

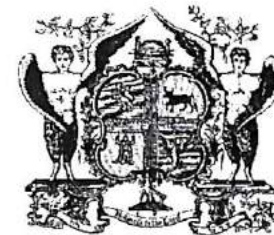
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		Roderic D. Mouer Jr	Scribe

**REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS  
2014-2015 (Continued)**

Clearwater	No. 45	John E. Drewett	High Priest
		Richard C. Brooks	King
		Richard P. Raguso	Scribe
Duval	No. 48	Carl Thorwart	High Priest
		R. J. Aenchbacher	King
		Dave Thomas	Scribe
Nassau	No. 49	Alexander E. Constant	High Priest
		Donald G. Gay	King
		Kevin W. Rentz	Scribe
Poinciana	No. 50	Guillermo Cacho	High Priest
		Eduardo Sanchez Jr	King
		Charles Roderick	Scribe
Surf	No. 57	Dennis A. Barbarisi	High Priest
		Benjamin D. Gaillard	King
		Emmett A. Redding	Scribe
Melbourne	No. 59	Vern Sipe	High Priest
		Thomas L. Moore	King
		George E. Goddard Jr	Scribe
James Yeager	No. 62	Ronald D. George	High Priest
		Thomas L. Jones	King
		Howard D. Hall	Scribe
Heartland	No. 64	James Keaveny	High Priest
		DeVern C. Lehman	King
		Kenneth E. Cook Jr	Scribe
Island	No. 65	Michael Marabona	High Priest
		Jose Luis Hernandez	King
		James N. Massaro	Scribe
Everglade	No. 67	Errol J. Smith Jr	High Priest
		Jonathan Karalekas	King
		Guillermo Cacho	Scribe

**THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND CHAPTER OF  
ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF FLORIDA**

**REPORT OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST 2014-2015**

GREETINGS

To the Grand Line Officers, District Deputy Grand High Priest, District Instructors, Royal Arch Masons, of this Grand jurisdiction, and Guest, we welcome you to the 169<sup>th</sup> Grand Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Florida. We hope that your time here in Panama City Beach, is an enjoyable one. To our Distinguished Guest, we hope that the accommodations during your stay are suitable for you and your families; thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to share it with us, it is an honor to have you here in our presence. I look forward to the opportunity to meet each and every one of you during this Grand Session.

PROGRAM

The main focus this past year has been on membership, Freemasonry as a whole has been in decline for many years due to various reasons which we are all familiar with. There are several traditional ways to combat the membership decline from Membership Committee visits to Blue Lodge Representatives; we need to continue these practices. This past year by a united effort, the three Grand Presiding Officers, decided to try a new approach by holding District Festivals as oppose to the traditional old school meetings, in my opinion this idea proved to be successful. Two other areas we focus on were Royal Arch Research Assistance, and the Masonic Youth, including the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

NECROLOGY

This past year Grand Architect of the Universe, ceased the labor of and called home many of our Companions. The first one that comes to mind is Companion Albert L. Merrill, Sr., from Miami, Florida, he was my original selection for District Deputy Grand High Priest, for District No. 1; he passed on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014, prior to the Grand York Rite Convention. He was a good Man, a good Mason and a friend to me. We also loss three of our Most

Excellent Past Grand High Priest, they are as follows: M. Ex. Companion Vernon H. Miller, M.E.P.G.P. 1988, who passed on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014, just prior to the start of last year's Grand Convention, M. Ex. Companion Wilbur R. Allen, M.E.P.G.H.P., 2006, who passed on July 9<sup>th</sup> 2014, and M. Ex. Companion Leslie H. Scott, Jr., M.E.P.G.H.P., 1998, who passed on August 23, 2014. Because of the contributions made of these companions our great fraternity is better off, may their departed souls rest in peace forever.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

For years now, our main challenge has been and continues to be membership in our Chapters. In fact, the same holds true for all three Bodies of the York Rite. We continue to see losses that exceed our gains in most if not all areas of the state due to suspensions, demits, and death. One way to counter this problem is to use the resources that are available to us in order to retain and grow our membership base, we also need to get all of our members involved in creating new ideas and put those ideas to work. The more members we have working on this the better our chances are in reversing our losses.

This year the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Right Eminent Grand Commander, and I decided to try District Festivals, instead of the old traditional District Meetings. We three felt that the meetings of the past were not productive enough and weren't well attended by those who needed the information the most. It should be noted that these District Festivals were in addition each Chapters normal scheduled festivals; also, the host York Rite Body, received three hundred dollars from the Grand Bodies to offset their expenses. This was accomplished by reallocating the District Deputies stipend. While attending the District Festivals, the hospitality and fellowship was outstanding and the ritual work was preformed well and enjoyable. However, I did notice that the floor work from district to district did vary some. Having said that, I feel that the festivals were successful and the results merited us 207 new companions

A word concerning memory work; the overall proficiency at Stated Convocations is improving but we still have some Chapters using cue cards and/or books during the opening and closing. We need to continue to reinforce to our officers of the importance doing our work from memory. Another area that needs addressing is attendance, we still have several Chapters struggling to get enough people open, and had it not *been* for visiting companions they would have been unable to do so.

When reviewing the reports of the District Deputy Grand High Priest, it appears that our Chapters for the most part are doing well administratively and financially. However, we still have problems concerning monthly reports not being turned in. That being said it should be noted that we are experiencing some problems with regard to the recording of that data. To be fair in this assessment, the Grand Secretaries' office has an overwhelming amount of work that needs to get done. Additionally, our Grand Secretary has experienced major health issues in recent months. Because of this there is an extra Two Dollars in the upcoming legislation to raise the Per-Capita tax to hire an Office Manager, to handle the day to day operations of the office. This will free up some of the Grand Secretaries time to focus on the fraternal matters.

In conclusion, Capitular Masonry is alive and well. In Florida, and continues to do good work, true work, and square work!

#### DISPENSATIONS:

There were three requests for Dispensations submitted that were either incomplete or not in proper form and were not acted upon; they are as follows:  
02/06/2015 - Request from Lakeland Chapter No. 29, to change the meeting time for the purpose of holding a Table Chapter, and to allow them to serve wine at the meeting. This meeting is scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

02/23/2015 - Request from Keystone Chapter No. 20, to change the location of their stated meeting from J. Dewey Hawkins Lodge No. 331, to Doric Lodge No. 140, for the April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015, only.

09/19/2014 - Request from Sarasota Chapter No. 35, to hold a Joint Open Installation with Manatee River Chapter No. 18, together with Venice Council No. 41, Bradenton Council No. 9 and Trinity Commandery No. 16, noting further that the officers would be installed separately. The meeting is to take place on January 8, 2015.

There were eleven requests for Dispensations that were submitted and approved as follows:

07/21/2014 - Request from Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, to hold a Table Chapter on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014; the night of their regular stated meeting.

07/25/2015 - Request from Gainesville Chapter No. 2, to hold a tiled meeting of an Ancient Table Chapter, on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

10/08/2014 - Request from Ocala Chapter No. 13, to hold its Annual Election of Officers on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014, because the Chapter does not meet in December.

10/16/2014 - Request from Sarasota Chapter No. 35, to move their charter and to hold an Open Installation of Officers at Manatee Lodge No. 31, in Bradenton, Florida, noting that the charter would be returned to the location where the charter was chartered at the conclusion of the installation. Furthermore, noting that it would be a joint Installation with Manatee River Chapter No. 18, Venice Council No. 41, Bradenton Council No. 9 and Trinity Commandery No. 16, in which the officers would be installed separately; the meeting to take place on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

10/20/2014 - Request from Manatee River Chapter No. 18, to move their charter and to hold an Open Installation of Officers at Manatee Lodge No. 31, in Bradenton, Florida, noting that the charter would be returned to the location where the charter was chartered at the conclusion of the installation. Furthermore, noting that it would be a joint Installation with Sarasota Chapter No. 35, Venice Council No. 41, Bradenton Council No. 9 and Trinity Commandery No. 16, in which the officers would be installed separately; the meeting to take place on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

10/23/2014 - Request from Monroe Chapter No. 15, to wear their Chapter Aprons and Jewels during the Sanford Christmas Parade on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

12/13/2014 - Request from Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, to move their regular stated meeting from January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015, to January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, due to the scheduled installation of Officers on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

02/10/2015 - Request from Joppa Chapter No. 28, to move the charter from Ft. Pierce Lodge No. 87, for the purpose of conducting a Statewide Festival, on March 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at the Box Ranch location in Indiantown, Florida, the charter to be returned to the location where the Chapter was chartered at the conclusion of the festival.

04/13/2015 - Request from Keystone Chapter No. 20, to change the location of their stated meeting from J. Dewey Hawkins Lodge No. 331, to Doric Lodge No. 140, for the April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015, only. This request is made because they are unable to meet at J. Dewey Hawkins Lodge any longer.

02/13/2015 - Request from Gainesville Chapter No. 2, to hold a tiled meeting of an Ancient Table Chapter, on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

02/23/2015 - Request from Lakeland Chapter No. 29, to hold an Open Table Chapter, on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015, for the purpose of raising funds to donate to R.A.R.A., noting that the meeting will begin at 6:30pm. There was also a request for permission to serve wine.

#### BY-LAWS

I have approved the following request for a By-Laws Amendment:

09/27/2014 - Request from Lakeland Chapter No. 29, to increase the Chapters dues from \$13.00 to \$18.00, plus Per-Capita Tax and such additional sums as the Grand Chapter shall from time to time prescribe payable in advance at the beginning of each Chapter year (that being 12/28 of each year).

12/10/2014 - Request from Bay County Chapter No. 39, to change to regular meeting nights from the second Monday, of odd numbered months to the fourth Monday, January, April, July, and October, and the second Monday of December.

#### EXECUTIVE ORDERS

I issued six Executive Orders as follows:

08/01/2014 - No. 1 - SEALED per order of the Grand High Priest.

09/04/2014 - No. 2 - Concerning the death of M. Ex. Companion Wilbur R. Allen, M.E.G.H.P., 2006, ordering all Chapters drape their alters.

