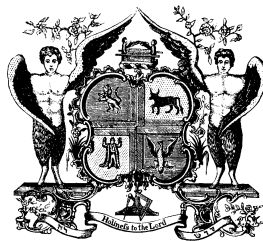


**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER
ROYAL ARCH MASONS**



**OF
FLORIDA
2021/2022**



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ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIFTH
ANNUAL GRAND CONVOCATION

James F. Robertson

Presiding

John I. Gray

Elected

Held at Lake Mary, FL

May 17, 2022 A.I. 2552

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons

James F. Robertson, Sr.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest

2021-2022



James F. Robertson, Sr.**Masonic Records From Time Raised to Present**

1974 - 2013		
Date	Description of Event	Lodge if Applicable
1974	Raised	Holyrood Lodge No. 257 F&AM
2005	Worshipful Master	Holyrood Lodge No. 257 F&AM
2009	Worshipful Master	Memorial Lodge No. 22
2013	Worshipful Master	Florida Lodge of Research No. 999
Additional Masonic Matters:		
Description	Date	
Grand Lodge Appointments		
Perpetual Membership	2008	
Masonic Renewal	2008	
Shrine *	1975	

Scottish Rite *	1975
York Rite	1975
Tampa/Cushing Chapter No. 3 *	1975
Tampa Council No. 8 *	1975
Tampa/Ivanhoe Commandery NO. 6 *	1975
Demitted *	2006
Plant City York Rite Bodies	2006
Plant City Chapter No. 16	2006
High Priest	2010
District Instructor	2012
Appointed Grand Sentinel Grand Chapter RAM	2013
Elected Grand Scribe Grand Chapter RAM	2019
Elected Grand King	2020
Proficiency Card (White)	2019 (reissue)

Gold Key	2016
Bronze Medal	2018
High Priest Florida Chapter of Research	2017
Tyler Council No. 4	2006
Ill. Master	2010
DDGM	2011
DI	2012
Ish Sodi	2015
Proficiency Card	2020 (reissue)
Plant City Commandery No. 6	2006
Em. Commander	2011
DDGC	2015
KTCH	2018
Miami Priory No. 10	2014
Em. Prior	2020
SRICF	2019

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Minutes of the 175th Annual Convocation

Plant City Chapter No. 16 opened in full form, the Grand Chapter Officers were then brought in and introduced. Most Excellent James F. Robertson, was given Grand Honors and taken to the East, where he asked the Grand Officers to take their stations. MEGHP Robertson then declared Plant City No. 16 closed, and the 15th Annual Convocation opened.

MIGM Wm. Allen Sorbie and REGC Adam M. Bryan were introduced and received public Grand Honors and were escorted to the East.

Past Grand High Priests of Florida were brought in and given Grand Honors.

Grand High Priests and Past Grand High Priests of recognized jurisdictions were brought in and received Public Grand Honors.

General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International officers – M.:E.:C.: Emory J. Ferguson, past General Grand High Priest; R.:E.:C.: Sheldon Arpad, General Grand Principal Sojourner; M.:E.: Harry V. Eisenberg, past Grand High Priest, Regional District Deputy GGHP; M.:E.: John Wermann, past Grand High Priest, GGCRAMI Ambassador were brought in and given Public Grand Honors.

MEGHP James F. Robertson recognized all silver and bronze medal winners.

Roll call of Grand Chapter Officers, DDGHP, DI, PMEGHP and Grand Representatives was conducted by the Grand Secretary.

Preliminary Returns and Credentials report was given, and the Grand Secretary confirmed that there was a quorum present.

The Grand Secretary made a motion that the Minutes of the last Grand Session be accepted as printed and distributed, motion passed.

There was a motion made to accept all the pre-printed reports as distributed with the exception of the MEGHP report, Grand Treasurer report, and Grand Secretary report. Motion passed.

MEGHP James F. Robertson passed the gavel to RE John I. Gray, Grand King and then gave his report. Motion made to accept. Motion Passed.

Grand Historian M.:E.: Glenn E. Chandler, Snr. presented a paper on American Cincinnatus.

Grand Secretary, Richard C. Brooks gave his preliminary report and made a motion to accept.

The Grand Treasurer, Robert C. St. John, preliminary report was presented. A motion was made to accept. Passed.

RE John I. Gray, gave his proposed Budget for the upcoming year, and made a motion to accept. Motion passed.

ME Harry V. Eisenberg, PGHP, gave his report on R.A.R.A. Motion made and passed to accept the report.

