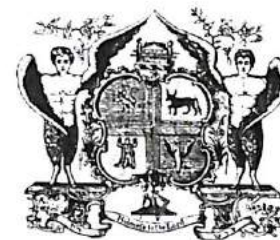


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	All DI's	
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	Eric B. West	Member
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	James A. Green	Member
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	Luther Thompson	Member
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	Richard S. Agster	Chair
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	James (Robby) F. Robertson	Ex. Grand Master of the Second Veil

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	David Meade	Ex. Grand Organist

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	1996	Harvey L. Ward, Sr	*	2000	Virgil P. Brown, Jr.
	2001	Wayne E. Parks		2002	Steven Q. Steele
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	2005	William F. Wyllic		2006	Michael A. Padron, Jr.
	2009	Darryl A. D'Angina	*	2010	Anthony J. Marotta, Jr.
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	2013	John F. Wermann		2014	William R. Jacobs
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**THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND CHAPTER OF
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**MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST REPORT
2015-2016**

It is my great pleasure and distinct honor, to extend to each of you a most cordial and fraternal welcome, to the One Hundred Seventieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida. As we gather to conduct the business of our Chapters, I pray that each of us may be blessed with a clear mind, a willing heart and most of all a deep sense of brotherly love.

To our visiting Distinguished guests, I welcome you to Florida, the Sunshine State. I thank you for gracing us with your presence. Over the past year I've had the good fortune to represent Florida Grand Chapter Members at 71 functions. I have met many companions and been welcomed everywhere with great Masonic and southern hospitality. I would like to thank each of you for that and promise you and our VIP's the same hospitality. If there is anything we can do to make your stay with us more enjoyable, PLEASE don't hesitate to contact our convention chairman "Steve Steele". (Got Ya Steve).

STATE OF THE CRAFT

Companions the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida, like any other fraternal organization, has many Obstacles and Strengths. I believe our greatest obstacle is communication and education. We must educate our members to talk about York Rite and encourage them to communicate that information at all the Masonic Lodge meetings in Florida. The membership processes implemented this year are being carried forward to next year. I would like to personally thank Right Excellent Grand King, C. Robert Cooper for continuing these educational and communication processes. The State of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida is good. I'll leave you with this one thought, "if you want to touch the past touch a ROCK, if you want to touch the present touch a FLOWER, however; if you want to influence the future TOUCH A LIFE. Companion's education and communication will dictate the future. We must get our York Rite information out to all Masonic Lodges and TOUCH the lives of prospective candidates. I believe our greatest Strength is you, the individual Companion, and I would like to thank you for your continued support of me personally and our York Rite.

AGAIN; thank you for an enjoyable year.

PROGRAM

The main focus this past year has been establishing a written repeatable membership process. We have completed 3 of 4 proposed process and implemented them. (1) We have developed a membership program to include a tri-fold, a CD (with all Masonic Bodies represented and all organizations for the ladies represented). We sent these to all newly raised Masons twist a year.

With 700 mailings, we are averaging a 10% response at a cost of \$2000 per year. Thanks to that committee R. Ex. Henry and Kate Adams. (2) We have developed a Tri-fold and produced a naturalized (No name or years on it) York Rite Lapel Pin. These are used within the local Blue Lodges as part of their monthly Masonic Education to promote York Rite. Thanks to that committee R. Ex. Robert (Robby) Robertson. (3) We are also, developing a state wide data base of the locations and specific members of YR members who are proficient in demonstrating the circumambulation and/or fervency and zeal. We will then schedule them to the various blue Lodges throughout the state. (4) Yes, there is another success story. The youth committee M.W. Michael Pardon Jr. and R. Ex. Ronald Newton developed a Youth Project Funding process. Ron designed and had manufactured a naturalized (no individual name or year on it) Youth Coin. We purchased 500 and have sold over 400 of them. The monies earned are deposited in a revolving Youth fund account from which the various youth groups may submit requests, in writing, for their needs and/or projects within the individual bethels etc. Ronald has already facilitated the building and replacement of the Rain Bow Girls convention altar. It was dedicated and used on June 29, 2016. Thanks to that Committee, Ron and Mike.

NECROLOGY

This past year Grand Architect of the Universe ceased the labor of and called home 239 Companions. Because of the contributions made by these companions our great fraternity is better off; may their departed souls rest in peace forever.

DISPENSATIONS:

There were eleven (11) requests for Dispensations submitted and approved as follows:

2015-1	8 Jun 2015	Gainesville #2	Table Chapter @ Chefs Brothers Catering on 18 Aug
2015-2	2 Jul	Jacksonville #12	Annual Table Chapter
2015-3	19 Aug	Joppa #28	Move festival to Okeechobee Lodge #237
2015-4	24 Sep	Ocala #13	Hold Convocations @ Citrus Masonic Lodge until new permanent home is ready
2015-5	10 Nov	Monroe #15	Wear aprons & jewels to Sanford Christmas Parade
2015-6	3 Dec	Everglades #67	Spec election of 2016 officers on 6 Jan 2016
2015-7	9 Dec	Highlands #64	Spec election of 2016 officers in Jan
2015-8	10 Dec	Sarasota #35	Open installation on 7 Jan Joint installation w/Manatee River #18
2015-9	12 Dec	Melbourne #59	Spec election of 2016 officers
2015-10	9 Jan 2016	Clearwater #45	Spec election of 2016 officers
2015-11	4 Mar	Gainesville #2	Table Chapter @ Chefs Brothers

Catering on 15 Mar

BY-LAWS

I have approved ten (10) requests for a By-Laws Amendment:

2015-1	8 Jun 2015	Crestview #40	Is no longer a factor Eff: 26 Mar 2013
2015-2	5 Oct	Nassau #49	Dues change Eff: 24 Sep 2015
2015-3	28 Oct	Eustis #33	Fees & dues change Eff: 7 Oct 2015
2015-4	12 Nov	Eureka #7	Dues change Eff: 22 Oct 2015 Convocation 2 nd Thursday (Odd mos)
2015-5	12 Nov	Jackson #32	Dues change w/regard to amt + Gr Chap+ Gen Gr Eff: 5 Nov 2015
2015-6	12 Nov	Jacksonville #12	Convocation on 1 st Thursday of each month. Eff: 28 Dec 2015
2015-7	19 Nov	Ft Lauderdale #20	Dues increase & new address for Chap. Eff: 12 Oct 2015
2015-8	11 Dec	Highlands #64	Reg. Convocation shall be @ Sebring Masonic Lodge #249. 4 th Tues (Jan-Jun & Sep-Nov) 2 nd Wed (Dec) Eff: 25 Feb 2014
2015-9	7 Jan 2016	Ocala #13	Move to Inverness. 2 nd Wed (Jan, Mar, May, Sep & Nov) Annual election to be in Nov Eff: 20 Dec 2015
2015-10	28 Mar	Tampa Cushing #3	Convocation 1 st Mon (Sep-Jun) Dark: Jul & Aug Eff: 11 Mar 2016

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

I issued twelve (12) Executive Orders as follows:

2015-1	Sell 109 shares in Life Perpetual Acct and roll 15K
2015-2	Purchase 300 shares of multi stocks
2015-3	Establish Gr Chap Ins Committee
2015-4	Passing of MEPGHP David C Wilkinson on 16 Jul 2015
2015-5	Gr Treas to go back to using a checkbook for warrants & bills
2015-6	Transfer \$35,169.60 from Doral Bank to 6 mo. money market
2015-7	Establish Gr Chap Youth Committee
2015-8	Remove \$100 from Contingencies. Add to Youth Charities totaling \$600 Issue checks to Bethel 5, 9, 13 @ \$200 ea.
2015-9	Reinvest the prior JP Morgan Bond
2015-10	2 nd payment of stipend to MEPGHP Jacobs to come out of Carryover Funds Acct
2015-11	Correcting the account number for Youth fundraiser coins
2015-12	\$500 to Lois Wolfe for Hospitality Room

WARRANTS

During the 2015-2016 year the Grand Chapter Office presented me with Forty-Four (44) Warrants to process. I approved Warrants 2015-01 through 2015-12 and 2015-14 through 2015-44, for a grand total of \$ 45,609.99.

2015-1	Quarterly draw- Office	\$ 3,902.50
2015-2	Registration fee- Dep of Corp	\$ 61.25
2015-3	Corp Copy & Printing- 2010 Proceedings	\$ 924.92
2015-4	MEGHP Wolfe Stipend	\$ 1,500.00
2015-5	Rituals 50@ 8.00	\$ 421.00
2015-6	Gr Chapter per capita tax	\$ 4,326.00
2015-7	Gold Key Awards 18@22.55	\$ 434.61
2015-8	District Meetings	\$ 1,000.00
2015-9	MEGHP Wolfe Stipend	\$ 2,000.00
2015-10	SE Conference- REGK Cooper	\$ 100.00
2015-11	2 nd Quarterly draw- Office	\$ 3,902.50
2015-12	Quarterly draw- Treasurer	\$ 450.00
2015-14	Honorary MEPGHP Apron- Luther Bodiford	\$ 213.70
2015-15	Travelers Ins- Liability Ins 2014-2015	\$ 426.00
2015-16	Apron case and Collar	\$ 95.00
2015-17	Auto Owners Ins- All Sec & Treas	\$ 352.00
2015-18	REGK Cooper Stipend ½ amt	\$ 500.00
2015-19	Transfer \$100 from Contingencies Acct to Youth Charities. Issue checks to Bethel 5,9 & 13	\$ 600.00
2015-20	3 rd Quarterly draw- Office	\$ 3,902.50
2015-21	2 nd Quarterly draw- Treasurer	\$ 450.00
2015-22	Appendix D Ritual Books	\$ 160.40
2015-23	Printing- Membership brochures	\$ 255.73
2015-24	Masonic Home donation	\$ 100.00
2015-25	RARA donation	\$ 400.00
2015-26	SE Conference- REGS Agster	\$ 100.00
2015-27	SE Conf & Summer Assembly- MEGHP Wolfe	\$ 200.00
2015-28	REGK Cooper Stipend ½ amt	\$ 500.00
2015-29	4 th Quarterly draw- Office	\$ 3,902.50
2015-30	3 rd Quarterly draw- Treasurer	\$ 450.00
2015-31	Printing- Membership brochures	\$ 255.73
2015-32	Gen Gr Chap Rituals (Hard Cover & Essentials)	\$ 524.55
2015-33	MEPGHP Jacobs Stipend	\$ 1,750.00
2015-34	Apron & Case- MEGHP Cooper	\$ 508.50
2015-35	Travelers Ins- Liability Ins 2015-2016	\$ 907.00
2015-36	Corp Copy & Printing- Proceedings	\$ 790.46
2015-37	1 st -3 rd Quarter Stipend- Gr Sec	\$ 3,000.00
2015-38	Education & Training- YR pins	\$ 883.42
2015-39	Web hosting	\$ 166.67
2015-40	Youth Charities- Coins	\$ 1,825.00
2015-41	Ribbons for Balloting- For YRB Convention	\$ 317.29

WARRANTS (Continued)

2015-42	4 th Quarterly Salary- Secretary & Treasurer	\$ 1,450.00
2015-43	Hospitality funding	\$ 500.00
2015-44	Awards- Four Veils	\$ 1,100.76
2015-45	Youth Fund, Alan Rosenthal for Rainbow Altadr	\$ 400.00
2015-56	Corporate Printing (2016_17 Directories)	\$ 147.59
	TOTAL	\$ 46,157.58

Warrant 2015-13 was not approved.

2015-13	Donation to Jobs & Rainbow	\$ 1,050.00
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RESOLUTIONS

2015-1: Grand Chapter Constitution, Committee on Work, Appendix D, Page 21, Line 17
Passed

Line 17. ** Inform the Sentinel. ** Companions come to the Sign of Fidelity while the P.S. attends the Bible. (P.S. goes to the Altar, kneels, removes the implements and closes the Bible. He then arises and returns to his station. R.A.C. waits until the P.S. has returned to his station and then opens door, informs the Sentinel that the Chapter is closed, leaves the door open and returns to his station.)

AMEND: P.S. goes to the Alter, Salutes with Due Guard and Sign, kneels (All members gives sign of Fidelity), removes the implements and closes the Bible. He then rises and returns to his station. R.A.C. waits until the P.S. has returned to his station and then opens door, informs the Sentinel that the Chapter is closed, leaves the door open and returns to his station.

