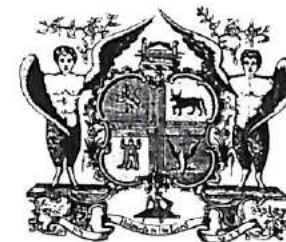


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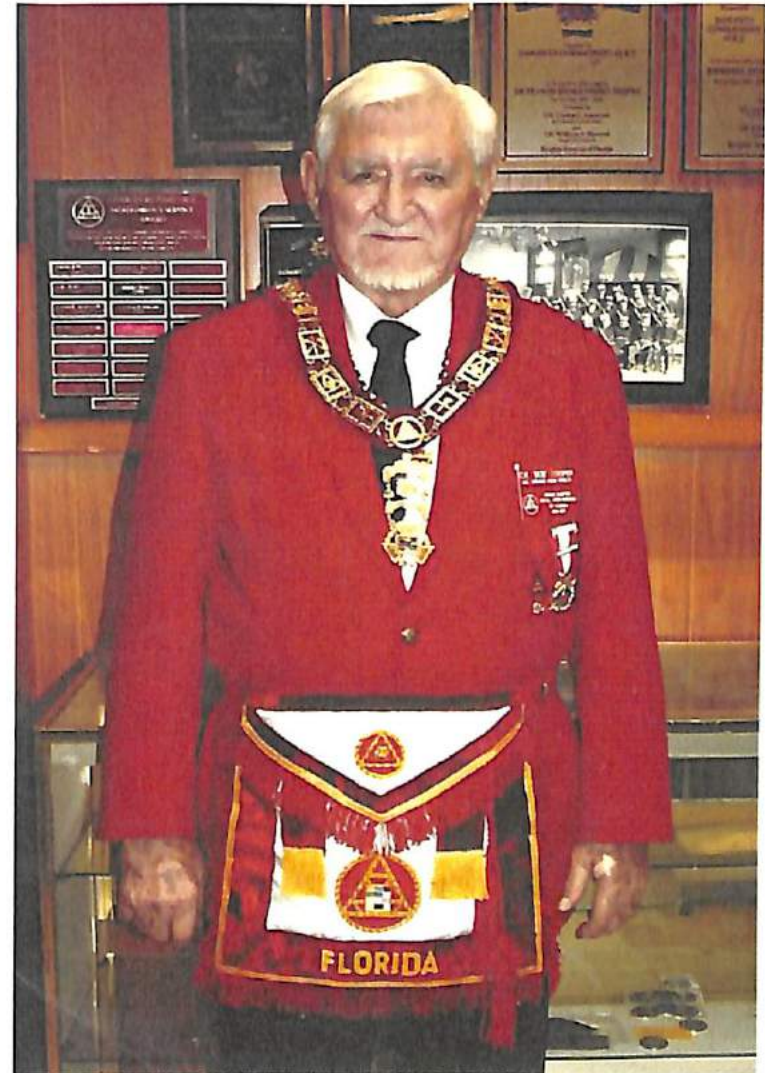
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	Corey D. Kosciuszko	Member
	James E. Brown	Member
Budget & Finance	Ronald C. Newton	Chair
	Richard E. Foreman	Member
	Grand Treasurer	Ex-Officio
	Grand Secretary	Ex-Officio
Committee on Work	John I. Gray	Dist 9&10
	Paul J. Mast	Dist 7&8
	Dayle L. Schrock	Dist 5&6
	Larry R. Gillespie	Dist 3&4
	William L. Popham Sr	Dist 1&2
Convention Board	C. Robert Cooper	Chair
	Ben Holland	Member
	Fred Gerdorn	Member
	Steve Steele	Manager
Custodian of Ritualistic Material	Arthur J. Ahrens III	Chair
	James A. Green	Member
	John I. Gray	Member
Royal Arch History Research	John Wermann	Chair
	Harry Eisenberg	Member
	A.J. Ahrens	Member
	John Miller	Member
Grand Convention Souvenir Program	Arthur J. Ahrens III	Chair
	Jack C. Maulden	Member
	John Lewis	Member
	DDGM/DDIM	Members
	DDIM/DDGC	Members
	DI & DDGHP	Members
Grand High Priest Award	DDIM's & DDGC's	Members
	Charles R. Cooper	Co-Chair
	Grand Secretary	Co-Chair
	Harry V. Eisenberg	Member
	Ronald C. Newton	Member
Grand High Priest Charity	DI & DDGHP	Members
	Harry V. Eisenberg	Chair
	Jack C. Maulden	Member
Homecoming	James F. Robertson Sr	Member
	Darryl A. D'Angina	Chair
	Thomas A. Olsen	Member

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Investments	Richard E. Foreman	Chair
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	William L. Popham Sr	Member
	Grand Treasurer	Ex-Officio
Jurisprudence	Grand Secretary	Ex-Officio
	H. Warren Almand Jr	Chair
	Glenn E. Chandler	Member
	Darryl A. D'Angina	Member
	Michael A. Padron Jr	Member
Legal Advisor	Richard A. Wolfe	Member
	Legal Advisor	Ex-Officio
Masonic Relations & Blue Lodge Representatives	Richard Agster	Chair
	Ron Newton	Chair
	Arthur J. Ahrens III	Member
Membership Programs	Corey D. Kosciuszko	Member
	Henry A. Adams	Chair
	James F. Robertson Sr	Member
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	Paul J. Mast	Member
Returns, Credentials & Registration	James C. Gregory	Chair
	Luther M. Thompson	Member
	James O. Cheek	Member
	Dwight N. Ridgeway	Member
Youth	Ronald C. Newton	Chair
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	Richard A. Wolfe	Member

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	Harry V. Eisenberg	R. Ex. Grand Scribe
	Carl E. Gilmore	R. Ex. Grand Treasurer
X	L. Edward Villiaume III	R. Ex. Grand Secretary
	Robert W. Davis	Ex. Grand Chaplain
X	Jim Brown	Ex. Assistant Grand Chaplain
	Glenn E. Chandler	Ex. Grand Historian
	James A. Green	Ex. Grand Captain of the Host
	Arthur J. Ahrens III	Ex. Grand Principal Sojourner
	James F. Robertson	Ex. Grand Royal Arch Captain
	John I. Gray	Ex. Grand Master of the 3rd Veil
	Henry A. Adams	Ex. Grand Master of the 2nd Veil
	Corey Kosciuszko	Ex. Grand Master of the 1st Veil
	C. Edward Constant	Ex. Grand Sentinel
	David Meade	Ex. Grand Organist

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X	No. 1	James Schmidt	X	No. 6	Dustin Celestin
	No. 2	Kenneth McCoy		No. 7	Thomas Olsen
	No. 3	Charles Osbourne		No. 8	Steven Persinger
	No. 4	Charles Pesola		No. 9	Thomas Rawsthorne
	No. 5	Charles Harper II		No. 10	Fred Pryor

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	No. 3	Scott McAlister		No. 8	Rusty Ludllam
	No. 4	Jeffrey Sklet		No. 9	Randall Tyre
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X 1989	R. Earl Shiver	2010	Anthony J. Marotta, Jr

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1996	Harvey L. Ward, Sr	2014	William R. Jacobs
X 2000	Virgil P. Brown, Jr	X+ 2014	Honorary- Luther Bodiford III
X 2001	Wayne E. Parks	2015	Richard A. Wolfe
2002	Steven Q. Steele	X+ 2015	Honorary- Richard S. Agster

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**THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND CHAPTER OF
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**MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST REPORT
2016-2017**

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida, Grand Chapter Officers, District Deputy Grand High Priests, Past Grand High Priests, General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished guests and visitors of the 171st Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida, we extend a hearty welcome. It is our hope that peace and harmony will prevail and that you find everything you encounter during your stay with us will be both enjoyable and informative.

I extend a special welcome to our visitors fro other Grand jurisdictions and sincerely hope you find your accommodations satis factory. Please do not hesitate to inform me of any problems you might encounter. We are honored to have you in attendance.

First, I must express my thanks to the craft for the opportunity to serve you as the Most Excellent grand High Priest for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida. Although I suffered a medical setback duringg my term, I have always endeavored to serve you in a manner that brings credit to this office.

The installing officers performed in an outstanding manner. I will be eternally grateful to MEPGHP Darryl D'Angina as the Installing Officer, MEPGHP Steven Q. Steele as the Installing Marshall and MEPGHP Glenn Chandler as

Installing Chaplain. I continue to call on these three MEPGHP's for their guidance along with MEPGHP Richaard Wolfe for his support and guidance before and during the year. MEPGHP Darryl D'Angina appointed me to the bottom of his Grand Line in 2009. Thanks again, Most Excellent Darryl D'Angina.

Using my theme of "Together We Can", I continued to stress the use of the tool we already have in place to help improve our membership. So far, new companions are a lesser number than our NPD's and deaths. During my visits and at the District meetings, I enforced the idea that we must ask a qualified mason to become a York Rite mason. Nothing happens until you ask and I hhope that all York Rite Masons remember this.

I have seen some improvement in Chapters opening without using the book, but there is still a lor of room for improvement. Another problem that we somehow must improve is attendance. I have spoken with many leaders, but so far no one seems to have an answer. As you know the problem permeates all of masonry.

The District meetings for the most part were well attended. I will take this opportunity to remind each Chapter Officer that your presence at these District meetings is expected. Remember: "Together We Can". The number of proficiencies awarded did not reach the rather lofty numbers I had hoped, but I wish to congratulate those who earned them.

NECROLOGY

There has been no record of any Past Grand High Priests reporting to the Supreme Grand High Priest during this term. The Grand Line also remained intact as well as District Deputy Grand High Priests and District Instructors. I offer my thanks to the Supreme Grand High Priests above for this blessing.

Records indicate that 83 Royal Arch Masons of Florida were summoned by the Supreme Grand High Priest above and have now laid down their working tools of life. They will be sorely missed by all who knew them.

Notable deaths recorded in other York Rite bodies are as follows:

MIPGM A. A. Pete Bennett
MIPGM Vernon Adams
REPGC George Chipouras
REPGC John B. Fletcher

STATE OF THE CRAFT

As previously stated, membership continues to be a problem for all of the Masonic fraternity, there is no easy answer. We all must work together to improve the problem. Remember- "Together We Can". Most every Chapter is improving on memory work. This is something we can all continue to work on. Let's put the "book" away as soon as possible. This should be a priority of very DGHP and DI to work on in every Chapter under their Leadership. "Together We Can".

We must continue to attend our local Masonic Lodges and Shrines Temples to reach out to not only the new Master Masons but also the more established mason who attends his lodge regularly.

DISPENSATIONS:

At this time there have been ELEVEN (11) requests for Dispensations submitted and approved as follows:

2016-1	22 Jun 2016	Eustis #33	Open Chapter at 6:30pm for a stated meeting and after closing to confer a Most Excellent Master Degree
2016-2	11 Jul	Gainesville #2	Hold a Table Chapter on 16 August at Chef Brothers Catering on 34th St at 7pm
2016-3	18 Jul	Jacksonville #12	Hold Table Festival on 4 August in lieu of a stated convocation

DISPENSATIONS: (Continued)

2016-4	11 Aug	Indian River #27	Hold a special election for Treasurer at stated meeting on 14 September and to install him immediately thereafter
2016-5	30 Nov	Monroe #15	Request to wear aprons and jewels during City of Sanford Christmas Day Parade
2016-6	27 Dec	Sarasota #35	Hold open installation of Officers for the year 2017 at Braidentown Lodge #99 on 5 January 2017
2016-7	29 Dec	James Yeager #62	Hold Annual installation of 2017 Officers at Middleburg Lodge #197 on 12 Jan 2017 at 7:30pm
2016-8	17 Jan 2017	Jacksonville #12	Change schedule meeting from 5 Jan to 19 Jan. This is to accommodate our installation of officers on the 5 Jan. This is a one time change.
2016-9	28 Jan	James Yeager #62	Hold stated convocations at Middleburg Lodge #107 on a temporary basis until our move is approved
2016-10	3 Feb 2017	James Yeager #62	Move the Charter of James Yeager #62 from Lawtey Lodge # 189 to Middleburg Lodge #107. At a stated communications on 3 Jan, Middleburg Lodge #107 unanimously voted to approve the move to their lodge and space has been set aside for our Chapter
2016-11	18 Mar	Gainesville #2	Convene a Tiled Convocation on 21 Mar of an Ancient Craft Table Chapter at Chef Brothers Catering on 34th St at 7pm

DISPENSATIONS DENIED - NONE

BY-LAWS

I have approved SEVEN (7) requests for a By-Laws Amendment:

2016-1	14 Jun 2016	St Augustine #17	Change meeting days from each month to meeting odd numbered months
2016-2	7 Jul	Monroe #15	Change meeting day from each month to meeting odd numbered months at 7:30pm
2016-3	8 Aug	Putnam #9	Change By-Laws to reflect meetings in odd months
2016-4	30 Nov	Manatee River #18	Change time of Annual election from the first regular convocation in Dec to the first regular convocation in Nov
2016-5	30 Nov	St Augustine #17	Change dues per annum to the amount of the Grand Chapter approved per capita plus a fixed fee of \$10.00

BY-LAWS (Continued)

2016-6	15 Jan 2017	Indian River #27	Change annual dues of the Chapter to \$10.00 plus the annual per capita of the Grand Chapter
2016-7	9 Mar	James Yeager #62	Change meeting location from Lawtey to Middleburg and will be now known as a part of Middleburg York Rite Bodies.

