert Young

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

We, your Committee on Distinguished Guests, are happy to report that the Distinguished Guests of this Grand Chapter were extended a warm welcome, introduced, received appropriate Grand Honors, and personally greeted by the Grand Body Leaders of Florida.

The Junior Past Most Illustrious Grand Master and Right Eminent Grand Commander were received with appropriate honors, and joined the Grand High Priest in welcoming our Distinguished Guests.

Fourteen Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Florida were received and formally introduced, as follows:

1967	James W. MacDonald	1992	Ewell J. Langdale, Jr.
1971	Dr. Walter H. Winchester	1993	William L. Buck, Jr.
1975	Richard I. Lanier	1994	William O. Walker
1977	Joseph C. LeSuer	1995	Harry R. "Bob" Davis
1978	Duane B. Young	1996	Harvey L. Ward, Sr.
1982	Wendell D. Harrington	1997	Frederick R. Young
1985	Floyd Ziegler	1998	Leslie H. Scott, Jr.
1987	J. Russell Hammond	1999	David C. Wilkinson

The following Out of State Grand Chapter Officers were received and introduced:

M. Ex. Companion	Davis MacArthur	GHP of Alabama
M. Ex. Companion	William Miles	GHP of Georgia
M. Ex. Companion	Burmah Carpenter	GHP of North Carolina
M. Ex. Companion	Marvin Burton	GHP of South Carolina
M. Ex. Companion	Mack Johnson	GHP of Tennessee

Past Grand High Priest:

M. Ex. Companion	Kevin Jones	PGHP of Minnesota
M. Ex. Companion	Richard A. Gilman	PGHP of Panama

Grand Line Officers:

R. Ex. Companion	Ted H. Hendon	Secretary/Recorder of Georgia
R. Ex. Companion	Johnny Morris	Secretary/Recorder of South Carolina
R. Ex. Companion	Kevin Jones	Secretary/Recorder of New York
Ex. Companion	Charles Wagner	Master of 2nd Veil of Virginia

The following General Grand Chapter Officers and Dignitaries were received and introduced:

R. Ex. Companion	Emory "Smokey" Ferguson	Deputy General GHP for S.E. Region
R. Ex. Companion	Larry Gray	General Grand Scribe
M. Ex. Companion	Walter H. Winchester	PGGHP, KCT

M. Ex. Companion	William O. Walker	General Grand Ambassador to Florida
R. Ex. Companion	Marvin W. Gerhard	General Grand Chapter Silver Medal Holder
Companion	Neil Hibbert	Grand Representative of Kansas

Your Committee are pleased to have had the opportunity to present these distinguished Masons.

Duane B. Young Ewell J. Langdale, Jr. Richard L. Lanier

FOREIGN RELATIONS

We are pleased to note that there have been no concerns expressed to members of this committee during this Capitular year about Foreign Relations.

We note with sadness the passing of Companion Ralph O. Sheppard, KYGCH, who served as the first Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Republic of Panama, and was Deputy General Grand High Priest for Central and South America for the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International. Ralph was a dedicated worker for Capitular Masonry, and his wise counsel and wry wit will be missed.

The committee wishes to thank the Most Excellent Grand High Priest for asking us to serve him and this Grand Chapter this year.

Frederick M. Morris

Michael A. Padron

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

During the past year your Grand Secretary-Recorder's Office has continued updating the records with the help of your Secretary/Recorders.

It is hoped that each Secretary will obtain a computer or have a member of his Body with a computer who 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. By the end of this year we will be able to provide them with Floppies containing their records, forms, etc.

Our Florida Web Page has had more than 4200 visitors. Have you visited our Web Page? It contains Schedule of Events, lists of our Grand Line Officers, District Deputies, etc. Even notices of our GYR Convention and forms for those who want to attend. Several have sent their pre-registrations in VIA the Internet form. We have had many good comments on our Web Page.

Our E-Mail system is working very well, for information, monthly reports, schedule impacts, ordering forms, and other supplies. We now have (31) thirty-one 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.

Your Grand Secretary has attended four Grand York Rite Secretary/Recorder conferences this year where interchange of ideas has been very valuable. At these conferences we also had time for the three Grand Presiding Officers and I to have our quarterly meetings.

Remember, you have a standing invitation to come and spend 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 Maquire and his wife, Karen, for helping us out in the office. Also thanks to Sonja Piasecki and Jean Young for helping at District meetings and the Convention. They have helped us cut operating costs.

May 1, 2000 - April 30, 2001 we still show a decline of 138 in membership:

Exalted	162	Affiliated	33	Reinstated	33	GainTotal	228
Died	198	NPD's	231	Dimits	64	LossTotal	493
						Adjustment	90

Congratulation to: Tampa (33); Orlando (17); Fort Myers (15); Sarasota (10); St. Petersburg (8); Panama City (8); Ocala (7); Indian River (7); Tallahassee (6), the top Chapters with new members.

Since we started using the Data Base to review "time in service," we have issued this year 245- 25yr; 93-40yr and 49-50yr Chapter Certificates. Total for Chapter/Council/Commandery is 1036 Certificates.

We had pre-registered 305 Companions by April 6, 2001. Unfortunately, the hotel which was supposed to have 200 rooms at \$65.00 per night for us Sunday and Monday nights only, had 169 rooms and were telling people they were out of rooms, causing us to send many to the La Quinta Motel and Holiday Inn; this did create a problem. We paid extra for other rooms, ending up with 185 rooms.

Banquet already had 372 people reserved. Companions, please pre-register early, to avoid this problem. Next years convention has 275 rooms; that will help. Except for the room problem, pre-registration went very smoothly

Wm. Robert "Bob" Young

JURISPRUDENCE

The Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed the Report of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Companion Virgil P. Brown, Jr. We find the Grand High Priest acted judiciously within the Constitution, Laws, and Regulations of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Florida, and with the prerogatives of his office.

We examined five (5) By-Law Amendments, which were properly approved and sealed. Three requests for dispensation were properly granted and sealed.

Five proposed Amendments to the Consitution, By-Laws Rules, and Regulations, for the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Florida, and several Resolutions were examined in coordination with the Constitution Revision Committee. The Committee's Recommendations are as follows:

1. Proposed amendment to Chapter 12- Grand Chapter Convocation and proceedings, Deleting entire section 12.05 - Management of Convocation and Chapter 13 - 13.04 York Rite Convention Board - - Deleting the entire Section 13.04 - the Committee recommends adoption.
2. Proposed amendment to Article XII, Section 5 - - dealing with Standing Committees adding Section 19 - Investment Committee and Chapter 26 - - Memberships, Right, Status, and Dues, Section 26.03 dealing with the Investments Committee - the Committee recommends rejection.
3. Proposed Amendment to Article XII, Section 5 - - dealing with Mileage and Per Diem, and Chapter Twelve, dealing with Mileage and Per Diem - - the Committee recommends rejection because it was our opinion that it should remain a Constitutional provision.
4. Proposed Amendment to Article V, Section 2, and Chapter 29, Section 29.01 - - Dealing with eligibility for office in Grand Chapter - - the Committee recommends rejection because of ambiguity in wording.
5. Proposed Amendment to Chapter 13M, Section 13.01 and 13.04 dealing with Grand Chapter Committees and Convention Board - specified by R.A.R.A. - - the Committee recommends rejection because it is not in proper form.
6. Proposed Amendment to Chapter 9, Section 9.01 - Dealing with the office of the Grand Secretary regarding handling of money - - the Committee recommends rejection because it isn't in proper form.
7. The Resolution from the Constitution Coordinating Committee dealing with sections 8.02, 9.02, 12.01, 13.04, 26.03 and 44.01 - - the Committee recommends rejection because it isn't in proper form.

**GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF FLORIDA
GRAND TREASURERS CONSOLIDATED REPORT**

ACCOUNT	CHGTOR01 FISCAL YEAR ENDING 5/31/01				FIS 5/31/01 BALANCE
	5/31/00 ** BALANCE	INTEREST INCOME	DEPOSITS	EXPENSES	
GEN.FUND	23874.21	115.58	45824.94	-64557.12	5257.61
INVESTMENTS	182464.78	11914.36	80379.82	-74074.2	200684.76
CHARITY FUND	7524.41	527.94	0	0	8052.35
CONV. FUND	2559.03	176.11	0	-236.68	2498.46
LIB. FUND	2069.67	32.17	750	-884.71	1967.13
TRIE. FUND	647.19	9.54	726		1382.73
TOTAL	219139.29	12775.7	127680.76	-139752.71	219843.04

CHAPTER INTEREST INCOME 1999-2000					
INVESTED					
CD7130345913	CD7130338535	3138302774	MMKT 8276	INV INT	GF INT
7055.65	3045.31	850.26	963.13	11914.36	115.58

GRAND CHAPTER INCOME DETAIL					
PER CAPITA	REIMB	CONVENTION	OTHER	INV INT	TOTAL
30561.89	823.63	2422.98	-13.5	12029.94	45824.94

GRAND CHAPTER INVESTMENTS AS OF 5/31/2001					
INV #	RATE	INV. DATE	MATURITY	TERM	BALANCE
CD713034591338	6.00%	7/13/99	8/6/01	25M	112185.93
MM2-10738276	3.94%	2/16/01	MONEY MKT	LIQUID	81342.95
CONVENTION FUND LOANS		990+6165.88			7155.88
					200684.76

**GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF FLORIDA
INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT
5/30/01**

BANK BALANCE	4/30/01				25161.81
OUTSTANDING CHECKS		1799, 1838			210
CHECKBOOK BALANCE	4/30/01				24951.81
INCOME: DEPOSIT	3589	INTEREST	13.79 SC	-12.5	
OTHER	LOAN TO CONV FUND	-8165.88	&	-990	-3565.59
TOTAL					21386.22
EXPENSES	6/01/00 TO 5/31/01	43560.07			
EXPENSES	6/01/00 TO 4/30/01	27431.46			
April EXPENSES		16128.61			16128.61
CHECKBOOK BALANCE	5/31/01				5257.61
OUTSTANDING CHCKS	1799,1851,53,55-62 (5158.66)	M&PD (678.4)	=	+	5837.06
BANK BALANCE	5/31/01				11094.67

CHAPTER BUDGET 6/1/00 TO 5/31/01 CHABUD01S.