Justification:

This change will effect, the Appendix D, Booklet page D-29

WHERE AS: This change works in concert with the Opening change of the Due Guard & Sign.

Effective Date of this Resolution will be upon Approval by the Craft at the 2015 Grand Chapter Convocation

2015-2: Grand Chapter Constitution, Committee on Work,
Appendix D, Page D18, Line 31 and Line 4
Passed

Line 31. attend at the Altar. (The P.S. opens the Bible and properly places the implements thereon.)

AMEND: P.S. kneels while attending the Altar. The Bible may be opened at any Old Testament page except one with a picture. It is suggested that it be opened at approximate center to achieve balance. During the opening of the Bible, the Companions come to the Sign of Fidelity. (Right Hand Over Heart.) (H.P.) I now declare
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Justification:

This will effect Appendix D, Booklet Page D-25 and D-26

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Line 31, REMOVE: The P.S. opens the Bible and properly places the implements thereon.

ADD: 2nd Paragraph: P.S. kneels while attending the Alter. The Bible may be opened at any Old Testament page except one with a picture. It is suggested that it be opened at approximate center to achieve balance. During the opening of the Bible, the Companions come to the Sign of Fidelity. (Right Hand Over Heart)

Line 4. Inform the Sentinel. ** (The P.S. displays the Great Lights as in Masters Degree and returns directly to his station. R.A.C. waits until P.S. attends at the Altar, then R.A.C. goes to the door, gives ### ### #, answered by the Sentinel in the same manner. R.A.C. opens door, informs Sentinel, closes door, gives ### ### #, answered by the Sentinel in the same manner, then returns to his station.)

NOTE: The R.A.C. should not let late Companions enter when he is informing the Sentinel.

Line 4, REMOVE: (The P.S. displays the Great Lights as in Masters Degree and

Line 4, KEEP: R.A.C. waits until P.S. attends at the Altar, then R.A.C. goes to the door, gives ### ### #, answered by the Sentinel in the same manner. R.A.C. opens door, informs Sentinel, closes door, gives ### ### #, answered by the Sentinel in the same manner, then returns to his station.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NOMINATE

Nominated By	MEGHP Richard Wolfe Mar 2016
Alaska	Steven Q. Steele
Colorado	Richard A. Wolfe
Nevada	C. Robert Cooper
New York	William Thomas
France	L. Edward Villiaume III
Ireland	Glenn E. Chandler
Philippines	Tony C. Gagarin
Cyprus	Stanley Hudson

TRIENNIAL

The 70th Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International will be held at Red Lion on the River in Portland, Oregon on 23-29 August 2017.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST HOMECOMING

The Grand High Priest Homecoming was held at Azan Shrine Center, Melbourne, FL on 30 January 2016. It was a great celebration filled with lots of food, good fellowship, and good friends, everyone in attendance had a wonderful time. I'd like to thank Companion DI Barry Shaffer, George Goddard, Potente of Azan Shrine and the DDGHP Dustin Celestin BBQ for hosting this great evening.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) "Information is most powerful when it is shared," especially if it really doesn't matter who gets the credit. Every past MEGHP has been most gracious in helping me this last year. Thank you all. However we need more of our standard practices written down. A written process is repeatable, when repeated it and can be analyzed, it can then be adjusted and repeated again and again. If we repeat this process enough we will eventually reach our goal.
- (2) A DEPUTY Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary is needed. Last year we lost our Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurers just prior to our convention. It could have even more been catastrophic than it was had it not been for alot of telephone calls to several MEGHP. The Grand Treasurer, for example, was the only person with the past words to access our financial accounts.
- (3) We have areas with large amounts of transient members, like the Villages. We should start York Rite Clubs in area like these and in areas where the drive time to a Local York Rite Chapter is more than 60 minutes.

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

Twenty-nine chapters (80.55%) contributed \$8,540.94 up from (58.3%) and \$5,587.80 last year. Other organizations made regular donations of \$1,182 and there were individual donations totaling

\$2,515. This gave us a grand total of \$12,287.94 also up from last year's total of \$7,507.80. This represents a 38% increase in participation of the chapters and an increase of 64% in donations.

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 the craft.

To the Grand Line Officers, District Deputy Grand High Priests, 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.

And to my wife Lois, I thank her for your unconditional support over the 52 years but especially for the past eight years. She is my best friend, soul mate, and the love of my life. "Love You"

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Wolfe, MEGHP

MEGHP TRAVEL SCHEDULE 2015-2016

The following is a list of the places I was honored to visit and represent you the members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida.

June 2015

- 10 Attended a meeting of the John B. Phelps YR College No. 31 in Orlando, FL
 - 12 - 13 Southeastern York Rite Conference, Tampa, FL.
(Red Coat and Collar)
 - 15 Attended a stated meeting of Merritt Island Lodge No. 353, Merritt Island, FL
 - 16 Attended a Schedule meeting of Gainesville Chapter No. 2, Gainesville, FL. Really enjoyed the hospitality and Fellowship.
 - 27 Represented by Ex. Grand Captain of the Host Ronald Newton at the State Rainbow Assembly (Thanks Ron)
- #### July
- 10 Attended the Grand Masters Official visit District 26, Harbor City Lodge, Melbourne, FL
 - 20 Attended Palm Beach Chapter No. 24, W Palm Beach, FL.
Had an excellent dinner/meeting.
 - 25 Official District 1 meeting Harmonia Lodge No. 138, Palm Beach, FL

August

- 2 Attended YR Sovereign College Louisville, Kentucky.
Received Order of the Purple Cross (Introduced as MEGHP of FL)
- 3 Attended Plant City Table Chapter fund raiser for RARA, Plant City, FL
- 4 Attended Brevard Lodge No. 113, Cocoa, FL
- 12 Degree Master at Cocoa YR degree practice (MEM), Cocoa, FL
- 13 Principal speaker, Jacksonville Table Chapter fund raiser for RARA, Jacksonville, FL
- 16 Attended DeMolay at Masonic Home, Tampa, FL.
Received Legion of Honor
- 17 Attended Merritt Island Lodge No. 353, Merritt Island, FL as MEGHP.
Offered Masonic Education
- 18 Table Chapter Gainesville No. 2 fund raiser for RARA, Gainesville, FL
- 22 Official District 10 meeting Pensacola Masonic Center, Pensacola, FL
- 26 Master Overseer at Cocoa YR, Cocoa, FL. Mark Master degree
- 29 Official District 9 meeting, Tallahassee, FL

September

- 8 Unannounced visit to Monroe Chapter No. 15, Sanford, FL.
Excellent visit and a job well done by Sanford
- 9 Secretary of Cocoa YR Bodies (Stated Meeting), Cocoa, FL
- 11- 13 Attended Convent General 80th Conclave, KYCH, Orlando, FL
- 17 Visited Melbourne Commandery No. 41, Melbourne, FL
- 18 Attended Sanford Fall Festival (Monroe Chapter) 3 candidates, Sanford, FL
- 19 Attended Sanford Chapter Fall Festival brought 4 candidates, Sanford, FL
- 23 Secretary of Cocoa YR Bodies, Cocoa, FL
- 26 Official District 3 meeting Tampa, FL

October

- 3 Official District 5 meeting, Orlando, FL
- 3 Grand Masters Homecoming, Orlando, FL
- 7 Attended Cocoa York Rite Bodies Stated meeting (Sec.), Cocoa, FL
- 8 Attended DDGHP official visit Monroe Chapter No. 15, Sanford, FL
- 10 Official District 6 meeting, Melbourne, FL
- 12 Cocoa Beach Municipal Workers Appreciation Day (Worker), Cocoa Beach, FL
Ormond Beach luncheon discussed York Rite Club idea, Ormond Beach, FL
- 17 Official District 4 meeting, Plant City, FL
Met with Clearwater WM and HP - discussed Lodge and YR membership, Clearwater, FL
Attended Super Excellent degree, Bartow, FL
- 21 Attended MW Deputy GM honor night at Sebastian, FL
- 24 Sandy Moffses Funeral Service
- 30-31 Red Cross Convention, Tampa, FL

November

- 8 Unannounced visit Halifax Chapter No. 5, Ormond Beach, FL
 13 52nd wedding anniversary, did nothing Masonic
 14 Official District 4 meeting Sarasota, FL
 MIGH John Horne Homecoming, Sarasota, FL
 17 Visit Palm Bay Lodge No. 397, Palm Bay, FL
 20 Jacksonville for meet with Grand King and Family
 (2017 Planning), Jacksonville, FL
 21 Official District 7 meeting with Grand King Cooper, Jacksonville, FL
 23 Visit Indian River Lodge No. 90, Titusville, FL. Interviewed 2 and
 received 2 new petitions!

December

- 5 Official District 8 meeting, Gainesville, FL
 6 Attended AMD dinner
 12 John B. Phelps York Rite College No. 31 (Secretary), Orlando, FL
 17 Melbourne/Cocoa joint Commandery Christmas Observance
 Dec. 15th, Melbourne, FL

January 2016

- 13 Installed Officers Cocoa York Rite Bodies, Cocoa, FL
 28 Unannounced visit to James Yeager No. 62, Lawtey, FL
 30 MEGHP Homecoming, Melbourne, FL. Thanks to everyone who
 attended or assisted.

February

- 6 Table Chapter Palatka No. 9 fund raiser for RARA, Palatka, FL
 10 Cocoa York Rite Bodies (Sec), Cocoa, FL
 13 Attended R. Ex. Grand Commanders Homecoming, Tampa, FL
 25-28 Attended Alabama Grand York Rite Section, Birmingham, AL

March

- 7 Attended DDGM Official visit Merritt Island Lodge No. 353,
 Merritt Island, FL
 19 Attended Eola YR Festival brought 6 Candidates, Orlando, FL
 22 Attended DDGM Official visit Harbor City Lodge, Melbourne, FL
 23 Cocoa York Rite meeting (Sec), Cocoa, FL
 24 Attended EA Degrees at St. Cloud Lodge No. 221, St Cloud, FL
 30 Attended Grand Lodge Legislation presentation April
 2 Attended Master Mason degrees Desoto No. 105, Riverview, FL
 23 Attended Space Coast Knight Masons meeting, Merritt Island, FL
 Attended Merritt Island Lodge No. 253 Anniversary dinner,
 Merritt Island, FL
 27 Attended Brevard Commandery Meeting, Cocoa, FL

May

- 1-3 Attended Georgia Grand York Rite Convocation, Macon, GA
 19 Attended FL Grand Amaranth Convention, Tampa, FL

GRAND HIGH PRIEST AWARD 2015-2016

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 Nassau Chapter No. 49 RAM, as the recipient of the Grand High Priest Award for 2015-2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard A. Wolfe, MEGHP, Chairman
 C. Robert Cooper, REGK
 Richard S. Agster, REGS

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE
 STATE OF FLORIDA
 GRAND SECRETARY REPORT 2015-2016

May 23, 2015

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Richard A. Wolfe, the Grand Chapter Officers, the Most Excellent Past Grand High Priests, and my Royal Arch Mason Companions All: I herewith submit my Grand Chapter Secretary report for the year ending December 31, 2015 for the May 23, 2016 Grand Convocation.

The number of active Chapters effective December 31, 2015 is 36. Members on the Roll as of December 31, 2014 taken from the Annual Reports is 3930.

Gain in membership:	
Exalted	129
Affiliated	10
Reinstated	15
Adjustments	14
Total	168
Loss in Membership:	
Demitted	24
Suspended	172
Deceased	129
Expelled	4
Adjustments	32
Total Loss	-193

Members on Roll as of December 31, 2015 as taken from the Annual Report is 3,737 or a loss of 193 members.

PER CAPITA:

The per capita (with a \$5.00 increase to \$15.00) projected to be collected for the 2017-18 budget year is anticipated to be \$50,175.00. The amount collected for the 2016-17 budget (this year) at \$10.00 is approximately \$14,406.00.

First and foremost, I want to extend my sincere thank-you to the Companions of this Grand Body for extending to me the honor and privilege of serving you during the past year. It has been truly a great experience for me and I am humbled by the dedicated service given to the Grand Office by very dedicated companions of this Grand Organization. A very special thanks is extended to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Richard A. Wolfe, The Grand Chapter Officers, and the constituent Secretaries for their outstanding, unwavering support during this past year. Secretaries, you are doing an outstanding job of sending in your monthly reports and your constant efforts extended to the Grand Offices Office Manager in straightening out the membership rosters is greatly appreciated. Your rapid responses to the requests of the Grand Office has greatly improved the accuracy of the data base and has increased the efficiency of your Grand Office.