Committee on Work chairman RE Chas Jordon presented the report. Presented two white cards. Motion made and passed to accept the report.

Investment Committee chairman David Rosenthal moved that the investment report printed and distributed be accepted. Motion passed.

M.: E.: Emory J. Ferguson, past General Grand High Priest gave remarks on behalf of the General Grand Chapter and MEGGHP Steven Tiner.

ME Steven Q. Steele, PGHP, then gave his report of the Jurisprudence Committee and made a motion that it be accepted. Motion passed.

Resolutions were presented, results were as follows:

2022-01 Deletion of Appendix D– passed

2022-02 Notification of merger and/or consolidation to GHP and GYR office– passed

2022-03 – not presented

2022-04 – not presented

2022-05 – not presented

2022-06 – not presented

MEGHP Robertson gave his awards and presentations:

General Grand Chapter Bronze Medal – Robert L.T. Phillips

Grand High Priest (silver chalice) award – Sarasota Chapter No. 35

Chapter top line signer – 15 new Companions in a calendar year

Thomas A. Olsen

Corey D. Kosciuszko (correcting from previous year)

Gold Key Award (see Awards)

Four Veils

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>High Priest</u>
Plant City No. 16	David Lambert
Clearwater No. 45	Brian Campbell
Mt Horeb No. 6	R. J. Eckols
Melbourne No. 59	George E. Goddard
Tampa-Cushing No. 3	Scott McAlister
Crestview No. 40	Walter Harkness
Keystone No. 20	Rafael Andre De Faro Vieira
Surf No. 57	Cecil Mike Harris
Gainesville No. 2	John Dobbs
Jacksonville No. 12	Randy Burkett
Eustis No. 33	Larry Kent

The floor was then opened for Elections of Officers and the following were elected by unanimous ballot.

MEGHP – John I. Gray
Grand King – Henry A. Adams
Grand Scribe – Corey D. Kosciuszko
Grand Treasurer – Robert C. St. John
Grand Secretary – Richard C. Brooks

RE Gray gave the Time and Place for 2023 Convention – May 22, 2023 at Marriott Orlando, Lake Mary, FL

MEGHP James F. Robertson closed the Grand Chapter and stated that the Installation of Officers will take place at 1:00 PM.

***MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST FINAL
REPORT***

2021-2022

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida, Grand Chapter Officers, District Deputy Grand High Priests, Past Grand High Priests, District Instructors and Distinguished guests and visitors, welcome to Lake Mary and the 175th Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida. We are honored to have you in attendance on this 17th day of May 2022.

Necrology

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of Chop Bodiford, Past Honorary Grand High Priest. He was called to be with the Great Architect of the Universe on January 11, 2022. He served as High Priest of Florida Chapter #1 Royal Arch Masons and District Deputy Grand High Priest of Florida 2018-2019. He will be missed by all.

In addition, on April 4, 2022, we lost our Most Excellent Companion Floyd Ziegler, Past Grand High Priest in 1985. He also will be missed by all.

I am happy to report that the Grand Line remained intact as well as District Deputy Grand High Priests and District Instructors. But records indicate that 66 Royal Arch Masons of Florida were also called home. Because of the contributions

made by these companions our great fraternity is better off.
May they rest in peace.

State of the Craft and Recommendations

Our fraternity is in dire straits. We have Chapters that cannot open and close a Chapter correctly, even with printed material. Many Chapters cannot muster nine Royal Arch Masons to open. If the Officers do not attend, how can we expect our members to attend? If we cannot encourage our members to attend, how do we expect to attract and retain new members? We must return to the days of our work being equal to that of our Lodges.

My recommendation is for the High Priest is to conduct each meeting as a practice, remove all printed material, except the Appendix D which will be used by a prompter. If an appointed Officer has not shown proficiency in a reasonable period of time, remove said Officer and replace with another. It is incumbent upon the High Priest to conduct his Chapter in a professional manner. If said Chapter cannot open because of lack of Officers and or members present, that Chapter needs to consider merging with another Chapter or surrendering their Charter. Until we restore proficiency in our Chapters, we cannot expect our newly exalted companions to take the York Rite seriously.

One other matter is of major importance. The Grand Chapter owns the Grand High Priest Jewel. A week or so ago I had to take it to a jeweler for repair. Sergio's Jewelry valued the piece at \$35,000. I highly recommend that the Grand Chapter update the insurance policy of the G.H.P. Jewel in the event of loss, damage or theft.