ITEM	BUDGET	SPENT	%SPENT	BALANCE
10001 GRAND SECRETARY	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	100	\$0.00
10001A FICA	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
10002 OFFICE STAFF	\$5,000.00	\$4,999.98	99.9996	\$0.02
10002A FICA	\$400.00	\$0.00	0	\$400.00
10003 OFF ASST	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	100	\$0.00
10003A FICA	\$100.00	\$0.00	0	\$100.00
10004 GYR PAYROLL TAX	\$500.00	\$1,013.63	202.726	(\$513.63)
10005 FED UNEMPLOYMENT TAX	\$70.00	\$49.60	70.85714286	\$20.40
10006 FLA UNEMPLOYMENT COMM	\$200.00	\$168.88	84.44	\$31.12
ALLOWANCES				
10010 GRAND HIGH PRIEST	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	100	\$0.00
10011 GRAND KING	\$800.00	\$800.00	100	\$0.00
10015 GRAND TREASURER EXPENSI	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	100	\$0.00
10020 ACCOUNTANT AND AUDIT	\$200.00	\$0.00	0	\$200.00
10030 GRAND SECRETARY EXPENSI	\$600.00	\$600.00	100	\$0.00
10031 OFFICE STAFF EXPENSE	\$200.00	\$200.00	100	\$0.00
10040 CHMN. CHARITY COMMITTEE	\$250.00	\$0.00	0	\$250.00
10045 COMMITTEE ON WORK	\$100.00	\$0.00	0	\$100.00
10050 DELEGATES PER DIEM	\$6,000.00	\$5,531.80	92.19666667	\$468.20
10051 DISTINGUISHED GUESTS	\$1,000.00	\$2,650.72	265.072	(\$1,650.72)
10060 S.E. CONFERENCE	\$300.00	\$200.00	66.66666667	\$100.00
10065 TRIENNIAL	\$750.00	\$726.00	96.8	\$24.00
10070 LIBRARY COMMITTEE	\$750.00	750	100	\$0.00
10075 DISTRICT MEETINGS	\$500.00	\$500.00	100	\$0.00
10090 MASONIC YOUTH	\$250.00	\$240.00	96	\$10.00
10095 MASONIC HOME	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	100	\$0.00
GRAND RECORDERS OFFICE				
10100 MISCELLANEOUS	\$600.00	\$600.00	100	\$0.00
10105 POSTAGE	\$800.00	\$800.00	100	\$0.00
10110 RENT	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	100	\$0.00
10120 TELEPHONE	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	100	\$0.00
10130 ELECTRIC	\$400.00	\$400.00	100	\$0.00
10140 COMPUTER EXPENSE	\$200.00	\$200.00	100	\$0.00
10160 MAINTENANCE	\$900.00	\$900.00	100	\$0.00
10200 PRINTING	\$650.00	\$880.54	150.8523077	(\$330.54)
10225 SUMMER ASSEMBLY	\$100.00	\$100.00	100	\$0.00
10250 PROCEEDINGS	\$2,400.00	\$2,089.51	87.06291667	\$310.49
10300 YORK RITE PUBLICATIONS	\$1,500.00	\$210.00	14	\$1,290.00
10350 EDUCATION AND TRAINING	\$300.00	\$83.75	27.91666667	\$216.25
10425 CORPORATE FEE	\$62.00	\$61.25	98.79032258	\$0.75
10450 PER CAPITA TAAX	\$3,500.00	\$3,469.05	99.11571429	\$30.95
10460 REIMBURSABLES	\$700.00	\$1,460.43	208.6328571	(\$760.43)
10465 AWARDS	\$700.00	\$965.28	137.8971429	(\$265.28)
10470 INSURANCE	\$600.00	\$576.00	96	\$24.00
10500 PLAQUES AND MARKERS	\$300.00	\$0.00	0	\$300.00
10550 JEWEL, APRON, CASE	\$500.00	\$728.65	145.73	(\$228.65)
10600 CONTINGENCIES	\$1,000.00	\$105.00	10.5	\$895.00
TOTAL	\$44,582.00	\$43,560.07	97.70775201	\$1,021.93

GRAND CHAPTER

ITEM	June 1 2001 Act	Through BUDGET	May 31, 2002 Yr to Date	% of Tot
ALLOWANCES				
Gr High Priest	10001	3,000.00	0.00	0.00%
Gr King	10002	800.00	0.00	0.00%
Gr Treasurer	10003	1,200.00	0.00	0.00%
Gr Secretary	10004	3,250.00	0.00	0.00%
SALARIES				
Office Secretary	10005	6,000.00	0.00	0.00%
Temp Help	10006	800.00	0.00	0.00%
FICA Tax	10007	1,000.00	0.00	0.00%
Fed UC Tax	10008	160.00	0.00	0.00%
Fla UC Tax	10009	60.00	0.00	0.00%
CHARITY				
Charity Committee	10010	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Youth Charity	10011	250.00	0.00	0.00%
Masonic Home Ch	10012	1,000.00	0.00	0.00%
MEETING EXPENSES				
Triennial	10013	700.00	0.00	0.00%
Convention Exp	10014	4,400.00	0.00	0.00%
Del Per Deim	10015	5,700.00	0.00	0.00%
VIP	10016	2,500.00	0.00	0.00%
District Mtg	10017	500.00	0.00	0.00%
SE Conference	10018	300.00	0.00	0.00%
Summer Assy	10019	100.00	0.00	0.00%
Feb Fin Mtg	10020	0.00	0.00	0.00%
TAXES				
FL Corp Tax	10021	62.00	0.00	0.00%
Gen Gr PC Tax	10022	3,400.00	0.00	0.00%
OFFICE EXPENSES				
Office Expenses	10023	5,350.00	0.00	0.00%
Rent	1000			
Telephone	1000			
Utilities	400			
Comp Exp	600			
Maintenance	900			
Postage	1100			
PRINTING				
Printing/Proceeding	10030	3,350.00	0.00	0.00%
Newsletter	10032	1,500.00	0.00	0.00%
Ed & Training	10033	300.00	0.00	0.00%
Reimbursables	10034	600.00	0.00	0.00%
OTHER EXPENSES				
Awards	10035	800.00	0.00	0.00%
Insurance	10038	600.00	0.00	0.00%
Markers	10037	300.00	0.00	0.00%
Jewels/Apron	10038	800.00	0.00	0.00%
Audit	10039	100.00	0.00	0.00%
Library	10029	200.00	0.00	0.00%
Gr Sec Exp	10041	650.00	0.00	0.00%
Off Staff Exp	10042	200.00	0.00	0.00%
Museum	10043	200.00	0.00	0.00%
Photographs	10044	200.00	0.00	0.00%
Contingencies	10045	1,000.00	0.00	0.00%
Expenses	Total	\$1,832.00	0.00	0.00%

LIFE/PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP FUNDS

Life/Perpetual memberships increased by less than 5% during 2000. Interest rates were up slightly, and return increased accordingly

NO.	Chapter Name	Members	Invested	% Returned	\$ Ret'd
1	Florida	28	2474.8	1.406023904	\$172.70
3	Tampa-Cushing	125	7439.8	4.344611043	533.64
4	St. Johns	20	828.67	0.48331932	59.36
5	Halifax	7	531.3	0.309876149	38.06
8	Mt. Horeb	82	4227	2.465402708	302.81
7	Eureka	56	4065.9	2.371424115	291.28
9	Puinam	31	1259.8	0.734803778	90.25
12	Jacksonville	66	4394.3	2.271475015	279
16	Plant City	7	637.78	0.226754782	27.65
17	St. Augustine	8	720	0.313009241	38.45
18	Manatee	9	835.3	0.487186247	69.84
20	Keystone	7	975.2	0.483881739	59.43
22	Thomas Brown	4	244	0.142313378	17.48
24	Palm Beach	27	1559.8	0.908807048	111.75
25	Live Oak	1	48.5	0.027120987	3.33
27	Indian River	17	865.83	0.398064168	48.89
28	Joppa	7	410.4	0.239364583	29.4
29	Lakeland	37	2815	1.6418404	201.66
31	St. Petersburg	67	3632.2	2.118469678	260.21
32	Jackson	3	218.9	0.127672776	15.68
33	Eustis	5	288.4	0.16704195	20.52
35	Sarasota	13	1285.8	0.748939036	82.11
38	Lake City	5	251.4	0.148628304	18.07
40	Crestview	12	450	0.262451165	32.24
41	Winter Haven	106	5509.6	3.187182579	391.47
45	Clearwater	19	2578.5	1.478628439	181.62
48	Duval	9	441.2	0.25557885	31.39
50	Poinciana	35	2153.8	1.258080812	154.28
59	Melbourne	20	1336.5	0.779508681	95.75
62	James Yeager	9	291.5	0.17001851	20.88
63	Eden	14	1605.45	0.93637395	115.01
	TOTALS	886	54372.63	30.8918455	3794.35

* The percent of return is calculated on the number of months that the investment draws interest.

The investment of funds of the Grand York Rite Life/Perpetual Membership Fund as of December 31, 2000 and the resultant income was as follows:

Bank Name, CD#, Mat. date / Int rate	NAV 1/15/00	ACTIVITY 1/15-2/10/00	NAV 12/31/00	NAV 1/15/01	2000 INTEREST
Crown #001-3084744 8/16/03 - 5.827%	9481.78		10062.86	10062.86	571.08
AM Gen Ann 4/07/04 - 7.25%/Var	24054.7		22262.07	22262.07	1207.37
1st Union # 50803438 02/12/01 6.25%	12513.09		13295.64	13295.64	782.55
Crown # 007-3111547 1/28/00 - 7.042%	30767.58	-30918.33	0	0	148.75
1st Union	3241.9	-3333.44	0	0	91.54
Civ/Chem #28025309 11/14/01 6.0%	87571.3		92972.97	92972.97	5401.87
1st Union Sav 60024157 1.45%	2668.58	-3331.31	0	0	24.51
Huntington 30357738	12152.17	-12203.68			51.49
MID-FLORIDA CHECK 189443 SAVINGS CERT OF DEPOSIT		2512.79 8.68 34416.58	2595.29 9.87 36547.79	2595.29 9.87 36547.79	80.89 0.21 2131.21
Civ/Chem 0300015263 Checking		13139.89 -8905.87	5590.73 8848.25	12438.25 -12282.74	42.87
Investments	179461.08	-9611.69	190185.47	ERR	10544.14

It is the Committee's hope that the incoming Grand High Priest, and subordinate Grand Chapter Officers, will give due consideration to implementing our Most Excellent Grand High Priest's Recommendations.