A very special thanks is extended to our Office Manager Kimberly Bailey. She joined the Grand Office team the very first week of June and through her tremendous effort she has reorganized the office to make it operate more efficiently. Because of the illness of my predecessor, there was a lot of catching up to do after the last convention. The first order of business was to get the directory published. Thanks to the rapid and exhausting efforts of Kim, the directory was able to go to print within the first month after the convention. Although it did contain errors, corrections were made on a monthly basis to update the directory and correct those errors. It was found that requests for certificates for the 25, 40, 50 year awards were way behind. During the first three months, the Office processed approximately 600 certificates for all three bodies. While doing all of this, she also found that the monthly reports were way behind. Through her efforts, the reports were entered into the data base and were brought up to date. Without going into detail, it was found that monthly reports were being entered into two different computers that were supposed to be linked together so they operated on the same data file. It was immediately found out that these computers weren't linked together so there were actually two different data files. This situation was quickly corrected but it required extensive amounts of time to correct.

Also, a very special thanks is extended to Companion Henry Adams and his wife Katie. Without their assistance and in-depth knowledge, the proceedings for 2015 would not have been completed. Their continued assistance extends further to the preparations for this Grand Convention. Without their constant assistance, the Grand Office would not have moved forward as fast as it did. Thank you so very much.

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge and thank another officer worker. Ericka Mathany was already working in the office when I came into office. Her expertise and experience working in the Grand York Rite Office of Georgia was invaluable to your Grand Office. Unfortunately, she left to attend college but her work during her short stay was invaluable to the initial organization of your office. She did assist in preparing for this Grand Convention. Thank you so very much.

The computer equipment in the Grand Office was about 5 or more years old and each computer was running a different operating systems making it difficult to network each computer together. After about a month, two of the three computers were showing signs of failing making it necessary to immediately replace these computers. Three new computers were purchased of the same make and model each running the same operating system. Also, it was necessary to have access to the office computers when I, or the staff, am not at the office. Two laptop computers were purchased to enable the Grand Secretary and Office Manager to have that access. (From the MEGHP -Thanks Ed)

Now all the office computers and laptops are networked together making data entry and backup of each computer more uniform and secure.

There were 5 different printers in the office each of the type more suited for home use than that of the office. The cost of the ink for each printer was getting out of hand. Two office MFP printers of the exact same make and model were purchased making printing and document handling flow with greater speed and accuracy.

Recommendations:

Work has already begun to update the monthly reporting system currently in use. I recommend that the technology committee that was formed this year remain intact for the following year. During the year recommendations from this committee as to stream lining the reporting system and the updating of the computer reporting system be forthcoming.

Again, Thank you for allowing me to serve you as your Grand Secretary this year.

L. Edward Villiaume III, KYCH

A D D E N D U M 2015-2016 GRAND CHAPTER PROCEEDINGS

The following is submitted for ratification at the 2016 Grand Convocation for inclusion in the 2015 Proceedings of the Grand Convocation.

Resolutions:

Passed:

Resolution to amend Chapter 30.01 "Chapter Returns and Reports to the Grand Chapter" to increase Per Capita Tax to Fifteen (\$15.00) dollars. Effective Jan. 1, 2016.

Resolution to change Chapter 37.01 (a) to read No deviation shall be permitted from the work outlined in the Ritual adopted by this Grand Chapter. The rest of the paragraph 37.01 (a) is deleted. Effective May 20, 2015.

Failed:

Resolution to amend Chapter 43.06, concerning Membership Growth Awards.

Resolution to amend Appendix D, Page 21, Line 17, concerning opening change to due guard and sign.

Resolution to amend Chapter 46.01, 46.02 and 47.03 to use "market indices" interpreted as the return realized by the Grand Lodge of Florida.

Withdrawn:

Resolution to amend Appendix D, page 18, line 31 concerning due guard and signs

Resolution to amend Chapter 43.06 Membership Growth Awards

Resolution to adopt Appendix E be included in the Grand Chapter Constitution and to print copies for sale.

Resolution to amend Article XII, Powers and Duties of Grand Officers to allow the Excellent High Priest to declare a Chapter open during a legally opened Council or Commandery.

Resolution to amend Chapter 35 to allow the Illustrious Master or Eminent Commander to open his body in an open Chapter.

Budget:

Attached is the approved Budget for the Grand Chapter for 2015-2016. Submitted:

L. Edward Villiaume III, KYCH
Grand Secretary
Grand Chapter of Florida

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER MAY 2015 – MARCH 2016

For the Fraternal year of 2015-16 the following report covers the first 10 months through March 2016. A final report covering the entire year will be issued in time to be published in the 2016 Proceedings.

This was the first year for Carl Gilmore as Grand Treasurer and thus some amount of learning the "ropes" was necessary. However, in doing so, it was determined that several new procedures would be of benefit. These include:

A. In addition to submitting the normal monthly Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Statement and Budget Expense Sheet for the Grand Chapter to the Grand High Priest, a Profit and Loss Statement for the Grand Office was included. This marks the first time such information has been regularly reported.

B. In addition to the payment of Life and Perpetual dividends paid in February to the Chapters due them, for the first time ever a Statement was issued to the Chapters, showing Names and Amounts that made up the total dividend paid. It thereby provides a "feedback" loop, so that Secretary/Recorders may make the Grand Treasurer aware of any inaccuracy discovered and thus makes the Life/Perpetual Records more accurate.

C. The records of the Life and Perpetual Membership program were kept on separate "Works" spread sheets. Thus some 150 separate spread sheets must be accessed to "turn the crank" on the program. All these spread sheets have been converted to the newer "Excel" spread sheets and work is ongoing to convert them to a single "Access" database system, where updating records and providing statements and other reports will be much more automatic.

D. Checks are now printed on "computer" type checks, with the printing generated through the Bookkeeping Software program, thus ensuring greater accuracy with corresponding lower entry errors.

Richard Foreman, the immediate past Grand Treasurer, has been a great resource and help during the time of transition. His knowledge has been available to me frequently and his help is much appreciated.

The Investment Committee has been both active and informed monthly of the two Investment Account's activity and market impacts. There has been both group and individual communication regarding the investments. The Investment Committee will have its own report for the Craft, but I can say that the Committee has been attentive to achieving the goals of the two investment vehicles.

The Perpetual Fund was able to pay the 5% dividend to the Chapters this year without a reduction of Fund Value; i.e. the Fund received dividends from the investments amounting to more than the Payout to the Chapters. I'm pleased

to announce that the Perpetual Fund has in 2015 gained 43 new members for a total of 560 members and, even with a difficult year in the Market, the fund is valued at 24% more than the total member investment. (This percent gained is NOT a one year gain, rather represents the good stewardship of many years.)

I thank the Craft for this opportunity to serve as Grand Treasurer. Copies of the Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Statements to date and Perpetual Membership Investment and Payout for this year are attached herewith.

Fraternally Submitted,

Carl Gilmore, REPGC & MIPGM
Grand Treasurer

GRAND CHAPTER FINAL BALANCE SHEET 2015-2016

Account	31 Mar 2016 Balance
ASSETS	
CASH & BANK ACCOUNTS	
GRAND CHAPTER	\$ 58,333.07
GRAND CHAPTER MM XX0422	\$ 28,907.03
LIFE /PERPETUAL CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 8,952.40
TOTAL CASH & BANK ACCOUNTS	\$ 96,192.50
OTHER ASSETS	
ADMINISTRATIVE FUND INVESTMENT ACCT	\$ 358,828.77
LIFE/PERPETUAL FUND INVESTMENT ACCT	\$ 313,230.77
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	\$ 672,059.54
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 768,252.04
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	
OTHER LIABILITIES	
40040- TRIENNIAL FUND	\$ 1,634.00
40050- CARRYOVER FUNDS	\$ 4,525.89
40051- COLLECTED ADVANCED PER CAPITA	\$ 39,287.00
40052- INTEREST ON ADVANCED PER CAPITA	\$ 0.00
40054- COLLECTED PER CAPITA FOR FUTURE	\$ 25,994.00
40059- EQUIP REPLACEMENT FUND Ed's	\$ 628.19
40060- CHARITY FUND	\$ 400.35
40070- ENDOWMENT FUND	\$ 600.00
40082- FUNDRAISER (YOUTH PINS)	\$ 6,422.00
BANK ACCT LIFE/PERPETUAL ACCT	\$ 8,952.40
CURRENT RECEIPTS	< 27,320.95

INV ADMIN ACCT 31 MAY 2015	\$ 383,420.68
INV ADMIN- UNREALIZED GAIN/LOSS	< 24,591.91
INV LIFE/PERPETUAL ACCT OF 31 MAY 2015	\$ 308,730.04
INV LIFE/PERPETUAL- UNREALIZED GAIN/LOSS	\$ 5,144.60
TOTAL OTHER LIABILITIES	\$ 733,826.29
TOTAL OTHER LIABILITIES	\$ 733,826.29
EQUITY	\$ 34,425.75
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 768,252.04

GRAND CHAPTER BUDGET 1 MAY 2015 – 31 MARCH 2016

CATEGORY	06/01/2015 ACTUAL	BUDGET	03/31/2016 DIFF	% USED
EXPENSES	\$ 36,826.29	\$ 56,516.00	\$ 19,689.71	65%
10010- ALLOWANCES	\$ 5,103.50	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 96.50	98%
10011- MEGHP	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 0.00	100%
10012- REGK	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00	100%
10014- JEWEL, APRON & CASE	\$ 603.50	\$ 700.00	\$ 96.50	86%
10020 · CHARITIES	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 0.00	100%
10022 · YOUTH CHARITIES	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 0.00	100%
10023 · MASONIC HOME	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00	100%
10024- DONATION TO GHP CHARITY	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 0.00	100%
10025- YOUTH ACTIVITIES	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
10030 · MEETINGS	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 2,134.00	\$ 834.00	61%
10031 · TRIENNIAL	\$ 0.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	0%
10032 · DISTRICT MEETINGS	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 100.00	90%
10033 · SUMMER ASSEMBLY	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00	100%
10034 · MEGHP SE CONF	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00	100%
10035 · REGK SE CONF	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00	100%
10036 · REGS SE CONF	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00	100%
10037 · GRAND SEC SE CONF	\$ 0.00	\$ 34.00	\$ 34.00	0%

GRAND CHAPTER BUDGET
1 MAY 2015 – 31 MARCH 2016 (Continued)

CATEGORY	06/01/2015 ACTUAL	BUDGET	03/31/2016 DIFF	% USED
10040 · GRAND CONVOCATION	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	0%
10044 – DIST GUESTS	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	0%
10050- OFFICE EXPENSES	\$ 6,610.00	\$ 6,610.00	\$ 0.00	100%
10051- OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 0.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	0%
10052 · POSTAGE	\$ 0.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	0%
10053 · RENT	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	0%
10054 · TELEPHONE	\$ 0.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	0%
10055 · UTILITIES	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
10056 · COMPUTER EXP	\$ 0.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	0%
10057 · COMPUTER MAINTENANCE	\$ 0.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	0%
10058 · STORAGE	\$ 0.00	\$ 460.00	\$ 460.00	0%
10058A · FUTURE MOVING EXPENSE	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
10059- EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT	\$ 0.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	0%
OTHER 10050 · OFFICE EXPENSES	\$ 6,610.00	\$ 0.00	<6,610.00	
10060 · PRINTING	\$ 1,231.40	\$ 2,650.00	\$ 1,418.60	46%
10061 · GENERAL PRINTING EXPENSES	\$ 0.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	0%
10062 · PROCEEDINGS	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 0.00	100%
10063 · RITUALS	\$ 581.40	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 418.60	58%
10065 · COPIER MAINTENANCE	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	0%
10066 · PRINTING SUPPLIES	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	0%
10067- COST/YORK RITE OF FREEMASONRY	\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	0%
OTHER 10060 · PRINTING	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	

GRAND CHAPTER BUDGET
1 MAY 2015 – 31 MARCH 2016 (Continued)