Programs

Membership:

My theme this past year was *Membership*. Remember the adage, touch a rock to touch the past, touch a flower to touch the present, and foremost, touch a life if you want to touch the future. As York Rite Masons, our harvesting field is the Blue Lodge, but as Master Masons, that field extends to the public. The goal was to increase membership and we worked hard in this regard with presentations throughout the state of Florida. While COVID 19 and its variants presented us with some challenges, we achieved an increase of 161 members. Never forget, membership is the stronghold of the future, and we always strive to take good men and make them better men. Let us continue to build membership with young men for the good of the Craft.

Excerpts from the report of the Chairman of the Membership Committee for the Grand Chapter of Florida, the R.E. Thomas Olsen:

Our goals for this Capitular year were to stop this downward trend of membership and start an on-going program that would allow for continuance of the programs set into place this year. *Our initial goal for membership was set at 150 new Companions to be "Exalted" this year. This would require the efforts of all hands in the Chapter. We believe our program was very successful, for we went from getting 115 new members in 2020 to 161 new members in 2021, which represents a 41% increase over last year.*

Working Tools in the program were:

- *the handout flyer “The Missing Piece? YOU!” this flyer needed to be placed into as many Master Masons as possible. This was done by handing them out at the Blue Lodges by York Rite Masons attending the Blue Lodge.*
- *“Flash Drive York Rite Story,” which was also listed on the Grand York Rite web page.*
- *We also used preforming “Fervency and Zeal” and “The Circular Ambulation;” both were very effective in generating interest in the York Rite.*
- *Increase the number of Festivals put on by the various York Rite Bodies.*
- *The final tool was to get everyone of the District Deputies involved with the Membership program. Each District Deputy is encouraged to meet with every Blue Lodge in their District and set up presentations by the Chapters within their District. The most successful format was to have someone from the Chapter in Red, the Council in Purple, and the Commandry in A-1’s to talk about their individual body and answer questions.*

Let us continue on this track for the next few years and see if we can achieve the results on an ongoing basis.

Royal Arch Research Assistance (“R.A.R.A.”):

Excerpts from the R.A.R.A. Chairman Harry V. Eisenberg, M.D.

Donations to our charity RARA unfortunately were down this year by 16%. Total contributions were \$16,957.25. Even more disappointing was the fact that only 21 out of our 31 chapters or 67% contributed when over the past several years we had worked up to almost 100% participation. Also, only 11 out of 31 chapters or 35% were at 100 % when again in the past we had almost all chapters at 100%. Even so Florida was first in

donations by far in the Eastern section of the country and ranked third overall of all jurisdictions.

I can only think of two reasons for this. First, I think that Covid-19 has finally caught up with us. After two years we are weary and still trying to get our lives in order and have less time and energy to give to outside causes. Second, obviously the change in the award schedule, making 100% participation \$5 per man instead of \$1 per man is a tremendous increase, especially for chapters with large memberships.

Anyway, this is the new reality, and we need to look to new and better ways to raise money for RARA. Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Central Auditory Processing Disorder (CAPD) are significant life challenges for the individuals affected and Autism Speaks and The Hearing Health Foundation, which are giving multiple research grants to study and treat these problems, depend on the funds we raise for them.

Contributions received from the following organizations and individuals: (over \$100)

- Winter Park Lodge No. 239 -----
-----\$250
- JOPPA Ft. Pierce Chapter No. 28 -----
-----\$200
- Robert Eisenhardt -----
-----\$500
- Richard Brooks -----
-----\$100
- John B. Phelps York Rite College No. 31 -----
-----\$100
- Order of the High Priesthood -----
-----\$746

- Henry Jehan -----
-----\$100
- A.J. Ahrens -----
-----\$700
- Ed Mayfield -----
-----\$100
- Otto Thiergart -----
-----\$500
- Jerry Miller -----
-----\$500
- Robert St. John -----
-----\$1000
- James Robertson -----
-----\$900
- Robert Phillips -----
-----\$100
- Steve Steele -----
-----\$1000

Information for chapters who have contributed 100% for a number of consecutive years and per member contribution data is contained in the R.A.R.A. Chairman’s report

Remember gifts are tax deductible as we are a 501 (c) 3 organization. Individuals may contribute directly by check, by workplace giving with matching funds, or by smile.Amazon, whereby Amazon donates 0.5% of your total purchase to the charity of your choice. And your Chapter gets the credit. Another new idea was the use of a challenge donation, whereby a companion makes a large donation and challenges his companions to match it. Also please consider RARA in your estate planning. Send all donations to the R.A.R.A. Chairman (Harry V. Eisenberg, M.D.) directly and are forwarded on so that you and your chapter get the proper credit.