09/04/2014 - No. 3 - Appointing Companion Ronald L. Parks, as the Assistant Grand Chaplain. 09/26/2014 - No. 4 - Ordering each Chapter to hold a Religious Affirmation Ceremony.

10/17/2014 - No. 5 - Concerning the death of M. Ex. Companion Leslic H. Scott, Jr., M.E.G.H.P., 1998, ordering all Chapters to drape their alters.

04/24/2015 - No. 6 - Appointing Companion Carl E. Gilmore, as the Assistant Grand Treasurer, authorizing him to write and sign checks on behalf of the Grand Chapter.

04/24/2015 - No. 6 - Appointing Companion Carl E. Gilmore, as the Assistant Grand Treasurer, authorizing him to write and sign checks on behalf of the Grand Chapter.

#### WARRANTS

During the 2014-2015 year the Grand Chapter Office presented me with Thirty-Four Warrants to process. I approved Warrants #2014-01 through #2014-34, for a grand total of \$34,358.51.

#### MASONIC ACTIVITIES

In addition to my routine Masonic Activities this past year I represented the Grand Chapter of Florida at the following Masonic events:

Georgia Grand York Rite Convention, Macon, GA - May 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
 Florida Grand Lode Communication, Orlando, FL - May 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
 Southeastern York Rite Conference, Greenville, SC - June 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
 District No. 3, York Rite Festival, Tampa, FL - June 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014  
 International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Annual Grand Assembly, Palm Harbor, FL - June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014  
 District No. 9, York Rite Festival, Tallahassee, FL - June 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
 International Order of DeMolay for Boys, Annual State Conclave, Jacksonville, FL July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
 District No. 8, York Rite Festival, Gainesville, FL - July 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
 Ancient Table Chapter Convocation, Jacksonville, FL - August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
 District No. 4, York Rite Festival, Plant City, FL - August 15<sup>th</sup>, & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
 Ancient Table Chapter Convocation, Gainesville, FL - August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
 District No. 10, School of Instruction, Pensacola, FL - August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014  
 District No. 10, York Rite Festival, Pensacola, FL - September 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
 District No. 5, York Rite Festival, Orlando, FL - September 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
 General Grand Chapter R.A.M. International, Triennial, Buffalo, NY - September 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
 District No. 6, York Rite Festival, Fort Pierce, FL - October 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
 District No. 7, York Rite Festival, Jacksonville, FL - October 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
 District No. 2, York Rite Festival, Venice, FL - November 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
 Grand Chapter Audit, Tampa, FL - December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
 York Rite Festival, Tallahassee, FL - February 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
 M.I.G.M. & M.E.G.H.P. Combined Homecoming, Tallahassee, FL - February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
 Alabama Grand York Rite Convention, Birmingham, AL - February 27<sup>th</sup> - March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015  
 South Carolina Grand York Rite Convention, Myrtle Beach, SC - March 8<sup>th</sup> - March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Grand Commanders Homecoming, Fort Pierce, FL - April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Each event was an enjoyable experience, the hospitality, fellowship and many courtesies that were afforded me were second to none. I look forward to the day when I can visit them again.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NOMINATED

H. Warren Armand, Jr. - Scotland  
Harry V. Eisenberg - Massachusetts  
Benjamin R. Holland - Rhode Island  
Edgar E. Ortiz - Spain  
Ronald L. Parks - Wisconsin  
Robert C. St. John - Finland

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES ACCEPTED AND COMMISSIONED

Harold Monte M. Miller - Minnesota  
M. E. Thomas Riggio - New Jersey  
James L. Sturtevant - Wyoming  
Sean Watson - Quebec

TRIENNIAL

The 69th Triennial of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International was held in Buffalo, N.Y., on Monday, September 29th, 2014. The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Florida was well represented; those in attendance from the Grand Chapter were as follows:

Officers

M. Ex. Companion William R. Jacobs, M.E.G.H.P.  
Ex. Companion Richard S. Agster, Ex. Grand Captain of the 'Host'  
R. Ex. Companion Henry A. Adams, R.E.D.D.G.H.P. District No. 6

Past Grand High Priest

M. Ex. Companion H. Warren Almand, Jr.  
M. Ex. John F. Wermann

During the session legislation was presented to raise the Per-Capita Tax from \$1.00 to \$2.00, effective in 2016 and from \$2.00 to \$3.00, effective in 2018.

After some discussion the legislation passed. For those of us in attendance it was an enjoyable experience and I for one look forward to attending again in the future.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST HOMECOMING

The Grand High Priest Homecoming was a combined event with the Most Illustrious Grand Master; it was held on Saturday, February 14, 2015 in Tallahassee, Florida, at Jackson Lodge No 1, F. & A.M. It was a great celebration filled with lots of food and good fellowship, everyone in attendance had a wonderful time. I'd like to thank Companion Chop Bodiford, and all the members of the Tallahassee York Rite Bodies, for hosting this great evening.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST R.A.R.A. CHARITY PROJECT

My charity this past year was Royal Arch Research Assistance. In order to raise funds for this, a special Tie was created and made available for purchase. The Tie was black with a red Triple Tau, on it and for every Tie sold the Royal Arch Assistance received \$5.00. During this past year we sold Fifty-Three Ties and was able to donate \$265.00 to the charity. Although we didn't do as well as hoped, a little bit is better than none. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Companion Jack C. Maulden, for efforts in administrating the sale of these Ties, as well as all the Companions and Sir Knights who supported the project by purchasing a Tie.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Membership:

1. Ensure that each Blue Lodge has a Representative assigned to it to act as a liaison between the York Rite Bodies and the Lodge, to recruit new members and pass along information.
2. Consider making Lodge visits as a group to promote the York Rite Masonry. This could be something to task your Membership Committee with. They could present one of our several programs like the Council Circumambulation or the Chapters Fervency and Zeal. Of course, placing a Lodge Representative in the Lodge and making a visit would require the Worshipful Masters permission.

3. Start a Help Pay a Brother Dues Fund to cut down on suspensions.

Grand Secretaries Office:

1. Should develop a Secretaries Handbook as a resource for the Secretary at the local level to utilize in the course of performing his duties, to guide him through the process, instructing him what to do and when to do it.
2. Providing the money is available, hire a part time office manager to handle the business/administrative duties; this would allow the Grand Secretary to focus more on fraternal business/issues.

APPRECIATION

My Companions, serving this Grand Chapter, as the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, this past year has been both rewarding as well as an honor; I can never thank you enough for affording me the opportunity to serve in this capacity. The kindness, compassion and support that has been extended to me this past year has been humbling to say the least, it's a debt that I can never repay. There are so many so many deserving people that I need to thank:

To the Great Architect of the Universe, for seeing me through so many adversities and setbacks in my personal life this past year, for all his many blessings and guidance along the way.

To the Grand Line Officers, District Deputy Grand High Priest, District Instructors and Committeemen, thank you for sharing your time, talents and efforts this past year; it was an honor and pleasure to serve with you. Because of your efforts the Grand Chapter continues to be in good shape.

To the members of Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 6, thank you for being so understanding concerning my short comings as your Secretary/Recorder, during this past year. Thank you for your unwavering support!

To the late Most Excellent Companion Daniel E. Dale and his Lady Linda, I owe Dan, a debt of gratitude for appointing me to the bottom of the line in

2007, had it not been for him I would not be here today. I also want to thank Linda, for her continued support to the Grand York Rite Bodies, the Grand Chapter, and more especially me during my tenure as Grand High Priest.

To Most Excellent Companions Glenn E. Chandler, and Michael A. Padron, Jr., thank you both for your wise counsel, advice and continued mentoring. Had it not been for you two my year as Grand High Priest, would have been more difficult if not impossible.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, H. Warren Almand, Jr., and the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Paul W. Friend, thank you both for making this such a great year and an enjoyable experience. The fact that I was able to serve with two Past Grand's was definitely a big asset to me.

And to my wife Jeannie, I thank her for the unconditional support and countless sacrifices over the past eight years while going through this Grand Line; she has allowed me the time to participate in this great fraternity; she has shown me an enormous amount of understanding and thoughtfulness during a time when I always didn't deserve it. She is my best friend, soul mate, and the love of my life whom I can never, never repay!

Most Sincerely and Fraternaly,

William R. Jacobs, M.E.G.H.P.  
Most Excellent Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Florida

### **GRAND HIGH PRIEST AWARD 2014-2015**

My Companions,

After careful review of the reports submitted by District Deputy Grand High Priest, during their official visits of the Chapters this past year the committee chose Eureka Chapter No. 7 RAM, as the recipient of the Grand High Priest Award for 2014-2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

William R. Jacobs, MEGHP, Chairman  
Richard A. Wolfe, REGK  
C. Robert Cooper, REGS

### **GRAND SECRETARY REPORT 2014-2015**

Due to the severe illness of our Grand Secretary, there is no report from the Grand Office. However, I know that Howard was most appreciative of all the support he received through the 2014-2015 year. He was always appreciative of the assistance that was offered to him during his illness and recovery.

Monthly reports were still a major problem. Too many were not being sent into the Office and as a result the yearly per capita reports were very difficult to do because of difference between our records and that of the General Grand Chapter.

I am sure that recommendations were going to be made to help resolve these problems but, again, because of the severity of his illness, none were made.

For the Grand Secretary (2014-2015)

L. Edward Villiaume III, KYCH

### **PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER 2014 - 2015**

As it so often happens, when one attempts to correct something, there are more problems that tend to appear. This year in conjunction with the Grand Secretary/Record, the reporting form for the per capita tax was revised to reflect the deceased perpetual member information. A major problem was encountered when it was learned that many of the constituent bodies had not maintained accurate records of their perpetual member data. Adding to this is that in the last three years there has been a significant change of Secretary/Recorders. This leads to still another reporting problem in that many of the Secretary/Recorders have not maintained the information regarding the effective per capita tax at the time the perpetual membership was obtained.