M. Ex. Grand High Priest Brown represented this Grand Chapter well at the annual convocations of seven of our sister jurisdictions, and at three other out-of-state conferences/assemblies. He also visited and continued his ritualistic participation in many Allied and Appendant Masonic Bodies.

Most Excellent Companion Brown is commended for the judicious and considerate manner in which he executed the affairs of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter during his term of office. Each member of this Jurisprudence Committee expresses his personal gratitude for the privilege and high honor of serving this Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

William L. Buck, Jr. Harvey L. Ward, Sr. William O. Walker
Harry R. Davis Leslie H. Scott, Jr. David C. Wilkinson

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & BLUE LODGE REPRESENTATIVES

We take this opportunity to again thank the Blue Lodge Representatives, who attend their Lodges, and continue to dedicate their time and efforts to fulfilling the intent of the Program, to the end that "Every Master Mason Should Be A Royal Arch Mason." when contact is made with the Officers and Members of every Lodge on every possible occasion, New Membership is the result! Remember, the Master Mason Degree is not complete without THE ROYAL ARCH. This approach can not be over emphasized!

* Appoint Active (regular Lodge attenders) Royal Arch Masons for Blue Lodge Representatives; to every Lodge in the Area of Your Chapter. Printed Certificates for this purpose are available on Request. Note - Chapter Secretaries should send the names and addresses, together with the lodge they represent, to the Chairman of this Committee for future mailings.

* Print and make available at cost Quality Membership Pamphlets in vivid colors with detachable Chapter, Council, and Commandery Petitions. Also Lodge Petitions as approved by the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of Florida for immediate shipment, when requested.

* Print and distribute a York Rite System of Freemasonry Directory, in loose leaf form, listing all Area Lodge, Chapter, Council, and Commandery, meeting times, dates, and locations for ready use by Grand Line Officers. Making them available to Constituent Chapters and Representatives at printing cost, in order to promote visitations and Joint Activities between Lodge and other York Rite Masonic Bodies involved.

* Urge all District Deputy Grand High Priests to promote New Membership for the Chapter, or by joint efforts with other York Rite Masonic Bodies, in their Districts by Emphasizing the importance of participating in *The 21st Century York Rite Odyssey*, which has been agreed upon by the General Grand Chapter RAM, General Grand Council R&SM and the Grand Encampment KT. Plan ahead, and make every effort to AVOID conflicts with dates for degree work, by frequent contacts with the District Deputies of Area Lodges, as well as District Deputies for the Council and Commandery.

* This Committee favours the two Saturday York Rite Festival. With the best Ritual Team available for the conferring of the Impressive Chapter Degrees, properly scheduled (where possible), not to conflict with reunions, parades, homecomings and other important Masonic events within the District. Again, meetings with the DDGHP and other High Priests of the District will usually prevent conflicts.

* This Committee is committed to the improvement of Membership by urging each Companion to get involved in the work of his Blue Lodge and Chapter immediately! Where appropriate, assistance in instruction of new members, degree teams and Committee on Work and wherever possible promote unity in the York Rite System of Freemasonry. Make it a frequent habit to always have with you, on every Masonic occasion, at least two petitions and new pamphlets

Steven Q. Steele Wilbur R. Allen Daniel E. Fitch Jorge L. Aldro James B. Vanders

MASONIC RELATIONS

Your Committee on Masonic Relations is pleased to report that we have received no reports, communications, or comments expressing dissatisfaction with the fraternal relationship we have with our Florida Grand Lodge and Allied Appendant Masonic Bodies. Points of conflict or friction apparently are being minimized by our emphasis on Masonic Unity.

Your Committee thanks you for the privilege and honor of serving this Grand Chapter this year.

William L. Buck, Jr.

Calvin A. Bonnett

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

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.

Walter Hammond

George Malone

Daniel Somma James Foster

MUSEUM COMMITTEE

Shortly after the conclusion of the Grand York Rite Convention this past year, the committee received from B. John Ross of Trinity Commandery # 16 some very interesting items for the museum. Among the items received were an old chapeau, an unusual small ornate Knights Templar apron, velvet type sleeve gauntlets, the old style Templar belt, and a variety of other items.

In June, MIPGM Robert Burleson notified the chairman of the committee that he had a couple of boxes of odds and ends that he would like to donate to the museum. Arriving in the Clearwater area, he brought the items to the chairman for cataloging. Items included plaques, certificates, pictures, jewels, letters awards, patents, a KYCH black hammered lamp, etc., all from the estates of Robert Shugart and Harold Bremmer, two well known York Rite Masons.

Most Illustrious Burleson and your chairman later went to the museum and spent several hours adding many new items (that had been previously cataloged) and rearranging the existing items in the several showcases which house your museum.

In July, Sir Knight James Mason, DDGC of the third Chivalric District, presented your chairman with more Knight Templar items for display. These items were donated by Sir Knight Harry Beardsley, formerly of Saudi Arabia. Among those items included a very unusual K. T. Turban (head wear which he wore on occasions, in lie of the chapeau), also an ornate chapeau and belt.

Cataloging all the items donated by M. I. Companion Bob Burleson and Sir Knight James Mason in the log book, then transferring all the information onto computer records, took considerable time. When this was accomplished, Bob Burleson and Fred Morris offered their services in helping arrange and display the more than 170 new items. They drove over from Orlando the morning of August third to assist with the work. After all the work was completed, two hot, tired and dedicated Masons drove back to Orlando, just in time to attend another Masonic function.

I am pleased to report at this time the museum has more than 500 items on display. These items represent the Chapter, Council, Commandery, Lodge, O.E.S., Job's Daughters, Rainbow for Girls, Shrine, Scottish Rite, DeMolay, Grotto, KYCH, Night Masons, York Rite College, Grand Chapter, General Grand Chapter, Grand Council, General Grand Council, Grand Commandery, Grand Encampment, and the Grand Lodge of Florida.

At the area meeting held at Venice, September 16th, M.I. Burleson again presented your chairman with a box of memorabilia containing Masonic items from his own personal collection. These could be added to the bookcase to improve security for the books. After checking with some of the home centers, it was felt the cost of new doors was prohibitive. The three of us then scouted others sources and located two matching sets of sliding glass doors, complete with tracks, etc. After negotiating the price (which was a fraction of the cost of the Home Centers), we purchased them,

and then inquired as to delivery. They also agreed to deliver them to the York Rite Temple at no cost.

On February 6th, at 7 A.M., Duane and Floyd again drove from Lakeland to Clearwater and met yours truly and Mike La Follette (Illustrious Master of Clearwater Council). We began assembling the enclosure necessary for the sliding glass doors and tracks. About 6:30 that evening we thought we had put in enough time for one day. Although all work was not quite completed, we had a feeling of accomplishment. What an addition to the Ray V. Denslow Library! By the time Duane and Floyd arrived back home in Lakeland, no one had to rock them to sleep that night.

Tuesday, February 21st, Mike LaFollette purchased the necessary wood trim for the doors. He then began routing and mitering the material so it would look nicer than just rough stock.

Wednesday, February 21st, Mike LaFollette and Marvin W. Gerhard met at the Temple close to 11 A.M., and began installing the trim around the sliding glass doors; all the preliminary routing and mitring fit into place without a hitch. That evening, while the men were attending a Council meeting, Betsy Gerhard painted all the trim a shade of blue that complimented the rest of the room. When the meeting was over, Betsy was still painting. The men all commented on how nice it looked and thanked her very much. As of this writing there is still a small amount of work necessary before this project is completed. We will keep you updated.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, we, the Committee, Thank You for the opportunity of serving Capitular Masonry, and humbly submit this report.

Marvin W. Gerhard Walter H. Winchester Ralph O. Sheppard Charles "Chic" Cicero

* On February 1st, M.E. Companion Ralph O. Sheppard passed away. He will be missed.

NECROLOGY REPORT

The Supreme Grand Master has called one of our Grand Line to join him in that house not made with hands. Our Excellent Grand Chaplain Vernon G. Hitchcock and Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, James W. Oder entered into eternal rest this year and on the morning as our Convocation was to start, we learned of the loss of Excellent Companion Howard P. Bennett, Grand Secretary Emeritus.

To our own Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction who have gone to the place of rest and refreshment that awaits those who trust in His Holy Name, we say at this time, "Farewell, You will be missed." To those of our Sister Jurisdictions who have lost any Companions since we last met, we share with you in their loss.

The Necrology Committee proposes that this report, in addition to that of the Memorial Services

conducted on April 29, 2001 be received as the Necrology Committee report and entered into the records and published in the proceedings. The departed Distinguished Companions from our Sister Grand Jurisdictions are:

General Grand Chapter	Ambers J. Lewis, MEGGHP - 1981 - 1984	12-14-17 - 12-9-20
Alabama	Luther E. Lee, MEPGHP	09-03-2000
Indiana	Ralph G. McClure, MEPGHP	09-08-2000
Kentucky	Gayle D. Baber, MEPGHP	1976 - 1977 5-20-1930 - 2-8-2000
Maryland	Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr., MEPGHP	8-9-2000
	Willie E. Phillips, MEPGHP	9-3-2000
Minnesota	F. James Zwickey, MEPGHP	9-23-2000
New Hampshire	Jimmy LaFiosca, MEPGHP	2-2-1927 - 2-5-2001
New Jersey	Charles W. Glade, MEPGHP	10-17-2000
Nova Scotia	Marshall K. Hennigar, MEPGHP	1973 2-28-1913 - 4-7-2000
	Frederic C. Morrison, MEPGHP	1962 & 1963 5-19-1910 - 12-1-2000
	Samuel L. Coseley, MEPGHP	1989 3-4-1911 - 3-5-2000
Panama	Ralph O. Sheppard, MEPGHP	9-27-23 - 02-01-01
Pennsylvania	Robert Shermon, ME Grand Treasurer	1979 - 2000 1-20-2000

For each sunset there is a sunrise
 In a land we cannot see
 There's a place of love and endless dawn
 That's called - - - Eternity.
 In this land there are no shadows
 and no deepening shades of night
 And no candle's ever needed
 For God provides the light!
 No pain or sorrow enters these
 No teardrops ever falls
 And there's no such thing as parting
 Within it's golden halls!
 Cares and worries are forgotten
 In this land where trials cease
 And the heart knows only gladness
 And the bliss of perfect peace!
 And in time there will be a reunion
 Sweeter far than words can say
 With those who've gone on and await us
 In that land of endless day!