Grand High Priest Homecoming

The three Grand York Rite Bodies of Florida had a joint Homecoming on Saturday, April 9, 2022, at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Tampa Florida. The event was a great success and approximately 100 participants enjoyed the celebration complete with food, good fellowship, and good friends. Thanks to all who attended.

Other Administrative Matters

Dispensations Granted

During the 2021-2022 year there were eight dispensations granted as follows:

- 1) James Yeager Chapter 62 request to go dark due to a conflict with the Grand Lodge Convention. (May 20, 2021)
- 2) Lakeland Chapter RAM No. 29 request to conduct emergency elections to fill vacancies of Scribe, King, and Treasurer. (July 12, 2021)
- 3) Plant City Chapter No. 16 to move Charter and meeting place to Turkey Creek No 248 F&AM Lodge at 3268 Jerry Smith Road due to a sale of present building. (July 23, 2021)
- 4) Highlands Chapter No. 64 request to go dark for September 21 as a result of Covid19 cases among members. (August 24, 2021)
- 5) Nassau Chapter No. 49 request to change meeting night to the 2nd Thursday of every odd month and time to dinner at 6:00 PM with meeting at 7:00. (January 15, 2022)

- 6) Florida Chapter No. 1 request to elect new Secretary/Recorder due to the death of Companion Chop Bodiford. (January 21, 2022)

Warrants for Disbursement of Grand Chapter Funds

Warrants issued for 2021-2022 are as follows:

Warrant #	\$	General Description
2021-01	4,478.75	Office exp, office manager & Temp help
2021-02	8,523.00	International Grand Chapter
2021-03	45.47	Levy Recognition
2021-04	200.00	Grand York Rite Office Invoice
2121-05	6,028.75	Quarterly draws for Office, & Sec/Treas stipend
2021-06	6,028.75	Quarterly draws for Office, & Sec/Treas stipend
2021-07		Void
2021-08	662.60	Apron Cases
2021-09	933.75	Gold Key Medals
2021-10	196.75	Pins
2021-11	61.25	Sunbiz
2021-12	6,028.75	Quarterly draws for Office, & Sec/Treas stipend
2021-13	283.34	Homecoming & Scottish Right (reimbursed) Allowances for GHP, GK and GS, net of above
2021-14	4,966.66	reimbursement
2021-15	<u>1,550.00</u>	Treasurer and Secretary stipend
	\$	
	<u><u>39,987.82</u></u>	

Late Warrant processed 5/11/22: 2021-16, Apron, Apron Case and Awards totaling \$554.30.

By-Law Amendments

- 1) Chapter 64, Avon Park

- a) Annual Dues raised from \$25 to \$40 effective October 1, 2021
- 2) Chapter 12, Jacksonville
 - a) Location and Dates for Regular Convocations
 - b) Annual election to be held and 1st regular Convocation in November of each year.
- 3) Chapter 33, Leesburg
 - a) Fees for conferring the degrees shall be \$60.
 - b) Affiliation fees are equal to the current dues.
 - c) Annual dues shall be the Annual total of the Grand Chapter of Florida assessment plus \$35 payable in advance each January 1st.
- 4) Chapter 62, Middleburg
 - a) Set meeting date
 - b) Nomination, Election and Installation of Officers
- 5) Chapter 49, Fernadina (Nassau)
 - a) Change Meeting Date
- 6) Chapter 7, Orlando
 - a) Clarify Titles, add Trustee election for 1,2- & 3-year terms
 - b) Grammar and punctuation corrections
 - c) Clarify intent of Charity Section to ensure that recipients remain anonymous, and funds are disbursed to relieve said recipient's debt.
 - d) Modified to keep the Chapter operating account separate and to provide for an investment account share equally by all three bodies. Add FDIC insured since there was no FDIC at the time of the original documents.

Executive Orders Issued

- 1) Revocation of in improper suspension and reinstatement of Harvey LaGrand Ward, Sr. to all the Rights and Privileges of Capitular Masonry.

- 2) Administrative matters related to the replacement of the Grand Secretary including accounting, banking, and locks.
- 3) Executive Order No. 2022-01 dated February 4, 2022, resolved to extend the Per Capita Dues deadline to Mar15, 2022 due to Covid-19 complications and impediments.

Other Matters

- 1) On October 7th, 2021, Charles Jordon as Deputy Director Grand High Priest of the 3rd Capitular District of R A.M of Florida replaced Dana Oldenburg.