BY-LAW DENIALS - NONE

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

I issued SEVEN (7) Executive Orders as follows:

2016-1	Continue Gr Chap Ins Committee
2016-2	Budget move of \$100.00 from Contingencies to Youth Charities
2016-3	Continues Gr Chap Youth Committee
2016-4	Establish a FL RAM History Committee
2016-5	Orders a Religious Affirmation in October 2016
2016-6	Purchase of Mosaic stock in the amount of \$10,000.00 in the Gr Chap Life/Perpetual Fund
2016-7	Covers the absence of the Grand Secretary during the Grand Convocation due to illness

WARRANTS

At this time, I have approved TWENTY (20) warrants 2016-01 to 2016-20 in the total amount of \$41,634.33 as listed below:

2016-1	Chapter Ties	\$ 500.00
2016-2	SE Conference - MEGHP 1/2 GHP Allowance	\$ 2,350.00
2016-3	Bethel #5, 9 and 13 - Youth Charities	\$ 600.00
2016-4	1st Qtr Draw - Gr Sec	\$ 4,152.50
2016-5	Per Capita - Gen Gr Sec	\$ 7,474.00
2016-6	District Meetings	\$ 1,000.00
2016-7	Summer Assembly - NC	\$ 100.00
2016-8	Awards 50 Year Pins	\$ 53.00
2016-9	2nd Qtr Draw - Gr Sec	\$ 5,602.50
2016-10	Printing Brochures	\$ 255.73
2016-11	SE Conference - Gr King 1/2 GK Allowance	\$ 1,600.00
2016-12	3rd Qtr Draw - Gr Sec	\$ 5,602.50
2016-13	Auto Owners Ins - Secretary & Treasurer	\$ 352.00
2016-14	Pins - Fraternal Attire	\$ 841.35
2016-15	2nd 1/2 GHP Allowance	\$ 2,250.00
2016-16	4th Qtr Draw - Gr Sec + Corp Tax (\$61.25)	\$ 5,663.75
2016-17	Ins - Brown & Brown	\$ 956.00
2016-18	Lapel pins & more	\$ 502.50
2016-19	Lapel pins & more	\$ 278.50
2016-20	Grand Chapter of RAM	\$ 1,450.00
	TOTAL	\$ 41,634.33

I approved this Convention Account Warrant for monies left in the Convention Account for the Hospitality Room from last year.

2016-01	Convention Clare Cooper - Hospitality Room	\$ 189.36
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RESOLUTIONS

2016-1: Grand Chapter Constitution, Committee on Work,
New Floor Work Training Aid for Chapter Degrees
Passed

ADD: New Floor Work Training Aid for Chapter Degrees

INCLUDE: An Instruction Cover Sheet, Mark Master Degree, Past Master Degree, Most Excellent Master Degree, Royal Arch Degree and Floor Work.

Effective Date of this Resolution will be upon Approval by the Craft at the 2017 Grand Chapter Convocation

2016-2: Grand Chapter Constitution, Committee on Work,
Chapter 26.03.01 (S)
Passed

AMEND: (S) The Perpetual Membership Fund is to be operated and administered by a committee, hereafter called the Fund Committee, consisting of three Companions appointed by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest to serve as follows: one member to serve for three years, one to serve two years and one to serve for one year, at the end of which term all successive appointments are to be for three years.

JUSTIFICATION:

WHEREAS: This Committee has never been appointed as it duplicates the Investment Committee functions.

NEW LANGUAGE: 26.03.01 (S): DELETE

EFFECTIVE DATE: of this Resolution will be upon approval of the Craft at the 2017 Grand Chapter Convocation

2016-3: Grand Chapter Constitution, Committee on Work,
Article XII, Section 4
Passed

AMEND: 9 Custodians of Ritualistic Materials (Grand Royal Arch Captain and Grand Principal Sojourner will be members). All Committee numbers below 9 (10-19)

NEW LANGUAGE: 9 Custodians of Ritualistic Materials (Grand Royal Arch Captain and Grand Principal Sojourner will be members).

DELETE: Due to the Amendment presented and passed at the Grand Chapter Convocation of May 19, 2015 by M.E.: Steven Q. Steele, MEPGHP removing this committee from the regulations of the Grand Chapter.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS RECEIVED

I received two honorary memberships during my year. One from Miami York Rite Bodies and one from Pensacola York Rite Bodies.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NOMINATE

Eight new appointments were made to the Grand Representatives representing Florida in other states.

Nominated By	MEGHP C. ROBERT COOPER
Colorado	Richard A. Wolfe
Connecticut	Thomas Olsen
Illinois	C. Edward Constant
Iowa	Dennis A. Barbarisi
Michigan	Corbin P. Elliott
Missouri	Jimmy Dorsey

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.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS RECEIVED

I received two honorary memberships in Florida York Rite Bodies; Miami York Rite Bodies and one from Pensacola York Rite Bodies. I also received two Grand York Rite honorary memberships from out of state; Georgia and North Carolina.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Eight (8) new appointments were made to the Grand Representatives representing Florida in other states.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST HOMECOMING

The Grand High Priest Homecoming was held in Jacksonville on April 1, 2017 at the Ramada Inn Conference Center in Jacksonville, Florida. I was overwhelmed by the participation. Approximately 140 individuals were there to participate in good food, good fellowship and good entertainment by the Liberty Express Band, who are all Master Masons. I extend my thanks to MEGHP Darryl D'Angina and RECompanion Tom Olsen for the great job they did in making all the arrangements for such an enjoyable evening. I also wish to extend my thanks to all who participated. It was good to see all of you.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Blue Lodge Representative Program should be a part of every chapter. We know this is the source for new members. I encourage all chapters to implement this program as soon as possible.

RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)

2. New membership is an important project and must be pursued with vigor. However, the number of suspensions for non-payment of dues (NPD) is a greater problem. I suggest each chapter establish a committee to contact these individuals to first ask them to send in their dues, but at least try and determine the reason for NPD. Serious

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

RARA donations exceeded \$10,000. 32 Chapters (89%) contributed \$8,783.77 up from (80.55%) and \$8,540.94 last year. Other organizations made regular donations of \$450, and there were individual donations totaling \$1,020.99. This gave us a grand total of \$10,254.76. This was down from last year's \$12,287.94 due to the decrease in individual gifts.

APPRECIATION

I wish to take this opportunity to extend my profound thanks to all of the Grand Line Officers, the District Deputy Grand High Priests, the District Instructors and Committee Members for all their efforts during the 2016 - 2017 Grand Year. Your dedication and support made my year an enjoyable one. Special thanks to REGK Ronald Newton, for filling in for me during my surgery and recovery. I am most grateful for his assistance.

Most of you know, I could never have gone through this experience without the aid and assistance of my wife, Clare. You have been my rock for forty-one (41) years of marriage and I love you more and more as we grow older together. Thanks for making my life complete!

Every day I give thanks to the good Lord above for the many blessings he has bestowed on me and my family. I remind everyone to place your trust in the Great Architect of the Universe and offer up your prayers on a daily basis.

Most Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Charles R. Cooper, MEGHP
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons

MEGHP TRAVEL SCHEDULE 2016-2016

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.

May 2016
26 Nassau Chapter #49 in Fernandina Beach and presented
Chalice as Best Chapter for 2015 - 2016
28 Tulum #4 Order of Quetzalcoatl in Jacksonville
29 Grand Masters Banquet in Jacksonville
30 - 1 Jun Grand Lodge of FL Conference in Jacksonville

June 2016

- 1 NE FL National Sojourners #435 in Jacksonville
- 2 Jacksonville #12
- 3 Jacksonville Scottish Rite as Master of Kadosh
- 9 -12 SE York Rite Conference in Jackson, MS
- 16 -19 National Sojourners/Heroes of 76 Convention in Greenville, SC
- 22 District 11 & 12 Masonic Association meeting in Jacksonville
- 25 International Order of the Rainbow for Girls Annual Banquet and meeting in Palm Harbor
- 26 Jobs Daughters Bethel #05 meeting in Daytona Beach
- 30 -4 Jul Kingsley Lake, Camp Blanding family vacation

July 2016

- 5 Arlington Masonic Lodge # 309 (Past Master) in Jacksonville
- 9 District 10 meeting in Pensacola and Grand Master's Official visit to Districts 1 & 2
- 11 Telephone call with Investment Committee
- 16 Red Cross of Constantine St Honore in Jacksonville
- 23 District meeting in Leesburg
- International Order of the DeMoley annual conclave in Jacksonville
- Orange Park Lodge in Jacksonville for Memorial Service
- 29 River City #198 Tall Cedars of Lebanon in Jacksonville

August 2016

- 2 Arlington Masonic Lodge #309 (Past Master) in Jacksonville
- 3 National Sojourner #435 in Jacksonville
- 4 Jacksonville #12 Annual Table Festival in Jacksonville
- 5 Jacksonville Scottish Rite as Master of Kadosh
- 11 Hallmark Council #3 in Jacksonville
- 13 District 9 in Tallahassee
- 16 Gainesville #02 Table Chapter in Gainesville
- 20 District 3 at Tampa- Ivanhoe in Tampa
- 22 St Augustine #15 in St Augustine
- 23 Damascus Commandery #02 in Jacksonville
- 24 District 11 & 12, Masonic Association meeting
- 27 District 11 & 12, Grand Master's visit
- 29 River City #198 Tall Cedars of Lebanon in Jacksonville
- 31 AMD meeting in Jacksonville

September 2016

- 8 Scottish Rite Valley of Jacksonville Executive Committee meeting in Jacksonville
- 9 Jacksonville Scottish Rite as Master of Kadosh
- 10 District 8 in Lake City
- 13 Damascus Commandery #02 in Jacksonville
- 17 NE FL College #114 in Jacksonville
- 21 -24 Jacksonville York Rite Festival in Jacksonville
- 24 100th Birthday Celebration for MEPGHP Richard Lanier in Jacksonville
- River City #198 Tall Cedars of Lebanon in Jacksonville
- 30 -1 Oct Scottish Rite Reunion in Jacksonville

October 2016

- 4 Arlington Masonic Lodge #309 (Past Master) in Jacksonville
- 5 National Sojourner #435 in Jacksonville
- 6 Jacksonville #12 Chapter meeting in Jacksonville
- 7 Jacksonville Scottish Rite as Master of Kadosh
- 11 Damascus Commandery #02 in Jacksonville
- 12 -18 Nov Recuperating from surgery

November 2016

- 19 District 7, Jacksonville #12 in Jacksonville
- 28 River City #198 Tall Cedars of Lebanon in Jacksonville

December 2016

- 2 Jacksonville Scottish Rite as Master of Kadosh
- 3 Holy Royal Arch High Priests in Crestview
- 7 National Sojourner #435 in Jacksonville
- 10 District 1 in Dania
- 29 Installed officers for Corinth Lodge #93 in Wellborn
- 30 River City #198 Tall Cedars of Lebanon in Jacksonville
- 31 Arlington Masonic Lodge #309 (Past Master) in Jacksonville