CATEGORY	06/01/2015 ACTUAL	BUDGET	03/31/2016 DIFF	% USED
10070 · SALARIES, STIPENDS, PAYROLL TAXES	\$13,350.00	\$14,800.00	\$ 1,450.00	90%
10071 · GR TREASURER	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 450.00	75%
10072 · GR SECRETARY	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	75%
10073 · OFFICE MANAGER	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 0.00	100%
10074 · OFFICE TEMPORARY HELP	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 0.00	100%
10080 · TAXES	\$ 4,387.25	\$ 9,062.00	\$ 4,674.00	48%
10081 · FLORIDA CORPORATION TAX	\$ 61.25	\$ 62.00	\$ 0.75	99%
10082 · GENERAL GR PER CAPITA TAX	\$ 4,326.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 4,674.00	48%
10090 · SUNDRY	\$ 3,744.14	\$ 6,435.00	\$ 2,690.86	58%
10091 · EDUCATION & TRAINING	\$ 883.42	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 116.58	88%
10092 · AWARDS	\$ 434.31	\$ 500.00	\$ 65.69	87%
10095 · INSURANCE	\$ 1,685.00	\$ 1,600.00	< 85.00	105%
10096 · CONTINGENCIES	\$ 741.41	\$ 3,135.00	\$ 2,393.59	24%
10099 · WEB HOSTING	\$ 0.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	0%
10102 · BANK SERVICE CHARGES	\$ 0.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	0%
NET DIFFERENCE	<36,826.29	<56,516.00	\$19,689.71	65%

**PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP
LIFE PERPETUAL PAYOUT FOR 2015-2016**

CHAP NO	LIFE		PERPETUAL		TOTAL	
	INV AMT	PAYOUT	INV AMT	PAYOUT	INV AMT	PAYOUT
1	\$ 2,093.00	\$ 61.33	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 6,093.00	\$ 261.33
2	\$ 60.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 81.00	\$ 2,760.00	\$ 84.00
3	\$ 7,192.74	\$ 359.64	\$ 9,455.00	\$ 472.75	\$ 16,647.74	\$ 832.39
5	\$ 1,234.47	\$ 61.72	\$ 1,360.00	\$ 68.00	\$ 2,594.47	\$ 129.72
6	\$ 3,904.73	\$ 195.24	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 241.00	\$ 10,804.73	\$ 436.24
7	\$ 4,065.90	\$ 203.30	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 126.00	\$ 7,065.90	\$ 329.30
9	\$ 1,259.85	\$ 62.99	\$ 500.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,759.85	\$ 87.99
11	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$104,640.00	\$ 5,232.00	\$104,640.00	\$ 5,232.00
12	\$ 3,069.10	\$ 153.46	\$ 6,040.00	\$ 302.00	\$ 9,109.10	\$ 455.46
13	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,186.60	\$ 154.33	\$ 3,086.60	\$ 154.33
15	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,460.00	\$ 149.00	\$ 3,460.00	\$ 149.00
16	\$ 564.00	\$ 28.20	\$ 1,888.00	\$ 50.40	\$ 2,452.00	\$ 78.60
17	\$ 224.00	\$ 11.20	\$ 3,320.00	\$ 132.00	\$ 3,544.00	\$ 143.20
18	\$ 668.10	\$ 33.41	\$ 1,180.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 1,848.10	\$ 52.41
20	\$ 975.20	\$ 48.76	\$ 11,560.00	\$ 511.70	\$ 12,535.20	\$ 560.46
24	\$ 1,559.90	\$ 78.00	\$ 2,420.00	\$ 106.80	\$ 3,979.90	\$ 184.80
27	\$ 542.00	\$ 28.60	\$ 1,510.83	\$ 75.54	\$ 2,052.83	\$ 104.14
28	\$ 312.00	\$ 15.60	\$ 6,421.60	\$ 289.08	\$ 6,733.60	\$ 304.68
29	\$ 8,109.55	\$ 405.48	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 145.00	\$ 11,009.55	\$ 550.48
31	\$ 3,632.20	\$ 181.61	\$ 4,206.60	\$ 205.93	\$ 7,838.80	\$ 387.54
32	\$ 66.00	\$ 3.30	\$ 1,370.00	\$ 68.50	\$ 1,436.00	\$ 71.80
33	\$ 286.40	\$ 14.32	\$ 2,279.60	\$ 77.98	\$ 2,566.00	\$ 92.30
35	\$ 1,285.80	\$ 64.29	\$ 4,580.00	\$ 229.00	\$ 5,865.80	\$ 293.29
38	\$ 371.40	\$ 18.57	\$ 480.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 851.40	\$ 24.57
39	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,240.00	\$ 62.00	\$ 1,240.00	\$ 62.00
40	\$ 395.10	\$ 19.76	\$ 2,560.00	\$ 108.40	\$ 2,955.10	\$ 128.16
45	\$ 395.10	\$ 106.61	\$ 5,460.00	\$ 260.50	\$ 5,855.10	\$ 367.11
48	\$ 441.20	\$ 22.06	\$ 400.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 841.20	\$ 42.00
50	\$ 2,241.70	\$ 103.73	\$ 440.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 2,681.70	\$ 125.73
57	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 18.00
59	\$ 1,181.70	\$ 45.36	\$ 3,400.20	\$ 165.21	\$ 4,581.90	\$ 210.57
62	\$ 291.50	\$ 14.58	\$ 600.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 891.50	\$ 44.58
65	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 49.00	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 49.00
67	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 460.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 460.00	\$ 23.00
TOTAL	\$ 46,422.64	\$ 2,344.12	\$205,498.43	\$ 9,726.12	\$251,921.07	\$ 12,070.24
FUND AMT 31 DEC 2015 BEFORE PAYOUT			\$319,197.70	27% GROWTH		

**GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF
FLORIDA
GRAND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPTER AUDIT
COMMITTEE 2015-2016**

The Audit Committee met with the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary at the Grand York Rite Office on February 20, 2016. We reviewed the books and records of both the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary and found them to be in order. A review of the warrants, vouchers, checkbooks and bank statements revealed all was in proper order which allowed the audit to proceed in an orderly manner, and we appreciated that fact that both the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary were present and able to respond to any questions which the Committee raised.

We wish to commend the Grand Treasurer for the manner the records have been maintained.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard S. Agster, Chairman
Ronald Newton
Richard Foreman

AWARDS 2015-2016

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 YorkRite 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 Rusty M. Ludlam. 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.

EPHRAIM KIRBY AWARD

This award is named for the first Most Excellent General Grand High Priest of the general Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, who served from 1798-1804.

KIRBY AWARD

2015	Donald T. Harriott
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**BRONZE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL
RECIPIENTS 2015-2016**

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 Cassidy	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
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

**BRONZE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL
RECIPIENTS 2015-2016 (Continued)**

Compainion Rusty Ludlum

GOLD KEY AWARDS 2015 - 2016

Dist	Receipient	Chapter
2	Sheldon Arpad	Poinciana No. 50
3	L Edward Villiaume III	St Petersburg No. 31
4	James F Robinson	Plant City No. 16
5	Jimmy Hawkins	Monroe No. 15
	Wayne Parks	Eustis No. 33
6	Henry A Adams	Melbourne No. 59
	Dayle L Schrock	Melbourne No. 59
7	Glenn E Chandler	Jacksonville No. 12
	C Edward Constant	Nassau No. 49
	C Robert Cooper	Jacksonville No. 12
	Jimmy F Dorsey	Jacksonville No. 12

GRAND HIGH PRIEST AWARD 2015-2016

1989	James Yeager	No. 62	1990	Tampa-Cushing	No. 3
1991	Indian River	No. 27	1992	Eureka	No. 7
1993	Putnam	No. 9	1994	Putnam	No. 9
1995	James Yeager	No. 62	1996	Eden	No. 63
1997	Mt Horeb	No. 6	1998	St Petersburg	No. 31
1999	Challenger	No. 66	2006	Tampa-Cushing	No. 3
2009	Ocala	No. 13	2010	Eustis	No. 33
2011	St Petersburg	No. 31	2012	Nassau	No. 49
2013	NONE		2014	Eureka	No. 7
2015	Nassau	No. 49			

FOUR VEILS AWARDS 2015-2016

Dist 1	Palm Beach	No. 24
	Keystone	No. 20
	Jericho	No. 11
2	Manatee River	No. 18
	Sarasota	No. 35
3	Tampa-Cushing	No. 3
	St. Petersburg	No. 31
5	Halifax	No. 5
	Eustis	No. 33
	Monroe	No. 15
	Eureka	No. 7
6	Indian River	No. 27
	Melbourne	No. 59

FOUR VEILS AWARDS 2015-2016 (Continued)

7	Jacksonville	No. 12
	Duval	No. 48
	Nassau	No. 49
	St. Augustine	No. 17
	Putnam	No. 9
8	Lake City	No. 38
	Gainesville	No. 2
	Ocala	No. 13
9	Florida	No. 1
	Jackson	No. 32
	Bay County	No. 39
10	Surf	No. 57

BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE 2015-2016

During the year 2015-2016, 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,

Barry Swan, Chairman
Arthur Ahrens
James Brown

BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT FOR 2015-2016

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida budget and Finance Committee concluded its work on May 23, 2016. Serving on the committee were the following: C. Robert Cooper, R. Ex. Grand King; M.J. P.G.M., Richard Foreman, Past Grand Treasurer, Carl Gilmore, Grand Treasurer (Ex. Officio) and L. Edward Villiaume, Grand Secretary (Ex. Officio).

As in the past years, the budgetary procedure consisted of extensive email and telephone communication. Based on communication from the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary along with the other committee members, a proposed final budget was completed.

The proposed attached budget was presented to the craft for their consideration and was accepted at the May 23, 2016 Grand Chapter meeting.

The committee wishes to thank M.E. Companion Richard a. Wolfe, Grand High Priest for the opportunity to serve the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida

Respectfully Submitted
Charles R. Cooper, R.E.G.K.
Chairman of the Budget & Finance Committee

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF FLORIDA COMMITTEE ON WORK 2015-2016

District Instructors Activity Reports for Schools of Instructions, 11 reports were received from District Instructors and Committee on Work Members, In Accordance with Article XII, Section 13, and Chapter 13.03 paragraph J of the Grand Chapter Constitution. Areas mostly covered were Opening and Closing a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Steps, Due Guards & Signs, and the Mark Master Degree. The Committee On Work members with the District Instructors, should schedule and hold Schools of instructions, to improve our Degree work in Opening and Closing each Degree and the Floor Work in all Chapter Degrees.

No Reports to COW for Fervency & Zeal ceremony preformed, however the Most Excellent Richard Wolfe, Grand High Priest assigned a committee to cover this area which includes the Council Circumambulation, to promote Membership, Committee Chairman Companion Patrick Velasquez.

No Competition reported or accomplished for the Opening & Closing of a Chapter Convocation. This is the 3rd year with no request or performance. I suggest that District Instructors and Committee On Work promote this Program. I felt that it will improve our work and impress new members.

Questions purposed to the Committee On Work

- Mark Master Floor work movements at closing with Wages.
- Most Excellent Master Floor Work in the 2nd Section, Completion/Dedication
- Royal Arch Degree set up and Floor Work.
- The Opening of Degrees for standalone slow class, and such as at a stated meeting, also how Openings can be done at Festivals, coving all the Degrees in the same day or Degrees done on different days.
- The Installation of Officers line up and preparation and conducting them to their stations.

Recommendation: In my travels thought out the State watching and working in all the Chapter Degrees during Festivals, that I have attended, and seeing all the different ways the Floor Work was done and the different places in our Rituals of Floor Work Instructions, I felt the need for a Floor Work Instructions for our Degrees, so we can uniform the Floor Work Movements as indicated in the General Grand Ritual, our Appendix D. the Essentials and

any unidentified Floor Work movements. Hoping that this will assist Chapters to perform the Degree Work in as close to the same manner, and uniform the work throughout the State. Taking into account, Lodge room size, shape, door locations and size of preentry rooms and the pariafnalla used. With the permission of the Grand High Priest and the Craft from last year Convention, I have developed with the assistance of the Committee On Work, a Floor Work booklet to assist in the training of Degree Floor Work. I have turned one copy of the booklet over to the Grand High Priest for his and the incoming Grand High Priest review, and consideration to adopt it, for use either thru the York Rite Web Site or issues to Chapters in Booklet form, by funding that expense.

Proficiency Cards Issued, 6 Proficiency Cards have been issued this Grand High Priest year.