Robert A. Niles, Ex. Grand Chaplain



In Memoriam

of

James W. Oder

*Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons
of Florida*

1976/1977

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

*Born - March 4, 1913 Died - September 20, 2000
Tallahassee, Florida*

In Memoriam



Vernon G. Hitchcock

E. Grand Chaplain

2000 - 2001

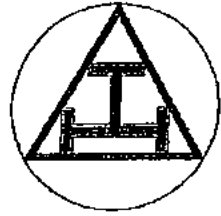
*The earth is poorer since they took their flight
But Heaven is richer now that they are there
And on their brows gleam with transcended light
Such Crowns as honest, upright ones shall wear
The World may change from year to year and
Friends from day to day but never will the one
We loved from memory fade away.*

Born - April 1, 1936

Died - January 13, 2001

Jitusville, Florida

In Memoriam



Ralph O. Sheppard

*Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest
of Panama*

and Beloved Companion of Florida York Rite

*There are Stars that go out in the darkness,
But whose silvery light shineth on;
There are roses whose perfume still lingers,
When the blossoms are faded and gone;
There are hearts full of light and sweetness,
When no longer their life current flows,
Still their goodness lives on with the living,
Like the souls of the star and the rose.*

Born - September 27, 1923

Died - February 7, 2001

Clearwater, Florida

In Memoriam



Howard Paul Bennett

*Past Grand Secretary/Recorder
Honorary Grand Commander*

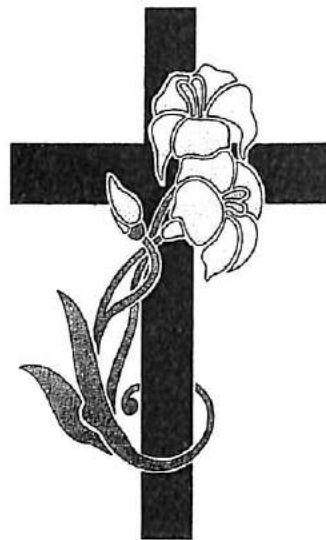
*God of the living, in whose eyes
Unveiled thy whole creation lies,
All souls are thine: we must not say
That those are dead who pass away,
From this, our world of flesh set free,
We know them living unto thee.*

Born December 8, 1916

Died May 1, 2001

Rockledge, Florida

*In Memory of Companions
of this and other
Grand Jurisdictions
Who have passed on to that
Eternal Reward
in 2000 - 2001*



*This Page we
Fraternally Dedicate*

PATRIOTIC, CIVIC & RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

Due to the poor reporting to me of the Chapter's activities, I can only report that there is either a lack of activity or the Chapters are struggling to survive.

We can only encourage each Chapter and offer any assistance we can to help them achieve our goals. We need to bring York Rite out of the closet.

Robert A. Niles David A. Aponte Wm. Ronald Taylor

PRINTING COMMITTEE REPORT

During the 2000 - 2001 year we had the following printing. Most of this printing is completed in the office; however, some of the printing was sub contracted out, due to equipment and manpower constraints. The new copier has reduced our work load. Our Proceedings were done by our new printer in our office. These are some of the items printed in the office:

Patents	Constitutions	Annual Reports
Constitution Revisions	Education Package	Resolutions
Eye Foundation Package	Directories	Convention Reports
Memo's	Proceedings	25 yr Certificates
50 yr Certificates	Letterheads, cards, envelopes	Miscellaneous

Total pages printed by the new copier: over 140,000 pages. Our color printer has printed over 1,300 Certificates for 25 and 50 year awards, plus letterhead, etc.

Virgil P. Brown Richard S. Agster Daniel L. Bennett Wm. Robert Young

PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES

We, the Committee for Propositions and Grievances, are pleased to report that no request or recommendation has come to the attention of this Committee for consideration or resolution. Peace, Harmony, and Unity continue to prevail throughout the Grand Jurisdiction.

Vernon H. Miller Wendell D. Harrington

RELIGIOUS AFFIRMATION DAY REPORT

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest issued his Proclamation that each constituent Chapter observe a Religious Affirmation Day with their families, and ample time was given for holding and reporting this service.

A total of 145 reported in attendance reflects poorly on the Rite. No doubt many non-reporting Chapters and/or members did observe Religious Affirmation Day but failed to file reports. A number of Chapters not reporting have had significant results in the past. I am sure, that had these

numbers been forthcoming, the results would have been better. I would encourage the incoming District Deputies to emphasize the importance of this event, not only for the Chapters, but for the public image it exhibits.

Continuation of the Religious Affirmation Day is strongly recommended, with an added emphasis on its importance by all of the Grand Chapter Officers.

Steven Q. Steele

GRAND RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

1. Chapter Twelve - Grand Chapter Convocations and Proceedings

12.05 Management of Convocation

Delete Entire Section 12.05

This Amendment was approved.

Chapter Thirteen - Grand Chapter Committees - (General Provisions)

13.04 York Rite Convention Board

Delete Entire Section 13.04

This Amendment was approved.

2. ARTICLE XII - GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEES, Section 5, Standing Committees add: o. Investments

Article VII Grand Chapter Committees, add Section 19: Investment Committee

The Investment Committee shall be composed of three Royal Arch Masons in good standing in Florida Chapters. The committee will work in concert with the Investment Committees of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Florida and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida should those committees be authorized and formed. The members of the committee shall be men of experience in the management and investment of funds or members qualified in professions that acquaint them with the duties and responsibilities of management and investment of funds, including but not limited to bankers, public accountants, lawyers, financial counselors and mem of similar training and experience. Initial implementation shall be by appointment by the Grand High Priest of one member for a term of three years, one member for a term of two years, and one member for a term of one year. Each incoming Grand High Priest shall then make one appointment to this committee. No person while a member of this committee, or for a period of two (2) years after serving on this committee, may, directly or indirectly, gain any economic benefit by reason of bidding, providing or contracting to provide financial services to the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Florida. Any attempt to circumvent this regulation will be prima facie evidence of unasonic conduct and will be punished as such.

The committee shall make recommendations to the Grand High Priest and Treasurer in respect to the following matters:

(a) Selection of Registered Investment Advisor(s) to manage, or Registered Representative's(s') broker-dealer or its clearing firm to act as custodian for such portions of the Grand Chapter Funds as shall be entrusted to such Registered Investment Advisor(s) or Registered Representative's(s') broker-dealer or its clearing firm by written contract/document with the Grand Chapter.

(b) The terms of contract with the Registered Investment Advisor(s) or Registered Representative's(s') broker-dealer for management and custodianship of the Grand Chapter's funds.

(c) The means, methods, and standards for evaluation of the services of the Registered Investment Advisor(s) or Registered Representative's(s') broker-dealer managing and investing the Grand Chapter's funds.

(d) The Committee shall comply with the foregoing in respect to the Life Membership Plan, as well as operating funds and funds held in trust by the Grand Chapter.

Chapter 26, Paragraph 26.03 (3) change first sentence to read "The Grand Chapter Treasurer is hereby empowered to invest all funds received by the Grand Chapter for this program."

Chapter 26, Paragraph 26.03 (3) delete the second sentence, which states "Investments are to be in Government Insured Securities of maximum interest yield."

Chapter 26, Paragraph 26.03 (3) change the third sentence to read "Term of Securities are to be determined by the Investment Committee."

This amendment was approved.

3. ARTICLE XII - POWERS AND DUTIES OF GRAND OFFICERS

Section 5; Standing Committees - It is proposed to be changed to read as follows;

e. Per Diem

This Amendment was approved.

CHAPTER TWELVE to be amended as follows:

Chapter Twelve - Grand Chapter Convocations and Proceedings

12.02 .02; Per Diem

a. 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, and District Deputies, who are in attendance in no other capacity, shall be entitled to receive from this Grand Chapter such funds for per diem as may be recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee and approved by the delegates. Past Grand Officers now residing or sojourning outside the State of Florida, shall receive per diem only for the days actually in attendance at Grand Chapter.

b. The Grand Chapter shall advance an amount equal to one half the annual allowance to the Grand High Priest upon his installation, and after spending same, he shall receive the balance. He shall not be required to account for these funds to the Grand Chapter.

This Amendment was approved

CHAPTER TWENTY-NINE - Chapter Representatives to Grand Chapter

29.01; Chapter Representatives

The representatives of each Constituent Chapter to the Annual Grand Convocation and Special Convocations of the Grand Chapter shall be High Priest, King and Scribe of such Chapter or their awfully authorized Proxies; the High Priest or his Proxy shall receive Per Diem as provided herein.
This Amendment was approved.

4. ARTICLE V, SECTION 2 - Eligibility - It is proposed to be changed to read as follows;

a. Any Companion shall be eligible for office in this Grand Chapter who has been regularly elected, installed and presided over a Chartered Chapter for one full year, and must be a member in good standing in any Chartered Chapter.

This Amendment was disapproved.

5. CHAPTER THIRTEEN - GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEES (General Provisions) add new section as follows: Section 13.04 (New)

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

This amendment was approved.

6. CHAPTER NINE - GRAND SECRETARY be amended to add the following new section.

Section 9.02 (new)

All fees, reports, donations (except donations to the Royal Arch Medical Research Assistance Foundation), 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 as required.

This amendment was approved.

7. An amendment from the Constitution Committee on the rewording of various sections of the Constitution and Regulations was rejected and withdrawn.