January 2017

- 5 Jacksonville YRB, Installing officer in Jacksonville
- 6 Arlington Masonic Lodge #309 (Past Master) in Jacksonville
- 9 Crusader Commandery #44, Installing Officer in Fernandina Beach
- 12 Nassau Chapter #49, Installing Officer in Fernandina
- 14 Memorial Service for Companion Wilmer Atwell at Scottish Rite Auditorium in Jacksonville
- Red Cross of Consitine Banquet at 6:30pm in Jacksonville
- 17 St Augustine Chapter #17 and Commandery #10, Installed Officers in St Augustine
- 19 Hallmark Council #3 in Jacksonville
- Duval Chapter #48, Installed Officers in Jacksonville
- 20 Lewis Armistead Lodge #43, Installed Chaplain in Jacksonville
- 21 York Rite College #114 in Jacksonville
- 25 District 11 & 12, Masonic Association meeting
- 26 Palatka Commandery #5, Installed Officers in Palatka
- 27 Convention 2017 meeting at Lake Mary Marriott in Lake Mary
- 28 Tulum #4 Order of Quetzalcoatl in Middleburg
- 30 River City #198 Tall Cedars of Lebanon in Jacksonville

February 2017

- 1 Investment conference call
- 3 Scottish Rite Valley of Jacksonville in Jacksonville
- 4 Knight Masons at 10:00am in Jacksonville
- 10 Jacksonville #12, presented RAM Sweetheart Award to Jo Ann Bilka
- 18 REGC Fred Gedom Homecoming in Bartow
- 24 -26 Alabama GYR Convocation in Birmingham, AL

March 2017

- 1 National Sojourners #435 in Jacksonville
- 2 Jacksonville #12 in Jacksonville
- 3 Scottish Rite Valley of Jacksonville in Jacksonville

March 2017 (Continued)

- 4 Tall Cedars Conference in Deland
 7 Arlington Masonic Lodge #309 (Past Master) in Jacksonville
 9 Putnam #9 in Palatka
 11 MIGM Ben Holland Homecoming in Bartow
 12 -14 SC GYR Convocation in Myrtle Beach, SC
 19 -21 NC GYR Convocation in Greensboro, NC
 23 -25 Jacksonville York Rite Festival in Jacksonville
 31 River City #198 Tall Cedars of Lebanon in Jacksonville

April 2017

- 1 MEGHP Bob Cooper Homecoming in Jacksonville
 4 Arlington Masonic Lodge #309 (Past Master) in Jacksonville
 5 National Sojourners #435 in Jacksonville
 6 Jacksonville #12 in Jacksonville
 7 Scottish Rite Valley of Jacksonville in Jacksonville
 8 Tall Cedars Conference in Deland
 11 Lake City Chapter #38 in Lake City
 12 Indian River Chapter #27 in Cocoa
 13 Melbourne Chapter #59 in Melbourne
 21 -22 Scottish Rite Reunion in Jacksonville
 27 Nassau Chapter #49 meeting in Fernandina Beach
 28 -29 Scottish Rite Reunion in Jacksonville
 30 -2 May GA GY Convocation in Macon, GA

May 2017

- 4 RT Shafer Lodge #350 to honor 60 year Mason Mort Wolfson
 6 Leesburg Lodge #58 for 100 Knights Templar event.
 9 Damascus #2Knights Templar meeting in Jacksonville
 11 Putnam Chapter #9 meeting. Awarded Sweet Heart Award to Mrs Janet Mast.

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA GRAND SECRETARY REPORT 2016-2017

This year continues to be a busy year at the Grand Office. The requests for certificates and special requests are coming in at a constant rate. Book sales out of the Grand Office have increased greatly making it necessary to reorder ritual books three times during the year. The sales, reprinting, and mailing of ritual books is being handled out of the Grand Office account instead of each individual body making the bookkeeping of monies easier to handle.

During the year I have obtained an Access membership database from the Grand York Rite of Georgia. The database has been modified for Florida use and data conversion from our present database to the new Access database is now in process. When this is database conversion is completed and the system put on line the monthly reports will no longer be necessary because each Secretary will be able to enter all information directly into the database. Hopefully this conversion and beta testing will be done shortly and the system should be up and running by this time next year.

Monthly reports are still an ongoing issue. While we appreciate those that do send in their reports, there are still a few constituent bodies that do not consistently send their reports in. These reports help the Grand Office to keep all membership records up to date and in line with the General Grand Bodies. It is imperative that these reports be submitted on time, and in the format provided.

We continue to make strides with our web site – www.flgyr.org – as we move into another great year. The addition of fillable forms, as well as the communication, has been an asset. The web site will be continually updated and old information removed. All requests for information to be placed on the web site will continue to be made through the Grand Office for approval. It was decided by the Grand Presiding Officers that the only information on the web site will be directly related to the York Rite only. The web site will continue to provide links to other bodies but no information on these other organizations will be put on the web site.

The following census information for the year as taken from the annual reports is as follows:

Total Active Commanderies				36	
Total Active Membership				3,772	
Gain in Membership		Loss In Membership			
Exalted	104	Demitted	42		
Affiliated	9	Suspended	253		
Reinstated	22	Deceased	111		
		Expelled	2		
Adjustments		Adjustments			
Gain		Loss		-408	
Gain/Loss				- 273	
Active as of 12/31/16				3,499	

**REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER
JUNE 2016 THROUGH MAY 2017**

TO: The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida

For the Fraternal year of 2016-17 the following report is submitted:

Budget: The Expenses of the Fiscal Year were less than anticipated by some 17%, leaving a surplus of over \$17,000. Further the operation of the Grand Office also was accomplished for less than budgeted, returning some \$1,800 to the Grand Chapter.

This was the second year for Carl Gilmore as Grand Treasurer and thus, it was determined that several new procedures would be of benefit. These include:

- A. The conversion of the Life and Perpetual Membership program in a Modern database program called "Access". This allows more automatic information searches and reports.
- B. The above allowed the Life/Perpetual payouts to be accomplished early in January and thus, of more immediate use by the Local Bodies in paying per capita tax.
- C. In the coming year the chart of past per capita rates will be published with the payout report to the Local Body. This will make filling out the per capita tax report handier for the Secretary/Recorder.

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 Administrative Fund gained over \$37,000 in value and the Life/Perpetual Fund over \$28,000 in spite of making the annual payout of over \$13,000.

I'm pleased to announce that the Perpetual Fund has in 2016 gained 7 new members for a total of 567 members and, at the end of 2016, the fund is valued at 32% 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
2016-2017**

Account	31 May 2017 Balance
ASSETS	
CASH & BANK ACCOUNTS	
GRAND CHAPTER	\$ 68,144.81
GRAND CHAPTER MM XX0422	\$ 28,933.78
LIFE /PERPETUAL CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 4,283.55
TOTAL CASH & BANK ACCOUNTS	\$ 101,362.14
OTHER ASSETS	
ADMINISTRATIVE FUND INVESTMENT ACCT	\$ 406,080.18
LIFE/PERPETUAL FUND INVESTMENT ACCT	\$ 349,314.76
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	\$ 755,394.94
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 856,757.08
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	
OTHER LIABILITIES	
40040- TRIENNIAL FUND	\$ 3,034.00
40050- CARRYOVER FUNDS	\$ 5,683.17
40051- COLLECTED ADVANCED PER CAPITA	\$ 33,850.00
40052- INTEREST ON ADVANCED PER CAPITA	\$ 0.00
40054- COLLECTED PER CAPITA FOR FUTURE	\$ 42,351.00
40059- EQUIP REPLACEMENT FUND Ed's	\$ 628.19
40060- CHARITY FUND	\$ 400.35
40070- ENDOWMENT FUND	\$ 600.00
40082- FUNDRAISER (YOUTH PINS)	\$ 8,397.00
BANK ACCT LIFE/PERPETUAL ACCT	\$ 4,283.55
INV ADMIN ACCT 31 MAY 2017	\$ 406,080.18
INV ADMIN- UNREALIZED GAIN/LOSS	\$ 0.00
INV LIFE/PERPETUAL ACCT OF 31 MAY 2017	\$ 349,314.76
INV LIFE/PERPETUAL- UNREALIZED GAIN/LOSS	\$ 0.00
TOTAL OTHER LIABILITIES	\$ 854,622.20
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 854,622.20
EQUITY	\$ 2,134.88
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 856,757.08

**GRAND CHAPTER BUDGET
1 JUNE 2016 – 31 MAY 2017**

CATEGORY	06/01/2016 ACTUAL	BUDGET	05/31/2017 DIFFERENCE
EXPENSES	\$ 43,000.98	\$ 52,012.00	\$ 9,011.02
10010- ALLOWANCES	\$ 12,302.50	\$ 12,800.00	\$ 497.50
10011- MEGHP	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 0.00
10012- REGK	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 0.00
10014- JEWEL, APRON & CASE	\$ 502.50	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 497.50
10015- GRAND TREASURER	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 0.00
10016- GRAND SECRETARY	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 0.00
10020 · CHARITIES	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 800.00
10022 · YOUTH CHARITIES	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 0.00
10023 · MASONIC HOME	\$ 0.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
10024- DONATION TO GHP CHARITY	\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
10025- YOUTH ACTIVITIES	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
10030 · MEETINGS	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,334.00	\$ 334.00
10031 · TRIENNIAL	\$ 700.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 200.00
10032 · DISTRICT MEETINGS	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00
10033 · SUMMER ASSEMBLY	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00
10034 · MEGHP SE CONF	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00
10035 · REGK SE CONF	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00
10036 · REGS SE CONF	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
10037 · GRAND SEC SE CONF	\$ 0.00	\$ 34.00	\$ 34.00
10040 · CONVENTION EXPENSES	\$ 544.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 6,955.00
10044 – DIST GUESTS	\$ 544.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 6,955.00

GRAND CHAPTER BUDGET 1 JUNE 2016 – 31 MAY 2017 (Continued)

CATEGORY	06/01/2016 ACTUAL	BUDGET	05/31/2017 DIFFERENCE
10050- OFFICE EXPENSES	\$ 6,610.00	\$ 6,610.00	\$ 0.00
10051- OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 0.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
10052 · POSTAGE	\$ 0.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
10053 · RENT	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
10054 · TELEPHONE	\$ 0.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
10055 · UTILITIES	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
10056 · COMPUTER EXP	\$ 0.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
10057 · COMPUTER MAINTENANCE	\$ 0.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
10058 · STORAGE	\$ 0.00	\$ 460.00	\$ 460.00
10058A · FUTURE MOVING EXPENSE	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
10059 · EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT	\$ 0.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
OTHER 10050 · OFFICE EXPENSES	\$ 6,610.00	\$ 0.00	\$ -6,610.00
10060 · PRINTING	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.60
10061 · GENERAL PRINTING EXPENSES	\$ 0.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
10062 · PROCEEDINGS	\$ 0.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
10063 · RITUALS	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
10065 · COPIER MAINTENANCE	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
10066 · PRINTING EXPENSES	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
10067- COST/YORK RITE OF FREEMASONRY	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
OTHER 10060 · PRINTING	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
10070 · SALARIES, STIPENDS, PAYROLL TAXES	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 0.00
10073 · OFFICE MANAGER	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 0.00
10074 · OFFICE TEMPORARY HELP	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00
10080 · TAXES	\$ 7,535.25	\$ 7,562.00	\$ 26.75
10081 · FLORIDA CORPORATION TAX	\$ 61.25	\$ 62.00	\$ 0.75
10082 · GENERAL GR PER CAPITA TAX	\$ 7,474.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 26.00

GRAND CHAPTER BUDGET 1 JUNE 2016 – 31 MAY 2017 (Continued)

CATEGORY	06/01/2016 ACTUAL	BUDGET	05/31/2017 DIFFERENCE
10090 · SUNDRY	\$ 3,408.53	\$ 2,481.00	\$ -927.53
10091 · EDUCATION & TRAINING	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
10092 · AWARDS	\$ 453.45	\$ 500.00	\$ 46.55
10095 · INSURANCE	\$ 1,308.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 92.00
10096 · CONTINGENCIES	\$ 1,647.08	\$ 381.00	\$ -1,266.08
10099 · WEB HOSTING	\$ 0.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
10102 · BANK SERVICE CHARGES	\$ 0.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
NET DIFFERENCE	\$-43,000.98	\$-52,012.00	\$ 9,011.02

**PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP
LIFE PERPETUAL PAYOUT FOR 2016-2017**

CHAP NO.	LIFE		PERPETUAL		TOTAL	
	INV AMT	PAYOUT	INV AMT	PAYOUT	INV AMT	PAYOUT
1	\$ 2,093.00	\$ 104.65	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 6,093.00	\$ 304.65
2			\$ 2,700.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 135.00
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	\$ 345.00	\$ 10,804.73	\$ 540.24
7	\$ 4,065.90	\$ 203.30	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 7,065.90	\$ 353.30
9	\$ 1,259.85	\$ 62.99	\$ 500.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,759.85	\$ 87.99
11	\$	\$	\$104,640.00	\$5,232.00	\$104,640.00	\$5,232.00
12	\$ 3,069.10	\$ 153.46	\$ 11,644.40	\$ 582.22	\$ 14,713.50	\$ 735.68
13			\$ 3,600.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 180.00
15			\$ 3,460.00	\$ 173.00	\$ 3,460.00	\$ 173.00
16	\$ 564.00	\$ 28.20	\$ 1,888.00	\$ 94.40	\$ 2,452.00	\$ 122.60
17	\$ 224.00	\$ 11.20	\$ 3,320.00	\$ 166.00	\$ 3,544.00	\$ 177.20
18	\$ 668.10	\$ 33.41	\$ 1,180.00	\$ 59.00	\$ 1,848.10	\$ 92.41
20	\$ 975.20	\$ 48.76	\$ 11,560.00	\$ 578.00	\$ 12,535.20	\$ 626.76
24	\$ 1,559.90	\$ 78.00	\$ 2,420.00	\$ 121.00	\$ 3,979.90	\$ 199.00
27	\$ 542.00	\$ 28.60	\$ 1,510.83	\$ 75.54	\$ 2,052.83	\$ 104.14
28	\$ 312.00	\$ 15.60	\$ 6,728.80	\$ 336.44	\$ 7,040.80	\$ 352.04
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	\$ 210.33	\$ 7,838.80	\$ 391.94
32	\$ 66.00	\$ 3.30	\$ 1,370.00	\$ 68.50	\$ 1,436.00	\$ 71.80
33	\$ 286.40	\$ 14.32	\$ 3,079.60	\$ 153.98	\$ 3,366.00	\$ 168.30
35	\$ 1,285.80	\$ 64.29	\$ 4,580.00	\$ 229.00	\$ 5,865.80	\$ 293.29
38	\$ 371.40	\$ 18.57	\$ 480.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 851.40	\$ 42.57
39	\$	\$	\$ 1,240.00	\$ 62.00	\$ 1,240.00	\$ 62.00
40	\$ 395.10	\$ 19.76	\$ 2,560.00	\$ 128.00	\$ 2,955.10	\$ 147.76

**PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP
LIFE PERPETUAL PAYOUT FOR 2016-2017 (Continued)**

CHAP NO.	LIFE		PERPETUAL		TOTAL	
	INV AMT	PAYOUT	INV AMT	PAYOUT	INV AMT	PAYOUT
45	\$ 395.10	\$ 106.61	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 235.00	\$ 5,095.10	\$ 341.61
48	\$ 441.20	\$ 22.06	\$ 400.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 841.20	\$ 42.06
50	\$ 2,241.70	\$ 112.09	\$ 440.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 2,681.70	\$ 134.09
57	\$	\$	\$ 360.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 18.00
59	\$ 1,181.70	\$ 59.09	\$ 3,819.00	\$ 190.95	\$ 5,000.70	\$ 250.04
62	\$ 307.00	\$ 17.58	\$ 600.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 907.00	\$ 47.58
65	\$	\$	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 66.00	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 66.00
67	\$	\$	\$ 460.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 460.00	\$ 23.00
TOTAL	\$46,378.14	\$2,409.53	\$212,382.23	\$10,619.11	\$258,760.37	\$ 13,028.64
FUND AMOUNT 12/31/2016 BEFORE PAYOUT \$343,304.27 32% GROWTH						

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

**REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPTER AUDIT
COMMITTEE REPORT 2016-2017**

The Pro-Temps and members of the Audit Committee met at the offices of the Florida Grand York Rite Secretary-Recorder, located at the Tampa York Rite Bodies building, 4210 W. Oklahoma Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33616 on Saturday, 19 March 2017, for the purpose of reviewing the Grand Chapter Treasurer/Recorder's books and records for the fiscal year 1 June 2015 to 31 May 2016.

Due to illness, the Grand Secretary/Recorder was unable to attend, but the Grand Treasurer was very helpful in assisting the Audit Committee members in attendance in locating and spot-checking financial documents.

The Books and Records were examined, and found to be in good order. A sampling of Warrants were checked for proper signature authority, tied to checks, and then traced to the cash disbursements listed in the bank statements. Receipts were tied into the appropriate bank statements. Bank statements were reconciled for two random, non-consecutive months, within the fiscal year. All Deposits-in-transit and outstanding checks were accounted for during the sample months.

The Income and Gains earned in the Administrative Investment Account are reflected in the Balance Sheet, but not in the Income Statement. The Balance Sheet includes the increases in Equity and Income from both the Administrative Investment Account and the Life/Perpetual Investment

Account. While this accurately reflects the Income Earned from the increases in value of both Investment Accounts during the year, it should be noted that the earnings in the Life/Perpetual Investment Account are Restricted for the exclusive use of the Life/Perpetual annual payments to the appropriate Commandery(s).

The Audit Committee applauds the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder on a job well done.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of myself and the other Pro-Temps committeemen to thank the Most Excellent Robert Cooper, MEHP, for allowing us to serve the Grand Chapter this past year.

Courteously and Fraternally,

PHP Wm. Lee Popham Sr., Chairman - Pro-Temps
 PHP Robert C. St. John, Jr. - Pro-Temps
 PHP John E. Drewett - Pro-Temps

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT 2016

On March 19th 2017 the audit committee met.

Please find below the following information to be true and correct.
 We inspected a total of 17 warrants issued by the MEGHP during his year, we found all to be in proper order.

Ronald Newton REGK
 Harry Eisenburg REGS
 James A. Green Excellent Grand Principle Sojourner
 Carl Gilmore REG Treasurer

AWARDS 2016-2017

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

I congratulate all of you for this well deserved recognition.

BRONZE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL RECIPIENTS 2016-2017

Companion Henry A. Adams

BRONZE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL RECIPIENTS

1952	Leroy J. Shellburg	1953	Charles G. Oldather
1954	Nathan G Stout	1955	J W Nelson
1956	James R McCoy	1957	Frederick D McDonald
1958	C Shellie Matthews	1959	John E Marley
1960	Joseph B Johnson	1961	Frank L Millen
1962	Reuel Daniel	1963	Paul W Chapman
1964	Gilbert A Williams	1965	J T Williams
1966	Noah M Early	1967	J Van Loy
1968	Walter S Brady	1969	Joseph J Johnson
1970	Wallace P. Dix	1971	Glenn E Pletcher
1972	Orville W Cassady	1973	James K May
1974	Franklin C Smith	1975	Theodore E Windhorst
1976	Harold F Enter	1977	Frank J Busby
1978	Charles B Finney	1979	Ralph A. Jones
1980	C Allen Patterson	1981	Warren H Conklin
1982	Wallace C Stich	1983	Arthur J Wissler Jr
1984	Lloyd C Huffsterler	1985	Willis M Lewis
1986	Howard P Bennett	1987	George A. Chipouras
1988	Roy R Wright	1989	Charles E Palmour
1990	Lawrence L Howell	1991	E N Robbie Robinson
1992	John M Mallory	1993	William E Eubanks
1994	Frederick M. Morris	1995	Ralph G. Weed
1996	Quinnie Williams, Sr.	1997	J. D. Moffitt
1998	Charles B. Curry	1999	Wilbur R. Allen
2000	Michael A. Padron, Jr.	2001	Burt A. Maguire
2002	George T. Collier	2003	Harry R. Davis
2004	Robert L. Gilliland	2005	Wilmer T. Atwell
2006	Paul W. Friend	2007	David Aponte
2009	Ernest R. Spradling	2010	Richard Lynn
2011	Ralph Vaughn	2012	Jack C. Maulden
2013	Carl E. Gilmore	2014	John I. Gray
2015	Rusty Ludlum		

EPHRAIM KIRBY AWARD 2016 - 2017

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

2016	Glenn E. Chandler
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GOLD KEY AWARDS 2016 - 2017

Dist	Receipient
2	Kenneth McCoy John F. Wermann
3	Charles (Sam) Pesola
4	Jeffrey Sklet
5	Daniel Hobson
7	Paul J. Mast D. Rodney Moody Dave Thomas
10	Robert Dennard Robert Taylor

GRAND HIGH PRIEST AWARD 2016-2017

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 Highland Chapter No. 64 RAM, as the recipient of the Grand High Priest Award for 2016-2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles R. Cooper, MEGHP, Chairman
Ronald Newton, REGK
Richard S. Agster, REGS
L. Edward Villiaume III, REGSec
DI's and DDGHP's

GRAND HIGH PRIEST AWARD 2016-2017

2016	Highland Chapter No. 64
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GRAND HIGH PRIEST AWARD

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 2016-2017

DIST	CHAPTER	#	MAND. PTS	OPTIONAL	TOTAL PTS
1	Keystone	No. 20	55	126	181
2	Manatee River	No. 18	110	89	199
	Sarasota	No. 35	70	70	140
4	Lakeland	No. 29	100	106	206
5	Eureka	No. 7	125	120	245
	Eustis	No. 33	65	79	144
	Monroe	No. 15	80	97	177
7	Jacksonville	No. 12	55	109	164
	Nassau	No. 49	75	85	160
8	Gainesville	No. 2	80	160	240
	Lake City	No. 38	75	82	157
10	Crestview	No. 40	105	54	159

BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE 2016-2017

During the year 2016-2017, there were no actions taken on behalf of the Grand Chapter on needs of Benevolence. We would like to thank the Grand High for appointing us to this committee, and to continue to serve the Grand Chapter.

Zealously,

James F. Robertson, Chairman
Corey Kosciuszko
James Green

BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT FOR 2016-2017

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida Budget and Finance Committee concluded its work on May 24, 2017. Serving on the committee were the following: Ronald C Newman, R. Ex. Grand King; M.I. P.G.M., Richard Foreman, Past Grand Treasurer, Carl Gilmore, Grand Treasurer (Ex. Officio) and L. Edward Villiaume, Grand Secretary (Ex. Officio).

The budgetary procedure followed the usual round of telephone calls and emails among the members, the Grand High Priest, with input from previous Grand High Priests, the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

The proposed budget was presented to the craft on May 24, 2017 and was approved by the craft on that date during the Grand Chapter Convocation held at Lake Mary.

The committee wishes to thank M.E. Companion C. Robert (Bob) Cooper, Grand High Priest for the opportunity to serve the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida.

Respectfully Submitted

Ronald (Ron) Newton, R.E.G.K.

Chairman of the Budget & Finance Committee

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF FLORIDA COMMITTEE ON WORK 2016-2017

Committee on Work and District Instructors Activity Reports for Schools of Instructions, 11 reports were received from District Instructors and Committee on Work. 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 and Appendix D.

The Committee On Work members and District Instructors, should increase instructions, in Degree Floor Work in all the Chapter Degrees.

No Reports to COW for Fervency & Zeal ceremony preformed,

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

Questions purposed to the Committee on Work

The proper placement of the Stations for the Overseers in the Mark Master Degree. The different type of Ark used in the Most Excellent Master Degree and the one used in the Royal Arch Degree. Proper side of the Altar for the Newly Installed High Priest to be conduct to the Dais. Proclamation for Installation given one time West of Altar facing East. It is improper to lay over in any open Degree from one day to the next, if work is suspended in a degree for any reason it must be resumed back to labor and closed the same day.

Recommendation: Approval from the Craft to allow the Committee on Work to formulate a Floor Work Manual, for all Work Sections for the Chapter Degrees, which has been placed in a Resolution this year.