1- Purple Card, Key & Apron Lecture – Thomas Metcalfe, Gainesville No.2, District 8 **

2- Red/One White Strip Cards Mark Master- William Arent, Crestview No. 40, District 10 ** - Joseph Fretz, Keystone No. 20, District 1

1- Red/ Three White Strips Card, Most Excellent Master-Solomon Goldenburg, Jericho No. 11 District 1

2- White Cards, Open & Close Chapter RAM – William Owens, Palm Beach No. 24, District 1 and one that did not get on the books last year: Solomon Goldenburg, Jericho No. 11, District 1 **

**These Companions were issued their Cards prior to the Convention.

I want to thank all the District Instructors and Committee on Work Members that have ask me to assist them in the Degree Work and Questions; also there help with the Floor Work Booklet.

Fraternally Submitted,

John I. Gray, Chairman, Committee On Work / District 9 & 10
Paul Mast / District 7 & 8
Fredrick Gerdom / District 5 & 6
Larry Gillespie / District 4 & 3
William Popham / District 1 & 2

CONVENTION BOARD 2015-2016
NO REPORT SUBMITTED

COMMITTEE ON CUSTODIAN OF RITUALISTIC MATERIALS 2015-2016

According to Chapter 37.01 (a) of the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter of Florida all ritualistic materials of official nature, namely Appendix D, Instructions and Guidelines, as promulgated by the Committee on Work, Essentials and Key Lecture, Ritualistic Ceremony of an Antient Craft Table Chapter Convocation of Royal Arch Masons, shall be accounted for by each Chapter in a manner to be prescribed by the Grand High Priest under the direction of the Custodian of Ritualistic Records. At the Grand Convocation of May 19, 2015, the craft adopted the Steve Steele amendment which abolished this provision from the By-Laws.

This in essence eliminated the work of this committee therefore there is no further report. I would also respectfully suggest that this committee be therefore officially removed from the roster of committees at the pleasure of the Grand High Priest.

Respectfully submitted,
Harry Eisenberg, Chairman
James Green
John Gray

DISTINGUISHED GUEST REPORT 2015-2016

Your committee on distinguished guests held in Lake Mary, FL at the Marriott- Lake Mary on 23 May, 2016 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 acolaides due them for their services:

MOST EXCELLENT PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF FLORIDA

MEPGHP William R. Jacobs
MEPGHP John F. Wermann
MEPGHP Darryl A. D'Angina
MEPGHP Michael A. Padron Jr
MEPGHP Glenn E. Chandler
MEPGHP Steven Q. Steele
MEPGHP Wayne E. Parks
MEPGHP Harvey L. Ward
MEPGHP Harry Robert Davis

**GRAND HIGH PRIESTS AND PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST FROM
OTHER JURISDICTIONS 2015-2016**

MIPGHP Thomas Nesbit	AL
MIPGHP Sheldon Arpad	DC
MIGHP William Shepard	GA
MIPGHP Harvey Reynolds	GA
MIGHP Michael Broom	SC
MIPGHP L. Alvin Hill	TN
MIPGHP Charles Sipes	UT

OTHER DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

David A. Aponte	DeMoley	Executive Director
Darryl D'Angina	SUP	Knight Masons of Florida
Richard E. Foreman	KYCH	Convent General Rep
Dale E. Goehrig	SGIG	Scottish Rite- Southern Jurisdiction
James Hogg	3 rd Veil	Grand Chapter of AK
Randy Spradling	GR SEC	St Thomas of Acon
Steven Q. Steele	PGMG	Convent General

GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA

Tommy Turlington	Grand Marshall
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PAST GRAND MASTER OF GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA

James Duer
Dale E. Goehrig
Michael A. Padron Jr

RECEPTION OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER INTERNATIONAL

John F. Wermann	SE Region, Deputy General GHP, GM 1st Veil
Steven G. Tiner	General Grand Scribe
James H. Hodge	General Grand King

**GRAND CHAPTER GRAND REPRESENTATIVE
REPORT 2015-2016**

There were eleven new Companions appointed to be Grand Representatives of the Grand High Priest and Grand Chapter of Florida, for the year 2015

1. You must be in written communication with your counterpart on an annual basis, sending a report to the Presiding Officer.

2. You must attend the Florida Session. Anyone missing three Sessions can be removed from the list.

3. This is an important position. We need to take this responsibility seriously.

I would like to thank the Grand High Priest for the honor of assisting in this program.

Fraternally,

Henry A. Adams, KCT, PGC

**GRAND SECRETARIES AND GRAND
REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS
2015-2016**

AL	SEC	Hiram O. Williams Jr	PO Box 100333, Birmingham, AL 35210
	THEIR	James E Qualls	477 Qualls Rd, Frisco City, AL 36445
AK	SEC	Dale A Cain	518 E14 th Ste 1, Anchorage, AK 99510
	THEIR	James L Oliver Sr	PO Box 175, Anchorage, AK 99510
AZ	SEC	George E Weil	PO Box 999,Chino Valley, AZ 86323
	THEIR	Joseph F Zito	9310 E Main St #172, Meza, AZ 85207
AR	SEC	Robert L Jackson	5671 Applewood N Little Rock, AR 72118
	THEIR	Robert L Jackson	5671 Applewood N Little Rock, AR 72118
CA	SEC	Kenneth G Hope	11426 E Artesia Blvd #13 Artesia, CA 90701
	THEIR	Gerald L Easton	28032 Via Congora Mission Viejo, CA 92692
CO	SEC	Bob Gregory	1614 Welton St #503, Denver, CO 80202
	THEIR	Alan C Frost	1102 Holland Hark Blvd Colorado Springs, CO 80907
CT	SEC	Charles B Fowler	525 Stillwater, Windsor, CT 06095
	THEIR	Herbert Bachelder	178 Meeting House Ln Oakdale, CT 06370
DE	SEC	Mark E Irwin	6420 Shutt Rd, Spring Grove, PA 17362
	THEIR	Walter F Okey	1305 Dawson Ln, Wilmington, DE 19805
DC	SEC	Teko A Foly	8500 Caswell Pl New Carrollton, MD 20784
	THEIR	Robert H Starr	5400 Amberwood Ln Rockville, MD 20853
FL	SEC	L Edward Villiaume III	P O Box 13496, Box Tampa, FL 33681

**GRAND SECRETARIES AND GRAND REPRESENTATIVES
OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS 2015-2016 (Continued)**

GA	SEC	Wade C Smith	811 Mulberry St, Macon, GA 31201
	THEIR	F Ray Jackson	811 Mulberry St, Macon, GA 31201
HI	SEC	Keith N Isaacson	1227 Makiki St, Honolulu, HI 96814
	THEIR	J Owen Edgerton	16338 6 th Ave, Honolulu, HI 96816
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	THEIR	Joe F Kudelka	815 15 th St, Rupert, ID 83350
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THE GRAND HISTORIANS LECTURE 2015-2016
"Beginnings, a Grand Lodge Emerges"

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May 23, 2016 A.D. 2546 A.I.

It all began on an unknown date in 1716. The members of four Lodges, three from London and one from Westminster met at the Apple Tree Tavern in London and after having put the oldest mason in the chair formed a Grand Lodge Pro-Tempore in Due Form. They agreed to meet again on June 24th, 1717 at the Goose and Gridiron Ale-House on Saint John the Baptist Day and the first Grand Lodge was constituted. It is worthy of note that, although this Ale-House had several floors, the largest dining/meeting room was only 14 ½ by 21 ½ feet in area. This was the beginning of the Grand Lodge Era. Present day historians believe there were other Lodges existing in and around London but for some reason they did not wish to participate in the Grand Lodge experiment. For information on the early years of the Premier Grand Lodge you have to refer to a reference called "Andersons Reconstructed Minutes" that were published twenty-two years later by the Rev. Doctor James Anderson in 1738. This second edition of Andersons Constitutions along with the 1723 edition was the Holy Grail for Freemasons and is still used by many Grand Jurisdictions today including Florida. The Constitutions directed the Masters and Wardens of the Lodges in and about London and Westminster to

meet with the Grand Lodge four times a year. The Annual Communication and Feast was held on June 24th, Saint John the Baptist Day. The three Quarterly Communications were to be held on Michaelmas (September 29th), Christmas, and Lady-Day (March 25th).

Anderson, along with Dr. J. T. Desaguliers were members of the Lodge that met at the Rummer and Grapes Tavern in Westminster. Members from this Lodge appeared to be more prosperous than the Brothers from the Apple Tree Tavern, the Crown Ale-House, and the Goose and Gridiron Ale-House. In 1719, during his year as the third Grand Master, Desaguliers completed the Original 15 Lectures/Stories for the degrees that was edited by Dr. Anderson. (To purchase a copy of "AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING" which contains these 1719 lectures, please see M.I. Chuck Hollinger. The cost is \$10.00)

John Theophilus Desaguliers was born in Rochelle, France, in 1683, the son of a Protestant minister. He was taken to England in his childhood, for his family had to flee from the slaughter of Protestants which followed the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes. He graduated at Oxford University, specializing in science, and was the first man ever to lecture on science in London, and one of the first physicists to work and teach in a laboratory. In his spare time he became interested in the science of gunnery and invented a sponging apparatus for the breech-loading 12-pounder. He was received as a Fellow of the Royal Society; was an intimate friend of Sir Isaac Newton; an eminent figure in the Church and in society. Dr. Desaguliers also served as Deputy Grand Master three times, and since 1721, when it became the custom to have a nobleman in the Grand East, the Deputy was what the Pro-Grand Master of England is today, this means that Desaguliers was in actuality head of the Grand Lodge for a total of four years. It was during those years that he became the architect of the Grand Lodge System, and merited Dr. Albert Gallatin Mackey's tribute in after years as "the Father of Modern Speculative Freemasonry." It has also been said "that, to him, perhaps, more than to any other man are we indebted for the existence of Freemasonry as a living institution." Desaguliers among other accomplishments made a thorough study of old Masonic practices; collected every available Masonic document; took the lead in having a new Book of Constitutions prepared; closed the door to participation in religious and political parties; brought a large number of prominent men in the Craft; initiated the Grand Lodge Benevolence Fund and the law requiring Lodge Charters; and personally assisted with the founding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. To his further credit, it should be mentioned that he was one of the few that attended the funeral of Dr. Anderson in 1739. When Desaguliers came into Masonry the Grand Lodge consisted of four or five inconspicuous Lodges whose delegates could sit in a circle in a small room; by the time of his death in 1744 it had become a worldwide Fraternity with Grand Lodges on the Continent and in America.

In in process of verifying the facts in this talk using Coils Masonic Encyclopedia, I found something regarding the Altar that was unknown to me. Henry Wilson Coil states: The presence of an altar in a Masonic Lodge is

difficult to account for. Modern Freemasons regard that object as an ancient fixture and indispensable. Furthermore, it is difficult to estimate the time of, or the occasion for, its introduction into American Lodges. There were no altars in Lodges of the early seventeen hundreds, and it should especially be noted that William Preston, in his Lectures beginning in 1772 describes all of the furniture, ornaments, lights, and jewels of the Lodge, its shape, floor, and ceiling, but mentions no altar. Freemasons were the first to associate the Holy Bible with the altar just as they were the first to place the terrestrial and celestial globes on top of the two columns, Jachin (Jakin) and Boaz.

For some time I have been curious about the answers given in the opening of a Royal Arch Chapter by the Master of the Second Veil in mentioning the sons of Noah. Why are they used? Our Capitular Degrees do not mention Noah, the Ark of Safety/Refuge, or his sons in any manner or form.

The early Ritual being worked in some Lodges was not the Hiram Legend as it didn't arrive on the scene until around 1730. The Graham manuscript of 1726 clearly documents that there was a legend based on Noah and his three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Also, Dr. James Anderson in his 1738 Constitutions referred to Masons as Noachidae or Sons of Noah. The Graham Manuscript gives a traditional history of which Noah was the central figure that historically occurred about 1,300 years before the building of King Solomon's Temple. With the death of Noah some secret knowledge was lost. His three sons went to their father's grave "to try if they could find anything about him to lead them to the veritable secrets which this famous preacher had." But before they went they "had already agreed that if they did not find the very thing itself, the first thing they found was to be to them as a secret..." Companions, there we have the earliest reference to "substituted secrets." When they arrived at the grave they found "nothing but the dead body almost consumed away." Because of its condition their first efforts to raise it failed. But ultimately "they raised up the dead body, setting foot to foot, knee to knee, breast to breast, cheek to cheek, and hand to back." In this old Noah legend the manuscript gives several other details that are almost identical with elements in our current Hiram Legend. Eventually the Craft settled on the Hiram/Temple Legend that first appeared in Samuel Pritchard's *Masonry Dissected* which was published in 1730-four years after the date of the Graham MS. You can't help but feel that the writers of the Royal Arch opening ritual included the Shem, Ham, and Japheth reference to remind us of the intimate connection existing between Ancient Craft Masonry and the Royal Arch.

