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**2013**

**GRAND CHAPTER of ROYAL ARCH MASONS**

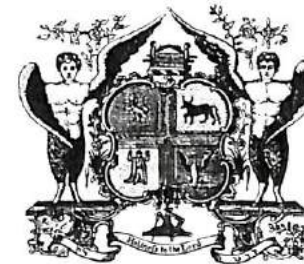
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**PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS**



**OF  
FLORIDA  
2012-2013**



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**ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVENTH  
ANNUAL GRAND CONVOCATION**

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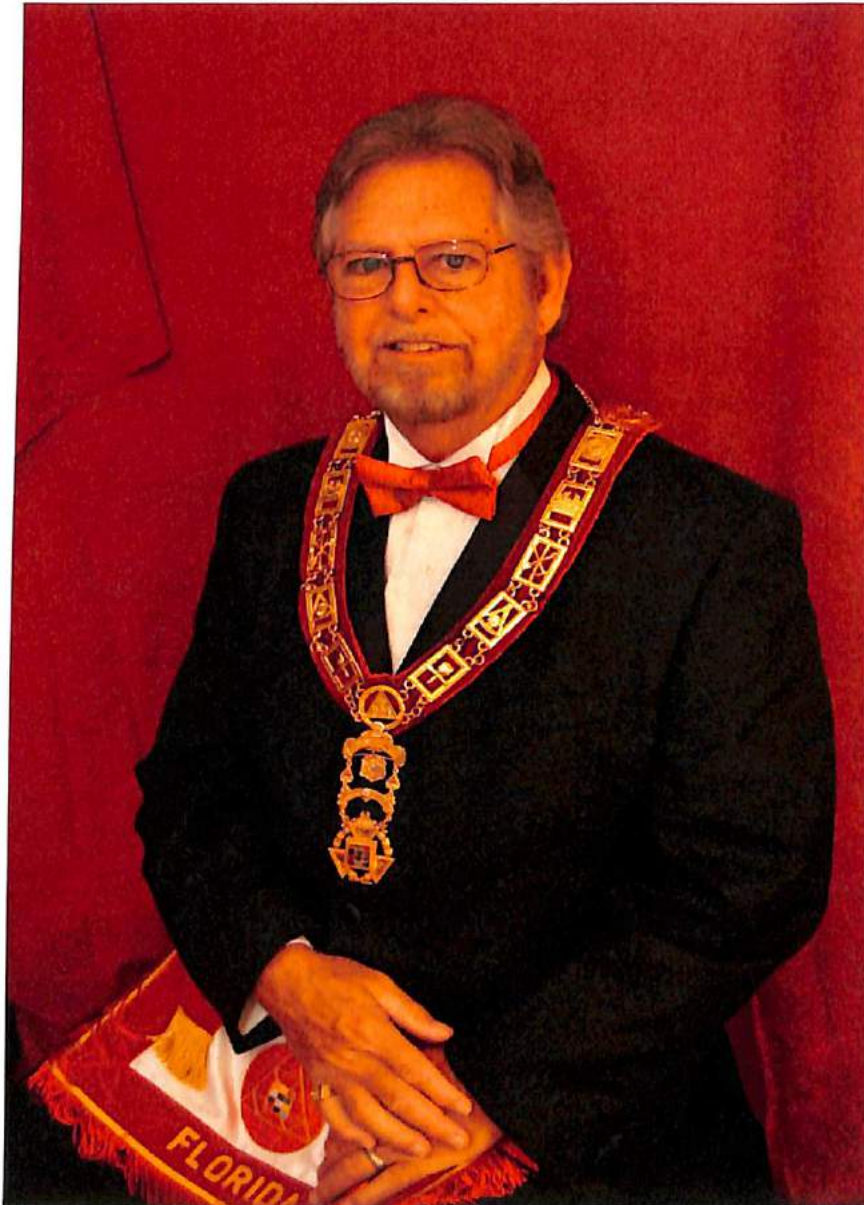
**John F. Wermann**  
Presiding

**John F. Wermann**  
Elected

Held at Lake Mary, FL  
May 20, 2013



**John F. Wermann  
Most Excellent Grand High Priest  
Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons  
Of Florida 2012-2013**



**PERSONAL AND MASONIC HISTORY**  
John F. Wermann, PDDGM, KYCH, MEGHP

Personal History

John was born in New Haven Connecticut on March 25, 1945. He attended grammar and high schools in West Haven, CT. After graduation he attended University of Hartford (HIA) in Hartford, Connecticut. John served in the United States Army reserve for 6 years obtaining the rank of E-6 at the time of his honorable discharge and was approved to be promoted to the rank of E-7. In 1967 he married Merri-Anne DeFelice of New Haven. John has two grown children Laura Anne and John Jr. (BJ) and 3 Grand children. Jacob John 13, Teegan Elyse 12 and Daizee Joe 5 years.

John Worked for Cook-Bates Company (LRC Int'l) for 23 years as Vice President of Manufacturing where he managed several manufacturing facilities from Connecticut to Florida. John and Merri-Anne began, owns and operates Maid in the Shade, Inc. also MDW Cleaning residential and commercial cleaning companies.

Masonic History

Venice Lodge No. 301 F. & A.M.: Venice, Florida  
Perpetual member # 2264562 Initiated E.A September 1997, Passed to F.C. November 1997, Raised to Master Mason on January 12, 1998.  
Started in the officer's chairs of Venice Lodge as an Assistant Tyler January 16, 1998 and was honored to be elected Worshipful Master of Venice Lodge for the Year 2002. Marshal 2003, Asst. Secretary 2004, 05, 06, Treasurer 2006 & 2007, Honored and awarded Mason of the Year 2005, 2006 & 2007

John is also a member of Sarasota Lodge #147, Palmetto Lodge 110 and North Port UD Lodge where he is sitting Marshal. Received Honorary Memberships in Bradentown Lodge No 99, Englewood lodge 360, The Builders 376, 2011 Phoenix Lodge No 346 and in September 2011 Turkey Creek Lodge No 248 He is also a full member of Turkey Creek Lodge No 248

Masonic education: Master Mason Exam I, II & III, Lodge Officer training Course, and also attended Warden Workshops sponsored by the Grand Lodge (2000, 01, 04, 05?)

State and Zone 8 Activities: Grand Lodge Appointments: Zone 8 Chairmanships: Chairman Public Relations Committee 2004 and 2005, Chairman Lodge Officers Training and Education 2007, Chairman FA100 2009, Masonic Youth 2010 also Masonic Leadership Training 2010 and 2011, Appointed to the Grand Lodge Jurisprudence Committee 2012-2013, Served as District Deputy Grand Master of the 27th Masonic District 2008

District 27 Activities: Treasurer Master Mason Assoc 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13. Chairman Public Relations and Publicity Committee 2004, 05 & 06 & 07, FA100 2007, Grand Masters Charity 2009, Masonic Leadership Training 2010, 2012

York Rite Bodies:

Sarasota Chapter No. 35: Perpetual Member, Exalted October 31, 1999 Past "High Priest" 2006, Order of High Priest 2007, Chapter secretary 2009, 10, 11, 12 and 13. 2<sup>nd</sup> Capitular District State of Florida Committeemen (Blue Lodge liaison) 2006, and 10, Blue Lodge Rep 20011, 12 & 13. Received honorary membership in Manatee River Chapter No 18, in 2010

Appointed to Grand Line of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida as Gr Master of the 1st Veil in 2006, Continued through the chairs and Elected Rt Ex GR, Scribe 2011 Right Excellent Grand King in 2012 and in June 2012 assumed the duties of Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida after the untimely death of M.E. John G. Allen. Elected Most Excellent Grand High Priest on May 20, 2013

Venice Council No. 41: Perpetual Member, Greeted October 31, 1999, past "Illustrious Master" 2005, Order of Anointed Kings 2005, Ish-Sodi award recipient 2007, Council Recorder 2009, 10, 11, 12 and 13 District Instructor 2007 and 2008, Received Honorary Membership to Bradenton Council No 9 November 2010

Super Excellent Master Degree: Received 2000 (?) served on degree team (?) 2001, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11 and 12 and I am sure 2013

Trinity Commandery No. 16 K.T. Perpetual Member, Progressed through the chairs and served as Eminent Commander 2009, Degree team 2005, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11. Serving as District Deputy Grand Commander 2012-2013, received service award May 2013 from Grand Commandery.

Elected "KYCH" February 27, 2010, inducted into Order October 23, 2010. Knight Lecture for Blue Lodge 2011, 12, Herald 2013

Mystic Brotherhood Council No. 35: Knight Masons of the U.S.A. Perpetual Member, Exc. Chief 2008, Served on all Degree teams 2004, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

Manasota Council No. 35 Allied Masonic Degrees: Member 2005, Tyler & Jr. Deacon 06, Sr. Deacon 07, Junior Warden 08, Senior Warden 09, elected to Sovereign Master for the year 2010, Worshipful Master St. Lawrence the Martyr 2010 & 2011.

Pentagon York Rite College No. 62: Member 2005, Sentinel 2009, Marshal 2010, Primate 2011, Chancellor 2012, Deputy Governor 2013

Order of the Purple Cross: Invited September 2012, to receive degree July 2013

Member of Christian Knighthood in Saint Sebastian Conclave, Red Cross Constantine (October 2006) served as Sentinel 2008, Herald 2009, Std Bearer 2010, Prefect 2011, Prelate 2012, Junior General 2013 Degree team 2007 through 2013.

Royal Order of Scotland - served as Class Exemplar and inducted on October 16th, 2010.

Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, S.J., USA, Valley of Tampa Perpetual Member # 10143519 32nd Degree. After progressing through the chairs was Elected Venerable Master of Lodge of Perfection for 2011. Venerable Master Knights of St Andrew 2008, Secretary/Treasurer 2011 Assist with the conferral of the 5<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> (2012) and 32<sup>nd</sup> degrees for many years, Elected by Supreme Council to be invested with the rank of "Knight Commander Court of Honour" (KCCH) Nov 12, 2011, Blue Lodge Representative 2012-2013 and Zone Chairman, Asst to the Almoner SOB.

Tall Cedars of Lebanon: Suncoast Forest No. 165-2010 Appointed Preceptor 2010, Elected Junior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar 2011.

Florida Lodge of Research: Perpetual member; Served in several Officers chairs and Elected to serve as Worshipful Master for 2010, Marshal 2011.

Member of the following:

Sahib Shrine 1999...Member Past Masters Unit  
Order of Eastern Star, Assoc Patron (pro Tem) 2011, Worthy Patron 2012  
Kentucky Colonels 1999

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2012 ~ 2013 OFFICERS**

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Committee Name	First Name	Middle	Last Name	Position
Auditing	William	R.	Jacobs	Chair
	Richard	A.	Wolfe	Member
	John	F.	Wermann	Member
Benevolence	Ronald	C.	Newton	Chair
	John	F.	Wermann	Member
Blue Lodge Representative & Membership Development	Dayle	L.	Schrock	Chair
	Harvey	M.	Good	Member
	Richard	A.	Wolfe	Member
	Richard	S.	Agster	Member
	All DDGHP's			Member
Budget & Finance	John	F.	Wermann	Chair
	Richard	E.	Foreman	Member
	Howard	H.	Gardner	Member
	William	R.	Jacobs	Member
Charters, Dispensations & By Laws	Wayne	Y.	Thigpen	Chair
	Darryl	A.	D'Angina	Member
	Glenn	E.	Chandler	Member
Committee on Work	Gerald	E.	Goacher	Chair
	Harvey	L.	Ward Sr.	Member
	H.	Warren	Almand	Member
	John	D.	Pickford	Member
	District Instructors			Member
Committee on Thanks	Harry	V.	Eisenberg	Chair
				Member
				Member
Constitution Review	Steven	Q.	Steele	Chair
	William	R.	Jacobs	Member
	Richard	S.	Agster	Member
Convention Board	John	F.	Wermann	Chair
	Steven	Q.	Steele	Member
	Dayle	L.	Schrock	Member
	A.J.		LaRose	Member
	Howard	H.	Gardner	Member
Custodians of Ritualistic Materials	Wayne	Y.	Thigpen	Chair
	C.	R.	Cooper	Member
	James	A.	Green	Member
Distinguished Guests	Steven	Q.	Steele	Chair
	Dencel	R.	Smith	Member
	Howard	H.	Gardner	Member

## GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEES - 2012 - 2013 (continued)

Committee Name	First Name	Middle	Last Name	Position
Five Year Plan	John	F.	Wermann	Chair
	William	R.	Jacobs	Member
	Richard	A.	Wolfe	Member
	Charles	R.	Cooper	Member
Grand Reps & Foreign Relations	Wayne	Y.	Thigpen	Member
	Anthony	J.	Marotta, Jr.	Chair
	Steven	Q.	Steele	Member
Grand High Priest Award	Robert	G.	Kirkpatrick	Member
	John	G.	Allen	Chair
	John	F.	Wermann	Member
	William	R.	Jacobs	Member
Investments	Harold	A.	Gordon	Chair
	Charles	L.	Hollinger	Member
	Richard	E.	Foreman	Member
Jurisprudence	Daniel	E.	Dale	Chair
	H.	Warren	Almand	Member
	Glenn	E.	Chandler	Member
	William	F.	Wyllie	Member
Legal Advisor	Darryl	A.	D'Angina	Member
Necrology	Richard	S.	Agster	Chair
	Barry	L.	Swann	Chair
	Ronald		Blaisdell	Member
Patriotic/Civic/Religious Activities	Howard	H.	Gardner	Member
	Charles	R.	Cooper	Chair
	Robert	G.	Stearns	Member
Homecoming	Ronald	C.	Newton	Member
				Chair
				Member
Perpetual Membership	Wayne	Y.	Thigpen	Chair
	Barry	L.	Swann	Member
	Richard	E.	Foreman	Member
Photography	Corbin	P.	Elliott	Chair
	Richard	A.	Wolfe	Member
Printing	Howard	H.	Gardner	Chair
Protocol	Harvey	L.	Ward, Sr.	Chair
	Henry	A.	Adams	Member
Returns/Credentials				Chair
	Bill	L.	Burris	Chair
	Wendell	D.	Harrington	Member
	Bruce	W.	Laubenheimer	Member
Registration	Steven	Q.	Steele	Member
				Chair
				Member



**GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEES - 2012 - 2013 (continued)**

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	James	A.	Green	Member
	William	R.	Jacobs	Member
Time & Place	John	F.	Wermann	Chair
	Dayle	L.	Schrock	Member
	Henry	A.	Adams	Member
Triennial	John	F.	Wermann	Chair
	William	R.	Jacobs	Member
	Richard	A.	Wolfe	Member
Unfinished Business	Robert	G.	Kirkpatrick	Chair
Wills & Gifts	TBA			Chair
York Rite Publications	John	G.	Allen	Chair
	Larry	R.	Gillespie	Member
	A.J.		LaRose	Member
Per Diem/Mileage	Richard	E.	Foreman	Chair
	Howard	H.	Gardner	Member
	John	F.	Wermann	Member
Youth Activities	Ray	A.	Kinser	Chair
	Wayne	A.	Hansen	Member
Convention Souvenir Program	Paul	W.	Friend	Chair
	William	R.	Bates	Member
	Ronald		Blaisdell	Member

**ROLLS WERE CALLED**

(\*Denotes Absent)

John F. Wermann	M. Ex. Grand High Priest
William Jacobs	R. Ex. Grand King
H. Warren Almand – <i>Pro-Tem</i>	R. Ex. Grand Scribe
Richard E. Foreman	R. Ex. Grand Treasurer
Howard H. Gardner	R. Ex. Grand Secretary
Barry L. Swann	Ex. Grand Chaplain
Glenn E. Chandler	Ex. Grand Historian
Richard A. Wolfe	Ex. Grand Captain of the Host
C. Robert Cooper	Ex. Grand Principal Sojourner
Wayne Y. Thigpen	Ex. Grand Royal Arch Captain
Ronald C. Newton	Ex. Grand Master of the Third Veil
Richard S. Agster	Ex. Grand Master of the Second Veil
Harry V. Eisenberg	Ex. Grand Master of the First Veil
James (Jim) A. Green	Ex. Grand Sentinel
Albert A. Hadigian	Ex. Grand Organist

**GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS EMERITI**

Duane B. Young (29)	Grand Treasurer Emeritus
Steven Q. Steele (11)	Grand Secretary Emeritus

**LIVING PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS**

1975	Richard I. Lanier	1978	Duane B. Young
1982	Wendell D. Harrington	1983	William A. Cogburn
1985	Floyd Ziegler	1986	Gary Brent Cull
1988	Vernon H. Miller	1989	R. Earl Shiver
1991	William G. Norrie	1993	William L. Buck, Jr.
1994	William O. Walker	1995	Harry R. Bob Davis
1996	Harvey L. Ward, Sr.	1998	Leslie H. Scott, Jr.
1999	David C. Wilkinson	2000	Virgil P. Brown, Jr.
2001	Wayne E. Parks	2002	Steven Q. Steele
2003	H. Warren Almand, Jr.	2004	Glenn E. Chandler
2005	William F. Wyllie	2006	Michael A. Padron, Jr.
2006	Wilbur Allen	2009	Darryl A. D'Angina
2010	Anthony J. Marotta, Jr.	2011	Robert G. Kirkpatrick

**SILVER DISTINGUISHED MEDAL HONOR (Living)**

1987 Marvin W. Gerhard  
 1999 Vernon E. Miller\*  
 2011 Steven Q. Steele

**ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION  
 May 20, 2013**

Palm Beach Chapter No. 24 RAM of Palm Beach opened a Chapter in full form and received the Grand Chapter Officers. John F. Wermann, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Florida, opened the Grand Chapter by proclamation at 7:45 am. The Grand High Priest seated the Grand Chapter Officers and declared the One Hundred Sixty-seventh Annual Grand Convocation open for business. The business proceeded in an orderly fashion with the following reports:

1969*	Joseph J. Johnson	1977*	Ralph A. Jones
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1979	Ralph A. Jones	1982*	Wallace C. Stich
1987	George A. Chipouras	1989*	Charles E. Palmour
1993*	William E. Eubanks	1994	Frederick M. Morris
1996	Quinnie Williams, Sr.	1998	Charles B. Curry
1999	Wilbur R. Allen	2000	Michael A. Padron, Jr.
2001	Burt A. Maguire	2002	George T. Collier
2003	Harry R. Davis	2004	Robert L. Gilliland
2005	Wilmer T. Atwell	2006	Paul W. Friend
2007	David A. Aponte	2008	Wayne Y. Thigpen
2009	Ernest R. Spradling	2010	Corbin P. Elliott
2011	Ralph Vaughan	2012	Jack Maulden

**BRONZE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL HOLDERS (Living)**

**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS**

(\*Indicates absent)

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3	Louis I. Thomas	4	Clyde K. Warren*
5	Ricardo Parente*	6	Wade A. Atchison*
7	James B. Hunt	8	Bob Bullard
9	Thomas J. Rawsthorne	10	Ronald L. Parks

**DISTRICT INSTRUCTORS**

(\*Indicates absent)

No.		No.	
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3	Dale H. Bieber	4	James F. Robertson
5	J. Michael Harlman	6	John Paniccia
7	Charles A. Middleton*	8	
9	Jesse B. Taintor	10	Freddie C. Briggs, Jr.*

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Austria	Richard S. Agster	Brazil	Peter Millheiser*
British Columbia/Yukon	Robert E. Burleson	California	
Canada	Richard I. Lanier	Colorado	Kenneth Windsor*
Connecticut	James P. Keavney*	Delaware	C. Allan Walls

District of Columbia	Wilbur R. Allen*	Finland	
France	H. Warren Almand	Georgia	A. J. Larose
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Illinois	William F. Wylie	India	Frank Sender*
Indiana	Burt Maguire*	Iowa	David C. Wilkinson*
Ireland	Glenn E. Chandler	Israel	Ralph A. Jones*
Italy	Jorge Aladro	Kansas	Jacob Krawiec*
Kentucky	Elmer G. Coffman	Louisiana	Ronald C. Newton
Maine	Wayne E. Parks	Manitoba	Harry A. Rosenthal
Maryland	Richard E. Foreman	Massachusetts	
Mexico		Michigan	Thomas Collins*
Minnesota	Clarence Gruber*	Mississippi	Robert C. Wilson*
Missouri	William L. Buck*	Monaco	
Montana	Duane B. Young*	Nebraska	Fred Piasecki
Netherlands	Leonard Whitehead*	Nevada	
New Foundland	Robert G. Stearns	New Brunswick	Jerry R. Morgan*
New Hampshire	A. A. "Pete" Bennett*	New Jersey	Donald T. Harriott
New Mexico		New South Wales	James B. Vanders, Sr.*
New York	Marvin Gerhard	New Zealand	Quinnie Williams*
North Carolina	Virgil P. Brown*	North Dakota	Darryl D'Angina
Nova Scotia	Robert A. Niles*	Ohio	
Oklahoma	Charles Hollinger	Oregon	R. Earl Shiver*
Panama	Richard A. Gilman	Pennsylvania	Michael A. Padron, Jr.
Philippines	Tony Gagarin*	Portugal	
Quebec	Leslie H. Scott, Jr.*	Queensland	W. Ronald Taylor
Rhode Island		Romania	
Saskatchewan		Scotland	William A. Howard*
South Australia	Harry R. Davis*	South Carolina	Gordon L. Anderson*
South Dakota	Anthony J. Marotta, Jr.	Spain	David A. Aponte
Tennessee	William G. Norrie*	Texas	
Venezuela	Raul Reyes*	Vermont	James L. Moore, III
Victoria	William G. Ellis	Virginia	
Washington		West Virginia	William Ferrell*
Western Australia		Wisconsin	
Wyoming			

**REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS**

Florida	No. 1	Roger VanLandingham	High Priest
		Jesse Taintor (Proxy)	King
Gainesville	No. 2	Albert Kimball	High Priest
		Steve Persinger (Proxy)	King
		Ben Ross(Proxy)	Scribe
Tampa-Cushing	No. 3	Stephen Korda	High Priest
		Charles C. Osborne	King

		Dale Bieber	Scribe
Hallfax	No. 5	Harry A. Rosenthal, Jr (Proxy)	High Priest
		Robert W. Dennard (Proxy)	High Priest
Mt. Horeb	No. 6	Richard A. Gilman (Proxy)	King
		Robert W. Dennard	Scribe
Eureka	No. 7	Theodore Hammond	High Priest
Putnam	No. 9	George E. Preston (Proxy)	High Priest
		Wm. Lee Popham, Sr.	High Priest
Jericho	No. 11	James Gregory (Proxy)	King
		Corey D. Kosciuszko	High Priest
Jacksonville	No. 12	Thomas A. Olsen	King
		Eric G. Cole	Scribe
Ocala	No. 13	David A. Aponte (Proxy)	King
		Dana K. Oldenburg	Scribe
		Edgar Ortiz	High Priest
Monroe	No. 15	David A. Hendrick	King
		Sam Loper	Scribe
		Robert L. Phillips	High Priest
Plant City	No. 16	James F. Robertson	King
		Paul J. Mast	High Priest
St. Augustine	No. 17	John A. Bouvier, III	King
		George F. Cancro	High Priest
Manatee River	No. 18	Allen Sorbie	Scribe
		Emil Skip Meyer (Proxy)	High Priest
Keystone	No. 20	Joseph Fritz	King
		Scott W. Maybury	Scribe
		Robert Stearns	High Priest
Palm Beach	No. 24	William Bates	Scribe
		William G. Ellis, Jr.	King
Indian River	No. 27	Dayle L. Schrock	Scribe
		Paul W. Friend (Proxy)	High Priest
Joppa	No. 28	John D. Pickford (Proxy)	Scribe
		Danny Myers	High Priest
Lakeland	No. 29	Robert E. Hubbard	King
		William Wylie	Scribe
St. Petersburg	No. 31	Anthony Griffon	High Priest
		H. Warren Almand	King
Jackson	No. 32	H. Warren Almand (Proxy)	Scribe
		Robert L. Welch	High Priest
Eustis	No. 33	James L. Angelos	King
Sarasota	No. 35	George Hernandez, Sr.	High Priest

**REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS**  
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Lake City	No. 38	Ron Taylor (Proxy)	High Priest
		John B. Winfree, Jr. (Proxy)	High Priest
Bay County	No. 39	Richard E. Foreman (Proxy)	King
		James R. McHenry	High Priest
Crestview	No. 40	John Gray (Proxy)	King
		Charles Cicero	High Priest
Clearwater	No. 45	John Drewitt	King
		Christopher A. Glass	High Priest
Duval	No. 48	Carl Rogers, III	King
		Wally Ramos	Scribe
		William P. Goldwire (Proxy)	High Priest
Nassau	No. 49	Alexander E. Constant	King
		C. Edward Constant	Scribe
Poinciana	No. 50	Guillermo A. Cacho (Proxy)	High Priest
		Bojan Stricevic (Proxy)	King
Surf	No. 57	Frederick M. Brown (Proxy)	High Priest
		Frederick L. Pryor (Proxy)	King
		Jack C. Maulden (Proxy)	Scribe
		George E. Goddard, Jr.	High Priest
Melbourne	No. 59	Vern Sipe	King
		John Paniccia (Proxy)	Scribe
		Edward J. Heise	High Priest
James Yeager	No. 62	Howard D. Hall	King
		Robert G. Atwell (Proxy)	Scribe
Highlands	No. 64	No Proxy Submitted	
Marathon	No. 65	Steven Q. Steele (Proxy)	High Priest
		Bojan Stricevic	High Priest
Everglades	No. 67	Guillermo Cacho	King
		James Record (Proxy)	Scribe

**GRAND CHAPTER AWARDS FOR 2012 – 2013**

**GOLD KEY AWARDS 2012-2013**

**District 2**

Manatee River No. 18 Albert W. Thurman  
Genc A. Lance  
Sarasota No. 35 A.J. Ahrens, III

**District 4**

Plant City No. 16 James W. Ford  
Lakeland/Winter Haven No. 29 John B. Ellis

**District 5**

Eureka No. 7 Ricardo Parente  
Harry V. Eisenberg

**GOLD KEY AWARDS 2012-2013**

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**District 7**  
Nassau No. 49

Alexander E. Constant  
Zeb Turner

**GRAND HIGH PRIEST AWARD**

James Yeager	No. 62	1989	St. Petersburg	No. 31	1998
Tampa-Cushing	No. 3	1990	Challenger	No. 66	1999
Indian River	No. 27	1991	Tampa-Cushing	No. 3	2006
Eureka	No. 7	1992	Ocala	No. 13	2009
Putnam	No. 9	1993	Eustis	No. 33	2010
Putnam	No. 9	1994	St. Petersburg	No. 31	2011
James Yeager	No. 62	1995	Nassau	No. 49	2012
Eden	No. 63	1996			
Mt. Horeb	No. 6	1997			

**TRIPLE TAU AWARD**

Cabal	No. 61	1985	Eden	No. 63	1994
Sarasota	No. 35	1985	St. Augustine	No. 17	1995
Eden	No. 63	1987	Nassau	No. 49	1996
Ocala	No. 13	1988	Thomas-Brown	No. 22	1997
Ocala	No. 13	1989	Nassau	No. 49	1998
Joppa	No. 28	1990	Island	No. 65	1999
Florida	No. 1	1991	Island	No. 65	2006
Thomas-Brown	No. 22	1992	Palm Beach	No. 24	2009
Eden	No. 63	1993			

**KEYSTONE PLAQUE**

Eureka	No. 7	1985	Dade City	No. 8	1994
Clearwater	No. 45	1986	Halifax	No. 5	1994
Sarasota	No. 35	1986	St. John's	No. 4	1994
Clearwater	No. 45	1987	Melbourne	No. 59	1995
Clearwater	No. 45	1988	Poinciana	No. 50	1995
Joppa	No. 28	1989	Lake City	No. 38	1996
Ocala	No. 13	1989	St. John's	No. 4	1997
Mt. Horeb	No. 6	1990	Plant City	No. 16	1998
Eureka	No. 7	1991	Thomas-Brown	No. 22	1999
Palm Beach	No. 24	1991	Joppa	No. 28	2006
Ocala	No. 13	1992	Indian River	No. 27	2009
Jericho	No. 11	1993			

**FOUR VEILS AWARDS**

Eureka No. 7      Monroe No. 15      Lakeland No. 29

**BRONZE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL RECIPIENTS**

Leroy J. Shellburg	1952
Charles G. Oldfather	1953
Nathan G. Stout	1954
J. W. Nelson	1955
James R. McCoy	1956
Frederick D. McDonald	1957
C. Shellie Matthews	1958
John E. Marley	1959
Joseph B. Johnson	1960
Frank L. Millen	1961
Reuel Daniel	1962
Paul W. Chapman	1963
Gilbert A. Williams	1964
J. T. Williams	1965
Noah M. Early	1966
Wallace C. Stich	1982
Arthur J. Wissler, Jr.	1983
Lloyd C. Huffsterler	1984
Willis M. Lewis	1985
Howard P. Bennett	1986
George A. Chipouras	1987
Roy R. Wright	1988
Charles E. Palmour	1989
Lawrence L. Howell	1990
E. N. Robbie Robinson	1991
John M. Mallory	1992
William E. Eubanks	1993
Frederick M. Morris	1994
Ralph G. Weed	1995
Richard Lynn	2010
Jack Maulden	2012

J. Van Loy	1967
Walter S. Brady	1968
Joseph J. Johnson	1969
Wallace P. Dix	1970
Glenn E. Pletcher	1971
Orville W. Cassidy	1972
James K. May	1973
Franklin C. Smith	1974
Theodore E. Windhorst	1975
Harold F. Enter	1976
Frank J. Busby	1977
Charles B. Finney	1978
Ralph A. Jones	1979
C. Allen Patterson	1980
Warren H. Conklin	1981
Quinnie Williams, Sr.	1996
J. D. Moffitt	1997
Charles B. Curry	1998
Wilbur R. Allen	1999
Michael A. Padron, Jr.	2000
Burt A. Maguire	2001
George T. Collier	2002
Harry R. Davis	2003
Robert L. Gilliland	2004
Wilmer T. Atwell	2005
Paul W. Friend	2006
David A. Aponte	2007
Wayne Y. Thigpen	2008
Ernest R. Spradling	2009
Ralph Vaughan	2011

**SILVER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL RECIPIENTS**

Marvin W. Gerhard	1987	Vernon H. Miller	1999
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**GOLD DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL RECIPIENTS**

L. Gordon Cooper Jr.	1963
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**GRAND HIGH PRIEST FINAL REPORT**

**Final Report of the Grand High Priest for 2012-2013**

Distinguished Guests, Companions and Sir Knights I bid you welcome to the one hundred and sixty-seventh Grand Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida. If there is anything we can do to make your stay here in Lake Mary more enjoyable or meaningful please do not hesitate to ask. Florida is known as the friendliest state in the South East Conference for a reason.

Necrology

On June 6, 2012, I was informed that M.E. John G. Allen was unable to carry out the day to day business of the Grand Chapter of Florida. The Jurisprudence Committee, Daniel E. Dale Chairman, issued an opinion that due to M.E. John's incapacity that the Grand Kind should temporarily assume the necessary day to day duties of the Grand High Priest. On June 23, 2012, our own Most Excellent Grand High Priest John G. Allen lost his long battle with cancer and was taken to that celestial Lodge on High. In accordance with Article XI Section 2, Succession of Office and in the opinion of the Jurisprudence Committee I was installed Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida. As there were several past Grand High Priest in attendance at a York Rite College Meeting and a quorum of Florida Chapters were represented the Installation was held at the York Rite Facility in Tampa, FL. The Grand Secretary was in attendance and took the appropriate minutes. The loss prompted that, in accordance with Article IV Grand Convocation, Section 1 of our Constitution, "The Grand High Priest may call a special Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter when, in his discretion, it may be necessary to do."