Additionally, it has been discovered that when a member demits to another body, the gaining body may not be aware that the new Companion/Sir Knight has a perpetual membership. Also, what if the dues structure is not the same? The regulations do not address this particular situation. What is the obligation of the Companion/Sir Knight to the gaining body if the dues are more than what he had been subject to paying in the losing body? Does the Companion/Sir Knight have to make an additional payment to his individual account to balance out the account with the dues requirement of the gaining body? And, what are the reporting criteria to the Grand York Rite office and Grand Treasurer, who is responsible for making the payouts annually?

What are the reporting criteria for perpetual members being transferred to another body because a charter has been surrendered? Firstly, the gaining body needs to accurately report the gain to the Grand York Rite office (this is not always the case). And, secondly, the Grand Treasurer needs to be notified of the change to update the gaining body's perpetual account records.

As was reported last year, the regulations regarding the old Life membership program needs to be updated. And, with the above problems now being exposed, the perpetual membership program needs to be updated to provide

for the accurate reporting of membership data to all that need to be informed. It all starts at the constituent level though. The Grand York Rite membership data files are only as accurate as the local Secretary/Recorders provide the information on a timely basis. And, due follow up procedures, particularly with regard to the perpetual membership data must be provided to the Grand Treasurer as the administrator of the Life/Perpetual funding files.

It would also appear that the regulations pertaining to the investment accounts need to be examined and some adjustments made. The financial markets have changed since the regulations were initially written and some updating is called for to reflect the changes. I would suggest that the Investment Committees, along with the Grand Treasurer, meet to review the regulations and submit appropriate changes as may be necessary.

I thank the craft for allowing me to serve again as your Grand Treasurer. A copy of the final payouts for the Life/Perpetual accounts has been attached to this preliminary report.

Fraternally submitted,

Richard E. Foreman, MIPGM  
Grand Treasurer

**GRAND CHAPTER FINAL BALANCE SHEET  
2014-2015**

31 May 2015

ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
CHECKING/SAVINGS	
LIFE /PERPETUAL CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 7,589.64
DORAL BANK	\$ 35,156.42
WACHOVIA	\$ 65,126.32
TOTAL CHECKING/SAVINGS	\$ 107,872.38
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 107,872.38</b>

OTHER ASSETS	
EDWARD JONES ADMINISTRATIVE ACCT (5/31/2015)	\$ 383,420.68
EDWARD JONES LIFE/PERPETUAL ACCT (5/31/2015)	\$ 308,730.04
<b>TOTAL OTHER ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 692,150.72</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 800,023.10</b>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES	
40070- ENNDOWMENT FUND	\$ 600.00
40040- TRIENNIAL FUND	\$ 1,634.00
40050- CARRYOVER FUNDS	\$ 7,426.03
40051- COLLECTED ADVANCED PER CAPITA	\$ 34,937.00
40052- INTEREST ON ADVANCED PER CAPITA	\$ 447.42
40060- CHARITY FUND	\$ 400.35
40062- FUNDRAISER	\$ 6,422.00
<b>TOTAL OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 51,866.80</b>

LONG TERM LIABILITIES	
40059- EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND	\$ 628.19
40054- COLLECTED PER CAPITA FOR FUTURE	\$ 39,287.00
<b>TOTAL LONG TERM LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 39,287.00</b>

OTHER LIABILITIES	
LIFE/PERPETUAL CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 7,589.64
EDWARD JONES ADMINISTRATIVE ACCT (5/31/2014)	\$ 326,358.14
EDWARD JONES LIFE/PERPETUAL ACCT (5/31/2014)	\$ 300,039.69
<b>TOTAL OTHER LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 633,987.47</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 725,769.46</b>



<b>EQUITY</b>	
NET UNREALIZED EDWARD JONES ADMIN GAIN	\$ 57,062.54
NET UNREALIZED EDWARD JONES LIFE/PERP GAIN	\$ 8,690.35
NET INCOME	\$ 8,500.75
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 74,253.64</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 800,023.10</b>

**PROFIT & LOSS BUDGET vs. ACTUAL**  
June 2014 through May 2015

	JUN '14- MAY'15	BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
<b>INCOME</b>			
40000- ANNUAL PER CAPITA	\$ 39,042.00	\$39,042.00	100.0 %
40001- PER CAPITA INTEREST	\$	\$ 230.00	0.0 %
40010- EXALTATIONS	\$	\$ 1,250.00	0.0 %
40011- OTHER INTEREST	\$ 66.92	\$ 80.00	83.65%
40012- OTHER INCOME	\$ 570.66	\$ 100.00	570.66%
40020- ANNUAL CONVENTION	\$ 9,504.14	\$ 9,000.00	105.6 %
40030- RITUAL SALES			
40031- OTHER CHAPTER RITUAL BOOKS	\$ 560.00	\$ 1,000.00	56.0 %
40032- YORK RITE OF FREEMASONRY	\$ 15.00	\$ 500.00	3.0 %
<b>TOTAL 40030- RITUAL SALES</b>	<b>\$ 575.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>	<b>38.33%</b>
40061- GRAND HIGH PRIEST CHARITY	\$	\$	0.0 %
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 49,758.72</b>	<b>\$ 51,202.00</b>	<b>97.18%</b>

**PROFIT & LOSS BUDGET vs. ACTUAL**  
June 2014 through May 2015 (Continued)

<b>EXPENSE</b>			
66900- RECONCILIATION DISCREPANCIES	\$ .40		
<b>10010- ALLOWANCES</b>			
10011- GRAND HIGH PRIEST	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 3,500.00	50.0 %
10012- GRAND KING	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	100.0 %
10014- JEWEL, APRON & CASE	\$ 778.00	\$ 700.00	111.14%
<b>TOTAL 10010- ALLOWANCES</b>	<b>\$ 3,528.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,200.00</b>	<b>67.85%</b>

<b>10020- CHARITIES</b>			
10022- YOUTH CHARITIES	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00	66.67 %
10023- MASONIC HOME	\$	\$ 100.00	0.0 %
10025- YOUTH ACTIVITIES	\$ 300.00	\$	
<b>TOTAL 10020- CHARITIES</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	<b>\$ 400.00</b>	<b>125.0 %</b>

<b>10030- MEETINGS</b>			
10031- TRIENNIAL	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	100.0 %
10032- DISTRICT MEETINGS	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	100.0 %
10033- SUMMER ASSEMBLY	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	100.0 %
10034- MEGHP SE CONFERENCE	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	100.0 %
10035- REGK SE CONFERENCE	\$	\$ 100.00	0.0 %
10036- REGS SE CONFERENCE	\$	\$ 100.00	0.0 %
10037- GRAND SECRETARY SE CONFERENCE	\$ 33.00	\$ 34.00	97.06%
<b>TOTAL 10030- MEETINGS</b>	<b>\$ 1,933.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,134.00</b>	<b>90.58%</b>

**PROFIT & LOSS BUDGET vs. ACTUAL**  
June 2014 through May 2015 (Continued)

<b>10040 · GRAND CONVOCATION</b>			
10047 · PER DIEM FOR DDGHP & DI	\$ 50.00	\$	
10040 · GRAND CONVOCATION-OTHER	\$ 9,458.02	\$ 8,500.00	111.27%
<b>TOTAL 10040 · GRAND CONVOCATION</b>	<b>\$ 9,508.02</b>	<b>\$ 8,500.00</b>	<b>111.86%</b>
<b>10050 · OFFICE EXPENSES</b>			
10051 · OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 264.15	\$ 250.00	105.66%
10052 · POSTAGE	\$ 373.10	\$ 600.00	62.18%
10053 · RENT	\$ 3,666.67	\$ 4,000.00	91.67%
10054 · TELEPHONE	\$ 923.25	\$ 700.00	131.89%
10055 · UTILITIES	\$	\$	0.0 %
10056 · COMPUTER SERVICES	\$ 30.67	\$ 250.00	12.27%
10057 · COMPUTER MAINTENANCE	\$ 43.34	\$ 250.00	17.34%
10058 · CONTROLLED STORAGE RENTAL	\$ 404.61	\$ 424.00	95.43%
10059 · EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	100.0 %
<b>TOTAL 10050 · OFFICE EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 5,905.79</b>	<b>\$ 6,674.00</b>	<b>88.49%</b>

<b>10060 · PRINTING</b>			
10061 · GENERAL PRINTING EXPENSES	\$ 674.38	\$ 100.00	674.38%
10062 · PROCEEDINGS	\$ 642.00	\$ 550.00	116.73%
10063 · RITUALS	\$ 554.83	\$ 1,500.00	36.99%
10065 · COPIER MAINTENANCE	\$ 47.16	\$ 100.00	47.16%
10066 · PRINTING SUPPLIES	\$	\$ 100.00	0.0 %
10067 · COST/YORK RITE OF FREEMASONRY	\$ 95.00	\$ 500.00	19.0 %
<b>TOTAL 10060 · PRINTING</b>	<b>\$ 2,013.37</b>	<b>\$ 2,850.00</b>	<b>70.65%</b>

**PROFIT & LOSS BUDGET vs. ACTUAL**  
June 2014 through May 2015 (Continued)

<b>10070 · SALARIES/PAYROLL TAXES</b>			
10071 · GRAND TREASURER	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	100.0 %
10072 · GRAND SECRETARY	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	100.0 %
10073 · OFFICE TEMPORARY HELP	\$ 4,940.04	\$ 5,000.00	98.8 %
<b>TOTAL 10070 · SALARIES/PAYROLL TAXES</b>	<b>\$10,740.04</b>	<b>\$10,800.00</b>	<b>99.45%</b>

<b>10080 · TAXES</b>			
10081 · FLORIDA CORPORATION TAX	\$ 61.25	\$ 62.00	98.79%
10082 · GENERAL GRAND PER CAPITA TAX	\$ 4,351.00	\$ 4,200.00	103.6 %
<b>TOTAL 10080 · TAXES</b>	<b>\$ 4,351.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,262.00</b>	<b>103.6 %</b>

<b>10090 · SUNDRY</b>			
10091 · EDUCATION & TRAINING	\$ 819.78	\$ 850.00	96.45%
10092 · AWARDS	\$	\$ 1,000.00	0.0 %
10095 · INSURANCE	\$ 1,229.00	\$ 1,600.00	76.81%
10096 · CONTINGENCIES	\$ 592.35	\$ 6,707.00	8.3 %
10099 · WEB HOSTING	\$ 55.13	\$ 200.00	27.57%
<b>TOTAL 10090 · SUNDRY</b>	<b>\$ 2,696.26</b>	<b>\$ 10,357.00</b>	<b>26.03%</b>