Visits during the 2021-2022 Capitular Year

Visits were scheduled to 31 Chapters. A total of 17 visits were rescheduled due to Covid or a lack of a quorum. Visits were completed to 28 Chapters; 4 Chapters were visited more than once. Three Chapters, despite multiple reschedules, were not visited (Bay County, James Yeager & Palm Beach.) Officer Installations were conducted as follows: Sarasota, Jericho, Eustis, and Nassau.

Awards

Distinguished Service Medal in Bronze

- Robert L.T. Phillips

Crystal Chalise

- Sarasota Chapter No. 35

Four Veils

Plant City	No. 16	High Priest	David Lambert
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Jacksonville	No. 12	High Priest	Randy Burkett
Eustis	No. 33	High Priest	Larry Kent

Gold Key Nominees for this Capitular Year are as follows:

- Jeffrey W. Meister, Sr.
- James Armitage
- Jim Blum
- William (Billy) Francis Rohan III
- Louis K. Mittong
- Jack Holloway
- Corey D. Kosciuszko
- James R. McHenry
- Charles G. Harper, II
- Kenneth Tutor
- Demetrios Kirkiles
- Richard Vogt

- Steven Nelson
- Aldrin M. Catabay
- Keiffer W. Lindsey Jr.
- Chester Lamar Willis
- Scott Schwartzberg
- Jerry Marvin Snell
- Nelson Bonet
- Frank Kiefer
- David Gregory
- Richard McGlew
- John Donohoo
- John Kraniou
- William Paulchek, Sr.
- Gene Sims
- George Grosskopf
- Houston Tucker

Special Recognition

Aristotle said: Dignity does not consist in possessing honors, but in deserving them. I have nominated Robert L.T. Phillips (Bob) for the Distinguished Service Medal in Bronze. Bob truly deserves this honor. The significance of his accomplishments cannot be overstated or easily captured in a brief synopsis of his service to the Grand Chapter or the Craft in general. He is the current Grand Marshall, a Past High Priest and District Deputy Grand Priest. He has performed above and beyond the call of duty and is an exemplary example to others. His contributions this year have been invaluable to me and without Bob, this year would have been taxing. He has demonstrated unyielding faithfulness to the tenets of Royal Arch Masonry and dedication to increasing membership in the fraternity. His masonic knowledge and dedication to the craft were crucial to the demonstrated

increase in membership this past year. As such, he sincerely deserves this recognition.

In closing

First, my sincere gratitude to Supreme Architect of the Universe for granting me the health and means of performing the duties of Most Excellent Grand High Priest for the Grand Chapter of Florida for the Capitular year 2021-2022. I will also be forever grateful to MEPGHP John Wermann for securing my appointment to the bottom of the line.

I have enjoyed serving with the Grand Chapter's elected and appointed officers, District Deputies, District Instructors and Committeemen. Thank you for sharing your time, talents, thoughts, ideas and efforts this past year. Well Done!

I treasure the guidance received from Past Grand High Priests, John Wermann, Richard Wolfe, Steve Steel, Glenn Chandler and Ron Newton. Thank you for your wise counsel.

To my beloved wife, Sandy, who has stood by me for over 44 years, and my daughter who helped me throughout this year, I say I love you and thank you.

In closing, it has been a profound honor to serve this Grand Chapter and I want you to know I appreciate all of the support you have given me.

Zealously,

James F. Robertson

Grand Chapter Awards 2021-2022**Bronze Distinguished Service Medal**

2021

Robert L.T. Phillips

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 A Aponte
2008	Wayne Y Thigpen	2009	Ernest R Spradling
2010	Corbin P Elliott	2011	Ralph Vaughn
2012	Jack C Maulden	2013	Carl E Gilmore
2014	John I Gray	2015	Rusty Ludlam

2016	Henry A Adams	2017	James F Robertson
2018	Glenn E Chandler, Snr	2019	Thomas E. Metcalfe, Jr.
2020	Gary Roane		

Silver Medal

Marvin W. Gerhard – 1987

Henry A. Adams - 2021

Gold Key Awards

- Jeffrey W. Meister, Sr.
- James Armitage
- Jim Blum
- William (Billy) Francis Rohan III
- Louis K. Mittong
- Jack Holloway
- Corey D. Kosciuszko
- James R. McHenry
- Charles G. Harper, II
- Kenneth Tutor
- Demetrios Kirkiles
- Richard Vogt
- Steven Nelson
- Aldrin M. Catabay
- Keiffer W. Lindsey Jr.
- Chester Lamar Willis
- Scott Schwartzberg
- Jerry Marvin Snell
- Nelson Bonet