Finding a proper quorum of Florida Chapters present (13) a Grand Chapter was called to order on July 14, 2012 for the purpose of installing our Right Excellent William Jacobs Grand Scribe as Grand King. This was done at the District 8 Official visit in Gainesville, Florida. The minutes are attached to this report. Also on July 14, 2012, H. Warren Almand MEPGHP agreed to assume the office of Grand Scribe and an official confirmation letter appointing him to that Honorable position was mailed to him. As much of a loss as we suffered with the Passing of M.E. John, another Past Grand High Priest Wendell D. Harrington passed on April 21, 2012. Again ranks were further depleted when unexpectedly Most Excellent Daniel E. Dale, one of our most revered Masons in Florida passed away while attending a Masonic function at Turkey Creek Lodge on March 23, 2013. Our subordinate Chapters have also lost many good mason leaving our ranks less full. These Companions will be greatly missed by their Companions who have labored with them. \*\*\* (all rise) Let us now take a moment and divert our attention from our busy lives and observe a moment of silence and meditation in honor of the memory of our illustrious dead. In participating in this art of remembering we not only honor our departed brethren, but recall the worthy deeds they accomplished and memorialize the dignified lives they led. ....All of our fellow Companions extend our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of our departed Companions. ....We ask our Heavenly Father to extend his healing hands over them to support and comfort them in their loss. \*(be seated)

#### Dedication of the Grand Chapter year 2012-2013

As this year was dedicated to the memory of John G. Allen through the continuance of his programs and appointments whenever possible. Unfortunately there were some changes that needed to be made. These will be discussed later in this report.

#### Dispensation Requested

There were 13 requests for dispensation. One for a name change of the York Rite Body, Five for permission to hold an Antient Craft Table Chapter, One for Special Election for vacated elected Officer, Three to hold joint meetings with other Chapters, One for a special meeting to ballot upon reinstatement of a formerly suspended Brother, One to ballot upon new candidates for degrees and one to temporarily move Chapter Charter so as to open Grand Chapter at this Grand Communication. All of these were found not to be in violation of the Florida Constitution and were therefore approved. A complete listing of dispensations may be found in the Grand Secretary's office or upon request of the MEGHP.

#### Warrants for Disbursement of Grand Chapter Funds

There were received 35 requests for disbursement of Grand Chapter funds. Numbers 1 through 4 were processed by M.E. John G. Allen. Warrants numbered 5 through 35 were processed. These warrants were for a validity of legitimate expenditures. All of which were within

the approved Budget for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida and within the guidelines of our Constitution thus were approved for payment. A complete listing can be obtained by requesting same from the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary or through the MEGHP.

#### Executive Orders Issued

There were 10 Executive Orders Issued as noted below:

- Executive Order A: Transfer of funds from Raymond James Investments (Life Perpetual Trust Fund) so as to make annual Life & Perpetual payments to Chapters.
- Executive Order 1: Appointment of Assistant Chaplain
- Executive Order 2: Fervency and Zeal Program
- Executive Order 3: The Passing of MEGHP John G. Allen
- Executive Order 4: Religious Affirmation Ceremony
- Executive Order 5: A Day of Remembrance September 11, 2001
- Executive Order 6: The Passing of Wendell D. Harrington MEPGHP
- Executive Order 7: Veterans Day/Armistice Day
- Executive Order 8: Suspension of Excellent Grand Captain of the Guard
- Executive Order 9: The Passing of Daniel E. Dale MEPGHP

A complete copy of these Executive Orders can be obtained from our Grand Secretary of from myself.

#### Special Proclamations

Special Proclamations were issued as follows:

- September 13, 2012 - a special proclamation bringing attention to the calibration of "Rosh Hashanah" and "Yom Kippur".
- November 2012 - Thanksgiving message
- December 2012 - Christmas Message
- May 12, 2013 - Mother's Day Message

#### Special Grand Convocations Called

The following Special Convocations were called:

- June 23, 2012 Installation of Most Excellent Grand High Priest
- July 14, 2012 Installation of Right Excellent Grand King
- September 8, 2012 Installation of Right Excellent Companion Robert "Bob" Bullard as District Deputy Grand High Priest for District 8

#### District Meetings

District meetings were held in all 10 districts. In many cases there were two District Meetings held on the same day. These meetings, in my estimation, were not successful for our Companions nor fulfill the purpose of these gathering. The only ones to profit from this style of meetings was the Grand Line Officers as it cut down on their travel and expense. In most cases the meetings would be staged 50 to 100 miles apart sometimes even further. I found the DDGHP's and DI's from the late afternoon meeting did not attend the morning meeting as they were preparing their afternoon meeting and the DDGHP's and DI's from the morning meeting did not attend the afternoon session as they were cleaning up their Lodge and just decompressing. On several occasions there were but a hand full of people at the afternoon meeting that were not at the morning meeting. I don't know why but they just did not attend. This coming year in a continuance of

solidarity and mutual co-operation, we will be holding joint District meetings with the Most Illustrious Grand Council and The Grand Commandery. It is hoped that these District Meetings on a schedule of one meeting on a weekend with a platform of group participation and inclusiveness so as to attract a larger attendance of interested Companions. We will still hold a Friday Night and a Saturday District Meeting where it makes sense.

Our Souvenir Program Committee has been revised and the successful results are clear. Normal range of sales is \$4,000.00 to \$5,500.00. Last Year I think was \$4,700 the year before was again I think \$5,500. This year through AJ Ahrens and his Committee and with others assisting (Jack Maulden etc) they sold \$10,700.00!!!! With the new program layout, format, superior editing and quality of printing, next year will be even better. No micro managing here! These good works will hold the cost of our convention down so as we will not have to raise the cost of registration.

Thanks to all involved.

### Travel

What a whirlwind year of traveling around this wonderful State. Everywhere we went we found friendly Companions and their families who we very glad to have us as their guests and made us feel welcome. We were always fed well...too well sometimes. I was honored to represent the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida at our Grand Lodge Communication last May in downtown Orlando, also the South East Regional Conference, Maggie Valley. Many Grand Master Official Visits, We traveled with Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander Henry Adams and Kati and on occasion with Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master Dayle Schrock and Donna and others when we represented Florida at the Grand Convocations of Alabama, South Carolina, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia. Also, I visited the Rainbow Assembly, several Job's Daughters meetings, DeMolay meeting (local), Order of Eastern Star, Masonic Home Board Meetings, Rusty Mason Night at the Shrine, & Building of the Arch; always wearing my red coat !!!

I visited and participated at many Chapters Convocations throughout the State, attended and participated at 4 Table Chapters, Participated in the degree work conferred at Manatee River, Gainesville, Palm Beach, Sarasota, Venice, Tampa, Ft Myers, Naples and Super Excellent Degree in Bartow. I attended all District meetings throughout the State; attended BBQ's in Naples and Englewood. As Grand High Priest I was honored by being invited to install Chapter Officers in Sarasota, Manatee, Ocala, Lakeland and Plant City. Also was asked to participate in 2 Commandery installations being the Installing Officer of One, 1 Council and 7 Blue Lodge installations. Attended and in many cases participated in York Rite presentations at various Lodges, Fervency and Zeal Program and Royal Master Circumambulation presentation. After these presentations several petitions were requested..... Whatever works.

Linda Dale spear headed a new program, "Ladies Recognition Program". In this program Royal Arch Masons select one or more ladies who are instrumental in their Masonic lives. It could be they do work at the Lodge/Chapter or just support their husbands. Many Chapters selected ladies without the input of the husbands. This program for the first year had 70 plus ladies recognized raising over \$3,500 for your York Rite Charities.

Now for some really good news! Excellent Companion Harry Eisenberg accepted a special assignment and a difficult one. He over saw the processing of all proceedings and incorporated all changes into a certified copy of our 1997 Constitution with revisions through 2002. Special attention was given to several years prior to 1997 through 2010 to be sure all updates were included.

Also included in this base line document of our Constitution is: Appendix A "Uniform Code of Bylaws for subordinate Chapters", Appendix B "28326 Laws of Florida, Acts of 1953", Appendix C "Adopted Grand Royal Arch Symbol for Memorial Markers", Appendix D "Instruction and Guide lines for Conferral of Royal Arch Degrees and Ceremonies", Appendix E "Masonic Capitular Protocol", Appendix F "Ritualistic Ceremony of an Ancient Craft Table Chapter"...Many frustrating hours of work went into this project. Special thanks to Harry V.

Eisenberg Ex Grand Master of the First Veil who did the lion share of the work with assistance from the MEGHP, ME Daniel E. Dale, MEPGHP, M E Harvey L. Ward MEPGHP and others. Without the assistance of Lakeland York Rite this project would have failed. Lakeland is the only place in the State that has all of the proceedings. Any additions or alterations to this revised baseline Constitution can now be done by the legislative process. That is if the Companions accept this version as a bench mark. Of course any changes per proceedings of 2011 and 2012 will be incorporated as they become available.

Work has been done on our web site and some progress made. There is much more to be done and there is a talented Committee that has been assembled and ready for all of the changes required to bring this site up to the quality we not only need but require. Right Excellent Ricardo Parente who has been most supportive of the Grand chapter and works on the cutting edge of website technology has presented a proposal to enhance our web page and will be discussed in Committee this week.

At the beginning of this report it was announced that this year has been dedicated to M.E. John G. Allen with special attention being paid to his programs, appointments and His memory. It was unfortunately necessary to Suspend one of our Grand Line Officers indefinitely, to terminate one District Deputy Grand High Priest, required to cautioned one Grand Line Appointed Officer of unacceptable behavior and did replaced one Committee Chairman. All of these actions have been documented and are available through the Jurisprudence Committee or The Grand High Priest for your review.

The quick answer to the state of the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida and its subordinate Chapters is that we are doing OK. Not great but OK; as in most fraternal organizations, companies or any Church group. The 80/20 rule takes hold. That is that 20% of its members do 80% of the work or actively participate, and so it is with York Rite of Florida. We have some very dedicated Companions, some that are somewhat dedicated and we also have those who joined just to fill another line item on their Masonic resume. A lot of the internal problems we cause ourselves. Some of these problems are NPD's, apathy, salesmanship, boring meetings, etc. These problems will be addressed by your DDGHP's and DI's in the upcoming year. Please support these efforts and attend your local Chapter whenever possible.

Some Chapters have had a difficult year and were close to requesting that they be able to disband and turn in their Charters. They persevered and I am happy to say through some herculean efforts by their own Companions are bouncing back and are on the road to recovery. My thanks to their efforts they know who they are. Any and all suggestions are welcome.

### Recommendations

This list could go on and on as a wish list often can. I will only mention a few of the many activities Your Grand Chapter will pursue. Please pay particular attention to this list as we will need volunteers to make these and other programs happen.

First and foremost there will be legislation submitted next year to set aside the \$2.00 per diem increased which was passed several years ago and we started to collect this past year. From our budget presentation you can see that this increase is not needed at this time I repeat at this time. I for one feel that you in your local Chapters can be better stewards of your own finances make better use of these funds than your Grand Chapter. From our report of the investment Committee you can see we have not been good stewards of your monies and investments. We will do better in this area this coming year. You will see a difference. There will be a report of the Investment Committee presented later this morning.

We will look at one Companion one vote or at least streamline the process so as not to need a Philadelphia lawyer to determine how many votes we can have at a Grand Convocation.

The possibility will be reviewed to see if a Youth Scholarship can be established. Not a

loan program but a true scholarship.

Legislation to be put forth to encourage our Grand Secretaries to process the Proceedings from the Grand Convocation according to our Constitution. "No proceedings, no salary".

Streamline proficiency card program.

Give the Credential Committee the means to perform their duties. We need some changes here.

Submit Legislation changing the requirements for submitted Legislation to 60 Days prior to Convention w/s March 1st.

Form a Special Committee to work with Lakeland York Rite Bodies to get a copy of all proceedings that are not currently in the custody of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter.

Continue our efforts to support the Royal Arch Research Assistance program our flagship charity.

To establish a new Committee, a "Special advisory Board to the Grand Chapter for Florida Youth Activities"; this Committee will be composed of Adult supervisors and a representative of The Rainbow for Girls, Jobs Daughters and The DeMolay. This board will advise the Grand Chapter on their needs whether they be monetary needs or physical presence and support.

There are a lot more topics which need our attention. I am in hopes that we can discuss and get your input on these important topics at this next round of District Meetings.

I would like to end this year's report with some special recognition that if it were not for their support the Grand Chapter and I would not have had a successful year. First to Most Excellent Grand High Priest Daniel E. Dale, if it were not for Dan I would not be here today. I still pick up the phone to call him. He will be missed by Masonry and more especially by me. Richard Agster whose advice was freely given concerning the constitution, laws and regulations was invaluable and kept me out of trouble for the most part anyway. Most Excellent H. Warren Almand who is one of the busiest Masons in the State did not waver once in his support of the Grand Chapter. When called upon for help he never hesitated his response was "It will be an honor to serve" and he has. He took on the position of Grand Scribe; he assumed the duties of the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, not an easy task. When asked to be the installing Officer for the 2013-14 Grand Line Officers without hesitation said yes. Most Excellent Harvey L. Ward, Darryl D'Angina and Glenn Chandler were always within a phone call to support. Most Excellent Tony Marotta who was willing to step up and fill a vacancy on the Jurisprudence Committee. Carl E. Gilmore who has been one of those who has supported all of Masonry and myself for years and who holds the distinction of Graduating from the Dan Dale School of Diplomacy with high honors. There is also AJ, Jack, Ricardo, Lou, Robby, Bob, JB, Ron, Keith, Al and on and on I will stop naming names now as I am sure to offend someone by unintentional omission I will sum up this list who were very supportive from day one and I want you all to know I appreciate all of your support and I am counting on your continued support and dedication in the future.

To Linda Dale and all of the ladies who support all of our endeavors. Finally, to Merri-Anne who has put up with me for close to fifty years, which there are no adequate words. My Companions may God Bless all of you, your families, all Masons everywhere, our service men and women no matter where they are serving and preserving our freedoms, all of our Companions whom we have lost and God Bless the United States of America

It has been a profound honor to serve all my Companions throughout the State of Florida.

Thank you all.

Fraternally and Respectfully Submitted,

John F. Wermann, MEGHP

## GRAND TREASURER'S PRELIMINARY REPORT YEAR 2012-2013

The overall financial picture for this year is looking much better than last year. The investment accounts show gains with recent "bull" market returns. Of course, these are paper gains, but still gains in the overall accounts. Your Grand presiding officers have been very frugal in expending any monies. Making sure that what was expended was for necessity. There remain some financial concerns though.

Many of the concerns that have been expressed in previous reports still have not been fully resolved. One concern that I would like to address is the Life/Perpetual Endowment Funds. There continues to be two separate vehicles that many of the constituent bodies have relied upon to augment the regular flow of dues for financial survival, Life members and Perpetual members. Since the Legislation creating the Perpetual members accounts, there have been no additional Life members added to the constituent bodies' accounts. This has created, in some circumstances, a negative flow in financial aid to the constituent bodies.

At the time the Perpetual membership was enacted, the per capita was \$4.00 for the Grand Chapter and the Grand Council and \$6.40 for the Grand Commandery. Under the Perpetual legislation, when a membership is established, it automatically "locked" in the per capita assessment at the then existing per capita rate. This was just one of the problems of funding that the old Life memberships did not address. In other words, a Life member is assessed at the current per capita rate, NOT THE RATE inexistence at the time the membership was created as is the case with the Perpetual member.

Given a practical example of how this applies to today consider the following: A Life membership doesn't add any additional funding to his account; his initial investments were \$114 each to the Chapter and Commandery and \$84 to the Council. Based on a 5% return, his Chapter received \$5.70, his Commandery received \$5.70 and his Council received \$4.20 this year for a total of \$25.60. The REAL per capita that his Chapter, Council and Commandery paid was: \$10.00, \$8.00, and \$16.00 for a total of \$34.00. Instead of a positive flow into the constituent bodies, there was a negative \$18.40 that the constituent bodies had to come up with in additional per capita.