<b>10102 · BANK SERVICE CHARGES</b>	\$ 20.84	\$ 25.00	83.36%
<b>10110 · RESERVES</b>	\$	\$	0.0 %
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$69,129.11</b>	<b>\$75,970.00</b>	<b>91.0 %</b>

<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 41,257.97</b>	<b>\$ 51,202.00</b>	<b>80.58%</b>
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**PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP  
LIFE PERPETUAL PAYOUT FOR 2014-2015**

Chapter No.	Life Amt.	Perp. Amt.	Total
1	\$ 104.65	\$ 182.00	\$ 286.65
2	\$ 3.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 78.00
3	\$ 359.64	\$ 423.70	\$ 783.34
5	\$ 20.29	\$ 55.00	\$ 75.29
6	\$ 195.24	\$ 185.00	\$ 380.24
7	\$ 203.30	\$ 81.67	\$ 284.97
9	\$ 62.99	\$ 25.00	\$ 87.99
11	\$	\$5,232.00	\$5,232.00
12	\$ 153.46	\$ 503.00	\$ 656.46
13	\$	\$ 142.00	\$ 142.00
15	\$	\$ 143.00	\$ 143.00
16	\$ 31.89	\$ 26.07	\$ 57.96
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	\$ 53.92	\$ 131.92
27	\$ 28.60	\$ 75.54	\$ 104.14
28	\$ 15.60	\$ 258.00	\$ 273.60
29	\$ 132.25	\$ 98.67	\$ 230.92
41-29	\$ 273.23	\$	\$ 273.23
31	\$ 183.79	\$ 188.75	\$ 372.54
32	\$ 3.30	\$ 68.50	\$ 71.80
33	\$ 14.32	\$ 73.98	\$ 88.30
35	\$ 64.29	\$ 210.00	\$ 274.29
38	\$ 18.57	\$	\$ 18.57
39	\$	\$ 62.00	\$ 62.00
40	\$ 19.76	\$ 75.50	\$ 95.26
45	\$ 102.93	\$ 248.25	\$ 351.18
48	\$ 22.06	\$ 20.00	\$ 42.06
49	\$	\$ 18.00	\$ 18.00
50	\$ 103.73	\$ 34.00	\$ 137.73
57	\$	\$ 18.00	\$ 18.00
59	\$ 59.09	\$ 154.01	\$ 213.10
62	\$ 14.58	\$ 30.00	\$ 44.58
63	\$ 80.27	\$	\$ 80.27
64	\$	\$	\$
65	\$	\$ 34.00	\$ 34.00
66	\$	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00

**PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP  
LIFE PERPETUAL PAYOUT FOR 2014-2015 (Continued)**

67	\$	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00
	\$2,454.40	\$9,478.56	\$11,932.96
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**GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF  
FLORIDA  
GRAND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE 2014-2015**

The Audit Committee met at the Tampa York Rite building on Saturday, December 13, 2014. The Grand Treasurer of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida provided the necessary financial records for the committee to review. A review of the vouchers, checkbook and bank statements revealed all was in proper order which allowed the audit to proceed in an orderly manner.

The committee wishes to commend the Grand Treasurer for an excellent job well done. His assistance to the committee during the audit is greatly appreciated.

Fraternally,

Charles R. (Bob) Cooper, Chairman

Richard Agster

Richard Wolfe

**AWARDS 2014-2015**

It is my distinct pleasure to announce several awards that have been presented or will be presented today at this Grand Convocation. One of the more prestigious awards that can be bestowed upon a Royal Arch Mason is the Bronze Distinguished Service Medal. This award is presented to one York Rite Mason a year in recognition of not only all he has done for Masonry in general and York Rite Masonry in particular but for his ongoing contributions and what I am confident he will do in the future. This year's recipient is Companion John I. Gray. It gave me much personal pleasure to recommend him for this well deserved, prestigious award.

I congratulate all of you for this well deserved recognition.

**BRONZE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL  
RECIPIENTS 2014-2015**

1952	Leroy J. Shellburg	1953	Charles G. Oldather
1954	Nathan G Stout	1955	J W Nelson
1956	James R McCoy	1957	Frederick D McDonald
1958	C Shellie Matthews	1959	John E Marley
1960	Joseph B Johnson	1961	Frank L Millen
1962	Reuel Daniel	1963	Paul W Chapman
1964	Gilbert A Williams	1965	J T Williams
1966	Noah M Early	1967	J Van Loy
1968	Walter S Brady	1969	Joseph J Johnson
1970	Wallace P. Dix	1971	Glenn E Pletcher
1972	Orville W Cassady	1973	James K May
1974	Franklin C Smith	1975	Theodore E Windhorst
1976	Harold F Enter	1977	Frank J Busby
1978	Charles B Finney	1979	Ralph A. Jones

**BRONZE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL  
RECIPIENTS 2014-2015 (Continued)**

1980	C Allen Patterson	1981	Warren H Conklin
1982	Wallace C Stich	1983	Arthur J Wissler Jr
1984	Lloyd C Huffsterler	1985	Willis M Lewis
1986	Howard P Bennett	1987	George A. Chipouras
1988	Roy R Wright	1989	Charles E Palmour
1990	Lawrence L Howell	1991	E N Robbie Robinson
1992	John M Mallory	1993	William E Eubanks
1994	Frederick M. Morris	1995	Ralph G. Weed
1996	Quinnie Williams, Sr.	1997	J. D. Moffitt
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	Richard Lynn	2011	Ralph Vaughan
2012	Jack C. Maulden	2013	Carl E. Gilmore
2014	John I Gray		

**GOLD KEY AWARDS 2014 - 2015**

<b>DISTRICT 1</b>	Johnathan Macedon	Keystone No. 20
<b>DISTRICT 4</b>	Frederick R. Gerdorn	Lakeland No. 29
<b>DISTRICT 5</b>	Edgar E. Ortiz	Monroe No. 15
<b>DISTRICT 7</b>	Thomas A. Olsen	Jacksonville No. 12
<b>DISTRICT 8</b>	Raymond M. Davis Jr	Gainesville No. 2
	Rusty M. Ludlam	Lake City No. 38
	Milledge Murphy	James Yeager No. 62
<b>DISTRICT 10</b>	James A. Durham Jr	Surf No. 57
	Gregory D. Smith	Mt. Horeb No. 6

**GRAND HIGH PRIEST AWARD 2014-2015**

<b>1989</b>	James Yeager	No. 62	<b>1990</b>	Tampa-Cushing	No. 3
<b>1991</b>	Indian River	No. 27	<b>1992</b>	Eureka	No. 7
<b>1993</b>	Putnam	No. 9	<b>1994</b>	Putnam	No. 9
<b>1995</b>	James Yeager	No. 62	<b>1996</b>	Eden	No. 63
<b>1997</b>	Mt Horeb	No. 6	<b>1998</b>	St Petersburg	No. 31
<b>1999</b>	Challenger	No. 66	<b>2006</b>	Tampa-Cushing	No. 3
<b>2009</b>	Ocala	No. 13	<b>2010</b>	Eustis	No. 33
<b>2011</b>	St Petersburg	No. 31	<b>2012</b>	Nassau	No. 49
<b>2013</b>			<b>2014</b>	Eureka	No. 7

**GOLD DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL  
RECIPIENT 2014-2015**

<b>1963</b>	L. Gordon Cooper Jr	<b>2014</b>	John H. Glenn Jr
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**SILVER DISTINGUISHED MEDAL OF HONOR  
2014-2015**

<b>1987</b>	Marvin W. Gerhard	<b>1999</b>	Vernon E. Miller*
<b>2011</b>	Steven Q. Steele		

**TRIPLE TAU AWARD 2014-2015**

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

**KEYSTONE PLAQUE 2014-2015**

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

**FOUR VEILS AWARDS 2014-2015**

Gainesville No. 2	Mt. Horeb No. 6	Jacksonville No. 12
Monroe No. 15	Sarasota No. 35	Lakeland No. 29
Surf No. 57		

**BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE 2014-2015**

During the year 2014-2015, there were no actions taken on behalf of the Grand Chapter on needs of Benevolence. We would like to thank the Grand High Priest for appointing us to this committee, and to continue to serve the Grand Chapter

Fraternally,

James Green, Chairman  
John I. Gray

**CHARTERS, DISPENSATIONS AND BY LAWS COMMITTEE 2014-2015**

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

**COMMITTEE ON THANKS 2014-2015**

On Behalf of the Grand High Priest William Jacobs and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida, we would like to express our thanks to the Management and Staff of the Edgewater Beach Resort, for hosting our Grand York Rite Convention, and doing a great job with the accommodations, meeting place, food and Audio-Visual equipment.

Our appreciation and Thanks go also to the Convention Committee and all the Volunteers Companions and Sir Knights that gave their time and efforts to make the Convention a success.

A special Thank You to the Ladies of the York Rite and the Beauceant who labor in the hospitality room, which gave use great food and snacks, to asset us with our busy days. Also for all their efforts of fund raisers for Charites. Again Thank You.

We appreciate our Distinguished Guests, who have travel so far to assist use with the success of our meetings, and for the Grand Lodge Officers who took time from their busy schedule to be with us.

A special Thanks to the Returns and Credentials Committee for the effort and work, also the Reregistration Committee for their hard work and long hours.

To our Most Excellent Grand High Priest William Jacobs, Thank You for your leadership and dedication, this year, also for all your contribution to the Craft, in the preceding and future years to come.

To all the Companions of the Grand Chapter for their labors, as District Deputy, District Instructors and Committeeman and too the Grand Officers,

for the support of the District Meetings / Festivals and your commitment to the Grand Chapter. Also to all the hard working Companions of the Constituent Chapters, for your service and dedication to make this a great year, for the Royal Arch Masons of Florida, you are the backbone of our force.