In closing, the change which came over Freemasonry in 1717 and the following years cannot be correctly described by any single word, neither revival, revolution, creation, reorganization, reincarnation, nor transmutation. It can properly be described only by stating what occurred. The practical art of building was spiritualized into a speculative society of morality, illustrated by

symbolism drawn from architecture and other sources; and the regulations and laws of the Mason's trade were made relevant to social, moral, and fraternal purposes. As Dr. Albert G. Mackey expressed it, "The ship was still there but the object of the voyage had been changed."

Companions, thank you for your attention.

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INSURANCE COMMITTEE REPORT 2015-2016

We were tasked by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest to secure property insurance for the Grand Chapter. This insurance has not been in place for over twenty years and the Grand High Priest collar and the Grand Line officer's collars and aprons alone are valued at over \$25,000.00. This doesn't include the jointly owned office property in the Grand York Rite office in the Tampa York Rite building.

Several agencies were contacted to secure quotes for a property insurance policy. Two of the agencies since being contacted have changed their personnel causing a major delay in obtaining quotes. The committee is now working with a third agency (the same agency that maintains the property insurance for the Tampa York Rite) to get a quote for this insurance. It is hoped by the Grand York Rite annual meetings in Lake Mary, we will have completed this task in getting a quote and making a recommendation to the Grand High Priest.

We thank the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Richard Wolfe, for the opportunity of serving the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida for 2015-2016.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard E. Foreman, Chairman
Wade Atchison, Member

REPORT OF THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA 2015 –2016

The active members Investment Committee participated in a telecom with the Edward Jones broker, David Jones to discuss the account status, asset allocation, reviewed the fourth quarter results and going forward strategy on November 11, 2015. Numerous Emails and phone calls between members of the committee and our Grand High Priest facilitated committee performance monitoring, and along with the Statements provided the by the Grand Treasurer, forming the basis for recommendations of the committee. A number of Executive Orders derived from the committee recommendations were executed by the Grand Treasurer at the direction of the Grand High Priest. Continuous monitoring of the investments in an attempt to contain losses and adjust positions to maximize yield has turned around the total returns in 2016. With total returns in the Life/Perpetual account at 4.53% and the Administrative account at 1.04%.

Considerable effort was expended to establish the current asset allocation (AA) as it was clearly not visible to the committee through the method of reporting provided it by Edward Jones. Aside from the current Grand Chapter bylaw para. 46.03, recommended asset allocation for an investment account, the Grand High Priest made a concerted effort to establish new guidelines for potential legislation to change the AA ratio for each of the two accounts. New members gaining knowledge on the workings of the committee and terminology associated with investing necessitated considerable communications to nail down where the committee was to deviate from the current AA guidelines and on what basis to establish new strategies. A model was provided committee members to assist in the process to propose a revised asset allocation, together with a set of standard risk assessment questions presented for evaluation and input. Legislation to effect this change could not be constructed this Capitular year as these questions were not answered by the committee. The understanding of a lesser risk factor is necessary on sacred funds and must be considered in order to provide a guaranteed return to its class of members. Current market conditions must be considered, as the ratio of fixed to equity positions demands an asset allocation that generates income at or preferably greater than the legislated rate of return (5%) to its members. The present two combined accounts asset allocation equals approximately 54% in equities, 44.3% fixed assets and 1.2% in cash. The asset allocation of each separate account cannot be determined from any of the financial data provided the committee to date.

A request that the committee be provided a copy of the P& L and balance sheet was denied by the Grand Treasurer, impeding essential funding requirement profiles to aid in the timing of investments and liquidation for expenditure needs. Large sums of cash have historically have been held in the accounts non-productive for up to a year, un-invested.

Additionally, it came to the attention of the committee, that the brokerage accounts have one signature on file – the Grand Treasurers. The fiduciary principle officers are not on record for signature, placing the Grand Chapter's funds at risk of immediate accessibility in the event of the absence of the Grand Treasurer. It is the recommendation of the committee that all future Grand High Priests ensure this single-point-of failure does not recur. No organization large or small excludes the fiduciaries of record on its financial accounts.

The Grand Chapter's investments were not productive this Capitular year primarily due to the market down turn during the September 2015 through February 2016 time frame. Our investments started the year April 1, 2015 with an Administrative account balance of \$328.1K, with \$50K added in April 2015 and ending with \$358.8K March 31, 2016 and a total return of -4.12% for 2015. Our Life/Perpetual account started with a balance of \$309.2K and ended at \$313.2K March 31, 2016, with a total return of -1.68% for 2015.

The negative return on the Life/Perpetual account requires immediate and continual attention to re-align investments with a fixed higher yield for the long term, eluding further corpus erosion. Chapter bylaw changes regarding this account will require tighter direction to mitigate future risk. A stream of income produced by fixed assets comprised of long-term bonds under a forty-percent asset allocation recommendation in our bylaws, is lacking in the present strategy.

We would like to thank the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, ME Richard Wolfe for allowing us to serve the Grand Chapter. It has been a privilege an honor to serve on his behalf.

Charles L. Hollinger, Chairman
William Goldwire
John Holian
Richard Foreman

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT 2015-2016

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

The Committee on Jurisprudence for the Capitular year of 2015-2016, having carefully examined the report of Most Excellent Grand High Priest Richard A. Wolfe, 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 2 Proclamations, 46 Warrants, 1 Grand High Priest's Executive Orders, 12 Requests for Dispensations, and 11 Requests for By-Laws Amendments. There was 1 Ruling and Decision issued by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, which was later removed upon request. All of the Proclamations, 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 two resolutions submitted, which would change or amend the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida. 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,

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REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPTER LEGAL ADVISER 2015-2016

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 you and the Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted
Richard S. Agster

MASONIC RELATIONS & BLUE LODGE REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM REPORT 2015-2016

Myself, with the M.E.G.H.P. Richard Wolfe assistance, designed and printed a multi-purpose York Rite brochure for use by a High Priests, Lodge Representatives or any Companion to enlighten, educate and recruit non York Rite Master Masons.

The brochure explains the degrees and orders of the York Rite Bodies and contains a petition for Membership. The intention is to place a brochure in the hand of every Master Mason who is interested in York Rite, and not just dropped them off at a Lodge. This brochure is a tool for the Lodge Representative or any Companion to use when addressing the Craft on York Rite Freemasonry, for example as Masonic education during a Blue Lodge meeting, with the Worshipful Masters permission.

The concept of the Lodge Representative Program is ideal, but unfortunately, it is still more of a concept than a reality. To change that, we are in a "work in progress" mode and trying new ideas. If you would like to help please don't hesitate to contact me; Ex. Grand Master of the 3rd Veil, Robby Robertson.

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE 2015-2016

During the current year of 2015 the new companions, greeted totaled 143. 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 (2015)		3930	
Exalted	129		
Affiliated	10		
Reenstated	15		
Suspended	176		
Demitted	24		
Adjustments	-18		
Death	129		
Ending Numbers (2015)		3737	
Gain/loss			-193

The actual number (143) greeted during the year, compared to the number (62) previously not reported to the Grand Secretary during this membership year.

Fraternaly,

Henry A. Adams, PGC
Chairman, Membership Committee

GRAND CHAPTER PERPETUAL MEMBERS			
CHAP#	2014	2015	INCREASE
1	15	15	0
2	6	10	4
3	18	18	0
5	7	7	0
6	13	21	8
7	6	8	2
9	1	1	0
11	218	218	0
12	39	39	0
13	9	9	0
15	12	14	2
16	3	6	3
17	12	14	2
18	1	2	1
20	28	34	6
24	6	8	2
27	6	6	0
28	21	23	2
29	8	9	1
31	10	11	1
32	5	5	0
33	9	11	2
35	15	15	0
38	1	2	1
39	5	5	3
40	8	10	2
45	11	12	1
48	1	1	0
50	2	2	0
57	1	1	0
59	13	14	1
TOTAL	2524	2566	42

PATRIOTIC, RELIGIOUS, CIVIC ACTIVITIES 2015-2016

A negative report is hereby submitted for the above committee.

Ronald Newton, Chairman
Harry Eisenburg

PHOTOGRAPHY COMMITTEE REPORT CAPITULAR YEAR 2014 – 2015

The Grand Chapter of Florida Photography 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 2015-16. 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.

We 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. The committee would like to thank the MEGHP for the opportunity to serve the craft.

Respectfully submitted,
Corbin P. Elliott, Chm.

REGISTRATION, RETURNS & CREDENTIALS 2015-2016

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

- 1) All Chapters have paid their "per capita",
- 2) The number of companions eligible to vote is 82 and have been issued cards to indicate such.

Respectfully submitted,

James C. Gregory

REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPTER RELIGIOUS AFFIRMATION CEREMONY 2015-2016

In accordance with the order of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, all Chapters were to hold Religious Affirmation Ceremonies before October 31, 2015 and submit a report of the activity. Unfortunately, although the Grand Chapter has 36 Constituent Chapters, only 14 Chapters apparently had such a ceremony. Only 14 Chapters submitted reports.

This is one of our most important ceremonies as a demonstration of our commitment to our faith, and I would encourage all Chapters to begin planning for next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard S. Agster, Grand Scribe

ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE REPORT 2015-2016

Twenty-nine chapters (80.55%) contributed \$8,540.94 up from (58.3%) and \$5,587.80 last year. Other organizations made regular donations of \$1,182 and there were individual donations totaling \$2,515. This gave us a grand total of \$12,287.94 also up from last year's total of \$7,507.80. This represents a 38% increase in participation of the chapters and an increase of 64% in donations. 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 three 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:

Bay County Chapter #39
Florida Chapter #1
Halifax Chapter #5
Indian River Chapter #27
Joppa Chapter #28
Lakeland Chapter #29
Manatee River Chapter #18
Nassau Chapter #49
Putnam Chapter #9
Surf Chapter #57
Tampa-Cushing Chapter #3

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

Clearwater Chapter #45
Duval Chapter #48
Melbourne Chapter #59
Ocala Chapter #13
Palm Beach Chapter #24
Sarasota Chapter #35
St. Petersburg #31

The following chapters donated or had donated in their name a minimum of \$3.00 per member:

Crestview Chapter #40
Eureka Chapter #7
Lake City #38

The following chapters donated or had donated in their name a minimum of \$4.00 per member:

Monroe Chapter #15

The following chapters donated or had donated in their name a minimum of \$5.00 per member:
Gainesville Chapter #2

The following chapters donated or had donated in their name a minimum of \$7.00 per member:
Jackson Chapter #32

The following chapters donated or had donated in their name a minimum of \$9.00 per member:

Jacksonville Chapter #12
Mt. Horeb Chapter #6

The following chapters donated or had donated in their name a minimum of \$10.00 per member:
St. Augustine Chapter #17

The following chapter donated \$12.00 per member. Congratulations!
Plant City Chapter #16

Contributions were received from the following organizations and individuals:
(over \$25)

Winter Park Lodge F&AM, #239-----	\$150
Labarum Conclave Red Cross of Constantine-----	\$50
Florida Grand Chapter-----	\$932
NE York Rite College #114-----	\$50
Robert LT Phillips-----	\$100
Glenn E Chandler-----	\$1,000
Michael Riesberg-----	\$400
Jack Holloway-----	\$55
Robert Eisenhardt-----	\$35
William Jacobs-----	\$500
Chuck Hollinger-----	\$200
Larry Gillespie-----	\$100
Joe Wood-----	\$100
Jeff Baxter-----	\$25

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

Bay County #39	(29)
Clearwater #45	(34)
Crestview #40	(12)
Duval #48	(2)
Eureka #7	(19)
Florida #1	(18)
Gainesville #2	(23)
Jacksonville #12	(2)

Lake City #38	(2)
Lakeland #29	(9)
Manatee River #18	(3)
Melbourne #59	(3)
Mt. Horeb #6	(17)
Palm Beach #24	(2)
Plant City #16	(11)
Monroe #15	(4)
Sarasota #35	(28)
Surf #57	(3)

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. In addition please note that individuals have contributed, not only Chapters. I would hope more of our companions will consider individual contributions, which are tax deductible, as they add greatly to our total. If I have omitted giving credit to anyone or made mistakes I apologize in advance, as I try to keep as accurate records as I can so as not to offend anyone or group. If corrections need to be made, please contact me.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Harry V. Eisenberg, Chairman
Jack Maulden

CONVENTION SOUVENIR PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT 2015-2016

The committee thanks Our Most Excellent Grand High Priest Richard A. Wolfe, Our Most Illustrious Grand Master John L. Home, Jr. and Our Right Eminent Grand Commander Eric B. West 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 helped gather 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 continues to improve.