Another concern is the disparity in the regulations between the Grand bodies regarding the Administrative Endowment Funds and the Investment Committee guidelines. These must be addressed by the next annual convention.

There are other issues of financial importance, but these are the most important ones that I feel need to be addressed to provide for a healthier outlook for the constituent bodies to survive.

I thank the craft for being allowed to serve as your Grand Treasurer for this past year.

Respectfully and Fraternaly,

Richard E. Foreman, MIPGM  
Grand Treasurer

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for electing me to serve the Grand York Rite of Florida and its members as the Grand Secretary/Recorder of Florida. It has been a true Honor to represent you. I will touch briefly on this statement at the close of my report.

As I arrived back in Tampa after the convention of 2012, I immediately proceeded to establish the new office in Tampa and accomplished this in a minimum amount of time. Throughout the year there were numerous obstacles to overcome and being the "new kid" on the block, this did not come easily. In some cases, what should have taken me minutes to accomplish, wound up taking hours if not longer. Training one's self is not easy, but with the help of others, all of this year's requirements were met. I would especially like to point out that the biggest single contributor to my success was the Grand Secretary/Recorder Emeritus, MEPGHP Steven Q. Steele. There were only a few weeks of the entire year that he did not make a trip to Tampa to assist me in unraveling this job. Without his assistance I would not be as prepared as I am at this convention, to serve you. I still have a ways to go but with God's guidance and your support I will make it.

I have attempted to accomplish several objectives that needed immediate attention. One, was the Directory. The primary tool to accomplish this task is the Election Reports. These forms are on-line and should be filled out and forwarded to the Grand Secretary immediately after the local Bodies elections. This was not done on all cases and some organizations merely sent me an 8x20 sheet of paper with the Principle Officers listed. I need these forms immediately after the Elections to accomplish the re-doing of the Directory. In addition this book over the years has accumulated numerous errors. I have tried to eliminate them but I need your help to accomplish this. If you find an error, please send me an e-mail with the necessary changes. I will maintain this information and hopefully, next year the Directory will be error free. Also, each year there always seems to be a shortage of Directories. Each member of the York Rite that has registered will receive only one copy of the Directory. There will be extra copies in the office for sale at \$5.00 each. In that way, those of you who need multiple copies will be able to obtain them.

Another task that I took on was the York Rite Information System. At Maggie Valley last year, I approached the VE Henry Adams and discussed this problem with him. The bottom line was that the York Rite Bodies of Florida were not participating in this program that had been mandated by the Grand Encampment years ago. With coordination between VE Henry Adams, was caused a class to be held at the Grand York Rite Office on February 2, 2013. The class was taught by SK John Elkington, the system administrator of the YRIS system. The class was well received by those in attendance and it is my understanding from SK Elkington that the majority of the Florida York Rite Bodies are now participating in the program. There are other tasks I could expound on but I will keep this as short as possible for your sake.

This past year sickness hit both Myra and I pretty hard. Both of us required surgery, but my troubles were luckily just time consuming. Myra's problems were a lot more severe than mine, in that she was required to undergo open heart surgery for the replacement of her Aortic Valve. She is still in the recovery period, but has bounced back with much enthusiasm. Thank God through your Prayers she will be around for a number of years to keep me straight.

In closing, I would like to thank Myra, my wife, for all her help and support this year. As I have said in the past I couldn't have done it without her. And also to my Grand Daughter, Jennifer for all her support, I thank you.

At the start of this report, I said I would mention the statement "that it has been an Honor to Serve You". In most cases a secretary's job is a thankless position and as a Grand Secretary, it really gets discouraging at times. A good friend of mine (York Rite Leader in FL) presented me with a picture of a grizzled old cowboy dejectedly seated at a bar, his ten gallon hat on and a full mug of beer resting on the bar in front of him; The caption on the picture reads, "If I had known then what I know now, I might not have signed on with this outfit".

Howard H. Gardner  
Grand Recorder/Secretary

## GRAND HISTORIAN'S LECTURE

~JESHUA, SON of JOSEDECK ~

Compiled by Glenn E. Chandler, MEPGHP  
Ex. Grand Historian for Grand Chapter RAM of FLA 2012-2013  
May 20, 2013 A.D., 2543 A.I.

Today, in our Chapters, we are all familiar with the names of Jeshua, Zerubbabel, and Haggai. The office held by the Excellent High Priest of a constituent Chapter symbolically represents Jeshua. Of the three, you will note that he is usually mentioned first.

Jeshua or Joshua, whose name means "Jehovah is salvation," was the son of Josedeck and the grandson of Seraiah. He was the first High Priest after the return, a fellow worker with Ezra and Nehemiah. Jeshua's family history was somewhat tragic, and there seems to be a vein of misfortune running through his life.

His grandfather, the High Priest when Jerusalem was captured and destroyed, was butchered by order of Nebuchadnezzar.

Jeshua's father was carried captive to Babylon and Jeshua was born in captivity. His upbringing was that of an exile, always tragic, but especially to a Hebrew. But his life as an exile was not all heartbreak; it was both interesting and inspiring. Nebuchadnezzar was not only a great conqueror and destroyer; he was also a great builder and patron of the arts.

Jeshua probably saw the rebuilding of the magnificent Royal Palace, and watched the construction of the famous Hanging Garden on its terraced platform. It was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. He saw Babylon's culture carried far and wide, and witnessed the birth of science and astrology.

Later he watched the rise of Cyrus (the all-conquering King of Persia), the defeat of the Babylonian Empire, and the Persians entry into the City of Babylon. But always there must have been in his heart the longing to return to the land of his fathers. One can easily imagine that he hailed with joy the famous proclamation of Cyrus, "All the kingdoms of the earth hath the Lord God of Heaven given me, and he hath charged me to build Him an house in Jerusalem, which is in Judea. Who is there among you of all his people? The Lord his God be with him and let him go up." Cyrus issued his decree freeing captives, which is recorded in Ezra 1:2-3. An independent inscription on a clay cylinder (Cyrus Cylinder) rediscovered in 1879 during a British Museum excavation confirms the freeing of not only the Jews, but of all the conquered peoples of Babylon and Assyria.

Jeshua would no doubt be inspired with fervency and zeal, and was one of the leaders of the exiles as he joined the enormous caravan, which set out for Judea laden with the gold and silver vessels of the temple and other valuable property restored to their rightful owners by order of King Cyrus.

Cyrus the Great was slain in battle in 530 B.C. He was buried in present day Iran in a small chamber in a golden sarcophagus. Plutarch, a Greek biographer and essayist, in A.D. 90 said that his tomb contained the following inscription: "O man, whosoever thou art and whencever thou comest, for I know that thou wilt come, I am Cyrus, and I won for the Persians their empire. Do not therefore, begrudge me this little earth which covers my body."

Having arrived at Jerusalem after the five hundred mile journey, Jeshua naturally took a leading part, in conjunction with Zerubbabel in the erection of the altar of burnt offering, and officiated as High Priest.

Thus began a brief period of triumph. Masons and carpenters were ordered to prepare the stones and timber for rebuilding the Temple.

When the foundation was laid by Zerubbabel and Jeshua, it was a time of great rejoicing, and it is recorded that the weeping of those that recalled the glory of the former Temple was drowned by the joyous shouts of the mass of the people.



Jeshua's career thus reached its pinnacle, but soon the note of tragedy crept in. Dissensions, plots and many troubles ensued, and Jeshua was not permitted to see the completion of his great work.

His closing days must have been sad, and family affairs were not all harmony. His sons had taken unto themselves strange wives, and were rebuked by the prophet Ezra. Ezra decreed that the people were to give up their foreign wives in an effort to have ethnic purity. Much of this came about because the poorer Israelites, which were left in Israel by Nebuchadnezzar, began to intermarry with other races that were exiled to Israel from their homelands. This decision was not well received by all, and those who refused to send away their wives left Jerusalem and became the Samaritans.

Nevertheless, Jeshua was always an important figure, the High Priest and ruler of the people. When the Jews brought offerings of gold and silver from Babylon the Prophet Zechariah was ordered by the Most High to make crowns for Zerubbabel and Jeshua and to place Zerubbabel as King on the throne and Jeshua by his side. "The Council of Peace shall be between them both." (Zechariah 6:13)

The Temple was completed in 515 B.C., and was larger than the original Temple. The Bible gives no reason for the enlarged size. This was basically the Temple that stood at the time of Jesus. Its beauty and form was greatly enhanced by construction that took place under the reign of Herod the Great. The Talmud shows that this new Temple lacked five things that were in the original Temple of Solomon: The Ark of the Covenant, the Holy Spirit, the Sacred Fire, the Shekinah, and the Urim and Thummim. As the Ark was not located, a stone was placed in the Holy of Holies so the High Priest could set the censer of incense upon it when he entered once a year.



In closing, I want to mention a few words about the Shekinah. It was a visible cloud of light which hovered over the Mercy seat, or top of the Ark. It first appeared there when Moses consecrated the Tabernacle in the Wilderness, and it remained there during all the years of the use of the Tabernacle. Upon the consecration of the Temple of Solomon, it was enthroned therein, and continued until the destruction of that edifice, when it disappeared forever. It was the symbol of Divinity, or Divine Glory, but as the true glory of Divinity is truth and righteousness; therefore Divine Truth is the Shekinah of Freemasonry, that which gives light and power and glory unto this ancient institution, and without which Masonry like the Temple, must cease to exist.

As the disappearance of the Shekinah from the Ark of the Israelites signified the withdrawal of the Divine presence, which was accompanied by disaster and destruction, so in like manner the disappearance of Divine Truth and Righteousness from Freemasonry would signify the same sad ending for this Royal Art. Freemasonry is not a mere social institution. Its antiquity, its universalism, and its active vitality under widely divergent conditions, seem to prove that it was created, and has continued to exist under Divine approval.

Today, about three miles West of Baghdad, on the Euphrates Road, in a grove of trees, stands the shrine and tomb of Nabi Yusha, or Kohen Yusha. It is the Sepulcher of Jeshua, the son of Josedek, the High Priest.

#### "The Temple"

Oh Brethren of Hiram who builded of old,  
That wonderful Temple of marble and gold,  
Though we are but builders of Temples of clay  
That flourish, then crumble and vanish away,  
No Shekinah before us to guide us or grace  
That hallowed spot in the Most Holy Place,

No fire to consume what we offer Him there,  
And only the silence to answer our prayer,  
Yet Brethren, this Temple, so dear to our hearts,  
So filled with the spirit our friendship imparts,  
Where Masons renew all their friendships again,  
Where the spirit of God cheers the spirit of men,  
Is hallowed! Yes hallows our hearts with His love,  
That will hallow our souls for His Temple above.  
"LIGHT from the SANCTUARY of the ROYAL ARCH"  
By Charles Albert Snodgrass (1947)

Companions, thank you for your attention.

#### References:

"A History of Royal Arch Masonry," Volume I, by Everett R. Turnbull and Ray V. Denslow.  
"Lessons in Capitular Masonry" by Charles C. Hunt, P.G.H.P.

## GRAND COMMITTEE REPORTS

### AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Audit Committee met at the York Rite building in Tampa, FL, on Saturday, August 25, 2012. We examined the financial records of the Grand Treasurer of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida. Our examination included checking the vouchers, checkbook, and bank statements comparing each to the other. We find the books to be in proper order and commend the Grand Treasurer for a job well done. Further, we would like to thank him for his assistance during the audit.

Respectfully Submitted,

William R. Jacobs, Chairman  
H. Warren Almand, Jr.  
Richard Wolfe

### BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

There were no requests for action, or action taken by this Committee.

### BLUE LODGE REPRESENTATIVE/MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The Lodge Representative is an especially selected Companion who best can affect a warm fraternal liaison between his Lodge and His York Rite Body. He continues his active role in the fellowship and activity in his Lodge membership, particularly among candidates for the degrees. Preferred positions are: catechism coaches, Secretaries, Masters and Past Masters, Officers and Lecturers.

He should be respected among his Brethren for his service to the Lodge, his knowledge of Free Masonry and his zeal for promotion of further Light.

The privilege of being selected is reserved to the three presiding officers: the High Priest, the Illustrious Master and the Commander of the local York Rite Body, upon consultation with the other members of the local Membership Committee, which includes the Secretary/recorder, the District Deputy Grand High Priest, District Deputy Grand Master and

District Deputy Grand Commander. The Secretary/Recorder is an essential member of the Committee as he is custodian of the York Rite membership rolls.

**The duties assigned the Representative are:**

1. To promote an educational liaison between Ancient Craft Masonry (LODGES) and the York Rite of Free Masonry.
2. To distribute York Rite educational material to his Lodge
3. See that his Lodge is included on the York Rite Trestle board mailing list
4. Make a record of Newly-raised Master Masons in his Lodge
5. Personal contact with each and see that each have a packet of educational materials including presentation of Square and Compasses lapel pin.
6. Have petitions available at all times and dates of next class.

The Representative is urged to form a small committee in his own Lodge to assist him. The Lodge Representative will be furnished with an official ID appointment card. The Representative will be a permanent member of the Liaison/Membership Committee. Attached is a list of all Florida Lodges listing the York Rite Rep.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dayle L. Schrock  
Blue Lodge Rep/Masonic Relations Chairman

### BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT FOR 2012-2013

The General financial condition of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida is Excellent. There is however always room for improvement. As an example our investments last year had a negative gain (loss) of just under \$14,000.00. Due to this loss the allowed income derived from our investments was not used in the proposed budget for 2013-14. This, what I consider poor management of our investments, negated the availability of the \$8,000.00 plus dollars of income from investments. The Grand Chapter is allowed to use up to 75% of this investment income for the running of the Grand Chapter by constitution. As I felt our investments were not being handled to the best interests of the Grand Chapter the Investment Committee Chairman was removed and Honorable Carl E. Gilmore graciously agreed to head this most important committee. A review will be conducted throughout the year to measure our investments and their progress. As I have addressed the concerns of the Investment Committee in this report I have also attached a copy of their annual report submitted by Carl E. Gilmore Chairman, Charles Hollinger and Richard Foreman.

As the Grand Chapter has been operating with surplus of funds remaining at years end for several years and will again in 2014. I would suggest that the Grand Chapter find a worthwhile program to fund for the next several years. One worthwhile suggestion would be to establish a Florida Youth Scholarship program.

Attached please find the approved budget for the year 2013-2014.