- Frank Kiefer
- David Gregory
- Richard McGlew
- John Donohoo
- John Kraniou
- William Paulchek, Sr.
- Gene Sims
- George Grosskopf
- Houston Tucker

Grand High Priest Award

Sarasota No. 35

Past Winners of the Grand High Priest Award

1989	James Yeager # 62	1990	Tampa Cushing # 3
1991	Indian River # 27	1992	Eureka # 7
1993	Putnam # 9	1994	Putnam # 9
1995	James Yeager # 62	1996	Eden # 63
1997	Mt Horeb # 6	1998	St Petersburg # 31
1999	Challenger # 66	2000	
2001	Lakeland # 29	2002	Palm Beach # 24
2003	Jacksonville # 12	2004	Tampa Cushing # 3
2005	Tampa Cushing # 3	2006	Jacksonville # 12
2007		2008	
2009	Ocala # 13	2010	Jericho # 11

2011	St Petersburg # 31	2012	Nassau # 49
2013		2014	Eureka # 7
2015	Nassau # 49	2016	Highlands #64
2017	Sarasota # 35	2018	Jacksonville #12
2019	Joppa # 28	2020	Not Awarded

Four Veils Award

Chapter	High Priest
Plant City No. 16	David Lambert
Clearwater No. 45	Brian Campbell
Mt. Horeb No. 6	R.J. Eckols
Melbourne No. 59	George E. Goddard
Tampa No. 3	Scott McAlister
Crestview No. 40	Walter Harkness
Keystone No. 20	Rafael Vieira
Surf No. 57	Cecil M. Harris
Gainesville No. 2	John Dobbs
Jacksonville No. 12	Randy Burkett
Eustis No. 33	Larry Kent

Attending Representatives of Constituent Chapters

Either present or by proxy

Chapter	No.	HP	King	Scribe
Florida	1	X	X	
Gainesville	2	X		X
Tampa	3		X	
Halifax	5	X		
Mt. Horeb	6	X	X	X
Eureka	7	X		
Putnam	9	X	X	X
Jericho	11	X	X	X
Jacksonville	12	X	X	
Monroe	15		X	X
Plant City	16	X	X	X
St. Augustine	17	X		
Keystone	20	X		
Palm Beach	24	X	X	
Indian River	27			X
Joppa	28	X	X	X
Lakeland	29			
St Petersburg	31			X
Jackson	32	X	X	X
Eustis	33	X	X	X
Sarasota	35	X	X	X
Lake City	38	X	X	X

Bay County	39	X		
Crestview	40	X		
Clearwater	45	X	X	X
Nassau	49			
Poinciana	50		X	
Surf	57	X	X	X
Melbourne	59	X		X
James Yeager	62	X		X
Highlands	64		X	

Roll Call

<u>Grand Line Officers</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Present</u>
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST	JAMES F. ROBERTSON	X
RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND KING	JOHN I. GRAY	X
RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND SCRIBE	HENRY A. ADAMS	X
RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND SECRETARY	Richard C. Brooks	X
RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND TREASURER	ROBERT C. ST. JOHN, JR.	
EXCELLENT GRAND CHAPLAIN	JACK HOLLOWAY	X
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HISTORIAN	GLENN E. CHANDLER, SNR.	X

EXCELLENT GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST	COREY D. KOSCIUSZKO	X
EXCELLENT GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER	JAMES R. MCHENRY	
EXCELLENT GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN	CHARLES G. HARPER II	
EXCELLENT GRAND MASTER OF THE 3RD VEIL	GARRY M. PAXINOS	X
EXCELLENT GRAND MASTER OF THE 2ND VEIL	Jeffrey Thomas Skelet	X
EXCELLENT GRAND MASTER OF THE 1ST VEIL	Kenneth Tutor	X
EXCELLENT GRAND SENTINEL	JOSHUA W. SCHUTTS	X
EXCELLENT GRAND ORGANIST		
<u>District Deputy Grand High Priests</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Present</u>
DISTRICT 1	Demetrious C. Kirkiles	
DISTRICT 2	TODD MESCHELLE	
DISTRICT 3	Chas Jordan	X
DISTRICT 4	Richard Vogt	
DISTRICT 5	Erik B. Andersen	X