2015 - 2016 Sales information

Full Page Ads	43
Half Page Ads	17
Quarter Page Ads	2
Blue Lodge Ads	6
Gold Supporters	260

The above ads generated a GROSS total of \$12,400 dollars for the Grand York Rite Bodies. The final cost of printing was \$3,140.00 dollars. The realized NET profit is: \$9,260.00 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 18 full pages dedicated to the Masonic Youth resulting in 36 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
John Wermann MEPGHP
David Aponte REPGC

TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE 2015-2016

The next Grand Conclave for:

The Grand Chapter of Florida will be held on Wednesday, 24 May 2017.
The Grand Council of Florida will be held on 22 May 2017.
The Grand Commandery of Florida will be held on 23 May 2017.
The Banquet will be held on Sunday, 21 May 2017.

All events will be held at: Lake Mary Marriott Hotel
1501 International Parkway
Lake Mary, FL 32746

Fraternally,

Charles R. Cooper, REGK
Committee Chairman

REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPTER WILLS AND GIFTS COMMITTEE 2015-2016

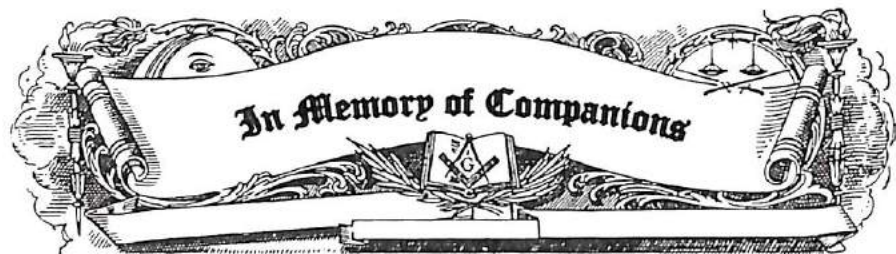
During the 2015-2016 Capitular year, an attempt was made to encourage contributions to either the RARA or The Grand Chapter Administrative Fund, through specific bequests in various Companions' Wills or as a specific donation to the Grand Chapter. Unfortunately, the effort resulted in very little positive 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 you and the Grand Chapter.

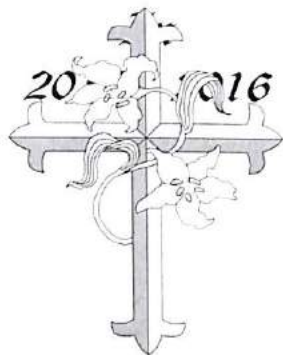
Respectfully submitted,
Richard S. Agster

Motions from the Floor:

Motion made, Seconded and passed to bestow Honorary Past Grand Past High Priest Title on Right Excellent Companion Richard Scott Agster.



*Of this and other
Grand Jurisdictions
Who have passed on to the
Eternal Reward*



Fraternally Dedicate This Page

**C. ROBERT COOPER
GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF FLORIDA
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST 2016-2017**



C. R. "BOB" COOPER
MASONIC RESUME
 About me & my family

I was born on March 1, 1939 in West Point, Georgia. I graduated from West Point High School in 1957, and joined The United States Navy later that year. I enjoyed 24 years in The Navy and enjoyed multiple opportunities to visit many places. Rota Spain being one of my favorites. I first lived in Jacksonville, Florida in April 1958 when I was assigned to the Overhaul and Repair at N.A.S. Jax. I met and married my first wife in 1960 and we had 2 boys, Alan & Donald (we later divorced). I spent more than half of my career as an Air Crewman attached to various Squadrons. I later became a Recruiter and was stationed in Greensboro, N.C, where I met and married Clare in 1975. Soon after we added to our family and had two daughters, Cathy & Tracey. My next set of orders sent us to another Recruiting Station located in Georgia and soon after that we moved to Norfolk, VA. In Norfolk I served as part of the commissioning crew of the Dwight D. Eisenhower aircraft carrier as a Navy Career Counselor.

Upon retiring from the Navy in 1982, after 24 years active duty as a Chief Petty Officer, we moved back to Jacksonville, FL. I used the GI Bill and attained my Bachelors degree with honors in Business Administration. I then spent 18 years employed with the State of Florida working at the Health Department as an Administrator within the Tuberculosis Program.

Clare recently retired from her job of 28 years working with Elder Source, which administers programs, funds and other benefits for Senior Citizens. We recently celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary. Our two daughters are Senior Rainbow girls and Clare and my oldest daughter are members of The Order of Eastern Star. Clare likes reading books on her tablet and I enjoy fishing with my brothers when time allows and an occasional golf game. We have six grandchildren and one great grandchild, some of our grandchildren have recently married and we are looking forward to more great-grandchildren soon. Most of our family lives in Jacksonville and we love to do things together including family dinners, birthday parties and especially spending time at the lake.

MASONIC RESUME**CHARLES R. (BOB) COOPER, 33° Degree****Blue Lodge**

- *Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason- 5/21/1965
- *Mason of the Year-Arlington Lodge #309 - 1998
- *Worshipful Master Arlington Lodge #309 - 2000
- *Lodge Instructor 2000- to current
- *Member GL Wardens Retreat Committee 2000-2004
- *Mason of the Year 12th Dist Masters & Wardens Association 2001
- *Served as Chaplain - 11 & 12th Masonic Association 3 years
- *Dist 12 Chairman Masonic Education Committee 2003-2007
- *Dist 12 Chairman Lodge Officers Workshop 2008
- *Silver Proficiency card 2000
- *Blue Proficiency Card 2007
- *Zone 3 Chairman-MLT 2010-2011 & 2011-12
- *District Committee FA100- 2011-12
- *Perpetual Member
- * 50 year member- 2015
- * District Deputy Grand Master 2012- 12TH District

Scottish Rite

- *Coronated a Thirty-Three Degree Inspector General Honorary 2015
- * Consecrated a Thirty-second Degree in October 1999
- *Knight Commander Court of Honor 11/08/2003
- *Venerable Master Lodge of Perfection 2008
- *Captain of the Scottish Guard 2008
- *Commander KCCH 2008
- *Perpetual Member
- *Received maximum 20,000 Double Eagle Points in 2015
- *Ritualist in the 5th, 14th, 18th, 30 and 32nd degrees
- *Assistant in Robe Room
- *Currently serving as Master of Kadosh

York Rite

- *Member of all three Bodies 1999 -
- * Served as District Instructor for all three bodies over period of time
- *Served as Secretary/Recorder for Jacksonville York Rite Bodies 2007-2015

Damascus Commandery #2

- *Commander Damascus Commandery #2 Knights Templar 2005
- *District Deputy Grand Commander Dist 7 Knights Templar 2006
- * Grand Sword Bearer -Grand Commandery -2008-09

Royal Arch Masons

- *Excellent High Priest Jax # 12 Royal Arch Masons 2007
- *District Deputy Grand High Priest Dist 7 Royal Arch Masons 2007-2008
- *Received the Gold Key Award - 2000
- *Currently serving as Grand King-Grand Chapter - Royal Arch Masons

Council of Royal and Select Masters

- *Illustrious Master Hallmark Council #3 Royal & Select Masters 2008
- *District Deputy Grand Illustrious Master District 7-2005
- *Cryptic Mason of the Year - Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters- Fl. 2008-09
- *Served as Grand Marshall-Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters- 2011
- *Recipient of ISH SODI Award

Other York Rite Affiliations:

- *Served as Instructor for York University
- *Served as Governor of York Rite College #114-2013
- *Received Knight York Cross of Honor 2010
- *Member of Red Cross of Constantine - 2011
- *Member Masonic Societas Rosicrucian 2014

Other Masonic Affiliations:

- *Shrine- Noble of Morocco Temple
- *Member Ozz Grotto
- *Excellent Chief -Gateway Council #51-Knight Masons 2014-15
- *Sovereign Master - Wilbur W. Masters #122 - Allied Masonic Degrees - 2010-11
- *Grand Tall Cedar - River City Forest #98 - 2010-11
- *Member of Order of St. Thomas of Acon 2014
- * Received Order of Purple Cross 2013
- * Royal Order of Scotland 2014
- *Member and Past President of National Sojourners & Heroes of 1776
- *Received Presidential Leadership Award - National Sojourners 2007-08

Civic Organizations:

- *Vice-President Lake Lucina PTA 1987
- *Chairman Fund Raising Committee Douglas Anderson School of the Arts 1993-94

Religious Affiliation:

- *Member Ft. Caroline United Methodist Church 1982 to present Choir Member

Military Service:

- *United States Navy Retired 24 years -Honorable Discharge-Chief Petty Officer



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INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS 2014 – 2017**

General Grand High Priest	Louis E. Bartrand
General Grand King	James H. Hodge
General Grand Scribe	Steven G. Tiner
General Grand Secretary	Larry E. Gray
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GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEES 2016-2017

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Audit	Ronald C. Newton	Chair
	Harry V. Eisenberg	Member
	Grand Treasurer	Ex-Officio
	Grand Secretary	Ex-Officio
Benevolence	James F. Robertson Sr	Chair
	Corey D. Koscluszko	Member
	James E. Brown	Member
Masonic Relations & Blue Lodge Reps	Ron Newton	Chair
	Arthur J. Ahrens III	Member
	Corey D. Koscluszko	Member
Membership Development	Henry A. Adams	Chair
	James F. Robertson Sr	Member
	DI & DDGHP	
Budget & Finance	Ronald C. Newton	Chair
	Richard E. Foreman	Member
	Grand Treasurer	Ex-Officio
	Grand Secretary	Ex-Officio
Committee on Work	John I. Gray	Dist 9&10
	Paul J. Mast	Dist 7&8
	Larry R. Gillespie	Dist 3&4
	William L. Popham Sr	Dist 1&2
	Dayle L. Schrock	Dist 5&6
Custodian of Ritualistic Material	Arthur J. Ahrens III	Chair
	John I. Gray	Member
	James A. Green	Member
Grand High Priest Award	Charles R. Cooper	Co-Chair
	Grand Secretary	Co-Chair
	Harry V. Eisenberg	Member
	Ronald C. Newton	Member
DI & DDGHP		
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	Thomas A. Olsen	Member
Insurance	Richard E. Foreman	Chair
	Wade A. Atchison	Member
Investments	Richard E. Foreman	Chair
	William L. Popham Sr	Member
	William P. Goldwire	Member
	Grand Treasurer	Ex-Officio
	Grand Secretary	Ex-Officio

GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEES 2016-2017 (continued)

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Jurisprudence	H. Warren Almand Jr	Chair
	Glenn E. Chandler	Member
	Darryl A. D'Angina	Member
	Michael A. Padron Jr	Member
	Richard A. Wolfe	Member
	Legal Advisor	Ex-Officio
Legal Advisor	Richard Agster	Chair
Patriotic/Civic & Religious Activities	Corey D. Koscluszko	Chair
	Paul J. Mast	Member
Grand High Priest Charity	Harry V. Eisenberg	Chair
	Jack C. Maulden	Member
	James F. Robertson Sr	Member
Returns, Credentials & Registration	James C. Gregory	Chair
	Luther M. Thompson	Member
	James O. Cheek	Member
	Dwight N. Ridgeway	Member
Souvenir Program	Arthur J. Ahrens III	Chair
	Jack C. Maulden	Member
	John Lewis	Member
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DI & DDGHP		
DDIM's & DDGC's		
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	Michael A. Padron Jr.	Member
	Richard A. Wolfe	Member

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	Ben Holland	Member
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	Steve Steele	Member
Royal Arch History Research	John Wermann	Chair
	Harry Eisenberg	Member
	A.J. Ahrens	Member
	John Miller	Member

REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS OFFICERS 2016-2017

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		Hector Guillion-Rivera	King
		Neils Hesse	Scribe