Respectfully and zealously submitted,

John F. Wermann, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

May 31, 13

#### ASSETS

##### Current Assets

##### Checking/Savings

Life/Perpetual Checking Account	\$ 6,024.87
DORAL BANK	\$ 40,947.86
WACHOVIA	\$ 93,497.14
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>\$ 140,469.87</b>

##### Total Current Assets

\$ 140,469.87

##### Other Assets

Raymond James Admin Account (5-31-2013)	\$ 293,141.35
Raymond James Life/Perp. Account (5-31-2013)	\$ 289,136.05
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>\$ 582,277.40</b>

#### TOTAL ASSETS

\$ 722,747.27

#### LIABILITIES & EQUITY

##### Liabilities

##### Current Liabilities

##### Other Current Liabilities

40070 - Endowment Fund	\$ 600.00
40040 - Triennial Fund	\$ 1,634.00
40050 - Carryover Funds	\$ 9,103.57
40051 - Collected Advance Per Capita	\$ 40,706.00
40052 - Interest on Advanced Per Capita	\$ 241.86
40060 - Charity Fund	\$ 400.35

##### Total Other Current Liabilities

\$ 52,685.78

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\$ 52,685.78

##### Long Term Liabilities

40059 - EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND	\$ 400.00
40054 - COLLECTED PER CAPITA FOR FUTURE	\$ 37,833.00

##### Total Long Term Liabilities

\$ 38,233.00

##### Other Liabilities

Life/Perpetual Checking Account	\$ 6,024.87
Raymond James Admin Account (5-31-2012)	\$ 250,539.96
Raymond James Life/Perp Account(5-31-2012)	\$ 288,649.58

##### Total Other Liabilities

\$ 545,214.41

<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 636,133.19</b>
<b>Equity</b>	
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 38,404.27
Net Unrealized Raymond James Admin Gain	\$ 42,601.39
Net Unrealized Raymond James Life/Perp Gain	\$ 486.47
Net Income	<u>\$ 5,121.95</u>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u><b>\$ 86,614.08</b></u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><b>\$ 722,747.27</b></u>

**PROFIT & LOSS Budget vs. ACTUAL**

	<u>Jun '12 - May 13</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
<b>Income</b>				
40000 · Annual Per Capita	\$33,160.00	\$ 34,420.00	96.34%	\$40,706.00
40001 · Per Capita Interest	\$ 207.78	\$ 150.00	138.52%	\$180.00
40010 · Exaltations	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 1,500.00	84.0%	\$1,250.00
40011 · Other Interest	\$ 110.47	\$ 140.00	78.91%	\$125.00
40012 · OTHER INCOME	\$ 266.01	\$ -	100.0%	\$150.00
40020 · ANNUAL CONVENTION	\$ 9,004.76	\$ 9,500.00	94.79%	\$9,500.00
40030 · Ritual Sales				
40031 · OTHER CHAPTER RITUAL BOOKS	\$ 841.00	\$ 1,000.00	84.1%	\$1,000.00
40032 · YORK RITE OF FREEMASONRY	\$ 15.00	\$ 600.00	2.5%	\$500.00
<b>Total 40030 · Ritual Sales</b>	<u>\$ 856.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,600.00</u>	<u>53.5%</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
40061 · Grand High Priest Charity	\$ 244.00	\$ 500.00	48.8%	-
40062 – Fundraiser	\$ - 0			\$500.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>\$ 45,109.02</u>	<u>\$ 47,810.00</u>	<u>94.35%</u>	<u>\$53,911.00</u>

**Expense**

<b>10010 · ALLOWANCES</b>				
10011 · Grand High Priest	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	100.0%	\$3,500.00
10012 · Grand King	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	100.0%	\$1,000.00
10014 · Jewel, Apron & Case	\$ 766.00	\$ 700.00	109.43%	\$700.00
<b>Total 10010 · ALLOWANCES</b>	<u>\$ 5,266.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,200.00</u>	<u>101.27%</u>	<u>\$5,200.00</u>
<b>10020 · CHARITIES</b>				
10022 · Youth Charities	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	100.0%	\$300.00
10023 · Masonic Home	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	100.0%	\$1,000.00
10024 · DONATION TO GHP CHARITY	\$ 264.00	\$ 500.00	52.8%	\$ -
<b>Total 10020 · CHARITIES</b>	<u>\$ 564.00</u>	<u>\$ 800.00</u>	<u>70.5%</u>	<u>\$1,800.00</u>
<b>10030 · MEETINGS</b>				
10031 · Triennial	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	100.0%	\$700.00
10032 · District Meetings	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	100.0%	\$1,000.00
10033 · Summer Assembly	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	100.0%	\$100.00
10034 · MEGHP SE Conference	\$ -	\$ 100.00	0.0%	\$100.00
10035 · REGK SE Conference	\$ -	\$ 100.00	0.0%	\$100.00
10036 · REGS SE Conference	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	100.0%	\$100.00
10037 · Grand Sec SE Conference	\$ -	\$ 33.00	0.0%	\$33.00
<b>Total 10030 · MEETINGS</b>	<u>\$ 1,900.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,133.00</u>	<u>89.08%</u>	<u>\$2,133.00</u>
<b>10040 · GRAND CONVOCATION</b>	\$ 9,084.67	\$ 8,500.00	106.88%	\$7,500.00
10047 · Per Diem for DDGH's & DI's				\$1,000.00
<b>10050 · OFFICE EXPENSES</b>				
10051 · Office Supplies	\$ 237.15	\$ 250.00	94.86%	\$250.00
10052 · Postage	\$ 255.00	\$ 500.00	51.0%	\$500.00

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10053 - Rent	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	100.0%	\$4,000.00
10054 - Telephone	\$ 709.33	\$ 500.00	141.87%	\$700.00
10055 - Utilities	\$ -	\$ 700.00	0.0%	-
10056 - Computer Services	\$ 33.18	\$ 250.00	13.27%	\$250.00
10057 - Computer Maintenance	\$ -	\$ 250.00	0.0%	\$300.00
10058 - Moving Expenses	\$ 453.42	\$ 800.00	56.68%	\$300.00
10059 - Equipment Replacement	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	100.0%	\$200.00
<b>Total 10050 - OFFICE EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 5,888.08</b>	<b>\$ 7,450.00</b>	<b>79.04%</b>	<b>\$6,500.00</b>
10060 - PRINTING				
10061 - General Printing Expenses	\$ 199.74	\$ 700.00	28.53%	\$300.00
10062 - Proceedings	\$ -	\$ 400.00	0.0%	\$400.00
10063 - Rituals	\$ 1,995.48	\$ 1,000.00	199.55%	\$2,000.00
10065 - Copier Maintenance	\$ 95.98	\$ 100.00	95.98%	\$100.00
10066 - Printing Supplies	\$ 59.05	\$ 100.00	59.05%	\$100.00
10067 - COST/ YORK RITE OF FREEMASONRY	\$ 278.00	\$ 600.00	46.33%	\$500.00
<b>Total 10060 - PRINTING</b>	<b>\$ 2,628.25</b>	<b>\$ 2,900.00</b>	<b>90.63%</b>	<b>\$3,400.00</b>
10070 - SALARIES/PAYROLL TAXES				
10071 - Grand Treasurer	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	100.0%	\$1,800.00
10072 - Grand Secretary	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	100.0%	\$4,000.00
10074 - Office Temporary Help	\$ 2,786.81	\$ 5,000.00	55.74%	\$5,000.00
<b>Total 10070 - SALARIES/PAYROLL TAXES</b>	<b>\$ 8,586.81</b>	<b>\$ 10,800.00</b>	<b>79.51%</b>	<b>\$10,800.00</b>
10080 - TAXES				
10081 - Florida Corporation Tax	\$ 61.25	\$ 62.00	98.79%	\$62.00
10082 - General Grand Per Capita Tax	\$ 3,938.00	\$ 4,774.00	82.49%	\$4,405.00
<b>Total 10080 - TAXES</b>	<b>\$ 3,999.25</b>	<b>\$ 4,836.00</b>	<b>82.7%</b>	<b>\$4,467.00</b>

10090 - SUNDRY				
10091 - Education & Training	\$ 999.00	\$ 1,750.00	57.09%	\$2,000.00
10092 - Awards	\$ 660.86	\$ 1,300.00	50.82%	\$1,500.00
10095 - Insurance	\$ 357.00	\$ 700.00	51.0%	\$700.00
10096 - Contingencies	\$ -	\$ 1,321.00	0.0%	\$7,686.00
10099 - Web Hosting	\$ 8.45	\$ 70.00	12.07%	\$200.00
<b>Total 10090 - SUNDRY</b>	<b>\$ 2,025.11</b>	<b>\$ 5,141.00</b>	<b>39.39%</b>	<b>\$12,086.00</b>
10102 - Bank Service Charges	\$ 44.90	\$ 50.00	89.8%	\$25.00
10110 - Reserves	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	-
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 39,987.07</b>	<b>\$ 47,810.00</b>	<b>83.64%</b>	<b>\$53,911.00</b>
	<b>\$ 5,121.95</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	

**ATTENTION SPECIAL BUDGET NOTES!!!!**

- 1.- Masonic Home Increased to \$1,000.00 by vote of Convention delegates.
- 2.- A \$50.00 per diem was established for each DDGHP & DI who attends the 2014 convention.
- 3.- Established income and expenses accounts for the Florida Youth so as to purchase commemorative coins to be sold as a fund raiser.
- 4.- The above Budget for 2013-2014 does not reflect the \$8,000.00 plus dollars available to the Grand Chapter to use as part of its operating income. These monies were derived from income earned on our investments of which the Grand Chapter is allowed to spend up to 75% of this income. As our investments suffered \$13,879.14 loss for the year 2011-2012 I did not feel it prudent to use any of these available funds and left them untouched for the year 2013-2014.
- 5.- Income accounts "fundraiser" is greatly understated at \$5,000.00. It will be closer to \$10,000.00.
- 6.- Expense account Youth Activities (10025) is greatly understated at \$500.00. It will be closer to \$4,500.00.

**Charters, Dispensations and By Laws Committee**

Your Committee for the Capitular year 2012-2013 has had no matters referred to it during this term of office and therefore reports its actions are complete.

The Committee wishes to thank you for your confidence in us to assist in this portion of the Work of our Most Excellent Grand Chapter. We have been honored to serve the Grand Chapter and you.

Zealously Submitted by your humble and obedient servants,

Darryl D'Angina, PGHP, Acting Chairman

Glenn E. Chandler, PGHP, Member

**COMMITTEE ON WORK****I. District Instructor Activity Reports**

Reports of instructional activity were received by the Chairman from the following District Instructors: Robert Stearns, District 1; Rodger Craig, District 2; Dale Bieber, District 3; and James F. Robinson, District 4.

**II. Fervency & Zeal Program**

Following are the Chapters who reported presentations and the lodges receiving them:  
Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 at Arlington Lodge No. 309, Monday evening, October 1, 2012.  
Plant City Chapter No. 16 at Olin S. Wright Lodge No. 79, Thursday evening, October 4, 2012.  
Putnam Chapter No. 9 at Pineland Lodge No. 86, Thursday evening, Nov. 15, 2012.

**III. Committee On Work Inspection Forms**

Received from R. E.: Alfred Mueller Jr, DDGHP, District 1. Chapter Evaluations included Palm Beach Chapter No. 24 (score 262), Island Chapter No. 65 (score 212), Jericho Chapter No. 11 (score 214), and Keystone Chapter No. 20 (score 177).

**IV. Request to the Committee on Work for clarification in Opening and Closing Ceremonies**

After study and conferring with several members of the Committee and a Committee Member who helped formulate Appendix D, the following decision for clarification was distributed to the C.O.W. Standing Committee and District Instructors, with copy included to M. E.: John F. Wermann, on August 8, 2012:

*The old question of the Principal Sojourner saluting when opening and prior to closing the Great Light has arisen again, most likely because we are requiring it in the Opening and Closing State Competition. While the subject is not addressed as such in our Appendix D or The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International Revision of Ritual (referred to as the Red Book), there is some logical reasoning as to why the action of saluting upon opening and prior to closing the Great Light should be included in the opening and closing ceremonies.*

*1. All four Bodies of the York Rite (Lodge, Chapter, Council, and Commandery) relating to general traditions of ritualistic aspects starting in our Mother Lodges remain consistent throughout the major part of their work.*

*2. By not saluting, we become the only body in the York Rite Family that does not do so at the Altar in some manner or form (Sr. D. in the Blue Lodge and Conductor of the Council in the Council, saluting, and the Prelate of Commandery bowing to the open book).*

*3. Page 93 of the Red Book states: "P. S. displays Great Lights as in Master's Degree and returns to his station."*

While we can be certain that this refers to the placement of the Square and Compasses, we may also consider that the Grand Chapter Companions revising Appendix D, also considered the manner in which the Great Light is attended to as part of the same. Thus upon rising after opening the Great Light, the P. S. should salute with the penal sign before retiring to his station, and also salute with the same prior to closing the Great Light.

**V. Proficiency Cards Issued**

WHITE CARD (proficient in the Opening & Closing Ceremonies of a Royal Arch Chapter)

William E. Owens, Jr	Palm Beach No. 24	Dist. 1
Robert Stearns,	Palm Beach No. 24	Dist. 1
Arthur J. Ahrens,	Sarasota No. 35	Dist. 2
Rodger Craig,	Sarasota No. 35	Dist. 2
Robert Davis,	Manatee River No. 18	Dist. 2
James Gillett,	Sarasota No. 35	Dist. 2
Jack A. Holloway,	Plant City No. 16	Dist. 2
Robert Phillips,	Plant City No. 16	Dist. 4
Harmon Van Horn	Plant City No. 16	Dist. 4
Glen Chandler,	Jackson No. 32	Dist. 9

**BLUE CARD (2 White stripes) (proficient in work & lecture of Past Master Degree)**

R□E□ Ray Kinser	Palm Beach No. 24	Dist. 1
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**FOUR VEILS PROFICIENCY (Blue, Purple, Red & White stripe)**

R□E□ Ray Kinser	Palm Beach No. 24	Dist. 1
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**VI. Chapter Opening & Closing Competition for Year Ending May 20, 2013**

This is the third year since the inaugural Grand Chapter year for the Competition, 2010-2011, implemented by Most Excellent Grand High Priest Anthony J. Marotta, Jr. Each year has found a small growth in competitors from one in 2011, to three in 2012 and five Chapters competing this year with the following results:

Traveling Plaque & Certificate for Best Proficiency in the State of Florida, with a score of 33 goes to District 4's Lakeland-Winter Haven Chapter No. 29, Danny Myers, E.H.P.

Certificate for Best Opening & Closing in District 3 & Runner-Up for State Competition with a score of 31 is Tampa Cushing No. 3, Stephen Korda, E.H.P.

Certificate for Best Opening & Closing in District 2 & Honorable Mention for State Competition with score of 26 is Sarasota Chapter No. 35, James Gillett, E.H.P.

Certificate for Best Opening & Closing in District 5 with score of 28 is Monroe Chapter No. 15, John M. Bowers, E.H.P.

Certificate for Runner-Up in District 3 with score of 85 is Clearwater Chapter No. 45, Don Robinson, E.H.P.

The Committee On Work expresses its deepest gratitude to the competing Chapters that worked for self-improvement through participation in this program and extends a hardy "Thank You" to District Instructors Dale Bieber, Rodger Craig, Mike Hartman, and Robbie Robertson for their successful administration of the State Competition of Opening and Closing a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and to the unlisted Adjudicators, a double *Thank You!*

The Committee On Work extends its appreciation to all the District Instructors and District Deputy Grand High Priests who promoted, through their efforts, the several programs set forth by the Committee and thus the improvement of ritualistic work state wide.

Zealously and Fraternally,  
Gerald E. Goacher Chairman

**COMMITTEE ON THANKS**

On behalf of Most Excellent Grand High Priest John F. Wermann, and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida, we would like to express our thanks to the Management and Staff of the Orlando Marriot Lake Mary for once again hosting our Grand Convocation and doing such a fine job in supplying hotel rooms, food, meeting space and audio-visual equipment. You handled your job with style and elegance.

Our thanks go also to the convention committee and all volunteer Companions and Sir Knights who gave their time and effort unstintingly to make this meeting a success.

A special thank you to the ladies of the York Rite and the Beauceant who labor in the hospitality room to supply us with delicious lunches and snacks and beverages, and who make our leisure time go by so pleasantly. Also for their efforts at the sale table to raise money for our charities. You truly are the wind beneath our wings.

We appreciate our Distinguished Guests who have traveled so far to help us make our meeting a success.

We especially appreciate our Most Worshipful Grand Master George Aladro and the rest of the Grand Lodge officers who have taken time from their busy schedules to be with us at this meeting.

Further, we want to thank the Returns and Credentials Committee for their efforts and patience and the Registration Committee for their hard work and long hours.

To our Most Excellent Grand High Priest John F. Wermann, we thank you for stepping up under most trying circumstances on the death of our beloved John Allen. We thank you for your outstanding and excellent leadership during the past year. In addition, we thank you for the many years of service in the past not only to the York Rite, but to Masonic Fraternity as a whole and look forward to further service in the future.

Finally to the Grand Secretary, Howard H. Gardner, who has stepped up to a most difficult task, we thank you for all the valuable assistance and dedication you have given over the years, not only to the Grand Chapter of Florida but also to the constituent chapters. You were truly just a phone call away. Congratulations on a job well done now and we're sure in the future. We, the Committee on Thanks, appreciate the opportunity to serve the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harry V. Eisenberg, Chairman  
Barry L. Swann

#### AD HOC CONSTITUTION UPDATE COMMITTEE REPORT

This Committee was given the task of updating the Grand Chapter Constitution as the version being used was dated from 1997. Apparently there had been several updates since then, the last being in 2004, however that version was not readily available plus there were some questions as to its results. Therefore research was carried out going back to the Grand Chapter proceedings of 1997 and in some cases beyond to make sure that all amendments, and rules and regulation changes that were approved were added and/or corrected. The amendment regarding protocol was added as Appendix E and the previously approved Table Chapter Ritual was added as Appendix F. The Funeral service was added to Appendix D. The Four Veils Award was added to the rules and regulations regarding awards.