And Special Thanks to our Grand Secretary, Howard H. Gardner, who has work hard at a difficult task, to support the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery of Florida, and again getting the Proceedings out on time. Thank you for your dedication knowledge and thoughtfulness, to get us through another year.

We the Committee on Thanks' appreciate the opportunity to serve the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida.

Respectfully Submitted,

James F. Robertson, Chairman

### **COMMITTEE ON WORK 2014-2015**

District Deputy or District Instructors Activity Reports for Schools of Instructions, 2 reports were received from District 8 & 10. In Accordance with Article XII, Section 13, of the Grand Chapter Constitution, requires One School of Instruction to be held each year in each District. The Five Committee On Work members with the 10 District Instructors, should see that Schools are held. The District Deputy's has the duty to make this report as indicated in Chapter 10.01, as directed by the Grand High Priest; However, it also states in Chapter 13.03 para. J that each District Instructor shall hold Two Schools of instruction in each Chapter of his District and send a report to the Committee On Work. However, a District School of Instruction can qualify for the Two Schools, as long as members of each Chapter in the District are present.

No Reports of Fervency & Zeal ceremony preformed.

No Competition reported or accomplished for the Opening & Closing of a Chapter Convocation.

Questions and answers, for the Committee On Work

#1 Grand Honors given in the East; as this was addressed at the 2014 Convention, without a suitable answer; it was re-address. This Committee researched and found that in the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge F & A. M. of Florida Handbook of Recommended Floor Work Procedures, Installation of Lodge Officers, page 58 line 36 & 37 states, The Installed Worshipful Master should receive Grand Honors while standing in the East. As the Grand Chapter has no Constitutional item covering Grand Honors in these circumstance, we must refer back to the Grand Lodge. Further Talks with the State Deputy Chairman Blue Lodge COW R: W: Larry Thomas, he also said it is recommended for 50 + years Longevity Awards to receive Grand Honors in the East. I must express that this is a recommendation and not an Adopted procedure of the Grand Lodge.

The Chapters Committee On Work, advise and suggestion is; until an adoption procedure of how the Grand Chapter wants to Give Grand Honors in these circumstances, we should follow the Grand Lodge of Florida Committee On Work recommendation; however, each High Priest and Installing Officer has the choice of how Grand Honors will be give to newly Installed High Priest and Longevity Awards, in the West or the East.

#2 Mark Master Floor work movements for the Overseers when called to the East: to North by West of Altar then East to M.O. and when Candidate are taking to the east for the R: W: Master: Answers found in the Ritual page 18 after line 11, 16, 20 & page 19 after line 7 and Appendix D 2.1.3 Floor Work.

#3 The Sequence of the explanation of the Signs in the Mask Master Degree: Answers found in the Ritual page 25 line 28 and on with the Essentials.

#4 Past Master Degree, the proper path for the Senior Deacon, with the Candidates after the Charge: Answer adopted, that if it is not indicated to pass

between the East and Altar always go by way of West of the altar, back to his Station.

#5 Past Grand High Priest declaring a Chapter Convocation open for a Stated meeting. No Where in the Constitution is indicated for a Past Grand High Priest to have this authority, as stated in Chapter 25.02 and Appendix D 1.3.1. Only the Installed Grand High Priest can convene a Chapter under Article XII, Section 1. As the District Meeting /Festival, held this year is an example. The Proper manner for a Festival opening/closing is found in the Appendix D 1.7.2.

**Recommendation:** In my travels thought out the State watching and working in all the Chapter Degrees in the Festivals that I have attended, and seeing all the different ways the Floor Work was done and the different places in our Rituals for Instructions, I feel the need for a Floor Work manual or an attachment to the Appendix D, so we can uniform the Floor Work Movements as indicated in the General Grand Ritual, Our Appendix D, the Essentials and the unidentified Floor Work movements. This will ensure all Chapters preform the Degree Work in the same manner and be uniform throughout the State. With the permission of the Grand High Priest and the Craft, I would like to develop, with the assistance of the Committee On Work, to put forth as a Resolution for next year's Convention such a manual or attachment to the Appendix D.

Proficiency Cards Issued, Six Proficiency Cards have been issued this year.

2 White Cards – James McHenry, Crestview No. 40 District 10  
3-year reissue to Ed Bush Mt. Horeb No 6 District 10  
1 Past Master Card – Adrian Lowndes, Mt. Horeb No. 6 District 10  
2 Four Veils Cards – William Schreiber Gainesville No. 2 District 8  
Gregory D. Smith Mt. Horeb No. 6 District 10  
1 Key and Apron Lecture Card – Charles Cather Mt. Horeb No. 6 District 10

Fraternally Submitted,

John I. Gray

Chairman, Grand Chapter, Committee on Work

## CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE YEAR END REPORT 2014-2015

Your Constitutional Review Committee was called upon for its opinion of a question raised concerning Chapter 43.06 Membership Growth Awards, Specifically Sections "A" and "C":

After reviewing these sections, the committee submitted the following report to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Section "A." Specifically states that "The Grand High Priest shall formally recognize each year at the Grand Convocation etc etc." In our opinion this refers to awards earned that Capitular year. Without any reference to previous years we believe it is clear that the intent was to honor those who performed and met certain criteria of an award program. These Companions would be honored for that year's membership and growth efforts. Therefore, would be honored at that year's Grand Convocation.

Section "C" Specifically states "The Grand Secretary will tabulate and present those names of top line signers to the GHP timely" In our humble opinion this also refers to awards to be presented at the Grand Convocation which refers to the fact that these are awards earned in this Capitular year as in Section "A". Of course the subordinate Chapter Secretaries are responsible to submit these names of top line signers to the Grand Secretary in a timely manner.

This section of the constitution appears to refer to a Capitular Year not to have accumulated over the period of years.

As far as section "E" is concerned each year there is a budget line item Numbered 10096 "Contingencies" the funds for such awards can be moved from this account to an awards account if necessary. By using this account all requirements of this section are also met as funds are available and listed in the budget.



This committee strongly recommends that this article be rewritten and submitted to the Companions for approval thus removing all questions and doubts as to what the true intent is.

This committee thanks the Most Excellent Grand High Priest for his confidence in appointing this committee.

Fraternally and Zealously,

John F. Wermann, MEPGHP, KYGCH, OPC  
Committee Chairman

Robert C. Cooper, Rt. Ex. Gr. Scribe, KYCH  
Committee Co-Chairman

Richard S. Agster, Ex. Gr. Capt of the Host, MIPGM, KYGCH, OPC  
Harry Eisenberg, Ex. Gr. Royal Arch Captain  
Howard Gardner, Grand Secretary, MIPGM, KYGCH, OPC  
Committeemen

### CONVENTION BOARD 2014-2015

Nothing to report at this time. A report will be made at a later date when details become available.

Respectfully Submitted,

William R. Jacobs, M.E.G.H.P.  
H. Warren Almand, Jr., M.I.G.M.  
Paul W. Friend, R.E.G.C.  
Richard E. Foreman, Grand Treasurer  
Howard H. Gardner, Grand Secretary  
Steven Q. Steele, Convention Mgr.

### GRAND CHAPTER CUSTODIAN OF RITUALISTIC MATERIALS REPORT 2014-2015

Requests were sent out to all Chapters to fill in and return the new Ritualistic Custodial Forms for 2015, for the Essentials and Key Lecture Booklets that are issued to Dias Officers or on hand with the Chapter Secretary.

The requested was sent out 3 times from December 2014, to the First of April 2015. At this time 17 out of the 36 Chapters have responded. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year as indicated in the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter that are available, that the response has been minimum, I must say either the system is broken or the melancholy factor is present and attitudes towards the subject is unexperienced, unknowing or just don't care. I suggest as it has been suggested before by the 2013 Custodians, that a Committee be appointed and new language for the Constitution and Installation procedures be adopted.

Such as Essentials and Key Lectures, be accounted for and signed out as requested, rather than being issued to Officers that do not want to learn or use the Booklets, also it is needed to have the District Deputy's inspect the Custodial Forms and Booklets, once a year to ensure control and compliance. As for the Appendix D being part of the Grand Chapter Constitution, it needs to be drop from the Custodial control paragraph in the Constitution, also separate Language be adopted for the Installation Ceremony concerning the Appendix D, Essentials and Key Lecture Booklets.

Fraternally Submitted,

John I. Gray  
Ritualistic Custodian

### DISTINGUISHED GUEST REPORT 2014 - 2015

Your committee on distinguished guests held in Panama City, FL at the Edgewater Resort on May 19, 2015 was honored to introduce to you and through you to the Companions of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter many distinguished Masons who have traveled long and rendered outstanding services to the craft of Freemasons. All received honors and due acolytes due them for their services

- Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest John F. Wermann
- Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest Robert G. Kirkpatrick
- Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest Anthony J. Marotta Jr
- Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest Darryl A. D'Angina
- Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest Michael A. Padron Jr
- Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest Glenn E. Chandler
- Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest H. Warren Almand Jr
- Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest Steven Q. Steele
- Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Dayle L. Schrock
- Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Larry R. Gillespie
- Most Illustrious Past Grand Master M. Daniel Fullwood
- Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Carl E. Gilmore
- Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Louis A. King
- Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Charles L. Hollinger
- Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Richard S. Agster
- Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Paul W. Friend
- Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Robert E. Burleson
- Right Eminent Past Grand Commander Paul W. Friend
- Right Eminent Past Grand Commander Henry A. Adams
- Right Eminent Past Grand Commander Arthur J LaRose
- Right Eminent Past Grand Commander David A. Aponte
- Right Eminent Past Grand Commander Charles Perez
- Right Eminent Past Grand Commander William G. Ellis Jr
- Right Eminent Past Grand Commander Robert E. Burleson
- Right Eminent Past Grand Commander Frederick L. Piasecki
- Right Eminent Past Grand Commander William Ronald Taylor
- Right Eminent Past Grand Commander Carl E. Gilmore
- Right Eminent Past Grand Commander Marvin W. Gerhard

### GRAND HIGH PRIESTS AND PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS 2014-2015

Emory Ferguson	MIPGM	AL
L. Alvin Hill	MIPGM	TN
Charles Sipes	MIPGM	UT

### OTHER DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Richard Agster	DG	Sovereign College of N. America
Darryl D'Angina	SUP	Knight Masons of Florida
SGIG Dale E. Goehrig	SGIG	Scottish Rite- Southern Jurisdiction
Randy Spradling	SEC	St Thomas of Acon
Steven Q. Steele	GMG	Convent General
SK Steven Q. Steele	EGG	AK
D. Allen Surratt	DGM	Athelstan
SK Joseph Zito	VEDGC	AZ

### PAST GRAND MASTER OF GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA

Louis A. King
Michael A. Padron Jr
Jorge L. Aladro

### RECEPTION OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER INTERNATIONAL

Emory J. Ferguson	MEPGGHP
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### ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS 2014-2015

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

## **FINANCE & BUDGET 2014-2015**

The General financial condition of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida is Excellent. The MEGHP budget for 2015/16 is well under the 75% of its investment income as allowed by our constitution. We must continue to assure that the Companions coming up through our ranks are wait of our financial restraints and thus assure we can continue to meet our Grand Chapter budget requirements and our Local Chapters needs.