DISTRICT 6	STEPHEN C. NELSON	X
DISTRICT 7	Jimmy A. Dorsey	X
DISTRICT 8	Aldrin M. Catabay	
DISTRICT 9	Keiffer w. Lindsey, Jr.	
DISTRICT 10	Chester I. Willis	
<u>District Instructors</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Present</u>
DISTRICT 1	Scott Schwartzbert	X
DISTRICT 2	Brian Johnsen	X
DISTRICT 3	Gary R. Roane	
DISTRICT 4	Jerry M. Snell	X
DISTRICT 5	Nelson Bonet	X
DISTRICT 6	Frank R. Kiefer	X
DISTRICT 7	David Gregory	X
DISTRICT 8	Richard McGlew	X
DISTRICT 9	John Kraniou	X
DISTRICT 10	William Paulchek, Sr	X
<u>Most Excellent Past Grand High Priests</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Present</u>
1983	WILLIAM A. COGBURN	

1986	GARY BRENT CULL	
1991	WILLIAM G. NORRIE	
1993	WILLIAM L. BUCK, JR.	
1995	HARRY "BOB" DAVIS	
1996	HARVEY L. WARD, SR.	
2001	WAYNE E. PARKS	
2002	STEVEN Q. STEELE	X
2003	H. WARREN ALMAND, JR.	
2004	GLENN E. CHANDLER, SNR.	X
2005	WILLIAM F. WYLLIE	
2006	MICHAEL A. PADRON, JR.	
2009	DARRYL A. D'ANGINA	X
2011	ROBERT G. KIRKPATRICK	
2012 & 2013	JOHN F. WERMANN	X

2014	WILLIAM R. JACOBS	X
2015	RICHARD A. WOLFE	
2016	C. ROBERT COOPER	
2017	RONALD C. NEWTON	X
2018	HARRY V. EISENBERG	X
2019	JAMES A. GREEN	
2020	ARTHUR J. AHRENS III	X
Honorary	RICHARD A. AGSTER	
<u>Grand Representatives</u> <u>(State)</u>	<u>Names</u>	<u>Present</u>
ALABAMA	PAUL W. FRIEND	X
ALASKA	STEVEN Q. STEELE	X
ALBERTA, CANADA	DAYLE SCHROCK	X
ARGENTINA	JOHN PICKFORD	
ARIZONA	JAMES F. ROBERTSON	X
ARKANSAS	JOHN I. GRAY	X

AUSTRIA	CHARLES "CHIC" CICERO	
BELGIUM	ERIC COLE	
BRAZIL	Edward Mayfield, Jr.	X
CALIFORNIA	JAMES A. GREEN	
COLORADO	RICHARD WOLFE	
CONNECTICUT	THOMAS OLSEN	X
CROATIA	STEPHEN C. NELSON	X
CYPRUS	STANELY HUDSON	
DELAWARE	C. ALLAN WALLS	
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	HENRY ADAMS	X
FINLAND	ROBERT ST. JOHN, JR.	
FRANCE	ERIC KLIENBACH	X
GEORGIA	ARTHUR J. LAROSE	X
GERMANY	JOHN LEWIS	X
GREECE	GARRY PAXINOS	X

HAWAII	Benjamin Gaillard	
IDAHO	RODGER CRAIG	
Illinois	Charles Bailey	X
INDIA	DAVID FELTY	
INDIANA	EDWARD SMALLWOOD	X
IOWA	DENNIS BARBARISI	X
IRELAND	GLENN E. CHANDLER, SNR.	X
ISRAEL	HARRY V. EISENBERG	X
ITALY	GIANCARLO ORDERDA	
KENTUCKY	JAMES MASON	
LOUISIANA	RONALD C. NEWTON	X
MAINE	DEMETRIOS KIRKILES	
MANITOBA, CANADA	BRETT GORDON	X
MASSACHUSETTS	Scott Schwartzberg	X
MEXICO	SHELDON ARPAD	

MICHIGAN	CORBIN ELLIOTT	
MINNESOTA	ERIK ANDERSEN	X
MISSISSIPPI	CARL GILMORE	X
MISSOURI	Larry Gillespie	X
MONTANA	EARL RAY	X
NEBRASKA	FRED PIASECKI	
NETHERLANDS	Richard Brooks	X
NEVADA	C. ROBERT COOPER	
NEWFOUNDLAND, CANADA	ROBERT STEARNS	
NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA	RONALD NAUMOWICZ	
NEW HAMPSHIRE	JAMES DICKENSON	
NEW JERSEY	DAVID ROSENTHAL	X
NEW MEXICO		
NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA	ANTHONY GRIFFON	
NEW YORK	WILLIAM THOMAS	
NEW ZEALAND	JAMES RECORD	X