Although a comprehensive review was not carried out, obvious spelling errors, typographical errors, grammatical errors, and obvious mistakes which did not in any way change the intent or meaning of any of the content therein, were corrected. Indices were added or corrected as necessary. This revision was carried out through May of 2010, the last year that approved proceedings were available. Where any questions arose, discussions were carried out directly with the source originally involved. I am pleased to report that copies of the updated document have been made available to our M.E.G.H.P. John F. Wermann and our Grand Secretary Howard H. Gardner.

I wish to acknowledge and thank Fred Gerdorn for making Lakeland Chapter's Library available for research, and the assistance of our Grand Secretary Howard H. Gardner, our GHP John F. Wermann and Past GHP Dan Dale and Harvey Ward and Wayne Parks for their help without which this task would not be complete. Finally I wish to thank the Grand Chapter for allowing us to serve our fellow Companions in this important task.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harry V. Eisenberg, Chairman ad hoc Constitution Update Committee  
John F. Wermann  
Daniel Dale

#### CONVENTION BOARD – YEAR END REPORT

My fellow Companions:

Your Convention Board has worked diligently for over a year to be sure all was in readiness for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida's, one hundred sixty-sixth (166<sup>th</sup>) Grand Convocation. As in the past several years all of these efforts were led by Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Steven Q. Steele. It was decided in 2010 that we would hold our 2013 Grand Convocation in the facility known as Lake Mary Marriott. This is the same hotel that has hosted our Grand Convention for many years. As they have the history and experience with our requirements together with the leadership of M.E. Steele, all was in order.

The Grand Chapter headed by Most Excellent John F. Wermann began the Convention on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The Grand Council headed by M.I. Larry Gillespie followed on Tuesday. The Grand Commandery headed by Rt Em Arthur J. LaRose completed our Grand Convention business on Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013.

Beginning on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> through the completion of business on Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013, there were many meetings, gatherings, breakfasts, lunches, dinners and much fellowship.

This Grand Communication ended on a financial positive note by spending less on expenses than income and budgeted amounts. Some of this financial success was attributed to the very successful Souvenir Program Committee which generated more income than ever before. This Committee was headed by Rt Ex Arthur J. Ahrens, III, assisted by Rt Ex Jack Maulden and Rt Ex John Gray and other Companions.

We thank you all who worked for the success of this Convention and all of my fellow Companions who attended. I personally invite you to Tampa on Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 for the Grand Chapters 167<sup>th</sup> Grand Convocation.

Fraternally submitted,

John F. Wermann, MEGHP  
Steven Q. Steele, MEPGHP  
Larry Gillespie, MIGM  
AJ LaRose, REGC

## CUSTODIANS OF RITUALISTIC MATERIALS

Upon being reminded that this report was now my responsibility, I immediately sent an email to all Royal Arch Chapter Secretaries. Information was requested as to the number of "The Book of Essentials" along with "The Key Lecture" available in their respective Chapters. Additional information was requested as to the availability of Appendix D.

First: The response was dismal at best. Out of thirty-seven (37) Chapters, only eleven (11) responded with an email and three (3) verbal for a total of fourteen (14) which totals to be approximately a thirty-eight percent (38%) response. Of the Chapters responding about fifty percent (50%) have the materials and fifty percent (50%) do not. My research of past years reports indicates that nothing much has changed.

Second: Good News! All reported they have an Appendix 'D' for all members.

Third: Changes must take place if our Chapters are to have the ritualistic materials required.

Therefore it is the recommendation of this Committee that a special committee be appointed to work with each Chapter to ensure proper ritualistic materials be obtained. Proper identification of this material should be included in the year-end report. Similar recommendations have been offered in the past; however there are many, many Chapters who are not in possession of this material.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles R. "Bob" Cooper – Grand Principle Sojourner  
James A. Green – Grand Sentinel

## DISTINGUISHED GUESTS REPORT

Your Committee on Distinguished Guests for the Grand Convocation in Lake Mary, Florida held on May 20, 2013 was pleased to welcome and introduce to you and through you to our Most Excellent Grand Chapter many distinguished Masons who have rendered outstanding service to our ancient and honorable society. They were welcomed into the continuing fellowship of our Grand Chapter. We were honored and pleased to have them attend and participate in the festivities and business of our Grand Convocation. Each received the appropriate Grand Honors and personally greeted by our Grand High Priest, Illustrious Grand Master and Grand Commander. Received, extended Grand Honors and welcomed were:

### Past Grand High Priests of Florida:

Richard I. Lanier (1975)	Duane B. Young (1978)
Virgil P. Brown (2000)	Wayne E. Parks (2001)
Steven Q. Steele (2002)	H. Warren Almand, Jr. (2003)
Glenn E. Chandler (2004)	William F. Wyllie (2005)
Michael A. Padron, Jr. (2006)	Wilbur R. Allen (2006)
Darryl A. D'Angina (2009)	Anthony J. Marotta (2010)

### Other jurisdictions;

M.E. Marcus L. Burdette, GHP of South Carolina, M.E. L. Alvin Hill, GHP of Alaska, M.E. Jack C. Wade, GHP of Georgia and R.E. Ronald Thomas, Grand Captain of the Host, Alabama

## General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, International

M.E. James H. Hodge, R.E. General Grand Scribe  
M.E. Bobby Kitchen, R.E. Regional Deputy, SE Region

### Past Grand Chapter Officers of other jurisdictions:

M.E. Sheldon Arpad, PGHP and PGM of Washington D.C.  
M.E. Richard A. Gilman, MEPGHP Republic of Panama  
M.E. Stephen Piner, MEPGHP of Connecticut  
M.E. Jimmy Porter, MEPGHP of Georgia  
M. E. James B. (Jim) Wall, PGHP Kentucky, Executive Director RARA; Holder of both the Silver and Gold General Grand Chapter Distinguished Service Medals.

### Distinguished Royal Arch Masons representing Appendant orders:

Dale I. Gochrig, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Florida; Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction  
E. Randy Spradling, Grand Superintendent for Kentucky/West Virginia, Grand Council Knight Masons of U.S.A.;  
Steven Q. Steele, M.E.P.G.H.P. Fl., Past D.G.G.H.P. Southeastern region GGCRAI, currently serving as Right Eminent Grand Warder of the Temple Convent General KYCH;  
R.P. Charles Hollinger, RP Grand Treasurer, Cryptic Masons, International, Representing M.P  
Lawrence O. Weaver, MP Grand Master of Cryptic Masons, International  
R.P. Richard Agster, RP Southeastern Region Deputy General Grand Master, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons, International  
R.P. Douglas Soltow, Chief Ambassador East, General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons International

### General Grand Chapter Distinguished Medal Holders:

Silver - Marvin W. Gerhard (1986) of Florida;  
Silver - Steven Q. Steele (2011) of Florida  
Silver and Gold - James B. Wall of Kentucky

### General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, Past Elected Officers:

Duane B. Young, M.E.P.G.H.P. Florida, General Grand Treasurer-1984-1986, and Grand Treasurer Emeritus 1991-2007.

### Other Distinguished Masons

Lloyd Leinbaugh, Grand Generalissimo of Georgia  
Zeb Morgan, Grand Commander of South Carolina  
Howard "Ted" Burgess, SE Department Commander  
Doug Knauer, MIGM of South Carolina  
James Stevens, Past Grand Commander of Georgia  
Joseph Zito, Grand Captain General of Arizona  
Ralph Baggett, MIGM of Tennessee  
Charles Beasley, Grand Junior Warden of Tennessee  
Douglas Soltow, General Grand Ambassador, General Grand Council

### Officers of the most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Florida:

Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Richard L Lynn, (1992-1993) Currently Grand Secretary  
Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Michael A. Padron, Jr. (1996-1997)

George Goddard, W. Grand Marshall

Current Elected Grand Lodge Officers:

R.W.: Stephen Boring, Junior Grand Warden

R.W.: Danny Griffith, Deputy Grand Master

Most Worshipful Jorge L. Aladro, Grand Master

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Q. Steele  
Dencel R. Smith  
Howard H. Gardner

## FIVE YEAR PLAN

### 2010 - 2011

- 1) Continue to encourage Exaltations by 10% over prior calendar year
- 2) Continue to provide a copy of "York Rite of Free Masonry - A History & Handbook"
- 3) Continue with 2 schools of instruction within the District (See year 2014)
- 4) Encourage each District to host a Table Chapter
- 5) Continue to present each new Master a York Rite pin
- 6) Continue the promotion of our York Rite Web Sites

### 2011 - 2012

- 1) Continue the practice of the appointment of a Blue Lodge representative for each Blue Lodge in the District
- 2) Grand Lodge to continue the improvement of membership database
- 3) Establish permanent Memorials in National Cemeteries (establish guidelines)
- 4) Establish a meeting to Honor all Veterans
- 5) Maintain and improve communications from Grand Line Officers/Grand Secretary to appointed Officers and Local Chapters
- 6) Continue to Promote Religious Affirmation
- 7) Continue to support and promote the Florida York Rite Magazine
- 8) Establish a District Public Relations person to report via articles and pictures to the Florida York Rite Magazine but also local publications and other news media

### 2012 - 2013

Due to the death of our Most Excellent Grand High Priest - Most Excellent John G. Allen, all of his proposed programs were followed as he would have wanted them. We honor our Most Excellent Grand High Priest and acknowledge all of his efforts, contributions and passions he contributed not only to this 5 year plan but also to Masonry.

JFW, MEGHP

### 2013 - 2014

- 1) Evaluate programs for the years 2010 through first months of 2013 and continue as needed
- 2) Maintain programs as outlined above after evolution
- 3) Institute a local program similar to M.L.T. in the Blue Lodge or York University
- 4) Coordinate with Grand Secretary a listing of duties that the Local Secretaries must strive

- to complete. Simplify these requirements as much as possible. Recruit the DDGHPs to assist. Our records must be maintained. Re-evaluate the Monthly Forms etc, etc.
- 5) Encourage the DDGHP to visit the Blue Lodges with the Local Chapter representative appointed by the Local High Priest
  - 6) Develop a short York Rite presentation to be offered to the Masters of each Lodge as a form of education.
  - 7) Continue the demonstration of the circumambulation from the Royal Master degree in all Blue Lodges as outlined by the Grand Council
  - 8) Continue the presentation of the Fervency and Zeal Program in Blue Lodge
  - 9) Establish a Monthly communication from the Grand High Priest to all Local Chapters via e-mail
  - 10) As in the past offer the Blue Lodges our support and assistance with the conferring of degrees or any other assistance required
  - 11) Maintain our presence at as many Grand Master official visits as possible. Be proud to be a Grand Line Officer and wear the Red Chapter Coat and Collar whenever appropriate
  - 12) Special fund raiser throughout the year to support special non-budgeted Grand High Priest projects. EX Pins for new Masters, Pins for newly exalted Companions, New Grand Line Officers Apron Cases, etc
  - 13) Encourage the hosting of Table Chapters etc. on order to raise funds for the RARA
  - 14) Work with DDGM's in local districts to present Eagle Scouts not only Blue Lodge Award but also the Grand Chapter Award
  - 15) When appropriate combine District Schools of Instruction with Council and Commandery
  - 16) Extend Ritual Competition to a District team which would confer a degree
  - 17) Reach out to our Companions across the State with a questionnaire requesting ideas on how the Grand Chapter could improve our service to them. District Meetings? Communications? Presentations? Etc.
  - 18) Conduct a joint fundraiser within the District or in some cases Zone with the Blue Lodges
  - 19) Actively pursue perpetual membership in York Rite. Especially with the newly exalted Companions
  - 20) Establish a special fundraising program to raise funds to support our Florida Youth
  - 21) Establish a "Special Advisory Board to the Grand Chapter for the Florida Youth Activities". This Committee to be composed of Adult Supervisors and representatives of the "Rainbow for Girls", "Jobs Daughters International" and DeMolay for Boys. This Board is to advise the Grand Chapter of the needs of these groups.
  - 22) Establish a Grand Chapter of Florida Youth Scholarship fund
  - 23) Streamline the voting procedure at the Grand Chapter Convocations
  - 24) Propose legislation to encourage our Grand Secretaries to publish the Grand Convocation Proceedings according to the Constitution
  - 25) Streamline the Proficiency Card Program
  - 26) Promote Ritual Competition
  - 27) Establish better guidelines for the Credential Committee
  - 28) Submit Legislation to change the drop dead date for the submission of Legislation from March 1<sup>st</sup> to 60 days prior to the Grand Convocation
  - 29) Form a special committee to secure a duplicate copy of all past proceeding of the Grand Chapter so as a complete set may be preserved by the Grand Secretary
  - 30) Put forth legislation so as the Grand Secretary can "Publish" as directed in our Constitution in an electronic form except where hard copies are required (proceedings, budgets, etc.) for archiving
  - 31) Assist in any way possible to formation of the "Florida Grand Chapter of Research" which was approved at this year's Grand Convocation
  - 32) Encourage the continued improvement of the electronic communications of the Grand Chapter to and from our Companions throughout the State, concentrating on and improving our web site.

The above plan for 2014 may change and be flexed to achieve optimum results for that year. This



plan is intended to be flexed and reevaluated so as to be relevant in future years.

I recognize what an aggressive plan the above is. I also recognize the dedication and determination of the line officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida.

Fraternally and zealously submitted,

John F. Wermann  
Most Excellent Grand High Priest

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES & FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The foreign relations of the Grand Chapter of R.A.M. of Florida have remained unchanged for the year. Although, the Grand Chapter of Austria had left the General Grand Chapter of R.A.M. International, the Grand Chapter of R.A.M. of Florida had never stopped recognizing them. When the Grand Chapter of Austria returned to the General Grand Chapter there was no need for any action by the Grand Chapter of Florida.

The Committee upon request of the MEGHP inquired about foreign relations with Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia/Herzegovina and Montenegro and found that no foreign relations existed with these areas. The only one that was under the preview of the General Grand Chapter would be Croatia, but their Grand Chapter is too new to have established such a program.

Due to deaths, suspensions and outdated information there are many vacancies and inconsistencies in the Grand Representatives Program. It is therefore the recommendation of this Committee that under direction of the GHP, assisted by the Grand Secretary and the Committee, that this program be reviewed and updated.

Respectfully submitted,  
M.E. Anthony Marotta, PGHP

## GRAND CHAPTER INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Delegates:

I was appointed Chairman of this Committee in December of 2012 and since this report deals with the Grand Chapter investments within the timeframe that ends in that very same month, this report is more of an education instrument than a planning guide.

I also understand that for many, as soon as the subject of investment is raised, your eyes glaze over and your attention span is reduced to seconds instead of minutes. Suddenly you have a strong urge to get up and go see what the peddlers outside have for sale. However, what I have to say is both important and contains both good and bad news. Perhaps I can hold your attention for two or three more minutes.

The first thing one should do in chairing a committee is to determine the Rules that guide the Committee. For the Investment Committee of the Grand Chapter, those rules are contained in Chapter 46 of the Constitution and are entitled: "Investment Policy Statement." In part they require several actions on the part of the Committee, as follows:

1. In the spring of each year to review the "Strategic Investment Policy" for the Registered Investment Advisor which sets forth his marching orders for the ensuing capitial year.

- To the best of my knowledge, that did not happen this year (Bad News).
- 2. To meet quarterly with the Grand High Priest to review investment asset allocations.
  - To the best of my knowledge, that did not happen either (More Bad News).
- 3. To determine whether the investment Objectives of Chapter 46 are being met. These objectives are defined as:
  - a. Meeting a rate of return comparable to or greater than "market indices" over a market cycle of 3 years or more. - What is the appropriate market index?
  - b. Average yield for a 10 year cycle to achieve the average market indices for that period. - Same question; what is the proper market index?