8. 43.05 Certificates of Longevity and Presentation. Be amended to read as follows:

Certificates of Longevity shall be of two Classes:

a. A Companion who has been a Royal Arch Mason in good standing for a period of Twenty-Five or Forty Years, and who has not been disciplined, suspended or expelled for an offense involving moral turpitude, and is a member of a Florida Chapter upon presentation of satisfactory evidence of such length of membership by the Recorder of his Chapter to the Grand Secretary, and said evidence being certified correct and final judgement being given on the eligibility by the Grand Secretary and approved by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, shall be entitled to receive a Certificate, a Silver Card, and a Silver Lapel Button issued by the Grand Chapter; provided, that the Council shall carry the name of the Companion on its regular roll of membership and shall pay to the Grand Chapter all annual per capita taxes and assessments for said Companion.

b. A Companion who has been a Roayl Arch Mason in good standing for a period of fifty, fifty-five, sixty, sixty-five or seventy years, and who has not been disciplined, suspended nor expelled for an offense involving moral turpitude, and is a member of a Florida Chapter upon presentation of satisfactory evidence of such length of membership by the Recorder of his Chapter to the Grand Secretary, and said evidence being certified correct and final judgement being given on the eligibility by the Grand Secretary and approved by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, shall be entitled to receive a Certificate, a Gold Card, and a Gold Lapel Button and if twenty-five years of such services have been in a Florida Chapter or Chapters, shall be exempt from all Grand Chapter all annual per capita taxes, dues and assessments.

c. Forms for applying for Life Membership class, and under the Certificate of Membership (Longevity) class will be furnished by the office of the Grand Secretary.

d. The Certificates for Twenty-five, Forty, Fifty, Fifty-five, Sixty, Sixty-five and Seventy Year Membership, the Silver and Gold Cards, and the Silver and Gold Lapel Buttons shall be obtained from the office of the Grand Secretary.

e. Presentation Ceremonies.

(1) At the time of presentations of the Fifty, Fifty-five, Sixty, Sixty-five and Seventy year Certificate, Gold Card and Gold Lapel Button, the Companions receiving same shall be entitled to the Private Capitular Grand Honors; provided that such Grand Honors shall be given only in a Tyled Convocation.

(2) When a recognized Grand Jurisdiction requests that one of its members be presented a Fifty, or greater, Year Certificate by a Florida Chapter, the recipient, if presentation is made in a Tyled Chapter Room, shall be accorded the Private Capitular Grand Honors, unless the Grand Jurisdiction requests that it not be done.

This Amendment was approved.

TIME AND PLACE

The 155th Annual Grand Convocation of Royal Arch Masons of Florida will be held at the Holiday Inn on Melbourne Beach, Florida, Sunday, April 28th through Tuesday April 30, 2002. The Grand Chapter will be convened on Monday, April 29th, at 8:30 A.M.

Wayne E. Parks Charles L. Hollinger Frederick L. Piasecki Wm. Robert Young

YORK RITE PUBLICATIONS

I am pleased that one issue of *The Florida York Rite Light* was published this year as an insert in the Winter 2000 issue of *The Florida Mason*. Of note was the inclusion of a generic petition for the Degrees and Orders of the York Rite of Freemasonry. This means, of course, that every Master Mason in Florida now has a York Rite petition.

My thanks to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest for his vision and support in keeping the "line of communication" open to the Freemasons of Florida and for allowing me to serve him and this Grand Chapter.

Robert E. Burleson

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The youth of Florida need our help! DeMolay Old South Tournament at New Orleans - March 31 through April. Evaluators R. Ex. Companion Walter Hammond - Director Florida Ritualistic Work and Executive Board member; Companion Charles Levon-Newly - Elected Board Member, and Kay McDonald - Honorary Ex. Board Member all from Florida were there. NO DeMolay members showed up.

New Chapter in Fernandina had six initiates in February and will have six more in late April or early May.

Many Chapters, Assemblies, and Bethels are closing for need of Adult Help, Mother Advisors, Chapters Dads, and Guardians. Please help!

Quinnie R. Williams, Sr. Harry A. Rosenthal Vernon E. Adams

WEB PAGE - THE OFFICIAL HOME PAGES - REPORT

The "Florida York Rite Home Pages" were originally published on the Internet on June 6, 1998, with a URL Address of: [Http://members.aol.com/YorkRiteFM/Florida.html](http://members.aol.com/YorkRiteFM/Florida.html)

This site provides links to the other three OFFICIAL Grand York Rite Home Pages:

Grand Chapter - <http://members@aol.com/CHAPTERMW/Florida.html>

Grand Council - <http://members@aol.com/COUNCILMW/Florida.html>

Grand Commandery - <http://members@aol.com/KNIGHTSMW/Florida.html>

These sites were designed, created and published by George D. Pushee, III, KYCH, OPC, now of Florida, as Web Master. These sites are maintained by the Web Master with the assistance of the Grand Secretary/Recorder, Bob Young, who is designated as the "Deputy Web Master" or provider of "approved information" for the Home Pages.

Summary of Information - Status Report

1. As of March 16, 2001 the York Rite Home Page had received 4266 visitors, a 300% increase in two years.
2. The four Web Sites are designed as four separate "stand alone," but are linked to the "York Rite Fraternal Home Page" and contain a "welcome" from each of the three presiding officers, and information on:
 - A. Official Office of the Grand Secretary?recorder, including e-mail address.
 - B. Grand Officers for each body.
 - C. Living Past Grand Presiding Officers.
 - D. Current District Officers.
 - E. A schedule of events
 - F. Meeting nights and locations of Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies.
 - G. Links to Florida York Rite Bodies on-line: Fort Myers, Live Oak, Mayo, Palm Beach, Daytona Beach, and Sarasota-Manatee.
 - H. The Knights Templar Supplement for Florida as supplied by SK Bob Burleson is on the Grand Commandery Home Page.
 - I. Annual Convention Information: Schedule of Events - Registration forms.

SPECIAL NOTE: WE NEED MORE SITES & INFORMATION ON EVENTS

3. They are linked directly to and from the Official Home Pages of the General Grand Chapter, General Grand Council, and the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of USA. The URL addresses of these Official, National sites are listed on page four of the monthly Knight Templar Magazine.
4. They are listed on the mastermason.com York Rite Links Site (over 280 Web Sites), the [Philalethes Freemasonry, org](http://philalethesfreemasonry.org) Link site, and are part of the e-m2son Web Ring (over 1100 Masonic Web sites) and York Rite Web Ring (over 160 Web sites) which are the four major link sites supporting Freemasonry on the Internet.
5. As of March 16, 2001 there were 284 York Rite "bodies" on the Internet as listed by "mastermason.com" which includes our Official Home Pages. As of this report, there are currently, 35 "Official" Grand Royal Arch Chapters "on the Internet," 30 Grand Councils and 33 Grand Commanderies. There are currently 49 US Grand Lodges: 28 "Grand York Rite Sites" plus the Official Sites for the York Rite Sovereign College of North America; The Grand Council, Allied

Masonic Degrees; The Grand Council Knight Masons, USA; The High Council MSRICF; Covent General, Knights, York Cross of Honour; and the Royal Order of Scotland.

Companions and Sir Knights, the Florida Official Home Pages have enjoyed a very active year as part of a York Rite Internet System by your Web Master which has had over three quarters of a million visitors in 48 months. Please start your "Internet Surfing" at www.yorkrite.com<<http://www.yorkrite.com>>. THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

In closing, as I have indicated to "everyone" many time, I will gladly "build and maintain" or "assist" in the construction" of ANY Masonic Web Site for the Internet.

In my opinion, it represents one of the best ways for Freemasonry to inform the "un-initiated," obtain new members, and "motivate/maintain" current members.

"A GREAT COMMUNICATION TOOL for Y2K PLUS"

George D. (Dan) M. Pushee, III, KYCH, OPC

**INSTALLATION OF 2001 - 2002 OFFICERS
GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF FLORIDA**

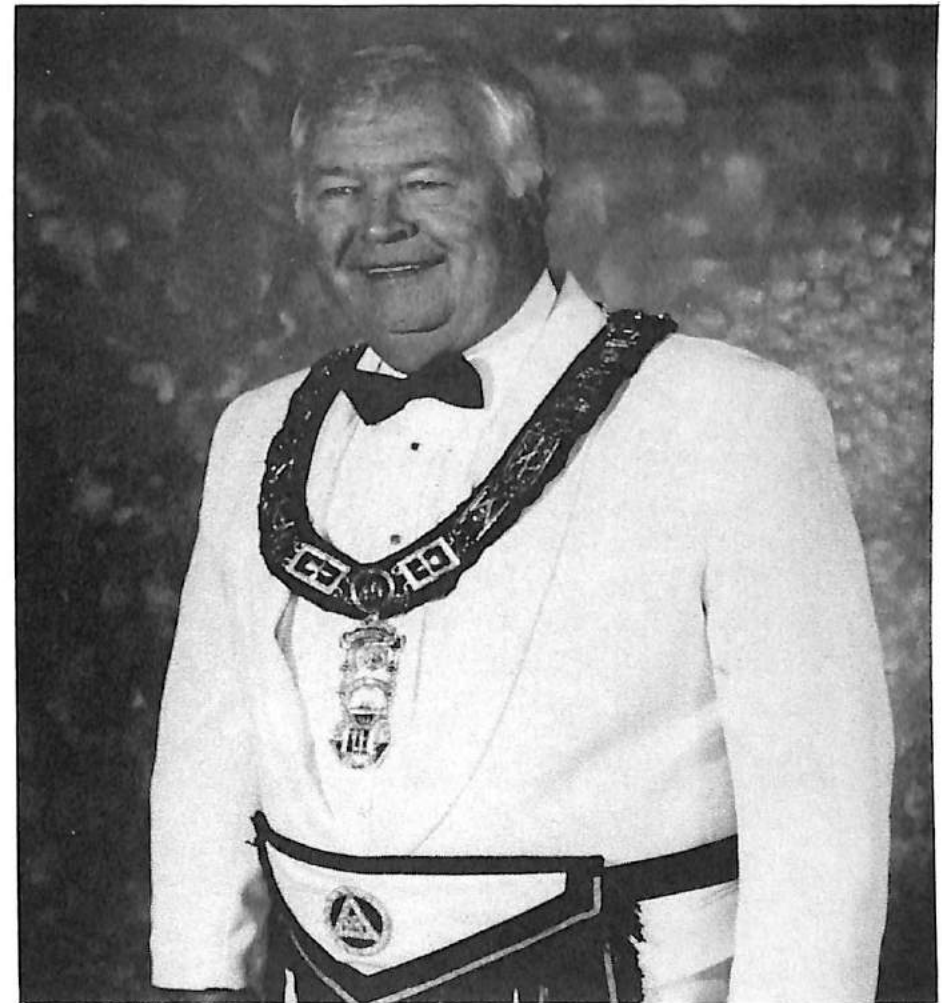
After a break for lunch the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Florida Officers for 2001 - 2002 were installed, then the Grand Chapter closed.