I would suggest that the CRAFT pay particular attention to the Grand Treasurer and Investment Committee Chairman's reports which will reinforce this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Wolfe  
REG King

## **FINANCE LONG RANGE FISCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE 2014-2015**

The purpose of this committee as per Article XII, Section 4, #17 of this Grand Chapter's Constitution is: "This Finance Committee is charged with the study and oversight of the long term financial matters of this Grand Chapter and proposing appropriate legislation in a timely manner."

Unfortunately, the committee received, what it deemed important information, in the eleventh hour and was unable to propose any timely legislation.

The committee would like to, however, comment on legislation that has been proposed concerning the investment account. The legislation refers to using the return on the Grand Lodge Investments as a benchmark for the returns received on the Grand Chapter's Investments. This committee opposes this legislation for several reasons.

First the inequality of the amount of money that is invested in each, would make this comparison inaccurate. The magnitude of the Grand Lodge accounts would allow them to invest in such investments that we may not be able to afford or should even consider for our size of account. It would be like looking at a gorilla to make sure your rabbit looks correct.

Secondly, by passing this legislation you would be locking the investment committee into using only the Grand Lodge returns as a benchmark. Investments are a fluid commodity and can often change in a short period of time, it would then seem more prudent to this committee to use the several indices that already exist as our measurement stick and change them as our investments may change. Perhaps you have heard of some of them: The Dow Jones Industrial Average, the S & P 500, the Nasdaq, etc. etc. There already exists an index for almost any type of investment.

This brings us to our last reason for opposing this legislation. Since a portfolio may consist of several different types of investments it would be wise to use a mixture of indices to use a benchmark. This is a simple process of knowing what type of investment you have and what percentage of the portfolio it occupies. Then simply apply the appropriate index. As an example if 50% of your portfolio consists of large capitalization corporation stocks and 50% of your portfolio consists of small capitalization stocks, then you would use a mix of the Dow Jones and Nasdaq indices (which are prominent indices used throughout the financial industry) applied equally to 50% of your portfolio.

Additionally, this committee would like to recommend the following: this committee highly recommends that the future committee investigates the perpetual membership account. As we have all seen in the last several years that interest rates have been almost non-existent. The perpetual account is required to pay out to the members 5%. This can put a tremendous strain on this account and the investments. Perhaps a floating rate payout may be more appropriate. Perhaps using an interest rate or bond index as a guide to determine the annual payout.

Finally, in order for this committee to meet its Constitutional responsibility, we recommend that future committees receive timely financial report on our investments, no less than quarterly.

This committee respectfully would like to thank the Grand High Priest and the Craft for this opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Marotta, Chairman of the Finance Committee.

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM 2014-2015**

During the year 2014-2015, there were no changes by the Grand Illustrious Master to the Grand Representative list.

We would like to thank the Grand Illustrious Master for the opportunity of serving the Grand Council on the committee.

Fraternally,

Howard H. Gardner, Chairman  
Steven Q. Steele  
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**THE GRAND HISTORIANS LECTURE**

Dr. Albert G. Mackey, Masonic Caesar?

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May 19, 2015 A.D., 2545 A.I.

Quote #1: "So there are some Masons who think that the mere act of initiation is followed by an influx of all Masonic knowledge." [Originally published in the *Voice of Freemasonry*, June 1875]

No Freemason familiar with law, philosophy, or history of the fraternity has but heard of Dr. Albert Gallatin Mackey. Mackey was the first Freemason in the United States to write understandingly of Freemasonry, its history, problems, jurisprudence and philosophy. Numerous volumes, still regarded as Masonic bestsellers, attest to the value of his work.

Dr. Mackey was a native of the Palmetto State, born at Charleston South Carolina on March 12, 1807. His death occurred at Fort Monroe, Virginia, on June 20, 1881. He was the youngest son of Dr. John Mackey, a physician, editor and teacher. Albert Mackey received a good classical education which he extended by private study. He taught school for a few years and then entered medical school in Charleston, graduating in 1832 with his thesis being awarded first prize for Excellency.

On December 27, 1836 he married Sarah Pamela Hubbell and they became parents of eleven children. An Excellent physician, Dr. Mackey established a successful practice and became "city physician" of Charleston.

His Masonic journey began at St. Andrew's Lodge No. 10 in 1841 and he afterward affiliated with Solomon's Lodge No. 01 of Charleston, becoming its Master in 1842.

Quote #2: "When a candidate enters the fold of Masonry he should feel that there is something in it better than its mere grips and signs, and he should endeavor with all his ability to attain some knowledge of that better thing." [Originally published in the *Voice of Freemasonry*, June 1875]

Dr. Mackey was one of the most voluminous of Masonic writers, the race being between him, Rob Morris of Kentucky, and Dr. George Oliver of England. He published his first Masonic work in 1845, *A Lexicon of Freemasonry*, which was revised, corrected, added to from time to time, until it was almost double its original size. At least eighteen, and probably more, editions have been published in this country. This work was followed by *The True Mystic Tie*, 1851; *The Ahiman Rezon of South Carolina*, 1852; *Principles of Masonic Law*, 1856; *Book of the Chapter: Or Monitorial Instructions, in the Degrees of Mark, Past and Most Excellent Master, and the Holy Royal Arch.*, 1858 (This book was favored by Royal Arch Masons for many decades and can be purchased from Amazon); *Text-Book of Masonic Jurisprudence*, 1859; *History of Freemasonry in South Carolina*, 1861; *Manual of the Lodge*, 1862; *Cryptic Masonry*, 1867; *Symbolism of Freemasonry and Masonic Ritual*, 1869; *Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*, 1874; and *Masonic Parliamentary Law*, 1875. At the time of his death (1881), he was working on the multi volume *History of Freemasonry*, which was completed by others and finally published in 1898. This work ended up being seven volumes.

Mackey was a frequent contributor to the Masonic press of the country. In 1849, he established the *Southern and Western Masonic Miscellany* which lasted for five years. In 1857 he began the *American Quarterly Review of*

*Freemasonry* which discontinued in two years. Evidently, the time was too early for Masonic periodicals of such high standards.

Then he assumed editorial charge of the *American Freemason*, but remained with it only a year. In 1865 he began work for the *Masonic Trowel*, and for three years wrote many articles, but in 1871, he began the publication of his own magazine, *Mackey's National Freemason*. It lasted three years, after which Dr. Mackey wrote for the *Voice of Masonry*, a publication which for many years was regarded as the leading one of its kind in the country.

He was probably most famous for his Encyclopedia of 1874. It was somewhat appropriately named, "*An Encyclopedia of Freemasonry and its Kindred Sciences: Comprising the Whole Range of Arts, Sciences and Literature as Connected with the Institution.*" And he made it clear that he had written every word himself! Previous to its publication there was no commanding work of equal scope anywhere in the world. It was not until 1961 when Coil's *Masonic Encyclopedia* was published by Henry Wilson Coil was there one of similar content.

Quote #3: "The first great duty, not only of every Lodge, but of every Mason, is to see that the Landmarks of the Order shall never be impaired." *The Principles of Masonic Law* (1856) Albert Mackey.

Dr. Mackey is also known for his Landmarks of Freemasonry. He listed a total of 25 that were published in 1858 and many Grand Jurisdictions have adopted his original list verbatim. This subject has been much debated by knowledgeable Brothers over the years. Dr. Joseph Fort Newton, in the book "*The Builders*" (first published in 1914), offers a simple definition of the Landmarks: "The fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of man, the moral law, the Golden Rule, and the hope of life everlasting." In the last century, American Grand Lodges have varied on the number of the Landmarks they adopted, ranging from West Virginia (7) to Kentucky (54). By comparison the Grand Lodge of Florida currently recognizes ten.



It is interesting to note that from 1860 to 1867, Mackey continuously held five rather important positions at the same time: Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, Secretary-General of the Scottish Rite, Grand High Priest of South Carolina, General Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of the United States, and Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters for South Carolina. In addition, he also issued 4 books during the same period!

Although a native son of the most secessionist of the Southern states, even living at the place where the Civil War began with the bombardment of Fort Sumter, Mackey openly favored the Union and at the close of the War, was appointed collector of the Port of Charleston by President Andrew Johnson. He made only one effort to gain political honors, running for the office of United States Senator, but he was defeated by one vote. In 1870, he moved to Washington, D.C. where Grand Commander Albert Pike had relocated the office of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction. He held the office of Secretary-General from 1844 till his death in 1881. It is somewhat remarkable that, although he held office in the Scottish Rite for 37 years, he produced no work upon that particular branch of Masonry.

In closing I would like to read part of the Charge to the Chapter that Dr. Mackey inscribed in his work, The Book of the Chapter to be used at the close of the Installation of Royal Arch Chapter Officers.

May your Chapter become beautiful as the temple, peaceful as the ark, and sacred as its most holy place. May your oblations of piety and praise be grateful as the incense, your love warms as its flame, and your charity diffusive as its fragrance. May your hearts be pure as the altar, and your conduct acceptable as the offering. May the exercises of your charity be as constant as the returning wants of the distressed widow and helpless orphan. May the approbation of Heaven be your encouragement and the testimony of a good conscience your support: may you be endowed with every good and perfect gift, while traveling the rugged path of life, and finally be admitted within the veil of heaven, to the full enjoyment of life eternal. So mote it be. Amen.