Proficiency Cards Issued:

The following Proficiency Cards have been issued this Grand High Priest year. White – Opening & Closing -

1] Thomas E. Metcalfe Jr.	Gainesville No. 2 **
2] James Robertson	Plant City No. 16 (3 year reissue) **
3] Charles J. Pesola	Plant City No. 16 **
4] Dennis A Barbarisi	Surf No. 57, Fort Walton Beach
5] Pearse Dreadin	Lakeland No. 29 **
6] Jeffery Skelet	Plant City No. 16

Red with 1 White Strip, Mark Master Degree

1] Rusty Ludlam	Lake City No. 38 **
2] Josh Shouts	Mt. Horb No. 6, Pensacola

Blue with 2 White Strips, Past Master

1] C. Edward Constant	Nassau No. 49
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Red with 3 White Strips, Most Excellent Master

1] Rusty Ludlam	Lake City No. 38 **
2] Stephen Piner	Crestview No 40

** previously issued at District meetings or Chapter meetings by the DI /COW.

I want to thank all the District Instructors and Committee on Work, Members for their assist and dedication.

Fraternally Submitted,

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

COMMITTEE ON CUSTODIAN OF RITUALISTIC MATERIALS 2016-2017

During the Grand Convocation of May 19, 2015, M.E.: Steven Q. Steele presented a report that was approved by the Craft, which eliminated the duties of this committee.

Housekeeping legislation has been submitted to remove this committee from the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of RAM of Florida, Article XII, Section 4 Grand Chapter Committees. With the approval of the Craft this will be accepted and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur J. Ahrens III, Chairman
John I. Gray
James E. Green

CONVENTION BOARD YEAR END REPORT 2016-2017

Greetings to all:

The 171st Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida was held in conjunction with 137th Grand Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Florida and the 154th Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida.

This year we returned to the familiar surroundings of the Orlando Marriott Hotel in Lake Mary, Florida. The hotel management staff, the Event Manager and the Convention Manager, ensured that we would have a great convention and all expectations were met, special thanks to Skye who was always close at hand. To my knowledge there were no issues or any problems as none were reported to me. As usual the rooms were well equipped and with all conveniences.

Many options concerning things to do were highlighted by hotel staff and due to the close proximity to Orlando, there were many attractive places of interest available.

We chose again to have a Hospitality Room available but with somewhat reduced provisions as in years past. This appeared to please everyone as well as the ladies. Who assisted with the manning of the room. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the Hospitality room.

There was a ladies luncheon and gifts for all of the ladies attending the luncheon. Everyone was made to feel welcome and the Registration Committee had a gift bag to distribute to everyone who attended.

Each body carried out their part of the convention without a hitch. The events went off as planned. The banquet was well attended and followed the usual format of presentations and awards. We were honored by many out-of-state guests who informed me how much they enjoyed themselves.

According to our Grand Treasurer, Carl E. Gilmore MIPGM REPGC OPC, the convention came in under budget by several thousand dollars. (Check Treasurers Report for final numbers).

On behalf of the committee members, we offer our profound thanks to all who attended the convention. We sincerely hope to see you in attendance next year.

Zealously and Fraternally,

C. Robert (Bob) Cooper, Chairman
MEGHP

Committee Members
Ben Holland
Fred Gedom
Steven Q. Steele

DISTINGUISHED GUEST REPORT 2016-2017

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 accolades due them for their services:

MOST EXCELLENT PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF FLORIDA

MEPGHP Harry Robert Davis
MEPGHP Harvey L. Ward
MEPGHP Steven Q. Steele
MEPGHP H. Warren Almand Jr.
MEPGHP Glenn E. Chandler
MEPGHP William F. Wyllie
MEPGHP Michael A. Padron Jr
MEPGHP Darryl A. D'Angina
MEPGHP Anthony Marotta
MEPGHP Robert Kirkpatrick
MEPGHP John F. Wermann
MEPGHP William R. Jacobs
MEPGHP Richard A. Wolfe

**GRAND HIGH PRIESTS AND PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST FROM
OTHER JURISDICTIONS 2016-2017**

MEPGHP Sheldon Arpad	DC
MEGHP Mark Bradley	GA
MEGHP C. Ray Hall	NC
MEPGHP William Thomas	NY
MEGHP James Lyle	SC
MEPGHP L. Alvin Hill	TN

OTHER DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Jody Meguiar	DeMoley	Executive Officer
Allen Surratt	Knight Masons of Florida	ME Great Chief
Glenn Chandler	Sov College	Grand Governor
Richard E. Foreman	KYCH	Convent General Rep
Dale E. Goehrig	Scottish Rite- Southern Jurisdiction	SGIG
James Hogg	2nd Veil	Grand Chapter of AK
Bobby Simmons	GMG	Convent General
Randy Spradling	GR SEC	St Thomas of Acon
Gary Wyne	CMMRF	Executive Secretary

**GRAND MASTER AND PAST GRAND MASTER OF
GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA**

Richard Lynn
Dale E. Goehrig
Michael A. Padron Jr

THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER INTERNATIONAL

Louis Bartrand	Gen Gr HP of Gen Gr Chap RAM Int'l
Larry Gray	Gen Gr Sec of Gen Gr Chap RAM Int'l, PGGHP of Gen Gr Chap RAM Int'l
John F. Wermann	SE Reg DGGHP of Gen Gr Chap RAM Int'l, GM 1st Veil of Gen Gr Chap RAM Int'l, MEPGHP of Gr Chap of FL

**GRAND CHAPTER GRAND REPRESENTATIVE
REPORT 2016-2017**

There were EIGHT (8) new Companions appointed to be Grand Representatives of the Grand High Priest and Grand Chapter of Florida, for the year 2016 and FIVE (5) were removed from their appointments due to inactivity.

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
2016-2017**

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 99501-5330
	THEIR	James L Oliver Sr	PO Box 175 Anchorage, AK 99510
AR	SEC	Robert L Jackson	5671 Applewood N Little Rock, AR 72118
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AZ	SEC	George E. Weil	773 Maple Lane Chino Valley, AZ 86323
	THEIR	Joseph F. Zito	9310 E Main Street #172 Meza, AZ 85207
CA	SEC	Kenneth G Hope	11426 E Artesia Blvd #13 Artesia, CA 90701-3872
	THEIR	Gerald L Easton	28032 Via Congora Mission Viejo, CA 92692

**GRAND SECRETARIES AND GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF
OTHER JURISDICTIONS 2016-2017 (Continued)**

CO	SEC	Bob Gregory	1614 Welton St #503 Denver, CO 80202-4222
	THEIR	Robert W Gregory	3213 Lockwood Dr Fort Collins, CO 80525
CT	SEC	Charles B Fowler	525 Stillwater Windsor, CT 06095-3842
	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 Tampa, FL 33681-3496
GA	SEC	Wade C Smith	811 Mulberry St Macon, GA 31201
	THEIR	F Ray Jackson	811 Mullberry 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
ID	SEC	Norman C Lane	P O Box 332 Meridian, ID 83680-0332
	THEIR	Joe F Kudelka	815 15 th St Rupert, ID 83350
IL	SEC	Berry D Weer	1601 E Washington Bloomington, IL 61701
	THEIR	Edward D Derry	PO Box 227 Washington, IL 61571
IN	SEC	Richard A Lochner	1635 N US Hwy 35 Knox, IN 46534-9409
	THEIR	Peter T Zivanovich	8049 Spruce St Highland, IN 46322
IA	SEC	Rusty L Hill	1937 Deer Ave Perry, IA 50220-7567
	THEIR	William R Kauten	2219 Downing Ave Waterloo, IA 50701
KS	SEC	Wayne H Rolf	320 SW 8 th Ave Topeka, KS 66603
	THEIR	Dennis Reed	

**GRAND SECRETARIES AND GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF
OTHER JURISDICTIONS 2016-2017 (Continued)**

KY	SEC	James H King Jr	400 N 4 th St Danville, KY 40422
	THEIR	Harvey D Reynolds	P O Box 11605 Lexington, KY 40576
LA	SEC	Edwin L Horton	5767 Bayou Dr Bossier City, LA 71112
	THEIR	Robert Perry	
ME	SEC	Harold E Birt Jr	47 Beech St Millinocket, ME 04430
	THEIR	Rev David E Wiggley	15 Old Blue Point Rd Scarborough, ME 04074
MD	SEC	Vernon Huebschman	1 Playfield St Baltimore, MD 21222-4557
	THEIR	Donald M Miller	7705 E Baltimore St Baltimore, MD 21224
MA	SEC	Robert C Corr	186 Tremont St #405 Boston, MA 02111
	THEIR	Richard L Elliott	106 Roosevelt Ave Westfield, MA 01085
MI	SEC	Donald L Galway	1200 Wright Ave Hale, MI 48739
	THEIR	David C Foster	4539 Douglas Rd Ida MI 48140
MN	SEC	Gary A Odegard	11501 Masonic Home Dr Bloomington, MN 55437-3699
	THEIR		
MS	SEC	Floyd T Jones	PO Box 1030 Meridian, MS 39302-1030
	THEIR	Harold A Marlar	927 Westwood Cir Iuka, MS 38852
MO	SEC	Kevin B Sample	107 S Williams St Fayette, MO 65248-1017
	THEIR	George R Johnson	110 S Fairview Liberty MO 64068
MT	SEC	Roger E Cathel	821 Central Ave Great Falls, MT 59401
	THEIR	Francis D Hess	HC 76 Box 24 Denton, MT 59102
NE	SEC	Bruce T Anderson	P O Box 22988 Lincoln, NE 68542
	THEIR	Emmett L Scott	1016 W Nobles Rd York, NE 68467
NV	SEC	James E Denny	4036 Spring Leaf Dr Las Vegas, NV 89147
	THEIR	Virgil Ballard	355 Tucker Rd Reno, NV 89521

**GRAND SECRETARIES AND GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF
OTHER JURISDICTIONS 2016-2017 (Continued)**

NH	SEC	Dennis A Sheridan	P O Box 621 Littleton, NH 03561
	THEIR	C C Reece Jr	5 Baboosic Lake Rd B-23 Amherst, NH 03031
NJ	SEC	C K Leverett	18 Buttonwood Ave Eatontown, NJ 07724-1302
	THEIR	Matthew R MacReady	
NM	SEC	Dennis R Detrow	9812 Lorelei Ln NE Albuquerque, NE 87120
	THEIR	Marcus L Burr Jr	1766 Stanton Ave Las Cruces, NM 88001
NY	SEC	Michael T Dunn	2150 Bleecker St Utica, NY 13501
	THEIR	William J Thomas	240 E 55 th St Apt 88 New York, NY 10022
NC	SEC	D Allen Surratt	6328 Surratt Ctry Rd Denton, NC 27239-9080
	THEIR	Douglas S Moore	420 Chambwood Dr Monroe, NC 28112
ND	SEC	Chris A Christianson	2614 S Bay Dr S Fargo, ND 58103-5062
	THEIR	Raymond E Dunham	5011 Belmont Rd Grand Forks, ND 58201
OH	SEC	Robert W Thomas	8228 Mayfield Rd Suite 4B Chesterland, OH 44026
	THEIR	Duane Kimberly	
OK	SEC	Gary A Davis	P O Box 1223 Drumright, OK 74030
	THEIR	Kenneth D Buckley	P O Box 656 Beggs, OK 74421
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HISTORY COMMITTEE 1997 - 2015

Greetings Most Excellent Grand High Priest C. Robert Cooper;

Through your leadership a committee was established to research and record history of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida for the years 1997 through 2015. After being appointed Chairman, I enlisted the help of my fellow Companions: Right Excellent Grand Scribe of Florida Harry V. Eisenberg and Companion John R. Miller. After receiving some direction from the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International, we

began the work of locating the Grand Chapter's proceedings for the years 1997 through 2015. We have been successful locating all years except 1998.

We are hoping that someone will see this report and call if they have a copy. A special request is also going to be sent around the State.

We have been instructed as to the proper format our history has to be written so as it can be a part of the 5th volume of the History of Royal Arch masonry here in the United States of America. The actual writing of this history itself will begin in April of 2017. We are hoping to complete this project by the end of June 2017.

This has been a very challenging project but also rewarding.

We thank you Most Excellent Grand High Priest for the opportunity to serve you and the Great State of Florida in preserving our beautiful history.

Zealously,

John F. Wermann, Chairman
Harry V. Eisenberg
John R. Miller

THE GRAND HISTORIANS LECTURE 2016-2017

"The Grand Lodge of the Four Degrees"
(The War between the Grand Lodges)

Compiled by Glenn E. Chandler, MEPGHP, KYGCH, OPC
Ex. Grand Historian for Grand Chapter RAM of FLA 2016-2017
May 24, 2017 A.D., 2547 A.I.