The Installing Grand Officers were:

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|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Installing Officer | William O. Walker, MEPGHP |
| Installing Chaplain | William L. Buck, Jr., MEPGHP |
| Installing Marshall | J. Russell Hammond, MEPGHP |
| Installing Organist | Charles R. Denman |

The 2001 - 2002 Grand Chapter Officers and Committees are listed on the following pages.

**WAYNE E. PARKS
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST
GRAND CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF
FLORIDA 2001 - 2002**



**MASONIC RESUME OF
WAYNE E. PARKS, M.E.G.H.P.**

PERSONAL: Born February 2, 1939, Hamilton, Ohio, Graduated from Shawnee High School, Camden, Ohio, in 1957. Enlisted in U. S. Marine Corps from 1957 to 1959. He has 3 daughters and 7 Grandchildren. Worked 10 years for Standard Oil Company as a bulk distributor, 11 years with Greyhound Corporation, and is currently self-employed in the trucking business.

MASONIC HISTORY: Received Master Mason degree on December 18, 1962, in Lincoln Lodge No. 693, Middletown, Ohio, demitted to Camden Lodge No. 159, Camden, Ohio, installed as Master in 1967. Demitted to Eola Lodge No. 207, Orlando, Florida, in 1986, and is a life member.

YORK RITE: Exalted in Middletown Chapter No. 22, Ohio, on February 27, 1963. Demitted to Eaton Chapter No. 21, Ohio. Demitted to Eureka Chapter No. 7, Orlando, Florida, installed as High Priest, December 29, 1992. Appointed to the Grand Line May 10, 1994.

Greeted in Middletown Council No. 136, Ohio, April 29, 1964. Demitted to Preble Council No. 135, Ohio, installed as Illustrious Master on June 4, 1969. Demitted to Orlando Council No. 5, Orlando, Florida.

Knighted in Middletown Commandery No. 71, Ohio, January 18, 1964. Demitted to Olivet Commandery No. 4, Orlando, installed as Commander, December 12, 1992. District Deputy Grand Commander 1994, 1995. Life Member of the Orlando York Rite Bodies.

York Rite Sovereign College, past Governor, Associate Regent 1965.
Red Cross of Constantine,
Knight of the York Cross of Honour 1994.

OTHER ORDERS:

Knight Masons, Royal Order of Scotland, Grotto, Societas Rosicrucian in Civitatibus Federatis, Bahia Shrine, Eastern Star, Order of Amaranth, Scottish Rite Valley of Orlando, Knight Commander of the Court of Honor 1989, Master of Kadosh 1997

**GRAND CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF
FLORIDA
2001 - 2002 OFFICERS**



**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS
 GRAND CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH MASONS of FLORIDA
 for 2001 - 2002**



**GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF FLORIDA
 2001 - 2002 OFFICERS**

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- H. Warren Almand, Jr (32) Lydia R. E. Grand Scribe
 2842 Magnolia Blossom Ln., Marianna 32446-6394 850/482-4809
- Duane B. Young (29) Norma R. E. Grand Treasurer
 141 Shadow Lane, Lakeland 33813-3594 863/646-6695
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 3845 Catalina St., Titusville 32796 321/267-4556
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 2405 Banchory Rd., Winter Park 32792-4705 407/629-0245
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 2605 Nez Perce Trail, Tallahassee 32303 850/562-3148
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 5360 Redrac St., Jacksonville 32205-9603 904/781-7263
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 1264 Foxridge Pl., Suntree 32940-6428 321/751-1625
- Daniel E. Dale (18) Linda Ex. Grand Sentinel
 601 14th Ave. West, Palmetto 34221-4522 941/729-1301

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2520 Friday Rd., Cocoa 32926 312/632-7806

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(Chapter numbers for that District)

No. 1 (# 11, 20, 24, 65) Michael G. Beaudet (20) Phyllys
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No. 4 (# 8, 16, 22, 29, 41, 64) James P. Keaveny (64) Theresa
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No. 5 (# 4, 5, 7, 15, 33) George T. Collier (7) Carolyn
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No. 6 (# 27, 28, 59, 66) George Neven (66) Sharon
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No. 8 (#2, 13, 25, 38, 62) Herbert M. Slate (62)
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No. 10 (# 6, 40, 57) Gregory D. Smith (6) Sara
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GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEES

(First Name Listed is Chairman)

Auditing: Jose J. Camaro (3) - Columbus Webb (9)
George Collier (7) - H. Warren Almand, Jr. (32) Ex Officio

Benevolence: Ewell J. Langdale, Jr. (12) - William A. Cogburn (1) - William L. Buck, Jr. (9)

Blue Lodge Representatives/Membership Development:

Wilbur R. Allen (22) - Daniel E. Fitch (27) - Daniel E. Dale (18) - Frank Glenn (27)

Budget & Finance:

Richard J. Carr (7) - William O. Walker (15)
Steven Q. Steele (11) - Duane B. Young (29) - Wm. Robert Young

Charters, Dispensations & By-laws:

H. Warren Almand, Jr. (32)
Harvey L. Ward, Sr. (2) - Richard S. Agster (3)

Committee on Work:

James W. MacDonald (29)
Frederick M. Morris (7) - Wilbur R. Allen (22) - Harry Seibert (6)

Committee on Thanks:

William F. Wyllie (29) - Thomas L. Steel (16)

Constitution Index and Update:

Harvey L. Ward, Sr. (2) - Samuel Boone, Jr. (2)
Harvey L. Ward, Jr. (2) - Michael Padron, Jr. (65)

Convention Committee:

Jon F. Egerton (59) - Frank L. Glenn (27) - Burt F. Maguire (17)

Custodian of Ritualistic Material:

Luther Bodiford, III (1) - Joe Ken West (22)

Distinguished Guests:

Duane B. Young (29) - Robert E. Burleson (7) - Joseph LeSuer (39)

Distribution:

Glenn E. Chandler (12) - Walter Hassler (64) - Elmer Gerald (5)

Finance (L R):

J. Russell Hammond (15) - Duane B. Young (29)

Foreign Relations:

Michael A. Padron Jr. (65) - Robert A. Niles (9)

Grand High Priest Award:

Wayne E. Parks (7)
Steven Q. Steele (11) - H. Warren Almand, Jr. (32)

Grand Representative Program:

Walter H. Winchester (45)

Jurisprudence:

David C. Wilkinson (9)
Harvey L. Ward, Sr. (2) - Wendell D. Harrington (12) - Leslie H. Scott, Jr. (12)

Legal Advisors:

Gregory Smith (6) - Charles B. Curry (29)

Library, Museum & Memorabilia: Marvin W. Gerhard (45)
Walter H. Winchester (45) - G. Gordon Goodman (45)

Life Membership: Duane B. Young (29) - Steven Q. Steele (11)

Masonic Relations: Robert A. Niles (9)

Mileage & Per Diem: Alan Graulich (5) - Walter Hammond (12)

Necrology: Willis McBride (7)

Patriotic/Civic/Religious Activities: Harry R. 'Bob' Davis (39)
David A. Aponte (13) - Gary B. Cull (27)

Photography: George Neven (66) - Richard A. Wolfe (27)

Printing: Wayne E. Parks, Jr. (7) - Charles L. Hollinger (59) - Frederick L. Piasecki (3)

Propositions and Grievances: Vernon H. Miller (39) - Wendell D. Harrington (12)

Returns & Credentials: James W. MacDonald (29)
Frank Clawson (45) - Frank R. Potter (3) - Frank Buell (18)

Royal Arch Research Assistance: William O. Walker (15)

Time & Place: Wayne E. Parks (7) - Charles L. Hollinger (58) - Frederick L. Piasecki (2)

Triennial: Steven Q. Steele (11) - Richard Foreman (39) - Gordon Anderson (5)

Unfinished Business: David C. Wilkinson (9) - Leslie H. Scott, Jr. (12)

York Rite Publication: Wayne E. Parks (7)
Charles L. Hollinger (58) - Frederick L. Piasecki (2)

Youth Activities: Quinnie R. Williams (49) - Vernon E. Adams (12)

M. E. PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS (Living)

1967 James W. MacDonald
1974 Earl G. Nicholson
1977 Joseph C. LeSuer

1971 Walter H. Winchester
1975 Richard I. Lanier
1978 Duane B. Young

1979 J. Fred Wilson
1981 Thomas E. McGowan
1983 William A. Cogburn
1986 Gary Brent Cull
1988 Vernon H. Miller
1991 William G. Norrie
1993 William L. Buck, Jr.
1995 Harry R. "Bob" Davis
1997 Frederick R. Young
1999 David C. Wilkinson

1980 Henry C. Bengel
1982 Wendell D. Harrington
1985 Floyd Ziegler
1987 J. Russell Hammond
1989 R. Earl Shiver
1992 Ewell J. Langdale, Jr.
1994 William O. Walker
1996 Harvey L. Ward, Sr.
1998 Leslie H. Scott, Jr.
2000 Virgil P. Brown, Jr.