In order to maintain continuity, the logical thing for a new chairman to do is read what the last several reports have said. However there was a problem for the undersigned in doing so that;

1. The Proceedings of the Grand Chapter for 2012, 11 and 10 have not yet been published.
2. The Committee for 2009 submitted "No Report"
3. The Proceedings for 2008 has similarly not yet been published
4. But there is a report available in the 2007 Proceedings by now M.E. Anthony Marotta, Jr. However this report discussed his investment philosophy and his reaction to the special conditions imposed by two Edicts of the Grand High Priest for that year. The report did not provide the index comparison required by Chapter 46.

Accordingly, I found that writing a report that conforms to the requirements of the Constitution seems to be breaking new ground. After discussion with the other Committee members, 2 out of the 3 of us agreed on the S&P 500. While this may seem like the good news you've been waiting for, please hold the corks on the champagne bottles just a little longer.

We need some facts to come into play here:

1. The S&P 500 averages that are appropriate are:
  - a) 2012 - 16%
  - b) 2010 through 2012 (3 year) - 7.8%/yr
  - c) 2003 through 2012 (10 year) - 4.4%/yr
2. There are two investment funds that are owned by the Grand Chapter and both are managed by Raymond James. They are:
  - a) The General Fund with a 2012 ending balance of \$272,904, with no new deposits over the year.
  - b) The Perpetual Member Fund with a 2012 ending balance of \$302,089, with no deposits over the year.
3. The General Fund achieved 11% growth in 2012 and the annualized growth since November of 2006 (essentially 6 years) of 2.4%.
  - a) This is less than the 1 year, the 3 year or 10 year index and therefore does not meet our objectives.
4. The Perpetual Fund achieved 9.5% growth in 2012 and an annualized growth since September of 2008 (4.24 years) of 12.2%. However that growth includes contributions.
  - a) While this is less than the 1 year, it does beat the 3 year and the 10 year.
5. Raymond James considers the Investment Objectives for both accounts as "growth with medium risk". This is equivalent term to our Chapter 46's "Strategic Investment Policy".
6. While the General Fund was charged roughly 1% in "Expenses", the Perpetual Fund was expense free.
7. The General Fund carries less than 10% cash, while the Perpetual Fund has carried over 33% in cash, over \$100,000 for the entire year.

Thus, the good news, our investments are growing, and the bad news, in spite of our lack of attention, but not as well as our Chapter 46 goals have anticipated.

Lastly we need to plan for the future. The Committee has not been an effective tool for the Grand High Priest in the past year. That needs to change. There must be regular and effective communication, so that our funds are wisely invested.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Carl E. Gilmore, Chairman  
 Charles Hollinger  
 Richard Foreman

## JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Grand High Priest's preliminary report was mailed to all Committee members in early April. The Committee met in the Orlando Marriott at Lake Mary in Lake Mary, Florida, at 1:00 p.m. on May 19, 2013, to consider all the actions taken by Grand High Priest John F. Wermann.

A lengthy list of disciplinary actions, Special and Called Convocations, Executive Orders, correspondence, Proclamations, Dispensations, Resolutions, and budget and finance transactions were examined. It was found that in all instances the Grand High Priest acted promptly, appropriately, and within the purview of his powers.

The Executive Order that created an Assistant Grand Chaplain was discussed and it was agreed that the Grand High Priest was within his rights to do so, but that there would be no Grand Chapter apron or collar and that the Assistant Grand Chaplain would not be installed at the Grand Chapter Installation.

Two Resolutions were presented. One was found to be not in proper form because it lacked a specific date for implementation rather than the word "immediately." The second, a Resolution of the creation of a Chapter of Research, was originally found to be not in proper form for not having a specific date of implementation; it was later that there was such a date within the body of the Resolution. It was, therefore, proper to be presented on the floor at the Grand Convocation, where it seconded and adopted.

The Grand High Priest's Final Report reflected a great deal of activity. Most Excellent Companion John F. Wermann was thrust into his office at the death of Most Excellent Companion John G. Allen. It was a difficult situation, but Most Excellent Wermann stepped right in determined to continue the plans for the 2012-2013 Capitular year that had been instituted by Most Excellent Allen. He did so, and did it well and thoroughly.

A large number of problems erupted over the course of the year, and this committee agreed that Most Excellent Wermann dealt with them in a very decisive manner. His actions and reactions were swift, effective and appropriate.

The Grand High Priest made many visits to Foreign Jurisdictions, to many local Chapter and District meetings, and to many meetings of appending bodies. His zeal and interest in all things Masonic made him an excellent ambassador for our Grand Chapter.

The Committee expresses its appreciation to Most Excellent Wermann for his dedication and very hard work in pursuing the best interests of our Grand Chapter. He had a stressful beginning followed by more than the usual number of problems encountered by a Grand High Priest. We commend him for the job he did filling in for Most Excellent and extend our best wishes in his future Masonic Life.

H. Warren Almand, Chairman, PGHP  
 Darryl D'Angina, PGHP  
 Glenn E. Chandler, PGHP  
 Anthony J. Marotta, PGHP  
 William F. Wyllie, PGHP

## LEGAL ADVISOR

Various matters were referred to the Legal Adviser by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and all matters were researched and responded to. I wish to thank the Grand High Priest for the opportunity to serve him and the Grand Chapter this year.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Richard S. Agster

## Long Range Fiscal Planning Committee

\*Please See 5 Year Plan Report

## MASONIC YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT

This Committee would like to thank Our Most Excellent Grand High Priest John F. Wermann for the Honor to serve Our Fellow Companions on this Committee. We are working closely with the Masonic Youth and have really enjoyed the time with them.

Throughout the state there are very encouraging reports:

1. Florida DeMolay
  - a. Florida is one of the leading states with a squire program for young men not old enough to join the DeMolay.
  - b. This program is growing and the men involved are highly dedicated.
2. Job's Daughters
  - a. A new Bethel has been opened for the Job's Daughters in Daytona. This brings the number of Bethels to 3.
  - b. This young ladies organization is different than DeMolay or Rainbow because they must be related to a Mason.
3. Rainbow Girls
  - a. They are continuing to lead young ladies and help them grow.
  - b. This is a transition period for several Assemblies and all indications show this to be a positive change.

All of these groups need our help. Not only financially but by being there at their meetings, and inviting them to serve and be at Our Lodges, Chapters, Councils, Commanderies, etc. These are service organizations and the only way they can be "discovered" is by us reaching out to them. We have heard from around the state more Masonic groups inviting the youth to help serve, clean, help with planting flowers, pilgrimage day, and more! They all work hard and appreciate it when we are there to show we mean what we say.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee on "Masonic Youth"

Fraternally and zealously submitted,

Companion AJ Ahrens, Companion Hampton Crimi

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Members of the Grand Line, and Companions:

This is the report that almost didn't happen. While I was in the act of composing this report, and necrology means death - my computer died. Since I was in the act of composing, I had nothing saved. The Boy Scout Motto of "Be Prepared" certainly applies here in a number of ways - most importantly, save documents often. It also applies here, and I would be remiss if I did not mention the lessons we have all learned as part of York Rite. I wish to thank our Secretary Howard H. Gardner for his invaluable help in constructing the Necrology report. Most importantly I would be remiss as Excellent Chaplain if I did not mention that as Royal Arch Masons we are always in the state of preparing ourselves for that departure into that house not made with hands eternal in the heavens.

This year has not been particularly outstanding as we rebuild under the leadership of our Most Excellent High Priest. The year has however removed 72 Companions from our craft. They should be remembered in each local Chapter because they were important in that Chapter's life. And they should be remembered because their presence was important here as well. Each Companion is important and we should not forget them. They deserve to know that they will be remembered and missed in the grand scheme of things.

Looking back over the past year, I have expanded the year so that we remember Wendell Harrington, from last year. He was an important and hard working craftsman who was earlier taken from us. It is with heavy heart that we mention Wendell at this time. Adding to our sorrows, it is with sad memories that we remember our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, John Allen. He was a friend to many, and known by all for his courage in battling the cancer which removed him from our presence. His installation signally culminated a goal that John had set for himself; and no one could have been prouder at that moment than he was. We miss his leadership over the years, and his friendly face around the craft.

The next name worthy of special mention is difficult for many of us to mention. Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest Daniel Dale departed life and the craft he truly loved. It was impossible to miss this man in a meeting. He made his presence felt and he always devoted himself to furthering the aims of the York Rite. There are many things that could be mentioned about Dan but "The Dan Dale School of Diplomacy" comes to mind. He truly listened to all, and commented appropriately when he felt it was needed. For this Grand Chaplain, and I know for our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, we would lend our voices to the words "He was my friend." Dan was truly that - "a friend" to many of us.

A large hole in the leadership of the Royal Arch Masons, and the craft in general was created when these three men were taken away from us. But let us remember not just these men, but also the other 72 Companions who were proud to call themselves Royal Arch Masons.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Swann

#### PATRIOTIC, CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Most of the Chapters continue to participate in the Religious Affirmation Observance. This year our Most Excellent Grand High Priest granted permission to hold the observance within the Lodge or a House of Worship, which I believe increased the number of Companions attending. Jacksonville Chapter #12 not only attended church services in their Red Coats, but also acted as ushers that Sunday.

It is recommended that every Chapter's High Priest should plan this event each year far enough in advance in order to have greater numbers of Companions present.

There are many opportunities available to the Companions within the State of Florida to publicly demonstrate our belief in Deity. They quietly support many patriotic, civic and religious activities in their home communities demonstrating to all the Grand Precepts of the Holy Royal Arch. Many are the leaders found in the civic and religious institutions.

It is the recommendation of this Committee that the members of each Royal Arch Chapter and other York Rite Bodies seek opportunities to become a visible part of their community to improve our visibility and to provide service to each community.

Submitted:

Charles R. (Bob) Cooper - Excellent Grand Principle Sojourner

#### Perpetual Membership LIFE PERPETUAL PAYOUT FOR 2013

Chapter No.	Life Amt.	Perp. Amt.	Total
1	\$104.65	\$182.00	\$286.65
2	\$3.00	\$75.00	\$78.00
3	\$359.64	\$339.20	\$698.24
5	\$20.29	\$55.00	\$75.29
6	\$195.24	\$165.00	\$360.24
7	\$203.30	\$50.00	\$253.30
9	\$62.99	\$25.00	\$87.99
11	\$ -	\$5,232.00	\$5,232.00
12	\$153.46	\$468.00	\$621.46
13	\$ -	\$154.33	\$154.33
15	\$ -	\$131.75	\$131.75
16	\$31.89	\$14.40	\$46.29
17	\$11.20	\$126.00	\$137.20
18	\$33.41	\$19.00	\$52.41
20	\$48.76	\$476.00	\$524.76
22	\$12.20	\$ -	\$12.20
24	\$78.00	\$34.00	\$112.00
27	\$28.60	\$75.54	\$104.14
28	\$15.60	\$258.67	\$274.27
29	\$132.25	\$91.00	\$223.25
41-29	\$273.23	\$ -	\$273.23
31	\$183.79	\$176.42	\$360.21
32	\$3.30	\$51.50	\$54.80
33	\$14.32	\$73.98	\$88.30
35	\$64.29	\$191.00	\$255.29

38	\$18.57	\$ -	\$18.57
39	\$ -	\$47.00	\$47.00
40	\$19.76	\$58.00	\$77.76
45	\$102.93	\$223.25	\$326.18
48	\$22.06	\$5.00	\$27.06
49	\$ -	\$28.00	\$28.00
50	\$103.73	\$34.00	\$137.73
57	\$ -	\$18.00	\$18.00
59	\$59.09	\$126.01	\$185.10
62	\$14.58	\$30.00	\$44.58
63	\$80.27	\$ -	\$80.27
64	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
65	\$ -	\$34.00	\$34.00
66	\$ -	\$30.00	\$30.00
67	\$ -	\$23.00	\$23.00
	\$2,454.40	\$9,121.05	\$11,575.45

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

The Grand Chapter Photography Committee has been pleased and happy to photograph and publicize the events and activities of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Florida and local Chapters' activities during the Capitular Year.

The Committee photographed the Grand Chapter Session at the 2012 Grand York Rite Convention in Lake Mary, including the meeting, award presentations, installation of officers and Chapter group photos. We provided DVD's or pictures to a number of the Grand Chapter officers, and posted them on the Grand York Rite of Florida website.

The Committee has continued to photograph R.A.M. Chapter events and activities throughout the year, such as District Meetings, Table Chapters, visits of Grand Chapter officers and DDGHP visits to local Chapters. It also recorded Installations of local Chapter officers, presentations of honorary memberships, District Schools of Instruction, Festivals, etc. The Committee usually includes an article or description with the pictures that it posts on the Grand York Rite website.

Thus far in the Capitular Year, the Photography Committee has made some eleven or twelve postings of pictures to the Grand York Rite of Florida website.

We will continue to cover, and post pictures of as many of the Grand Chapter, District and local Royal Arch Chapter activities that we can attend and record for the Companions and public at large.

Please let us know if there are suggestions for other ways we can assist and promote the Chapter and York Rite at this time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Corbin P. Elliott, Chairman  
Richard A. Wolfe, Member

**RELIGIOUS AFFIRMATION COMMITTEE**

Of the thirty-six Royal Arch Chapters, only 11 turned in reports this year, down from last year's 19. The committee feels that, because of all the shuffling and changes made necessary by the most untimely death of MEGHP John Allen, some reports got lost or were diverted to some other area.

Here is a statistical breakdown of those reports:

Florida Chapter No. 1	31 attendees
Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 6	7 attendees
Jacksonville Chapter No. 12	10 attendees
Monroe Chapter No. 15	8 attendees
St. Augustine Chapter No. 17	10 attendees
Lakeland-Winter Haven Chapter No. 21	18 attendees
Jackson Chapter No. 32	18 attendees
Eustis Chapter No. 33	45 attendees
Sarasota Chapter No. 35	7 attendees
Clearwater Chapter No. 45	5 attendees
James Yeager Chapter No. 62	22 attendees

The report form asked for the following:

There were 27 elected officers in attendance, as well as 27 appointed officers, 6 Grand Line officers, 23 other Companions, and 93 guests. Seven of the services were in a church, three in a lodge, and one in an "other" place.

The Committee recommends that this program be continued as outlined in last year's report.

The committee thanks the Grand High priest for the opportunity to serve the Grand Chapter in this manner.

Sincerely and fraternally,

H. Warren Almand, Jr., Chairman, PGHP

**RETURNS & CREDENTIALS & REGISTRATION**

All Chapters are represented.

**ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE REPORT**

Eighteen Chapters (51.4%) contributed \$4,387.89. Other organizations made regular donations of \$1,001.00 and there were two individual donations totaling \$110.00. This gave us a grand total of \$5,498.89.

The Following Chapters donated a minimum of \$1.00 per member:

- Bay County #39
- Crestview #40
- Eustis #33
- Florida #1
- Gainesville #2
- Plant City #16
- Monroe #15

- Sarasota #35

The following Chapters donated or had donated in their name a minimum of \$2.00 per member:

- Clearwater #45
- Lakeland #29
- Mount Horeb #6
- St. Petersburg #31

The following Chapter donated or had donated in its name more than \$4.00 per member:

- Eureka #7

The following Chapter donated more than \$6.00 per member:

- St. Augustine #17

Contributions were received from the following organizations:

• Grand Chapter Ladies of Florida.....	\$342.67
• Joseph P. Lesure York Rite College.....	\$100.00
• Order of the High Priesthood.....	\$300.00
• National Sojourners Seminole Chapter 373.....	\$100.00
• Tampa Social Order of the Beauceant 208.....	\$100.00
• Pentagon York Rite College.....	\$33.33
• Labarum Conclave R.C.C. ....	\$25.00
• Winter Park Lodge F&AM.....	\$100.00

The following Chapters have contributed a minimum of \$1.00 per member for a number of years (number of years in parentheses).