One month from today, on Saint John the Baptist Day, the **Mother Grand Lodge of Freemasonry will celebrate its 300th anniversary**. On that day in 1717 at the Goose and Gridiron Ale-House, in St. Paul's Churchyard, London, four Lodges met and the Grand Lodge Era began. Today, it is referred to as the Premier Grand Lodge of England. However, a time would come when it would be symbolized by another name by the Rival Grand Lodge that formed in 1751. The so called Rebels christened it and its membership, the Moderns or the Modern Grand Lodge. You can rest assured that this was not intended as a compliment.

In the 1740's many thousands of Irishmen settled in and about London, most of them belonging to that class of workmen whom the English upper classes were at the time describing as "mechanics"--- carpenters, painters, bricklayers, etc. After settling down to permanent residence, a sizeable number of these Brothers, in good standing in Regular Lodges in Ireland, set out to visit London Lodges and/or affiliate with them. **Unfortunately, they were rejected either on account of their class or because their Ritual did not conform to the changes made in England in the late 1730's.** According to the outdated and curious views then in force, it would not do for a carpenter who had just spent twelve hours at his workbench to sit on the side-lines with

a "Gentleman" who had just spent twelve hours playing cards with the ladies and his cronies. Having been thus slighted, the Irish Brethren allied themselves with a number of English "mechanics" and set up a Grand Lodge of their own in defiance of the Mother Grand Lodge of 1717. To add further insult, the Antients hung the hashtag of "Moderns" on the first Grand Lodge and made numerous charges of violations and innovations against them.

The Grand Lodge of England According to the Old Institutions was founded by five Lodges of Irish Freemasons at a General Assembly held at the Turks Head Tavern, in Soho, on Wednesday July 17, 1751. There were about **eighty Brothers** in attendance.

This **Ancient Grand Lodge**, as it was called, might have led a discreet existence had it not been for the fact in its second year of life, it fell into hands more capable of leadership than any other pair of hands Freemasonry has ever known, with the possible exception of Dr. John Theophilus Desaguliers. It is vital to mention that by the time of the founding of the Antients, two of the main pillars of the first Grand Lodge had passed the veil and Speculative Freemasonry was in decline. The Rev. Dr. James Anderson died in 1739 followed by Most Worshipful J.T. Desaguliers in 1744.

Laurence Dermott became Grand Secretary in 1752 and continued to be so until 1771, when he was appointed Deputy Grand Master. He held this office until 1777. After a lapse of six years, he was reappointed Deputy Grand Master, from 1783 until 1787. Dermott was a forceful character, a master politician, and a very able administrator. He cajoled, bullied and molded the Antients so effectively that they soon surpassed the Modern Grand Lodge in many areas.

Dermott was clearly the architect of the Ancients; it was he who: **First**, stopped the altering and weakening and ignoring of the Ritual; **Second**, invented the system of Traveling Warrants by means of which the army could be filled with Lodges and thus Masonry could be planted around the world; **Third**, adopted, promoted, and Exalted the Royal Arch Degree, as the fourth degree and put it on par with the Third Degree; **The Grand Secretary of the Moderns sarcastically stated: "The Royal Arch is a society which we do not acknowledge and which we hold to be an invention to introduce innovation and to seduce the Brethren."** **Fourth**, set Lodges and their members to work --- once several of his Antient members declared that he had "sung and lectured the Brethren out of their senses"; **Fifth**, prepared the **Antient Book of Constitutions**, which he named *Ahiman Rezon*, supposed to be of the Ancient Hebrew, and said to mean "Worthy Brother Secretary" but in reality it is not clear exactly what Ahiman Rezon means as there isn't a record attributed to Dermott as to the exact meaning. Among its subjects were: Secrecy, the principles of the Craft and the benefits therefrom, the qualifications of candidates and officers, the manner of constituting Lodges, and installing Masters, the Regulations, an Oratorio, and a collection of songs.

Its publishing was a private venture just as the 1723 Constitutions was a private publication of Dr. James Anderson. The book had 238 pages measuring approximately 8 inches by 5 inches, so that it could be carried in the pocket, a great advantage over Anderson's much larger Constitutions. The first edition, published in 1756, was by subscription only and 216 persons are

listed as subscribers, including fifteen ladies. Seven Grand Lodges in North America that were of Antient origin are: North and South Carolina, Georgia, Maryland, Nova Scotia, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

Dermott was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1720 and was made a Mason there in 1740 and became Worshipful Master in 1746. He was a Journeyman Painter when he moved to England but shortly thereafter began a successful livelihood as a wine merchant. In 1752, at the age of thirty-two he became Grand Secretary of the Antient Grand Lodge. He died in 1791, **leaving fifty-one years of hard work for Freemasonry behind him**, and a division in English Freemasonry for sixty two years which was not healed until the Union of 1813 when the Moderns and Antients became the United Grand Lodge of England, which it still is today.

The leadership of the Modern Grand Lodge despised Dermott; Robert Freke Gould (1836-1915), the "premier" Masonic historian of England, took a dislike to him and painted him as a heretic in his History of English Freemasonry.

Laurence Dermott's last recorded attendance at the Antient Grand Lodge was on June 03, 1789 and two years later, in June 1791, he died at age 71. **No account of his funeral has survived and the place of his burial is unknown.** What is even more surprising is that there is no reference to his death in the records of the Antients and the only mention of his demise is in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. On 4 June 1792 it was resolved "that in order to show the just regard and respect of this Grand Lodge for our late Brother Laurence Dermott, the patron and founder thereof, it be recommended to every member of this Grand Lodge to appear on Saint John's Day next, with Aprons bordered with black or other marks of mourning."

In closing, the question should be asked, are we, as Florida Freemasons Moderns or Antients? I believe that the Ritual would be the best place to look for that answer. The Grand Lodges of 1717 and 1751 used different substitute words in the Master Mason Degree at the Raising of a Brother. During the 1760's several excellent Exposures were published that revealed the secret work of both Grand Lodges. In the one named "*Three Distinct Knocks*" it is made very clear that the substitute word used today in our Symbolic Lodges was the exact same one that the Antient Grand Lodge used. So, based on that reference, we are clearly Antients.

Companions, thank you for your attention.

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GRAND HIGH PRIEST HOMECOMING REPORT 2016-2017

The Grand High Priest's Homecoming was held April 1, 2017 at the Ramada Hotel & Conference Center located at 3130 Hartley Road Jacksonville, Florida. After several months of committed local and state-wide promotion, the event had 143 guests in attendance. Very special guests included M.: W.: Stanley L. Hudson, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Florida; M.I.G.M. Benjamin J. Holland; and R.E.G.C. Frederick R. Gerdorn together with their wives or guests. The Grand High Priest also had 16 family / friends present as well.

The evening began with a registration / social hour from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM. Excellent fellowship was had by all and gave opportunity for friendship renewal for those who had not seen each other in some time.

The banquet began promptly at 7:00 PM with welcoming remarks, the pledge of allegiance, and an invocation provided by Ex. Grand Chaplain, Robert W. Davis. Meal selections included roasted pork loin or chicken marsala.

Dignitary / special introductions were provided following the meal for Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council, Grand Commandery, family members, and "Liberty Express" (a four piece Masonic band).

Once Masonic recognition was completed the evening then focused on the primary purpose for the event. It started with a tribute to the Grand High Priest which outlined a brief personal background together with some of his major honors and stressed his "service". Humorous roasts and antidotes were offered by several Companions which met with laughter (in particular the sign and token of a Master Chief provided by Tom Olsen). Several groups then provided special presentations.

Brief remarks were offered by M.: W.: Hudson. Following M.: W.: Hudson's remarks Most Excellent Companion Cooper expressed his appreciation and thanks to the craft. His parting remarks were directed towards his wife, Clare, as he presented her with a beautiful floral bouquet and reminded the craft that without a good woman behind you many things could not be accomplished. Bob then acknowledged in a very touching manner that Clare was "The Real Grand High Priest".

The banquet concluded with the "Liberty Express" band consisting of four Brethren performing Bluegrass / Gospel music. The Grand High Priest sang some of the songs with the group.

The evening closed at 9:45 PM with peace and harmony prevailing.

The Committee would like to thank Most Excellent Grand High Priest Cooper for the opportunity to serve him and the Grand Chapter this past 2016-2017 year.

Respectfully submitted,

Darryl D'Angina, M.E.P.G.H.P.-Chairman Grand High Priest Homecoming
Thomas Olsen, R.E. D.D.G.H.P. No. 7 Member

INSURANCE COMMITTEE REPORT 2016-2017
NO REPORT SUBMITTED

**INVESTMENT COMMITTEE PRELIMINARY
REPORT 2016 -2017**

We thanked the Most Excellent Grand High Priest for the appointment. We also thank the Grand Treasurer for setting up the two webcam calls that we had with the Investment Advisor, David Jones. I personally think that this is a good idea that should be followed by the Grand Council and Grand Commandry if possible. This allows the committeemen the ability to ask questions and get immediate feedback from the advisor.

The overall status of the investments are good. The Administrative account ended the calendar year with \$382,219.66. It currently is at \$396,948.82 at end of March. This represents a modest 7% return for the calendar year 2016. The Life/Perpetual account showed a better return. For the calendar year 2016 it ended with \$333,946.66 which was a return of 9%. For the month of March it currently is \$342,704.59.

Again we wish to thank the Most Excellent Grand High Priest for the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted
Richard E. Foreman, MIPGM
Chairman

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT 2016-2017

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

Most Excellent Grand High Priest Charles R. Cooper mailed each member of the Jurisprudence Committee a copy of all of his official actions for the Capitul year 2016-2017. The Committee met at the Lake Mary Marriott on Sunday, May 20, 2017, at 9:00 A. M., and after close examination of eight (8) Bylaws Changes, 20 Chapter Warrants and one (1) Conventifln Warrant, 11 Requests for Dispensation, seven (7) Executive Orders, and one (1) letter of notification of the intent of the members of Duval Chapter No. 48 to terminate their Charter and "assimilate [their] members into Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 and Amelia Chapter No. 49." We agreed that Most Excellent Cooper acted promptly and properly, and within the prerogatives of his office.

Three (3) Resolutions were submitted; all were turned in on time and in accordance with the guidelines in our Constitution, except that one did not have Article and Section numbers, but was judged to be acceptable because it was a matter of bookkeeping, since it deleted the Custodian of Ritualistic Materials, which Committee was abolished at the last Convocation.

The Jurisprudence Committee would like, however, to remind the Grand Secretary's Office that our Constitution specifies that copies of all Resolutions etc. must be mailed to the members of the Jurisprudence Committee, which did not happen this year. This seriously impacted conducting the business this Committee is charged to transact. For example, without the exact wording of the Resolutions available, many of our Committees were inclined not to bring the Resolutions to a vote. Such oversights must not occur.

The Jurisprudence Committee finds that the Grand High Priest was particularly diligent in his visitations. Despite some medical problems that prevented him being on the road at times, he maintained a very busy visitation schedule, for which we highly commend him, and we congratulate him on a well-ordered and successful year as our Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Each member of the Committee expresses his individual thanks for the privilege and honor of thus serving the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Warren Almand, Jr., Chairman, MEPGHP
Glenn E. Chandler, MEPGHP
Darryl A. D'Angina, MEPGHP
Michael A. Padron, Jr., MEPGHP
Richard A. Wolfe, MEPGHP

**REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPTER LEGAL ADVISER
2016-2017**
NO REPORT SUBMITTED

**MASONIC RELATIONS AND BLUE LODGE
REPRESENTATIVES REPORT 2016 - 2017**

The committee met in encouraged all York Rite Masons to visit every Blue Lodge possible during the year.

Ron Newton, REGK- Chairman
James Robertson, Ex Gr Master of the 3rd Veil
A.J. Ahrens III, Ex Gr Royal Arch Captain

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE 2016-2017

During the current year of 2016 the new companions, greeted totaled 80. The membership year extends from January 1 to December 31. We are starting off this year with 80 new companions.

It does however need to be noted that one Chapter did not comply with this order and an additional 20 did not file a report at all.

This committee strongly recommends that all High Priests plan for these events with the same Importance that one might plan for festivals. When we share our light with others the flame never burns out.

Respectfully Submitted,
Corey D. Kosciuszko, Chairman
Paul Jim Mast, Committee Member

PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP 2016-2017

At the beginning of 2017, the Grand Chapter had 563 perpetual members. Four new members have added been since. I would like to thank the Grand High Priest for appointing me to the committee, and to continue to serve the Grand Chapter.