Companions, thank you for your attention.

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### INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT 2014-2015

The active members of the Investment Committee conducted a telecom with the Edward Jones broker, David Jones to review the fourth quarter results and discuss asset allocation on April 20, 2015. This review concluded that the investments were closely aligned to the target asset allocations and that some minor adjustments would be made to retain some dividend profit to reinvest. Additionally, cash build up in the Life/Perpetual account would be put to work. Yields were considerably lower than expectations.

Balances for the current fiscal year began in May 2014 with \$326.4K in the Administrative account and \$300K in the Life/Perpetual account May 2014 respectfully. Total assets were \$626.4K.

The Administrative fund balance at the end of March 2015 was \$328.1K with a \$10.62 cash position. There were no assets withdrawn from this account and this endowment yielded a .53% increase in value after fees (\$3.1K/fiscal year) and its trailing past twelve-month annualized return on investment was 2.51% and a 5.58% return since inception (Dec 2013).

In the Life/Perpetual account March 2015 results were \$309.2K with a \$15K cash position. This endowment yielded 3% with no management fee - this is not an Advisory Solutions Fund Model account. Total assets in both accounts as of March 31, 2015 are currently \$637.3K.

Historically, the Grand Chapters investments for the most part have grown and with available data the following results have been experienced over the past five years in the Administrative Endowment fund: 2011 +48.5%, 2012 - 5.2%, 2013 +17%, 2014 +11.3%, and as of March 31, 2015 + .53%. With this recent result and the after the latest quarterly review, it is recommended that the Investment Committee to take under serious consideration whether to remain under a managed Administrative fund approach for the future. With data available the following results have been experienced over the past five years in the Life/Perpetual Endowment fund: 2011 thru 2012 +22.1%, 2013 + .17%, 2014 +3.8% and as of March 31, 2015 +3%, after distribution back to the local Chapters.

After review of the forthcoming legislation to come before the craft, a serious look at the direction we're taking an approach using the Grand Lodge of Florida as the ONLY benchmark for a measure of performance would be detrimental to growth of our operating funds. Approving this action would place this Grand Chapters funds in a direction with the anticipation of similar yields of a single, extremely large investment base rather than the market indices, which take into consideration the market performance of small and large investors. Statements provided the committee by the Grand Treasurer and recent years' performance, formed the basis for recommendations of the committee.

The committee would like to thank the Grand High Priest, ME William Jacobs for providing the opportunity to serve the Grand Chapter in its investments. It has been a privilege an honor to serve on his behalf.

Charles L. Hollinger, Chairman  
Richard Foreman

James Green  
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## JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT 2014-2015

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

The Committee on Jurisprudence for the Capitular year of 2014-2015, having carefully examined the report of Most Excellent Grand High Priest William R. Jacobs., commend him for having executed his duties in the most professional manner becoming to the Office. We find all actions regarding rulings, dispensations, edicts and amendments to by-laws to be in accordance with the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida and within the prerogatives of his office.

This Committee examined 34 Warrants, 6 Grand High Priest's Executive Orders, 11 Requests for Dispensation, and 2 Requests for By-Laws Amendments. All of the Dispensations, By-Law amendments approved or disapproved, and Executive Orders were executed in a proper manner and within the prerogative of the Office of Grand High Priest.

There were nine resolutions submitted, which would change or amend the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida. Four were withdrawn by the Proposer leaving FIVE for your consideration. The Jurisprudence Committee examined the Resolutions for conformity to Article XXI of the said Constitution. We found the Resolutions proposed, meet all requirements and are appropriate to come to the floor at this Session for your decision.

We commend the Grand High Priest for having faithfully performed his duties this Capitular year and applaud him on his many visitations. Each member of the Jurisprudence Committee expresses his personal gratitude for the privilege and honor of serving this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Padron, Jr., Chairman, PGHP  
Glen Chandler, PGHP  
Daryl D'Angina, PGHP  
Anthony Marotta, PGHP  
Robert Kirkpatrick, PGHP

## REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPTER LEGAL ADVISOR 2014-2015

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

## MASONIC RELATIONS & BLUE LODGE REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM 2014-2015

The Grand York Rite Bodies Masonic Relations & Blue Lodge Representative Program for 2014/15 is STRONGLY supported by our MEGHP William Jacobs, both financially and personally. I would like to thank him on behalf of the entire Craft for his support.

With our MEGHP Billy Jacobs concurrence we are embarking on the second phase of this program. The 2015/16 membership program is easily explained. **"If you want to touch the past touch a rock. If you want to touch the present touch a flower and if you want to touch the future touch a life."** Tools to assist the representatives in promoting York Rite are in development. These tools will allow him to reach out and touch the lives of prospective York Rite Members within our Blue Lodges. They are funded in the 2015/16 budget and scheduled for release in early fall of 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Wolfe, Chairman  
Masonic relations & Blue Lodge Representative

## MASONIC YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT 2014-2015

This committee would like to thank the Our Most Excellent Grand High Priest William R. Jacobs for the Honor to serve Our Fellow Companions on this committee. We are continuing to work with the Youth and have enjoyed our time with them and watching them grow.

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. The number of Bethels in Florida remains at 3 with all maintaining regular Chartered status.
  - 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. Rainbow Assemblies throughout the state appear to be growing and strengthening once more.

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 Masonic events, whatever they may be. 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 Jack Maulden

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT 2014-2015

During the current year of 2014 the new companions exalted totaled 207. Better than the previous year by almost a hundred. The membership year extends from January 1 to December 31. We are starting off this year with 76 new companions. Concerns are still apparent in that several secretaries are still not accurately reporting their deaths, suspensions, demits and new members to the Grand Secretary. This makes for difficulty in keeping accurate numbers.

Beginning Number (2014)	4201
Exalted	207
Suspended	160
Demitted	13
Death	81
Ending Numbers (2014)	4343

Fraternally,

Henry A. Adams, PGC  
Chairman, Membership Committee

### PATRIOTIC, RELIGIOUS, CIVIC ACTIVITIES 2014-2015

It is an impossible task to number the events held throughout the State supported by Royal Arch masons. The observance of Veteran's Day is a prime example. This event is usually related to the Knights Templar but you will find many Red Coats in the audience as well as Easter Services and other patriotic and civic events. This is our way to inform the public of just who we are and what we stand for.

During this year 42% of the chapters reported their religious affirmation event all located at a church. These Chapters reported a total of 151 attendees and I am sure this number would have gone much higher with additional reports. The Easter Sunday and Christmas Observance usually finds many Red Coats in attendance again to re-affirm our belief in God and the fundamentals of our faith.

I would again encourage the Ex. High Priest of each Chapter to not only plan the attendance of these events but to ensure the proper report was submitted in a timely manner. You will most likely be surprised at the interest created by your presence.

The committee wishes to thank the Grand High Priest for allowing us to serve him this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles R. Cooper KYCH Chairman  
Ronald Newton

### PHOTOGRAPHY COMMITTEE REPORT CAPITULAR YEAR 2014 - 2015

The Grand Chapter of Florida Photography Committee worked with dedication to photograph, promote and publicize the activities of the Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Florida and Constituent Chapter activities throughout the year.

The Committee began by photographing the Grand Chapter Convocation at the 2014 Grand York Rite Convention. We basically photographed the speakers, presentations of awards, and installation of new officers for 2014-15. We provided pictures and DVD's to selected Grand York Rite of Florida officers and posted them on the Grand York Rite of Florida website.

Throughout the Capitular year, the Committee covered the various activities—District Y. R. Meetings, visits of Grand Chapter officers and of

DDGHP's to local Chapters; Installations of new local Chapter officers, District Schools of Instruction, Y.R. Festivals, etc. We tried to include an article or a description with pictures that were posted on the Grand York Rite website.

During the Capitular year for example, the Committee posted some eighteen photos and stories on the activities of Chapters in Florida, in addition to other photos and articles on the York Rite College, and other Y.R. appendant bodies on the Grand York Rite of Florida Website.

We continue to photograph and post pictures of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, District and Local Chapter activities, as we are able to attend and document them.

Respectfully submitted,

Corbin P. Elliott, Chm.

**REGISTRATION, RETURNS & CREDENTIALS  
REGISTRATION  
2014 - 2015**

The "final" report of the Returns & Credentials committee is as follows:

- 1) All Chapters have paid their "per capita",
- 2) All Chapters are represented by either "presence" or "proxy" of a duly elected dais officer, Except the following: Halifax Chapter No. 5
- 3) The number of companions eligible to vote is 191 and have been issued cards to indicate such.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwight N. Ridgeway

**ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE  
COMMITTEE REPORT 2014-2015**

Twenty-one chapters (58.3%) contributed \$5,587.80 down from 63.9% and \$6,073.13 last year. Other organizations made regular donations of \$210, and there were individual donations totaling \$1,710. This gave us a grand total of \$7,507.80 also down from last year's total of \$9,369.85. However, this past year did not have income from the Grand York Rite Ladies sales at the convention which we include every year and was \$2,212 last year, and there was a one-time gift of \$2,500 from one of the Chapters. If we deduct these two from last year's total, we get \$4,657.85. Thus we could say that this year's total of \$7,507.80 when compared routinely and excluding singular events was actually a 38% increase. I would like to thank all those chapters and other donors for their support of RARA and hope that my visits to individual chapters over the last two years have helped to garner some recognition for our charity. I will continue with these visitations this upcoming year as I will once again chair this important committee.

The following chapters donated a minimum of \$1.00 per member:

No. 1	Florida	No. 16	Plant City
No. 24	Palm Beach	No. 29	Lakeland
No. 39	Bay County	No. 45	Clearwater
No. 48	Duval	No. 57	Surf
No. 59	Melbourne	No. 62	James Yeager

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

No. 7	Eureka
No. 18	Manatee River
No. 40	Crestview

The following chapters donated or had donated in their name a minimum of \$5.00 per member:

No. 2	Gainesville
No. 6	Mt. Horeb
No. 15	Monroe

The following chapter donated \$6.00 per member, Congratulations!