- Bay County #39 (26)
- Clearwater #45 (31)
- Crestview #40 (9)
- Duval #48 (21)
- Eureka #7 (16)
- Florida #1 (15)
- Gainesville #2 (20)
- Lakeland #29 (6)
- Mount Horeb #6 (14)
- Plant City #16 (8)
- Sarasota #35 (25)
- St. Augustine #17 (25)
- St. Petersburg #31 (17)

Companions our contributions this past year were about average for Florida. Unfortunately we still have only about 50% of our Chapters donating to RARA. My goal for the coming year would be for all Chapters to contribute something no matter the amount to show your commitment to our official Charity. Thank you

I wish to thank our departed GHP John Allen and GHP John Wermann for the honor of serving the Grand Chapter as chairman of this most important committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harry V. Eisenberg, Chairman

## CONVENTION SOUVENIR PROGRAM

This Committee would like to thank Our Most Illustrious Grand High Priest John F. Wermann, Our Most Illustrious Grand Master Larry R. Gillespie and Our Right Eminent Grand Commander Arthur (AJ) LaRose for the Honor to serve Our Fellow Companions and Sir Knights on this Committee. We worked closely together with other Companions and believe the work this committee did was a success.

We were able to work together and add a section for Masonic Youth and have also received several ads from non-Masonic groups. We were able to sell the back cover and the inside covers as well. In addition, the Gold Supporters program did much better than we expected.

### 2012 – 2013 Sales Information, revised 05/05/2013

TYPE	QUANTITY
Full Page Ads	42
Half Page	11
Quarter Page	6
Eighth Page	5
Gold Supporters	192

The above ads generated a GROSS total of \$11,074 for the Grand York Rite Bodies. The final cost of printing has not been determined at the time of this writing.

The Committee recognizes the following that added to the success of the program:

1. The commitment of the Heads of the Grand Lines to Masonic Youth and other items added for the first time (or revamped) in this year's program.
2. The wholehearted assistance of several Companions and Sir Knights throughout the state.
3. The willingness of Companions and Sir Knights throughout the state to mention the program to Blue Lodges, York Rite, Scottish Rite and non-Masonic organizations.

The Committee makes the following recommendations for next year:

1. Continued improvement of communication with receipt of ads and monies.
2. Determine how we can contact Blue Lodges with Grand Lodge assistance to potentially increase the amount of sales.

It has been an Honor and a Privilege to serve the Craft on this Committee and we thank you for the opportunity.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee on "Convention Souvenir Program"

Fraternally and zealously submitted,

Companion AJ Ahrens, Companion William Jacobs and Companion Corbin Elliott

### TIME AND PLACE

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida will convene at the Sheridan Suites located at 4400 West Cypress Street, Tampa, Florida 33607 for our 168<sup>th</sup> Grand Convocation on Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 8:00 am.

This Convention will be geared toward fun and relaxation not only for all of the Companions and Sir Knights but also for our Families.

Bring your wives, significant others, children, grandchildren the more the merrier. Merri-Anne, Katie and Donna are already working on programs to keep all of those not in meetings entertained and busy.

My thanks go out to M.I. Dayle Schrock, Rt Eminent Henry Adams and most especially Carl E. Gilmore Convention Manager, no small job.

The facility will be wonderful, the food good and the fellowship fantastic.

Henry, Dayle, Carl and I look forward to seeing you all in Tampa.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Wermann, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

### TRIENNIAL REPORT

There was no Triennial Convocation held in the year 2012-2013.

The sixty-ninth (69<sup>th</sup>) General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International Convocation will be held on Buffalo, New York on September 25<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014. All Companions are invited.

Fraternally submitted,

John F. Wermann  
Most Excellent Grand High Priest

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

There are two items of unfinished business from the 164th, Annual Convocation. The first is that the minutes of that Convocation would be held over until this, the 165th, Annual Convocation. That item of business remains unaccomplished. The second item is the presentation of Gold Key Awards to the recipients. This was not able to be done at the 164th, Annual Convocation due to the unavailability of the awards. It is my hope that the Grand High Priest will be able to accomplish this during this Convocation.

Additionally, there remain several sets of minutes of previous Annual Convocations that have not been approved and published.

Those items of business remain unfinished and will be held over to the 166th Annual Convocation.

Robert G. Kirkpatrick

### WILLS AND GIFTS

To all concerned Companions:

There was no activity for 2012 - 2013 involving the "Wills and Gifts" Committee.

Fraternally and zealously submitted,

John F. Wermann  
Most Excellent Grand High Priest

### YORK RITE PUBLICATIONS REPORT

This Committee has had little to no activity in the Grand Chapter. There are plans to submit articles to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International Publication. We are also planning on submitting pictures and articles to the Grand Lodge of Florida's publication so as to receive some exposure.

The Grand Chapter of Florida is also expanding its website to include more local announcements, awards, fund raisers etc.

This Committee will strive to be more active in 2013 - 2014.

Fraternally and zealously submitted,

John F. Wermann  
Most Excellent Grand High Priest

### RESOLUTIONS (Approved)

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

#### Purpose for this Resolution

This resolution provides the enabling legislation necessary to establish a Florida Chapter of Research.

Heretofore, the Grand Chapter has been principally involved in superintending ritual, dealing with administrative ministerial business issues, and raising money for charity. There is no vehicle present that can teach what our rituals and symbolism are supposed to teach our candidates and members. Neither does a mechanism exist to encourage the research and exploration of what the rituals' symbolism means and teaches. This resolution provides the mechanism to establish this missing vehicle to accomplish further learning about our various rituals and symbols.

The activities of the Florida Chapter of Research are principally designed to encourage research and understanding of the various rituals and symbolism of not only the Royal Arch, but also the Cryptic Rite and the Order of Knights Templar. It will not deal with the specific matters of ritual that are more properly handled through the various Grand Bodies' Committees on work, but rather the pursuit of what these rituals actually mean, stand for, and teach men on how to discover their own spirituality and become at one with their own particular God. This is the missing piece of the puzzle that our younger members are seeking when they knock on our doors seeking

enlightenment.

**The Resolution**

Whereas, this Grand Chapter has no vehicle established for the research and exploration of the meanings and teachings of our various rituals; whereas, a Chapter of Research would be the perfect vehicle with which to enable our members to further explore the meanings behind or ritualistic work.

Be it therefore now **RESOLVED:**

That this Grand Chapter hereby adopts this resolution in its entirety, which includes the necessary legislative language that is labeled below as "Exhibit A" and does hereby establish the Florida Chapter of Research, Royal Arch Masons effective June 1, 2013.

Respectfully submitted by,

- James W. Hogg, Past District Deputy Grand High Priest, District 2
- John F. Wermann, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Florida
- Daniel E. Dale, Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Florida
- Duane B. Young, Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Florida
- Guy E. Waltman, Past District Deputy Grand High Priest, District 2
- Steven Q. Steele, Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Florida

Exhibit 'A' as follows:

**ARTICLE XIII**

**Section 20. FLORIDA CHAPTER OF RESEARCH**

The Grand High Priest may in his discretion constitute one Chapter to be known and designated as the "Florida Chapter of Research".

The Grand High Priest, upon the petition of fifteen or more Royal Arch Masons in good standing, may form a Florida Chapter of Research for the purpose of promoting, encouraging, conducting and fostering Masonic research and study and for the purpose of spreading Masonic light and knowledge. This authority includes, but is not limited to the following: Publishing a volume containing Masonic articles and papers of interest; issuing newsletters or bulletins on a periodic basis; publishing or distributing books on Freemasonry; and establishing a "Florida York Rite Academy of Philosophy" for the purpose of educating members in the meanings, teachings, and symbolism behind various York Rite Degrees and Orders, more especially those belonging to the Chapter. A Charter may be issued to such Chapter of Research without compliance with the usual requirements prescribed for the forming and chartering of regular subordinate Chapters within this Grand Chapter's jurisdiction.

A Florida Chapter of Research chartered under the provisions of this Section shall not have power or authority to receive petitions for or to confer Chapter Degrees. Its representatives as such, shall not have a vote in Grand Chapter, nor be entitled to receive mileage or per diem, as such, nor shall the Chapter be liable for or be required to pay per capita tax or assessments to the Grand Chapter. In lieu of annual returns, it shall instead make an annual report to the Grand Chapter.

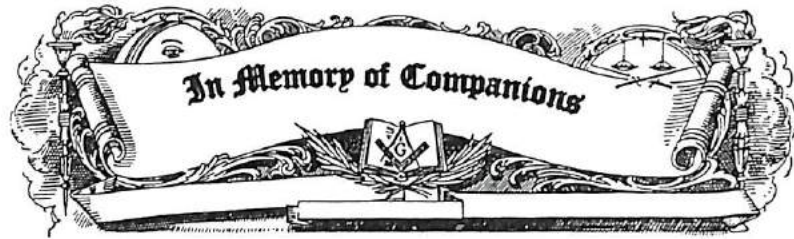
Any Royal Arch Mason, who is a member in good standing of a Florida Chapter, or any Chapter chartered or warranted by a Grand Chapter which is in amity with this Grand Chapter, shall be eligible for membership in and may petition for membership in the Florida Chapter of Research formed under the provisions of this section.

The Territorial Jurisdiction of such Chapter shall be coextensive with that of the Grand Chapter and it may hold annual, stated, or special Convocations at such times and places as it or its duly

authorized officer or officers may determine. Active membership in such Chapter shall not continue unless regular membership in good standing is maintained by such member in a regular subordinate Chapter of this Jurisdiction, or such other jurisdiction with which this Grand Chapter is in amity.

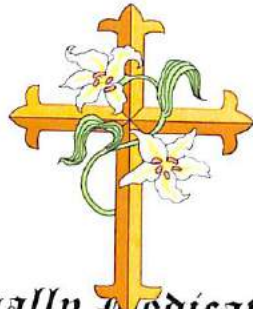
Honorary, associate, corresponding and/or subscribing memberships in such Chapter may be had and maintained by individual Royal Arch Masons, Masonic libraries, Masonic bodies or organizations on such terms and conditions as the Florida Chapter of Research may prescribe. Individual Royal Arch Masons may be elected "Fellows" by the Florida Chapter of Research as recognition of outstanding accomplishment. Membership in such Chapter of Research shall not be considered as a dual or plural membership.

The Florida Chapter of Research shall promulgate a Code of By-laws for its government which shall be effective upon its approval by the Grand High Priest. The Grand High Priest may promulgate such rules and regulations as he deems appropriate for the government of such Chapter. The High Priest or Past High Priest of a Florida Chapter of Research is not eligible to receive the degree of "Holy Order of the High Priesthood".



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Grand Jurisdictions  
Who have passed on to the  
Eternal Reward  
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*We Fraternally Dedicate This Page*



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DELRAY	53		1932			
MD CUSHING	54					MERGED WITH TAMPA #3 IN 1967, BECAME TAMPA-CUSHING NO. 3
HILL CITY	55					MERGED WITH DADE CITY #8, DEC. 1971
ST. JOSEPH	56					MERGED WITH BAY COUNTY NO. 39 IN 1981.
HIRAM (Miami Shores)	58					U.D. in 1954, (1959 Proc)
Shown as No. 60	60					Merging with No. 11 in 1965.
CANAVERAL	62					MERGED WITH INDIAN RIVER #27 1967

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ST. JOHNS	4	1884				MERGER WITH HALIFAX NO. 5, DEC. 2007
Dade City	8					
KISSIMMEE	10			1936		
INVERNESS	14			1936		
LAKE BUTLER	19					MERGED WITH LAKE CITY NO. 38, Dec. 1969
ISLAND	21			1918		
Thomas Brown	22					
CHIPLEY	23		1932			
JEFFERSON	26			1966		
GADSDEN	30					MERGED WITH FLORIDA NO. 1 IN 1967
LEESBURG	34		1991			
ARCADIA	36			1932		
WALTON	37		1928			
PROVIDENCE	38			1939		
BAY COUNTY	39			1933	1945	
WINTER HAVEN	41	1922				
HIGHLANDS	42					MERGED WITH WINTER HAVEN NO. 41, 41 1978
MELBOURNE UNION	43			1936		
PERRY	44			1933		
OKEECHOBEE	46		1932			
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Chapter Number	Chapter Name	Jan 1, 2012	EXALTED	REINSTATE	AFFILIATED	ADJUSTMENTS	SUBTOTAL	DIFFERENCE	DIMINISHED	SUSPENDED	ADJUSTMENTS	Dec 31, 2012	LOSS / GAIN	MEMBERS	50 YEAR
1	Florida	143	15	0	0	0	157	0	0	0	0	157	14	1	1
2	Gainesville	130	6	0	1	0	128	2	1	6	0	128	-2	0	0
3	Tampa-Cushing	271	6	1	2	0	280	2	4	19	26	254	-17	13	7
5	Halifax	110	3	0	0	0	113	3	2	6	0	102	-8	0	8
6	Mt. Horeb	289	14	3	1	0	307	13	3	4	5	282	-7	6	26
7	Eureka	247	10	1	1	0	260	7	4	6	3	243	-4	4	12
8	Dade City	13	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0
9	Putnam	87	2	1	0	0	78	4	0	8	0	78	-9	4	5
11	Jericho	241	21	13	0	0	275	0	0	0	0	275	34	5	7
12	Jacksonville	327	13	2	5	0	347	17	0	6	-23	324	-3	27	13
13	Ocala	73	2	1	0	0	76	1	3	6	0	66	-7	2	1
15	Monroe	80	3	0	4	1	88	2	2	15	0	69	-11	0	5
16	Plant City	77	6	0	0	0	83	1	0	1	0	83	6	1	3
17	St. Augustine	64	1	0	0	0	63	2	0	0	0	63	-1	0	0
18	Manatee River	57	2	0	0	0	57	0	0	2	0	57	0	3	2
20	Keystone	93	0	0	0	0	100	6	6	24	7	100	7	0	4
22	Thomas Brown	38	0	0	0	0	38	1	1	4	0	32	-6	0	0
24	Palm Beach	120	0	0	0	0	120	1	0	0	0	119	-1	0	0
27	Indian River	120	0	0	0	0	120	0	0	0	0	120	0	2	13
28	Joppa	176	14	0	0	0	190	6	2	10	18	172	-4	1	0
29	Lakeland	127	3	0	0	0	141	12	1	6	0	127	0	0	0
31	St. Petersburg	110	2	0	0	0	112	2	0	2	0	108	-2	0	0
32	Jackson	62	2	0	0	0	55	8	1	0	0	55	-7	1	2
33	Eustis	77	3	0	0	0	77	3	3	0	0	74	-3	0	0
35	Sarasota	104	2	2	1	-3	96	2	2	10	3	96	-8	1	3
38	Lake City	112	0	0	0	0	112	0	0	2	0	110	-2	0	0
39	Bay County	107	0	0	1	0	106	2	0	0	0	106	-1	0	14
40	Crestview	86	1	1	0	0	88	0	0	2	0	88	2	0	12
45	Clearwater	154	0	0	0	0	150	3	1	0	0	150	-4	0	0
48	Duval	75	0	1	0	0	74	1	0	10	0	63	-11	0	0
49	Nassau	59	0	0	0	0	59	0	0	0	0	59	0	0	0
50	Poinciana	162	13	0	0	0	175	0	1	0	0	174	12	20	6
57	Surf	102	0	1	0	0	101	0	1	1	0	100	-1	0	10
59	Melbourne	94	0	0	0	0	94	1	0	0	0	94	0	0	0
62	James	74	3	1	0	0	73	0	0	4	1	73	-1	4	0

Yeager															
63	Eden	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
64	Highland	23	0	0	0	0	24	1	1	0	0	21	-2	0	0
65	Island	98	0	0	0	0	98	0	0	0	0	98	0	0	0
66	Challenger	31	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0
67	Everglade	31	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0

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Membership Jan 1, 2012		4448	
Exalted	147	Died	103
Reinstated	28	Dimitted	39
Affiliated	16	Suspended	158
Adjustments	4	Adjustments	83
Gain	75	Loss	-49
Net Gain/Loss	-49		
Membership Dec 31, 2012		4399	