Zealously,

James F. Robertson, Chairman

PHOTOGRAPHY COMMITTEE REPORT 2016 – 2017

It has been pleasure serving our Sir Knights this year. I would like to give a special thanks to Sir Knights Thomas Randazzo, Jim Green, Corbin Elliott, and Garry Paxinos for their excellent photography. Appreciate all of our Sir Knights who have sent articles and pictures to our Florida Grand York Rite Web Site: FLGYR.org

It's so important to preserve our history and to help us remember the fun times we had during this Yorkie year.

All Sir Knights are welcome to send pictures & articles so we can maintain our history.

I move this report be accepted and printed in the Proceedings.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dayle L. Schrock, MIPGM, Chairman Photography Committee
Thomas Randazzo, Committeeman
James Green, Committeeman

RETURNS & CREDENTIALS & REGISTRATION 2016 - 2017

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

- 1) All Councils have paid their "per capita",
- 2) All Councils are represented by either "presence" or "proxy" of a duly elected dais officer,

MIGM, this concludes the "Final & Credentials committee. I move the report be accepted and a copy filed with the Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,
James C. Gregory

ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE REPORT 2016-2017

I am pleased to report that for the second year in a row, RARA donations exceeded \$10,000. 32 Chapters (89%) contributed \$8,783.77 up from (80.55%) and \$8,540.94 last year. Other organizations made regular donations of \$450, and there were individual donations totaling \$1,020.99. This gave us a grand total of \$10,254.76. This was down from last year's \$12,287.94 due to the decrease in individual gifts which I will address later. 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 four 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. It has been my goal to have every chapter contribute something and with 32 out of 36 chapters now donating we are getting closer and closer to that goal.

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

Bay County #39	Plant City #16
Florida #1	Putnam #9
Indian River #27	Nassau #49
Joppa #28	St. Augustine #17
Melbourne #59	Surf #57
Palm Beach #24	

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

Duval #48	Lake City #38
Eustis #33	Manatee River #18
Jackson #32	Poinciana #50
James Yeager #52	Sarasota #35
Jericho #11	

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

Clearwater #45	Monroe #15
Highland #64	Ocala #13

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

Crestview #40	St. Petersburg #31
Lakeland #29	

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

Eureka #7

The following chapters donated or had donated in their name a minimum of \$6.00 per member:

Everglades #67	Mt. Horeb #6
Gainesville #2	

The following chapters donated or had donated in their name a minimum of \$8.00 per member: Congratulations.

Jacksonville #12

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

NE YORK RITE COLLEGE #114	\$ 50.00	Bessenet III, W A Council #363 AMD	\$100.00
Labarum Conclave Red Cross of Constantine	\$ 50.00	Gilmore, Carl	\$ 41.66
Winter Park Lodge F&AM # 239	\$250.00	Olsen, Thomas	\$500.00
		Wolfe, Richard	\$100.00
		Wyllie, Ellen	\$354.73

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	(30)	Gainesville #2	(24)	Mt. Horeb #6	(18)
Clearwater #45	(35)	Jacksonville #12	(3)	Palm Beach #24	(3)
Crestview #40	(13)	Lake City #38	(3)	Plant City #16	(12)
Duval #48	(3)	Lakeland #29	(10)	Monroe #15	(5)
Eureka #7	(20)	Manatee River #18	(4)	Sarasota #35	(29)
Florida #1	(19)	Melbourne #59	(4)	Surf #57	(4)

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. Individuals may

contribute directly by check, by workplace giving with matching funds, or by Amazon.smile whereby Amazon donates 0.5% of your total purchase to the charity of your choice. And your Chapter gets the credit. If making individual donations let me know who you are and your chapter number. 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 Bob Cooper 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
Richard Agster

CONVENTION SOUVENIR PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT 2016-2017

The committee thanks Our Most Excellent Grand High Priest Charles R. Cooper, Our Most Illustrious Grand Master Benjamin J. Holland, and Our Right Eminent Grand Commander Frederick R. Gerdorn 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 companions Jack Maulden and John Lewis. They helped gather the majority of ads and their work is extremely appreciated. The committee thanks S.K. David Aponte, REPGC for the wonderful cover artwork.

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

2016 - 2017 Sales information

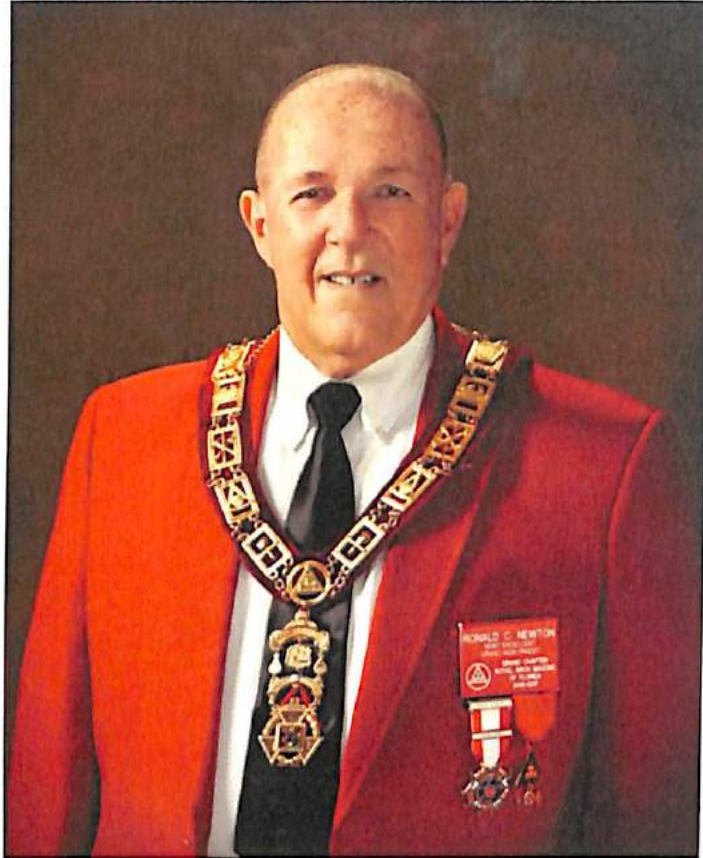
Full Page Ads	33
Half Page Ads	14
Quarter Page Ads	6
Blue Lodge Ads	7
Gold Supporters	136

The above ads generated a GROSS total of \$9,825 dollars for the Grand York Rite Bodies. The final cost of printing was \$3,803.85 dollars. The realized NET profit is: \$6,021.15 dollars.

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

*Fraternally Dedicate
This Page*

**RONALD C. NEWTON
GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF FLORIDA
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST 2017-2018**



**RONALD C. NEWTON
MASONIC RESUME**

BLUE LODGE:

- 1981 Initiated, 23 November
- 1982 Passed, 22 February
Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, 12 April
- 1987 Worshipful Master, Pearl of the West Lodge #147
- 1989-2012 Chairman, Various Districts, Zone & State Committee
- 1996 District Deputy Grand Master, District 19
- 2000-2001 Board of Trustees, Masonic Home of Florida
- 2005 Worshipful Master, St. Petersburg Lodge # 139,
Perpetual Member
- 2006 Florida Lodge of Research, Perpetual Member
- 2007 25 Year Service Award
- 2008 Senior Grand Steward, Grand Lodge of Florida
- 2010 Grand Representative, Western Australia, AF&AM

SCOTTISH RITE:

- 1985 Perpetual Member

YORK RITE:

- 1983 Exalted Eden Chapter RAM, 13 October
Greeted, Clearwater Council #34, 20 October
Knighthood, Springtime Commandery #40, 10 November
- 1998 Affiliated, St. Petersburg Chapter #31 RAM, 1 May
Affiliated, St. Petersburg Council #14 R&SM, 1 May
Affiliated, Sunshine Commandery #20 KT, 1 May
- 2006 Excellent Grand Chaplain for Michael A. Padron, PMEGHP
Gold Key Award
Appointed, Grand Representative Louisiana

YORK RITE (Continued):

- 2007 Perpetual Member, St Petersburg #31 RAM, 1 January
- 2008 Elected High Priest, St Petersburg #31 RAM after having

previously through all the chairs

2012 Royal Order of Scotland, 15 September

GROTTO:

2006 Member

PERSONAL:

Born: 26 December 1946

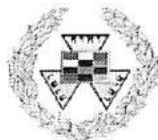
Military: Served in Vietnam, United States Marine Corps

Married: Love of My Life, Beverly J. Hempstead-Newton
3 January 1944 – 1 May 2016
21 Years before her passing

Children: Six Children and Six Grandchildren

I thank you sincerely and appreciate your enthusiasm for the love of our York Rite Bodies and I know you will make this year outstanding. Together we are strong and it is the strength today that will provide a more powerful tomorrow for us all.

Last but not least, a huge thanks to all the Ladies who take part and keep everything rolling smooth for us to do what we love to do for our York Rite.



GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER of RAM, 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
General Grand Treasurer	Jerrold A. Wohlfarth

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**GRAND CHAPTER RAM OF FLORIDA OFFICERS
2017-2018 (Continued)**

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GRAND HIGH PRIEST 2017 – 2018**

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GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEES 2017-2018

Committee	Name	Position
Audit	James A. Green	Chair
	AJ Ahrens III	Member
	Harry V. Eisenberg	Member
	James F. Robertson Sr	Member
	Grand Secretary	Ex-Officio
Benevolence	Henry A. Adams	Chair
	Corey D. Koscluszko	Member
Charters, Dispensations and By-Laws	Robert Kirkpatrick	Chair
	John I. Gray	Member
Constitution Review	Robert Kirkpatrick	Chair
	James A. Green	Member
	Grand Secretary	Member
	Alan Rosenthal	Member
Distinguished Guests	Steven Q. Steele	Chair
	Donald Hariott	Member
God and Country	C. Edward Constant	Chair
	William Paulchek	Member
Grand High Priest Charity	Harry V. Eisenberg	Chair
Gr Conv Souvenir Program	AJ Ahrens III	Chair
Masonic Relations & Blue Lodge Representatives	Corey D. Kosciuszko	Chair
	Arthur J. Ahrens III	Member
	DI & DDGHP	Member
Membership Programs	James F. Robertson Sr	Chair
	Harry V. Eisenberg	Chair
Budget & Finance	Richard E. Foreman	Member
	Grand Treasurer	Ex-Officio
	Grand Secretary	Ex-Officio
	Anthony Marotta	Chair
Finance	Richard Wolfe	Member
	Carl E. Gilmore	Member
	John I. Gray	Chair
Committee on Work	James F. Robertson Sr	Member
	Rusty M. Ludlam	Member
	Ronald C. Newton	Chair
Convention Board	Robert St. John	Member
	Anthony Griffon	Member
	L. Edward Villiaume III	Member
	John I. Gray	Chair
Custodian of Ritualistic Material	James F. Robertson Sr	Member
	Richard E. Foreman	Chair
Investment	Glenn E. Chandler	Member
	Richard Wolfe	Member

GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEES 2016-2017 (continued)

Committee	Name	Position
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	Richard A. Wolfe	Member
	Anthony Marotta	Member
	Steven Q. Steele	Member
	Glenn E. Chandler	Member
Returns, Credentials & Registration	James C. Gregory	Chair
	Luther M. Thompson	Member
Legal Advisor	Alan Rosenthal	Chair
Youth	Michael A. Padron Jr.	Chair
	Richard A. Wolfe	Member
	Anthony Griffon	Member
	Robert St. John	Member
Necrology	Charles Pesola	Chair
Thanks	Billy Williams	Chair
	Roderic Mauer Jr	Member
Training	C. Robert Cooper	Chair
	Richard Wolfe	Member
	Ronald C. Newton	Member
Unfinished Business	Darryl D'Angina	Chair
	C. Robert Cooper	Member
	Harvey Ward Sr	Member
	Richard Wolfe	Member

REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS
OFFICERS 2017-2018

Florida	No. 1	Hector Guillont-Rivera	High Priest
		Neils Hesse	King
		Johnathan Ramirez	Scribe
Gainesville	No. 2	Don W. Frazer	High Priest
		Thomas Metcalfe Jr.	King
		Aldrin Catabay	Scribe
Tampa-Cushing	No. 3	Jim Blum	High Priest
		Brian Manne	King
		Stephan D. Korda	Scribe
Halifax	No. 5	Steve Morris	High Priest
			King
			Scribe
Mt. Horeb	No. 6	Ronald A. Naumowicz	High Priest
		Joshua W. Schutts	King
		Jeffery W. Meister Sr.	Scribe
Eureka	No. 7	Christopher Frazier	High Priest
		Ervin Janssen	King
		Joseph Crum	Scribe

REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS
OFFICERS 2017-2018 (Continued)

Putnam	No. 9	William D. Hicks	High Priest
		Christopher Lanham Jr	King
		Randall Bolen	Scribe
Jericho	No. 11	Solomon Goldenberg	High Priest
		Abraham Metz	King
		Richard Reboredo	Scribe
Jacksonville	No. 12	Robert E. Sapitan	High Priest
		Joseph Wright Sr.	King
		David Gregory	Scribe
Ocala	No. 13	Anthony Marotta	High Priest
		Lynn Coleman	King
		Dana K. Oldenburg	Scribe
Monroe	No. 15	Michael G. Hindley	High Priest
		Patrick X. Velasquez	King
		Edgar Ortiz	Scribe
Plant City	No. 16	Kenneth Tutor	High Priest
		Robert Taylor	King
		George Grosskopf Jr.	Scribe
St. Augustine	No. 17	Thomas Olsen	High Priest
		J B Hunt	King
		Richard H. Aeh	Scribe
Manatee	No. 18	Brian Johnsen	High Priest
		Gene A. Lance	King
		Edgar Coles	Scribe
Keystone	No. 20	Demetios Kirkles	High Priest
		Bradrick Joyner	King
		Stephan Veins	Scribe
Palm Beach	No. 24	Clifford A. Kraft	High Priest
		David Felty	King
		Shawn Lopez	Scribe
Indian River	No. 27	Scott Wise	High Priest
		C Jerry Walters	King
			Scribe
Joppa	No. 28	Thomas P. Bonaminio	High Priest
		Thomas Randazzo	King
		Samuel Hirschler	Scribe
Lakeland-Winter Haven	No. 29	Dennis White	High Priest
		Jeff Jackson	King
		William F. Wylie	Scribe
St. Petersburg	No. 31	Ralph Vaughan	High Priest
		L. Edward Villiaume III	King
		Robert Kirkpatrick	Scribe

**REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS
OFFICERS 2017-2018 (Continued)**

Jackson	No. 32	Frank Griffin	High Priest
		Jason Sawyer	King
		Errol Griffin	Scribe
Eustis	No. 33	John Haas	High Priest
		Alan Heist	King
		Harold Wendt	Scribe
Sarasota	No. 35	Damian Ostermeyer	High Priest
		Andrew Gluchov	King
		Jeffrey T. Lawrence	Scribe
Lake City	No. 38	Troy Hollinger	High Priest
		Don Zolonz	King
		Don Cadrain	Scribe
Bay County	No. 39	Franklin Sellars Jr	High Priest
		Peter K. Golden	King
		Richard A. Allen Jr	Scribe
Crestview	No. 40	Chester Willis	High Priest
		William Benham	King
		Steven Bailey	Scribe
Clearwater	No. 45	Charles Jordan	High Priest
		Kenneth Carolan	King
		Gary Roane	Scribe
Duval	No. 48	Michael Vickers	High Priest
		Robert Aenchbacher	King
		David Thomas	Scribe
Nassau	No. 49	David Johnson	High Priest
		Wayne Paul	King
		D. Rodney Moody	Scribe
Poinciana	No. 50	Richard Bayly	High Priest
		Charles Machell	King
		Gene Sims	Scribe
Surf	No. 57	Robert G. Senft	High Priest
		Leo Calef	King
		Noble Wyninger	Scribe
Melbourne	No. 59	Wade A Atchison	High Priest
		George E. Goddard Jr	King
		Thomas L. Moore	Scribe
James Yeager	No. 62	Steven E Persinger	High Priest
		Ronald George	King
		Howard D. Hall	Scribe
Heartland	No. 64	Jonathan Remick	High Priest
		Kenneth E. Cook Jr	King
		Howard Craddock	Scribe

**REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS
OFFICERS 2017-2018 (Continued)**

Island	No. 65	Richard Bradley	High Priest
		Patrick Von Schlafly	King
		James Massaro	Scribe
Everglades	No. 67	Philip Willman	High Priest
		Michael Santana	King
		Gary Contave	Scribe

PROPOSED BUDGET 2016-2017

	PROPOSED 2016-2017	
INCOME		
40000 · ANNUAL PER CAPITA	\$ 33,850.00	
40001 · PER CAPITA	\$ 0.00	
INTEREST		
40010 · EXALTATIONS	\$ 800.00	
40011 · OTHER INTEREST	\$ 0.00	
40012 · OTHER INCOME	\$ 7,862.00	75% OF ADMIN TRUST FUND INCOME
40020 · ANNUAL CONVENTION	\$ 9,500.00	
40030 · RITUAL SALES		
40031 · OTHER CHAPTER RITUAL BOOKS	\$ 0.00	
40032 · YORK RITE OF FREEMASONRY	\$ 0.00	
TOTAL 40030 · RITUAL SALES	\$ 0.00	
40061 · GRAND HIGH PRIEST CHARITY	\$ 0.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 52,012.00	
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	

PROPOSED BUDGET 2016-2017 (Continued)

	PROPOSED 2016-2017	
10020 · CHARITIES		
10022 · YOUTH CHARITIES	\$ 500.00	
10023 · MASONIC HOME	\$ 300.00	
10024 · GRAND HIGH PRIEST CHARITY	\$ 500.00	RARA
TOTAL 10020 · CHARITIES	\$ 1,300.00	
10030 · MEETINGS		
10031 · TRIENNIAL	\$ 900.00	
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	\$ 2,334.00	
10040 · GRAND CONVOCATION		
10040 · GR CONVOCATION	\$ 7,500.00	
TOTAL 10040 · GRAND CONVOCATION	\$ 7,500.00	
10050 · OFFICE EXPENSES		
10051 · OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 250.00	
10052 · POSTAGE	\$ 600.00	
10053 · RENT	\$ 4,000.00	
10054 · TELEPHONE	\$ 800.00	
10055 · UTILITIES	\$ 0.00	
10056 · COMPUTER SERVICE	\$ 150.00	
10057 · COMPUTER MAINTENANCE	\$ 150.00	
10058 · CONTROLLED STORAGE RENTAL	\$ 460.00	
10059 · EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT	\$ 200.00	
TOTAL 10050 · OFFICE EXPENSES	\$ 6,610.00	

PROPOSED BUDGET 2016-2017 (Continued)

	PROPOSED 2016-2017	
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	\$ 0.00	
TOTAL 10060 · PRINTING	\$ 1,300.00	
10070 · SALARIES/PAYROLL TAXES		
10073 · OFFICE MANAGER	\$ 9,000.00	
10074 · OFFICE TEMP HELP	\$ 1,000.00	
TOTAL 10070 · SALARIES /PAYROLL TAXES	\$ 10,000.00	
10080 · TAXES		
10081 · FLORIDA CORP TAX	\$ 62.00	
10082 · GEN GRAND PER CAPITA	\$ 7,500.00	
TOTAL 10080 · TAXES	\$ 7,562.00	
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	2007			MERGED WITH HALIFAX # 5, DEC. 2007
DADE CITY	8					
KISSIMMEE	10			1936		
INVERNESS	14			1936		
LAKE BUTLER	19		1969			MERGED WITH LAKE CITY # 38, Dec. 1969
ISLAND	21			1918		
THOMAS BROWN	22					
CHIPLEY	23		1932			
JEFFERSON	26			1966		
GADSDEN	30		1967			MERGED WITH FLORIDA # 1 IN 1967
LEESBURG	34		1991			
ARCADIA	36			1932		
WALTON	37		1928			
PROVIDENCE	38			1939		
BAY COUNTY	39			1933	1945	
WINTER HAVEN	41	1922				
HIGHLANDS	42		1978			MERGED WITH WINTER HAVEN #41. 1978
MELBOURNE UNION	43			1936		
PERRY	44			1933		
OKEECHOBEE	46		1932			
DADE (Homestead)	47		1930			
DUVAL	48		2017			ASIMILATING WITH JAX #12
NASSAU (Fernandina)	49	1901		1935	1943	

DEFUNCT CHAPTERS LISTING (Continued)

CHAPTER	NO	CHARTER DATE	SURRENDERED	ARRESTED	RESTORED	MERGED
NEW SMYRNA	51			1936		
ORANGE (Winter Garden)	52	1930	1930			
DELRAY	53		1932			
MD CUSHING	54		1967			MERGED WITH TAMPA #3 IN 1967, BECAME TAMPA-CUSHING NO. 3
HILL CITY	55		1971			MERGED WITH DADE CITY #8, DEC. 1971
ST. JOSEPH	56		1981			MERGED WITH BAY COUNTY #39 IN 1981.
HIRAM (Miami Shores)	58			1959		U.D. in 1954, (1959 Proc)
SHOWN AS # 60	60		1965			MERGING WITH #11 in 1965.
CANAVERAL	62		1967			MERGED WITH INDIAN RIVER #27 1967
EDEN	63					
CHALLENGER	66					

STATISTICS OF FLORIDA CHAPTERS 2016

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1	Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Gainesville	116	8	3	0	0	127	6	0	4	0	117	1	4	10
3	Tampa	226	1	1	0	0	228	1	2	49	0	176	-50	3	14
5	Halifax	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Mt. Horeb	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Eureka	223	3	0	1	0	227	5	3	26	0	193	-30	9	14
9	Putnam	63	0	0	0	0	63	3	1	4	1	54	-9	0	3
11	Jericho	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Jacksonville	259	3	0	5	0	267	16	6	20	0	225	-34	5	6
13	Ocala	55	3	0	0	0	58	2	2	2	0	52	-3	2	2
15	Monroe	73	4	0	0	0	77	2	0	4	0	71	-2	1	5
16	Plant City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	St. Augustine	61	1	0	0	0	62	3	2	0	0	57	-4	0	2
18	Manatee River	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Keystone	106	6	0	0	0	112	0	0	12	0	100	-6	0	3
24	Palm Beach	90	2	0	0	0	92	1	2	3	0	86	-4	1	0
27	Indian River	115	2	0	0	0	117	8	3	14	0	92	-23	0	16
28	Joppa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	Lakeland	113	2	2	1	0	118	3	3	0	0	112	-1	3	14
31	St. Petersburg	96	0	2	0	0	98	3	1	0	1	93	-3	0	2
32	Jackson	46	9	0	0	0	55	1	0	8	0	46	0	4	3
33	Eustis	42	6	1	1	0	50	1	0	3	0	46	0	0	3
35	Sarasota	80	3	0	0	0	83	4	2	4	0	73	-7	0	4
38	Lake City	48	3	1	0	0	52	1	0	0	1	50	0	1	3
39	Bay County	98	3	0	1	0	102	5	0	5	0	92	-6	0	15
40	Crestview	86	4	0	0	0	90	2	4	0	0	84	-2	0	11
45	Clearwater	90	3	0	3	0	96	3	0	0	0	93	0	3	5
48	Duval	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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49	Nassau	52	2	1	0	0	55	2	0	1	0	52	0	0	0
50	Poinciana	141	1	1	0	0	143	3	0	4	0	136	-5	0	0
57	Surf	87	4	0	0	0	91	4	0	2	0	85	-2	2	5
59	Melbourne	86	3	0	0	3	92	1	0	15	3	73	-13	3	1
62	James Yeager	64	1	4	0	0	69	2	0	11	4	52	-12	1	0
64	Highland	27	3	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	1
65	Island	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
67	Everglade	26	0	0	0	0	26	1	4	6	0	15	-11	0	0

SUMMARY			
MEMBERSHIP 1 JAN 2016		2569	
EXALTED	80	DIED	83
REINSTATED	16	DEMITTED	35
AFFILIATED	12	SUSPENDED	197
ADJUSTMENTS	3	ADJUSTMENTS	10
GAIN	111	LOSS	-325
NET GAIN/LOSS		- 214	
MEMBERSHIP 31 DEC 2016		2355	

THIS STATISTICS REPORT IS THE RESULTS OF THE TABULATION FROM THE ANNUAL RETURNS SUBMITTED TO THE GRAND OFFICE AS CALCULATED ON DECEMBER 31, 2016