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 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
1940 Dorsey H. Rutter	1941 Frederic A. Riegel	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 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 Brosnahan
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	1976	James W. Oder
1984	Franklin C. Smith	1990	Russell W. Wells		

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER of RAM, INTN'L - OFFICERS 1999-2002

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Wayne E. Turton	General Grand Treasurer	31000 Ridgeway, Farmington Hills, MI 48334	248/474-9133
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SE Region Deputy General Grand High Priest	Emory J. Ferguson, MEPGHP	1615 Lakeview Dr., NW, Cullman, AL 35085	256/734-6787
Director Royal Arch Research Assistance, Inc.	James B. Wall	P.O. Box 58070, Louisville, KY 40263-0070	502/937-5372

PAST GENERAL GRAND HIGH PRIESTS - LIVING

J. W. Vandall (1978-1981)	1135 McClung Ave., Barboursville, WV 25504
Walter H. Winchester (1984-1987)	241 Scotland St., Dunedin, FL 34698
R. Glenn Capps (1993-1996)	334 DeVane St., Fayetteville, NC 28305
Murray E. Cooke (1996-1999)	1345 Pacific St., Santa Monica, CA 90405

THE SIXTY-FIFTH TRIENNIAL CONVOCATION

**WILL BE HELD IN
ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY
October, 2002**

FLORIDA CHAPTERS

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

(HP) L. Richard Kasten	(King) Timothy Hutchison	(Scribe) Dean F. Harwood
(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) Howard B Osgood III	(King) Sam W. Boone, Jr.	(Scribe) Jan Egan
(SEC) Wayne Y. Thigpen	Meets: 1st & 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) Claudio Poccia	(King) Frank R. Potter	(Scribe) James B. Vanders, Jr.
(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) William Schuck	(King) John A. Combs	(Scribe) Walter Breyer, Jr.
(SEC) Ronald J. Fritch	Meets: 1st Tuesday- Odd Number Months & Dec.	at 7:30 PM
Saint Johns Lodge	2557 N Spring Garden Ave., Deland	(386) 734-9827

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

(HP) John L. Ault	(King) John G. Eidman	(Scribe) William J. Ault
(SEC) Robert Boggess	Meets: 2nd Thursday - Alternate Months	at 7:30 PM
Ormond Beach Masonic Temple	270 Kenilworth Ave, Ormond Beach	(386) 677-5005

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

(HP) Charles Perez	(King) Leo Rex Kebort	(Scribe) Arthur J. Larose
(SEC) Drexel P. Caldwell	Meets: 2nd Monday - Jan., Feb., May, Aug., Nov., Dec.,	at 7:00PM
Pensacola York Rite Bldg	189 W. Airport Blvd., Pensacola	

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

(HP) Willis T. McBride	(King) Charles W. Warren	(Scribe) Richard I. Fox
(SEC) John B. Fletcher, Jr.	Eloa Lodge, 3200 E. Grant St., Orlando	(407) 898-3200
Meets: 2nd Thursday - 7:30PM - Odd Number Months & after Council - Even Number Months		

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

(HP) Thomas Collins	(King) Thomas Collins	(Scribe) George W. Robinson
(SEC) Ron Edgerton	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) Kenneth L. Lowery (King) W. Jack Hawkins (Scribe) Gary L. Jenkins, Jr.
 (SEC) William L. Buck Jr Meets: 2nd Thursday - Monthly at 7:30 P.M.
 Palatka Lodge 1334 Crill Ave., Palatka (904) 325-5755

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

(HP) Sidney Pavilack (King) Roberto L. Ochoa (Scribe) Blas Pellon
 (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) Darryl A. D'Angina (King) Wilmer T. Atwell (Scribe) Elmer G. Coffman
 (SEC) Walter M. Hammond Meets: 2nd Thursday - Monthly at 7:30 P.M.
 Jacksonville York Rite Temple 1237 S. McDuff Ave, Jacksonville (904) 389-0792

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

(HP) Richard H. Moffett (King) Steve Mitchell (Scribe) James D. Lichlyter
 (SEC) William J. Freund Meets: 1st Friday - Odd Numbered Months at 7:30 P.M.
 Bellevue Lodge 5871 Baseline Road, Bellevue (352) 245-6468

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

(HP) James A. Nash (King) David M. Brown (Scribe) Eugene Newman
 (SEC) Clark W. Buxton, Jr. Meets: 2nd Tuesday - Monthly at 7:30 P.M.
 Sanford Masonic Temple 212 N. Park Avenue, Sanford (407) 322-2616

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

(HP) Larry R. Gillispie (King) Kenneth J. Ramsay (Scribe) Darrell O. Atkin
 (SEC) John E. Hancock Meets: 2nd Monday - Monthly at 7:30 P.M.
 Orlin Wright Lodge 304 Acacia Street, Plant City (813) 752-8061

ST. AUGUSTINE No. 17 (District # 7) (1904)

(HP) Robert G. Adair (King) Bruce T. Beal (Scribe) James B. Hunt, Jr.
 (SEC) Burt F. Maguire Meets: 3rd Tuesday - Monthly at 7:30 P.M.
 Ashlar Lodge 105 King Street, St. Augustine (904) 829-8800

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

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

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

(HP) Emil Skip Meyer (King) Cyril 'Mike' Shortle (Scribe) Jack M. Large
 (SEC) William D Spiker Meets: 1st Thursday - Alternate Months at 7:30 P.M.
 J Dewey Hawkins Lodge 555 NE 42nd Court, Oakland Park (954) 563-2272

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

(HP) Robert J. Hernandez (King) John K. Bush (Scribe) Jack L. Hacker
 (SEC) Joe K. West Meets: 1st Thursday - Monthly at 7:30 P.M.
 Tuscan Lodge 320 South Florida Ave., Bartow (863) 533-2971

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

(HP) Roy Hendrickson (King) Ideal F. Baldoni, II (Scribe) John Allen
 (SEC) David E. DeMent Meets: 3rd Monday - Odd Number Months at 7:30 P.M.
 Harmonia Lodge 1896 Palm Bch Lake Blvd, W. Palm Beach (561) 640-9115

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

(HP) Bernie Prunier (King) Marvin Green (Scribe) Wayne Harris
 (SEC) James S. Foster Meets: 1st Tuesday - Monthly at 7:30 P.M. (No Phone)
 Mayo Lodge US 27 & SR 51 (across from High School) Mayo

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

(HP) Theodore E. Free (King) Phillip R. Hinman (Scribe) Barry Shaffer
 (SEC) Daniel Fitch Meets: 2nd Wednesday - Odd Number Months at 7:30 P.M.
 Brevard Lodge 40 Carmalt Street, Cocoa (321) 636-4785

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

(HP) William Gilbert (King) David Evans-Brown (Scribe) Robert T. Bagdy
 (SEC) Sandy Sanders Meets: 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) Robert G. Brigman (King) Jack W. Mallon (Scribe) William F. Wyllie
 (SEC) Duane B. Young Meets: 2nd Tuesday - Monthly at 7:30 P.M.
 Lakeland York Rite Temple 1106 E Main Street, Lakeland (863) 683-3699

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

(HP) Lloyd B. Mc Tighe (King) S. Richard Wallace (Scribe) Ronald A. Wybrow
 (SEC) Donald T. Harriott Meets: 1st Friday - Monthly - Exp. July & Aug at 7:00 P.M.
 St. Petersburg Lodge 114 4th Street S., St. Petersburg (727) 822-3517

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

(HP) Randall B. Tyre (King) Luther H. Whittaker (Scribe) Jeff A. Baxter
 (SEC) H Warren Almand, Jr. Meets: 2nd Monday - Odd Numbered Months at 7:30 P.M.
 Harmony Lodge 3024 Jefferson St., Marianna (850) 482-3729

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

(HP) Warren Shippee (King) Charles Cole (Scribe) Stuart Sadler
 (SEC) Glenn L. Wood Meets: 1st Friday - Monthly at 7:30 P.M.
 Eustis Masonic Lodge 124 North Bay Street, Eustis (352) 357-7698

SARASOTA No. 35 (Venice) (1915)

(HP) William L. Burris (King) Stephen A. Yarbrough (Scribe) Gerald E. Goacher
 (SEC) Malcolm B. Ryder Meets: 3rd Friday - Feb., April, June, Oct., Dec., at 7:00 P.M.
 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 P.M.
 Lake City Lodge 2585 McFarlane Avenue, Lake City (904) 752-2339

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

(HP) Roy W. Rhodes (King) David F. Emory, Sr. (Scribe) Joseph D. Paskar
 (SEC) Richard E. Foreman Meets: 2nd Monday - Odd Numbered Months at 7:00 P.M.
 Callaway Lodge 5700 Douglas Rd., Panama City (850) 763-5345

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

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

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

(HP) Robert N. Herrault (King) Russell Whelpley (Scribe) Helmut Berner
 (SEC) Donald J. Butler, Jr. Meets: 1st Thursday - Monthly at 7:30 P.M.
 Winter Haven Masonic Center 375 Avenue "A" S.E., Winter Haven (863) 294-2005

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

(HP) Philip S. Ware (King) Charles Cicero (Scribe) Bruce L. Davis
 (SEC) Phillip M. Bohr Meets: 1st Wednesday - Monthly, Exp July & Aug at 7:30 P.M.
 Clearwater Lodge 407 N Belcher Rd., Clearwater (727) 799-1665

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

(HP) Clarence Gruber (King) Cecil L. Wright, Sr. (Scribe) John Barber
 (SEC) Richard A. Barger Meets: 4th Thursday - Monthly (Nov & Dec 3rd Thur) at 7:30 PM
 Jacksonville Temple 5700 Concord Ave., Jacksonville (904) 724-8282

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

(HP) Carl S. Amos (King) Jimmy D. Jones (Scribe) David A. Yarborough
 (SEC) Ed O'Roucke Meets: 4th Thursday - Monthly (Nov & Dec - 2nd Thur) at 7:30 PM
 Amelia Lodge 1101 S. 14th St., Fernandina Beach (904) 261-3917

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

(HP) James L. Record (King) Andrew Stanforth (Scribe) Ernest G. Stauss
 (SEC) Guy E. Waltman Meets: 2nd Tuesday - Odd Number Months + Dec. at 7:30 P.M.
 Noah Lodge 41 Willis St., N. Fort Myers (941) 466-6363

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

(HP) Charles R. Lillie (King) Carl E. Waters (Scribe) Donnie Pettis
 (SEC) Charles R. Lillie Meets: 1st Monday - Monthly at 7:00 P.M.
 Alpha Lodge 133 Brooks St., Fort Walton Beach (850) 243-8051

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

(HP) Russell D. Harper, Jr. (King) Benton I. Herron (Scribe) Dayle L. Schrock
 (SEC) William M. Hendrickson Meets: 2nd Thursday - Odd Number Months & Dec at 7:30 PM
 Harbor City Lodge 1715 Avacado Ave, Melbourne (321) 254-3456