Gainesville	No. 2	Adam M. Bryan	High Priest
		Don Frazer	King
		Tom Metcalfe	Scribe
Tampa-Cushing	No. 3	Stephan D. Korda	High Priest
		Charles C. Osbourne	King
		Ken Scott	Scribe
Halifax	No. 5	Edwin B. Moore III	High Priest
		Damon S. Sansom	King
		Elmer E. Gerald	Scribe
Mt. Horeb	No. 6	Adrian Lowndes	High Priest
		Ronald A. Naumowicz	King
		Joshua Schutts	Scribe

**REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS
OFFICERS 2016-2017(Continued)**

Eureka	No. 7	Nelson Bonet	High Priest
		George F. Woods	King
		Ervin Janssen	Scribe
Putnam	No. 9	Robert Pringle	High Priest
		William D. Hicks	King
		C Ronald Holland	Scribe
Jericho	No. 11	Adrian Castro	High Priest
		Solomon Goldenberg	King
		Abraham Metz	Scribe
Jacksonville	No. 12	Kolen W. Sawyer	High Priest
		Robert E. Sapitan	King
		Larry Bilka Sr	Scribe
Ocala	No. 13	Robert M. Reynolds	High Priest
		Dana K. Oldenburg	King
		Randolph D. Shea	Scribe
Monroe	No. 15	Sam Lopez III	High Priest
		Patrick X. Velasquez	King
		Edgar Ortiz	Scribe
Plant City	No. 16	Louis K. Mittong II	High Priest
		Kenneth Tutor	King
		Robert Taylor	Scribe
St. Augustine	No. 17	Matthew Sweeney	High Priest
		J B Hunt	King
		Richard H. Aeh	Scribe
Manatee	No. 18	Edgar Coles	High Priest
		Gene A. Lance	King
		Brian Johnsen	Scribe
Keystone	No. 20	Garry M. Paxinos	High Priest
		Bradrick Joyner	King

		Stephan Viens	Scribe
Palm Beach	No. 24	William Owen Jr	High Priest
		Clifford A. Kraft	King
		David Felty	Scribe
Indian River	No. 27	James Brown	High Priest
		Scott Wise	King
		C Jerry Walters	Scribe
Joppa	No. 28	Gary R. Moore	High Priest
		Thomas P. Bonaminio	King
		Thomas Randazzo	Scribe
Lakeland- Winter Haven	No. 29	John Miller	High Priest
		Jeff Jackson	King
		William F. Wylle	Scribe

**REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS
OFFICERS 2016-2017(Continued)**

St. Petersburg	No. 31	Charles J. Morris	High Priest
		Harry Klaus	King
		Robert Kirkpatrick	Scribe
Jackson	No. 32	Charles E. Mock	High Priest
		Randall B. Tyre	King
		Charles Sipes	Scribe
Eustis	No. 33	Daniel L. Hobson	High Priest
		John Hass	King
		David Rosenthal	Scribe
Sarasota	No. 35	Andrew Gluchov	High Priest
		Damian Ostermeyer	King
		Jeffrey T. Lawrence	Scribe
Lake City	No. 38	Paul Matthews Jr	High Priest
		Troy Hollinger	King
		Don Zolonz	Scribe
Bay County	No. 39	Franklin Sellars Jr	High Priest
		Peter K. Golden	King
		Richard A. Allen Jr	Scribe
Crestview	No. 40	Roderic D. Mouer Jr	High Priest
		James E. Brown	King
		Chester Willis	Scribe
Clearwater	No. 45	John Wright	High Priest
		Charles Gordan	King
		Ken Carolan	Scribe
Duval	No. 48	Michael Vickers	High Priest
		Robert Aenchbacher	King
		David Thomas	Scribe
Nassau	No. 49	Herbert L. Ray	High Priest
		Donald G. Gay	King
		David Johnson	Scribe

Poinciana	No. 50	Edgar Lanham	High Priest
		Charles Machell	King
		Gene Sims	Scribe
Surf	No. 57	Emmett A. Redding	High Priest
		Robert G. Senft	King
		Robert G. Senft	Scribe
Melbourne	No. 59	Thomas L. Moore	High Priest
		George E. Goddard Jr	King
		Wade A Atchison	Scribe
James Yeager	No. 62	Steven Persinger	High Priest
		Franklin Doyle	King
		Howard D. Hall	Scribe

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Heartland	No. 64	DeVern C. Lehman	High Priest
		Kenneth E. Cook Jr	King
		Jonathan Remick	Scribe
Island	No. 65	Richard Bradley	High Priest
		Patrick Von Schlafly	King
		James Massaro	Scribe
Everglade	No. 67	Gary Contave	High Priest
		Michael Santana	King
		Steven Q. Steele	Scribe

PROPOSED BUDGET 2016-2017

	PROPOSED 2016-2017	
INCOME		
40000 · ANNUAL PER CAPITA	\$ 39,287.00	
40001 · PER CAPITA	\$ 0.00	
INTEREST		
40010 · EXALTATIONS	\$ 0.00	
40011 · OTHER INTEREST	\$ 75.00	
40012 · OTHER INCOME	\$ 11,668.00	75% OF ADMIN TRUST FUND INCOME
40020 · ANNUAL CONVENTION	\$ 9,000.00	
40030 · RITUAL SALES		
40031 · OTHER CHAPTER RITUAL BOOKS	\$ 0.00	
40032 · YORK RITE OF FREEMASONRY	\$ 0.00	
TOTAL 40030 · RITUAL	\$ 0.00	

SALES		
40061 · GRAND HIGH PRIEST CHARITY	\$ 400.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 60,430.00	

PROPOSED BUDGET 2016-2017 (Continued)

	PROPOSED 2016-2017	
EXPENSE		
10010 · ALLOWANCES		
10011 · GRAND HIGH PRIEST	\$ 4,500.00	
10012 · GRAND KING	\$ 1,500.00	
10013 · GRAND SECRETARY	\$ 4,000.00	
10014 · JEWEL, APRON & CASE	\$ 1,000.00	
10015 · GRAND TREASURER	\$ 1,800.00	
TOTAL 10010 · ALLOWANCES	\$ 12,800.00	
10020 · CHARITIES		
10022 · YOUTH CHARITIES	\$ 500.00	
10023 · MASONIC HOME	\$ 250.00	
10024 · GRAND HIGH PRIEST CHARITY	\$ 400.00	RARA
TOTAL 10020 · CHARITIES	\$ 1,150.00	
10030 · MEETINGS		
10031 · TRIENNIAL	\$ 700.00	
10032 · DISTRICT MEETINGS	\$ 1,000.00	
10033 · SUMMER ASSEMBLY	\$ 100.00	
10034 · MEGHP SE CONF	\$ 100.00	
10035 · REGK SE CONF	\$ 100.00	
10036 · REGS SE CONF	\$ 100.00	
10037 · GRAND SEC SE CONF	\$ 34.00	
TOTAL 10030 · MEETINGS	\$ 2,134.00	

10040 - GRAND CONVOCATION		
10040 - GR CONVOCATION	\$ 8,500.00	
TOTAL 10040 - GRAND CONVOCATION	\$ 8,500.00	

PROPOSED BUDGET 2016-2017 (Continued)

	PROPOSED 2016-2017	
10050 - OFFICE EXPENSES		
10051 - OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 250.00	
10052 - POSTAGE	\$ 600.00	
10057 - COMPUTER MAINTENANCE	\$ 150.00	
10058 - CONTROLLED STORAGE RENTAL	\$ 460.00	
10059 - EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT	\$ 200.00	
TOTAL 10050 - OFFICE EXPENSES	\$ 6,610.00	
10060 - PRINTING		
10061 - GEN PRINTING EXPENSES	\$ 300.00	
10062 - PROCEEDINGS	\$ 800.00	
10063 - RITUALS	\$ 0.00	
10065 - COPIER MAINT	\$ 100.00	
10066 - PRINTING SUPPLIES	\$ 100.00	
10067 - COST/YORK RITE OF FREEMASONRY	\$ 500.00	
TOTAL 10060 - PRINTING	\$ 1,800.00	
10070 - SALARIES/PAYROLL TAXES		
10073 - OFFICE MANAGER	\$ 9,000.00	
10074 - OFFICE TEMP HELP	\$ 1,000.00	
TOTAL 10070 -	\$ 10,000.00	

SALARIES/PAYROLL TAXES		
10080 - TAXES		
10081 - FLORIDA CORP TAX	\$ 62.00	
10082 - GEN GRAND PER CAPITA	\$ 9,000.00	
TOTAL 10080 - TAXES	\$ 9,062.00	

PROPOSED BUDGET 2016-2017 (Continued)

10090 - SUNDRY		
10091 - EDUCATION & TRAINING	\$ 1,000.00	MEMBERSHIP
10092 - AWARDS	\$ 500.00	
10095 - INSURANCE	\$ 1,600.00	
10096 - CONTINGENCIES	\$ 5,049.00	
10099 - WEB HOSTING	\$ 200.00	
TOTAL 10090 - SUNDRY	\$ 8,349.00	
10102 - BANK SERVICE CHARGES	\$ 25.00	
10110 - RESERVES	\$ 0.00	
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 60,430.00	

DEFUNCT CHAPTERS LISTING

CHAPTER	NO.	CHARTER DATE	SURRENDERED	ARRESTED	RESTORED	MERGED
ST. JOHNS	4	1884				
DADE CITY	8					MERGER WITH HALIFAX NO. 5, DEC. 2007
KISSIMMEE	10					
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	

DEFUNCT CHAPTERS LISTING (Continued)

CHAPTER	NO	CHARTER DATE	SURRENDERED	ARRESTED	RESTORED	MERGED
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)	58					U.D. in 1954, (1959 Proc)

Shores)					
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 2015

Chapter Number	Chapter Name	Jan 1, 2015	EXALTED	REINSTATED	AFFILIATED	ADJUSTMENTS	SUBTOTAL	DIED	DEMITTED	SUSPENDED	ADJUSTMENTS	Dec 17, 2015	LOSS / GAIN	EMERITUS	50 YEAR
		MEMBERSHIP										MEMBERSHIP			
1	Florida	155					155					155			
2	Gainesville	120	1	1			122	2		0		118	-2	4	10
3	Tampa	221	7				228	2				226	-5	3	15
5	Halifax	82					82	4		4		78	-4	0	4
6	Mt. Horeb	257	14	4	1		276	6	2	4	4	260	-3	4	20
7	Eureka	233	6	1	2		242	11		8		233	-1	0	10
9	Putnam	66	1				67	3		1		63	-3	0	2
11	Jericho	269					269	2				267	-2		13
12	Jacksonville	286	1	2	1	3	293	10	6	18		259	-27	1	6
13	Ocala	60	1				60	1		4		55	-5	2	2
15	Monroe	63	12				75	2				73	-10	1	6
16	Plant City	82	2				84	1			2	81	-1		2
17	St. Augustine	62			2		64	3				61	-1		2
18	Manatee River	50	2	1			53	3	1	2		47	-3		3
20	Keystone	103	19		1	4	127	1	1	19		106	-3		3
24	Palm Beach	85	10	4	0		99	1	1	6	1	90	-5	2	
27	Indian River	87					87					87	0	1	10
28	Joppa	176	6		1		176	5	4	7		167	-9	1	1
29	Lakeland	123	3				126	10		3		113	-10	3	14
31	St. Petersburg	108	6				114	7		11		96	-12		2
32	Jackson	57	1				58	6		6		46	-11	3	3
33	Eustis	49	7		1		57	2	3	5	5	42	-7		3

35	Sarasota	92				6	98	4		7	7	80	-12	4
38	Lake City	42	6		2		48					48		3
39	Bay County	100			1		101	3				98	-2	15
40	Crestview	82	8				90	3	1			86	4	11
45	Clearwater	144	5				149	7		50	2	90	-54	2
48	Duval	79					79					79		10
49	Nassau	58	3			1	62	3	1	6		52	-6	
50	Poinciana	152	1	1			154	6	2		5	141	-11	3
57	Surf	92	2	1			95	5			3	87	-5	2
59	Melbourne	91	2				93	5			2	86	-5	
62	James Yeager	70					70	2	1	3		64	-6	3
64	Heartland	27	3				30	3		3		24	-3	1
65	Island	88	0	0	0	0	88	6		10	2	70	-18	1
67	Everglade	19					19					19		

SUMMARY			
Membership Jan 1, 2015	3930		
Exalted	129		Died 129
Reinstated	15		Demitted 24
Affiliated	10		Suspended 176
Adjustments	14		Adjustments 32
Gain	168		Loss 361
Net Gain/Loss	-193		
Membership Dec 31, 2015	3737		

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