No. 2	Jacksonville
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Contributions were received from the following organizations and individuals:  
(over \$25)

Winter Park Lodge F&AM #239	\$ 110
Labarum Conclave Red Cross of Constantine	\$ 50
Bennett AMD	\$ 50
Floyd Ziegler	\$ 100
Robert Phillips	\$ 130
Dale Bieber	\$ 200
Michael Riesberg	\$ 250
Glenn Chandler	\$1000

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

No. 1	Florida	(17)	No. 2	Gainesville	(22)
No. 6	Mt. Horeb	(16)	No. 7	Eureka	(18)
No. 15	Monroe	(3)	No. 16	Plant City	(10)
No. 29	Lakeland	(8)	No.39	Bay County	(28)
No. 40	Crestview	(11)	No. 45	Clearwater	(33)

Once again, my goal is to see all chapters contribute something even if only \$25 to show support and commitment to our official Charity. Thank You.

I wish to thank our MEGHP William Jacobs and the Grand Chapter for the opportunity and honor of serving as chairman of this important committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Eisenberg, Chairman  
Michael Reisberg

**SOUVENIR PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT  
2014-2015**

The committee thanks Our Most Excellent Grand High Priest William R. Jacobs, Our Most Illustrious Grand Master H. Warren Almand and Our Right Eminent Grand Commander Paul W. Friend for the Honor to serve Our

Fellow Companions and Sir Knights on this committee. The program would not be where it is today without the work of companion Jack Maulden. He singlehandedly added the majority of ads and his work is extremely appreciated. The committee thanks S.K. David Aponte, REPGC for the wonderful cover artwork.

We were able to work together and grow the section for Masonic Youth and have continued to receive ads from non-Masonic groups. The back and inside covers continue to be sold. The Gold Supporters program has continued to improve.

**2014 – 2015 Sales information, revised 05/15/2015**

Full Page Ads	48
Half Page Ads	12
Quarter Page Ads	4
Blue Lodge Ads	5
Gold Supporters	84

The above ads generated a GROSS total of \$9,960 dollars for the Grand York Rite Bodies. The final cost of printing was \$3,878.75 dollars (same as previous year). The realized NET profit is: \$6,081.25 dollars.

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, resulting in 16 full pages dedicated to the Masonic Youth resulting in 29 ads for the Youth. It is hoped that these shall spark growth in the future of our Fraternity.
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

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,

Companions AJ Ahrens, Jack Maulden and, David Aponte REPGC

### **TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE 2014-2015**

The 2016 Annual York Rite Convention will be held at the ORLANDO MARRIOTT LAKE MARY, 1501 International Parkway, Lake Mary, FL 32746.

The 168th Grand Chapter will meet on Monday May 23, 2016. The 135th Grand Council will meet on Tuesday May 24, 2016 and the 117th Grand Commandery on Wednesday May 25, 2016.

The banquet will be held on Sunday Evening.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Wolfe, Chairman,  
John Home,  
Eric West

### **TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE 2014-2015**

The 69<sup>TH</sup> Triennial Session of the General Grand Chapter, International was held 21-27 September, at the Adam's Mark Hotel, Buffalo, NY. The following Companions attend the Session: MEPGHP John Wermann, MEGHP William Jacobs, MEPGHP Charles Sipes, and DDGHP Henry Adams. Outstanding Session. The next Triennial of the General Grand Chapter will be held in Portland, Oregon, in 2017.

Fraternally,

William Jacobs, Chairman

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS 2014-2015**

This past year I authorized the Grand Secretaries Office to purchase Past Grand High Priest Jewels, for all the living Past Grand High Priest, it's my understanding that was done in Council and Commandery as well. As of May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015, it's still pending.

Also, because of the policy/procedure of the Edgewater Beach Resort, concerning their billing practices in regard to reservations/occupancy, we need to figure out how we are going to settle with those visiting Grand Dignitaries etc., from other jurisdiction, which we have reciprocating agreements with concerning their hotels bill for the convention. This same problem also applies to our Grand Presiding Officers.

Respectfully Submitted,

William R. Jacobs, M.E.G.H.P.

## REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPTER WILLS AND GIFTS COMMITTEE 2014-2015

During the 2014-2015 Capitular year, an attempt was made to encourage contributions to either the RARA or The Grand Chapter Administrative Fund through specific bequests in various Companions' Wills or as a specific donation to the Grand Chapter. Unfortunately, the effort resulted in very little positive activity.

The Companions of the Grand Chapters should be encouraged to make these contributions. I wish to thank the Grand High Priest for the opportunity to serve him and the Grand Chapter

Respectfully submitted,

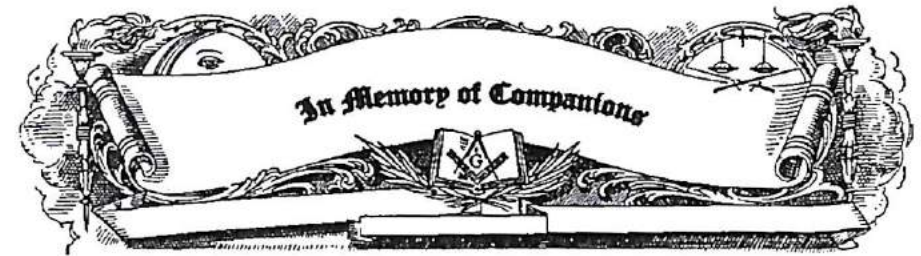
Richard S. Agster

## YORK RITE PUBLICATIONS 2014-2015

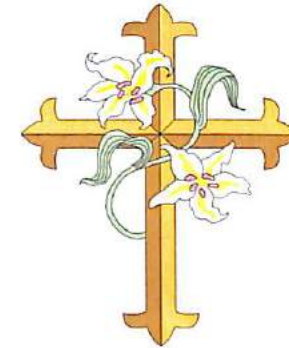
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Respectfully Submitted,

William R. Jacobs, M.E.G.H.P.  
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*Of this and other  
Grand Jurisdictions  
Who have passed on to the  
Eternal Reward  
In  
2014 - 2015*



*Fraternally Dedicate This Page*

RICHARD A WOLFE  
GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF FLORIDA  
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST  
2015-2016





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	DI's			
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	All DI's			

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**DEFUNCT CHAPTERS LISTING**

CHAPTER	NO.	CHARTER DATE	SURRENDERED	ARRESTED	RESTORED	MERGED
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, 1978
MELBOURNE UNION	43			1936		
PERRY	44			1933		
OKEECHOBEE	46		1932			
DADE (Homestead)	47		1930			
NASSAU (Fernandina)	49	1901		1935	1943	
NEW SMYRNA	51			1936		
ORANGE (Winter Garden)	52	1930	1930			
DELRAY	53		1932			

MD CUSHING	54				MERGED WITH TAMPA NO.3 IN 1967. BECAME TAMPA-CUSHING NO. 3
HILL CITY	55				MERGED WITH DADE CITY NO.8, DEC. 1971
ST. JOSEPH	56				MERGED WITH BAY COUNTY NO. 39 IN 1981.
HIRAM (Miami Shores)	58				U.D. in 1954, (1958 Proc)
SHOWN AS NO. 60	60				MERGING WITH NO. 11 in 1965.
CANAVERAL	62				MERGED WITH INDIAN RIVER NO.27 1967
EDEN	63				
CHALLENGER	66				

STATISTICS OF FLORIDA CHAPTERS 2014															
Chapter Number	Chapter Name	Jan 2014	EXALTED	REINSTATED	AFFILIATED	ADJUSTMENTS	SUBTOTAL	DIED	DEMITTED	SUSPENDED	ADJUSTMENTS	Dec 17, 2014	LOSSES / GAIN	EMERITUS	50 YEAR
		MEMBERSHIP										MEMBERSHIP			
1	Florida						162								
2	Gainesville	120	5	1			116	5		5		116	-4	4	11
3	Tampa	254	8			5	267				5	267	13	1	15
5	Halifax						91							2	9
6	Mt. Horeb	267	11	2	1		281	10	1	13		257	-10	4	23
7	Eureka	20		1			253	8	1	11		233		3	14
9	Putnam	65	1		1		66	3				66	1	1	4
11	Jericho	284	8				289	3				289	5	5	7
12	Jacksonville						315								
13	Ocala	64	2	1			64	4	1	1	2	60	-4	2	
15	Monroe	63	5		1		69	2	2	2		63	0		5
16	Plant City														
17	St. Augustine														
18	Manatee River						49								
20	Keystone	92	15		1		95		3	10					4
24	Palm Beach	53	15	13	4		85	2	1			85	32	2	
27	Indian River	107	2				107	1	1			107	0	1	15

28	Joppa	17 2	12			176	4		4		176	4	1
29	Lakeland	13 2	2		1	123	8		4		123	-9	3
31	St. Petersburg	10 9	3			108	3		1				
32	Jackson												
33	Eustis	49	2		2	53	1		1		53	4	
35	Sarasota	97	4			92	2	2	5		92	-5	
38	Lake City		1		2	42							
39	Bay County	10 1	1			101	5		2		101	0	
40	Crestview	95	2	1	1	96	6		5		95	0	1
45	Clearwater	14 1									144	3	2
48	Duval					68					68		
49	Nassau												
50	Poinciana	14 2	22			148	3	1	12		148	6	13
57	Surf	95	4	1		92	4	1	3		92	-3	2
59	Melbourne	3				95	3	3			95		
62	James Yeager	4				70	1				70		3
64	Heartland	30				27	1	2	2		27	-3	6
65	Island	91	0	0	0	91	0	0	0	0	91	0	
67	Everglade					33							

SUMMARY			
Membership Jan 1, 2014			
Exalted	125		Died 80
Reinstated	20		Demitted 21
Affiliated	14		Suspended 84
Adjustments	5		Adjustments 8
Gain	164		Loss 193
Net Gain/Loss	-29		
Membership Dec 17, 2014			

Summary based on annual returns which are incomplete.

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