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

(HP) James E. Griffiths (King) Herbert W. Reinheimer (Scribe) Robert G. Atwell
 (SEC) Lloyd Wilkerson Meets: 4th Thursday - Monthly at 7:30 P.M.
 Lawtey Lodge North Grove & Jefferson St., Lawtey (904) 782-1141

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

(HP) Lawrence H. Ruby (King) Donald H. King (Scribe) Wilfred Jodoin
 (SEC) Luke DeRoberts Meets: 2nd Tuesday - Monthly at 7:30 P.M.
 Pearl of the West Lodge 6319 Louisiana Ave, New Port Richey (727) 849-4122

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

(HP) Fred H. Steffens (King) Robert S. Murray, Jr. (Scribe) Valentine O. Clay
 (SEC) James P. Keaveny Meets: 4th Tuesday - Monthly at 6:00 P.M.
 Sebring Masonic Lodge Home Avenue, Sebring (863) 385-5415

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

(HP) Tomas H. Ratner (King) Leland Cranmer (Scribe) Wayne Gaskin
 (SEC) Steven Q. Steele Meets: 2nd Wednesday Monthly at 8:00 P.M.
 Marathon Masonic Temple 7 - 89th Street Ocean, Marathon

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

(HP) Charles K. Allen (King) Virgil P. Brown, Jr. (Scribe) Charles C. Hayes
 (SEC) George Neven Meets: 3rd Tuesday - Monthly at 7:30 P.M.
 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 1, 2001

TAMPA, FLORIDA

In order to partially compensate for the lack of assured time for conferral, the Council of Anointed High Priest was opened in "Indispensable Form" (by three or more) at 5:00 P.M., Saturday, April 28, 2001. The attendees at this meeting were Past Grand High Priests and Anointed High Priests Dr. Winchester, Chaplain Emeritus; James W. MacDonald, President Emeritus; William L. Buck, Jr., Herald; David C. Wilkinson, Chaplain, and Duane B. Young, President.

Past Grand High Priests Joseph C. LeSuer (Recorder for 24 years) and Richard I. Lanier, Sentinel and Steward for 26, years had asked to be replaced, and Past Grand High Priests Virgil P. Brown and Wendell D. Harrington were elected to replace them respectively for the future. (See Officers list below) Such housekeeping items as bank account transfer, custodianship of equipment, spare Bibles, etc., were considered and dealt with.

The Treasurer's report was filed in advance and read as follows:

Balance as of May 23, 2000	\$ 3,618.39
Candidate's fees 25 @ \$30.00	750.00
Interest	85.80
TOTAL	\$ 4,454.19

Bills for 2000

30 Heirloom Bibles (2000)	\$ 902.60
Communion Set	175.50
Secretary's Expense	<u>35.00</u>
Total Bills \$	1,113.10
	<u>- 1,113.10</u>
Balance 4/18/2001	3,341.09
Purchased CD at C & C Bank	<u>- 2,500.00</u>
Checking Account Balance at C & C Bank	\$ 841.09
Bills for 2001 - Bibles	<u>- 567.86</u>
Balance before Conferral	\$ 273.23

In recognition of the planned absence of PGHP Vernon H. Miller, PGHP James W. MacDonald agreed to serve as Vice President. Labor was suspended, pending resumption at the scheduled time of Conferral.

Tuesday, May 1, 2001, the Most Excellent President requested the Officers to take their stations at approximately 11:35 A.M.. The stations were filled as follows:

President	Duane B. Young
Vice President	James W. MacDonald (Pro Tem for Vernon H. Miller)
Chaplain	David C. Wilkinson

Treasurer	J. Russell Hammond
Secretary	Joe C. LeSuer (Virgil P. Brown, Jr., Elected)
Master of Ceremonies	Harry R. 'Bob' Davis
Conductor	Walter H. Winchester (Pro Tem for R. Earl Shiver)
Herald	William L. Buck, Jr.
Steward	Wendell D. Harrington
Sentinel	Ewell J. Langdale, Jr.

All of the Officers being in their stations, the Most Excellent President purged the Sanctuary and Resumed Labor in the Grand Council of Anointed High Priest of Florida.

On request, the Secretary reported that the Registration Committee furnished a list of thirty-two Past or present Excellent High Priests who had made application. On verification, three were duplicates, and one was added, making a total of thirty present to be Anointed. The Candidates Anointed, Consecrated, and Set Apart were as follows:

Wilbur R. Allen	Miguel A. Araya	John L. Ault
Robert G. Brigman	William L. Burris	Donald Carnley
Valentine O. Clay	George W. Clinton	Darryl A. D'Angina
Larry R. Gillespie	Richard Gilman	James E. Griffis
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Willis T. McBride	Lloyd B. McTighe	Emil S. Meyer
Richard H. Moffett	Howard B. Osgood	Charles Perez
Claudio Poccia	Joseph T. Price	Tomas Ratner
James L. Record	Roy W. Rhodes	Lawrence H. Ruby
Warren Shippee	Fred H. Steffens	Elwood H. Williams

After the candidates had been Anointed and Consecrated, the President provided opportunity for remarks. Several candidates responded with glowing remarks.

With thanks to all who participated, the president closed the Council at approximately 12:50 P.M.

For the Record	5/29/2001	
From Balance above		\$ 273.23
Received as income at this meeting		
Candidate Pre-registration fees	660.00	
Candidate Registration fees - cash	\$ 240.00	
Sale of Rituals	18.00	
Less Secretary expenses	- 35.00	
New Checkbook Balance		\$ 1,156.23

Duane B. Young, President

Joseph C. LeSuer, Secretary

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Their	not recommended yet		
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	Grand Representatives have not been appointed yet.		

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NO	Chapter Name	May 1	R A			S A			April 15	E T							
		2000	E	F	S	D	J	2001	M	R	A						
		M	I	U	I	S	O	M	E	M	6	R					
		E	N	B	I	P	S	E	M	E	0	A					
		M	A	T	T	I	E	M	B	G	L	I					
		B	L	A	O	D	N	M	B	A	O	T					
		E	T	T	A	I	E	E	R	A	I	S					
		R	E	E	E	E	E	N	R	S	S	S					
		S	D	D	D	L	D	D	T	S	N	S					
1	Florida	299	6	1	2	308	11	2	7	288	11	9	3				
2	Gainesville	185	3			188	2			186	1	1	8				
3	Tampa-Cushing	547	33	4		584	18	4	2	562	15	7	11				
4	St Johns	83		1	1	85	7	1	4	73	10	1	4				
5	Halifax	178	3	2		183	10	1		172	8	2	7				
6	Mc Horeb	550	4	3	1	558	14	3	19	522	28	8	14				
7	Eureka	327	17		2	346	9	8	1	327		7	9				
8	Dade City	71				71				71		1	2				
9	Palatka	232		4		236	6	2	7	221	12	6	3				
11	Jericho	396				396	1			395	1		21				
12	Jacksonville	614	3		1	618	15	1	68	534	80	11	18				
13	Ocala	162	7	4	1	174	4	3	7	160	2	1	8				
15	Monroe	117				117				117		1	3				
16	Plant City	51	1			52	4	1	1	46	5						
17	St Augustine	98	1	1	1	101	2	1	3	95	3	3	5				
18	Manatee River	130	1			131	5	6		120	10	1	2				
20	Keystone	204	4			208	2			206	2	1	6				
22	Thomas Brown	69				69	4	1	24	40	29		2				
24	Palm Beach	181	4			185	3			182	1	7	3				
25	Live Oak	109				109	2		9	98	11	2	4				
27	Indian River	247	7		1	255	2		2	251	4	4	12				
28	Joppe	193		6		199	3	3	14	179	14	1	3				
29	Lakeland	125	3		1	129	2			127	2	2	4				
31	St Petersburg	163	8			171	7	1	3	160	3		1				
32	Jackson	81				81	2	1		78	3		5				
33	Eustis	61	1		1	63	1		3	59	2		3				
35	Sarasota	190	10		2	202	2	3	3	194	4	4	6				
38	Lake City	190	4			194	2			192	2	4	3				
39	Bay County	229	8			237	8	1	1	227	2		6				
40	Crestview	192	1	1		194	5		11	178	14		9				
41	Winter Haven	131		1		132	6	2	4	120	11		3				
45	Clearwater	204	4	2		210	9	4	12	185	19		4				
48	Duval	130	4	1		135	4	1	7	123	7	4	9				
49	Nassau	76	3			79			6	73	3	1	5				
50	Ponfuciana	205	15	1		221	8	8	1	208	1	3	3				
57	Surf	204			1	205	6	1	3	195	9		5				
59	Melbourne	127	2		2	131	4	4	7	116	11	2					
62	James Yeager	129	1		1	131	5			126	3	2	1				
63	Eden	50	1	1		52	4	1	1	46	4		1				
64	Highland	49	1		2	52			1	51	2						
65	Island	67				67	1			66	1						
68	Challenger	65	2			67		1		66	1						
Statistical Totals			182	33	20	215	196	64	231	0	493	33	316	84	215	9	
GRAND TOTALS		7711				7926				7433							
SUMMARY										SUMMARY							
Membership		May 1, 2000	7711			Membership		April 1, 2001		7433							
Exalted		182	Died			198		Net Gain or Loss		Loss		278					
Reinstated		33	Dimitted			84		Emeritus				94					
Affiliated		20	Suspended			231		50 Year Exempt				9					
Adjustment			Adjustment			0		Number of Chapters				42					
Gain		215	Loss			493											

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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 MASONRY - Add 4,000 years
Thus: 2002 + 4,000 = A.L. 6002

Royal Arch Masons - Add 530 years
Thus: 2002 + 530 = A. Inv. 2532

Royal and Select Masters - Add 1,000 years
Thus: 2002 + 1000 = A. Dep. 3002

Knights Templar - Subtract 1,118 years
Thus: 2002 - 1118 = A.O. 884

Order of High Priesthood - Add 1,914 years
Thus: 2002 + 1914 = A.B. 3916

Scottish Rite - Add 3760 years
Thus: 2002 + 3760 = A.M. 5762

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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 questions 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.