NORTH CAROLINA	RICHARD AGSTER	
NORTH DAKOTA	DARRYL A. D'ANGINA	X
NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA	Jeffrey Lawrence	X
OHIO	COREY KOSCIUSZKO	X
OKLAHOMA	CHARLES HOLLINGER	X
ONTARIO, CANADA		
OREGON	ADAM BRYAN	X
PANAMA	WADE ATCHISON	
PENNSYLVANIA	MICHAEL A. PADRON, JR.	
PHILIPPINES	TONY GAGARIN	
PORTUGAL	JOHN POWELL	
QUEBEC, CANADA	THOMAS RAWSTHORNE	
RHODE ISLAND	BENJAMIN HOLLAND	
ROMANIA	JAMES HOGG	X
SASKATCHAWAN, CANADA	THOMAS METCALFE, JR.	X
SCOTLAND	H. WARREN ALMAND, JR.	

SOUTH AUSTRALIA	TODD MESCHELLE	
SOUTH CAROLINA	WILLIAM JACOBS	X
SOUTH DAKOTA	RUSTY LUDLAM	X
SPAIN	CHARLES HARPER II	
TENNESSEE	JOHN WERMANN	X
TEXAS	GENE LANCE	X
TOGO	ROBERT EISENHARDT	
UTAH	CHARLES SIPES	
VENEZUELA	Dana Oldenburg	X
VERMONT	JAMES MOORE III	
VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA	WILLIAM ELLIS	
VIRGINIA	ARTHUR J. AHRENS III	X
WASHINGTON	JOHN DREWETT	
WEST AUSTRALIA	JACK MAULDEN	
WEST VIRGINIA	E. RANDY SPRADLING	X

WISCONSIN	RONALD PARKS	
WYOMING	JAMES MCHENRY	

Grand Treasurer Report

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest operated within his budget during his term and should be commended for good management of his resources. Again, this year, it was not necessary to use any of the Administrative Fund earnings, so those assets remained invested. Unfortunately, the downturn in the market did impact the overall financial status of the Grand Chapter, but since we didn't draw from the Administrative Fund, the impact has been deferred. Looking at the Grand Chapter accounts from a cashflow perspective, the income and expenses were almost balanced; we spent \$691.32 more than we received. As noted last year, the per capita income received during this term is reflected in cashflow but doesn't give a true picture of income since it is carried forward as income for the 2023-2024 budget.

I have attached the May 31, 2022, Balance Sheet; the 1 June 2021-31 May 2022 Income Expense Summary Report; and the 2021-2022 Approved Budget versus Actual Report.

I wish to thank the Grand Chapter Convocation delegates for re-electing me as Grand Treasurer. I will continue to serve and am honored by the confidence the Companions have entrusted in me to manage the finances of this organization.

Fraternally,

Robert C St John, Jr, KYGCH
Grand Treasurer

The 2022 Grand York Rite Convention was successful from a financial point of view. The Program Ad Booklet was a significant contributor to income: Sales of ads totaled \$9055.02 and printing costs were \$1945.75. I wish to thank the committee for the hard work raising interest in placing ads. The Orlando Marriott Lake Mary did an excellent job supporting the convention. The banquet was especially well done, and they assisted the ladies working the Hospitality Room with coffee. The breakfast buffet option with prepaid tickets ran smoothly and seemed to be well received. The excess of income versus expenses was distributed to the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and the Grand Commandery: Chapter - \$2,436.05, Council - \$2,621.05, and Commandery - \$2,625.75; the variance in the amounts is a reflection of each bodies distinguished visitors expenses.

Balance Sheet - Grand Chapter RAM of Florida - As of
5/31/2022

Bank Accounts

Life-Perpetual Checking	\$	9,342.87
MidFla Grand Chapter Checking	\$	30,843.55
MidFla Grand Chapter Savings	\$	44,112.99
TOTAL Bank Accounts	\$	84,299.41

Asset Accounts

Admin. Fund Investment Acct	\$	531,354.68
Life-Perp Fund Investment Acct.	\$	481,147.75
TOTAL Asset Accounts	\$	1,012,502.43

Liability Accounts

40040 Triennial Fund	\$	(6,334.00)
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40050 Carryover Funds	\$	(6,944.59)
40051 Collected Advance Per Capita	\$	(36,868.00)
40052 Interest on Advanced Per Capita	\$	-
40054 Collected Per Capita for Future	\$	(36,272.50)
40059 Equip. Replacement Fund	\$	(828.19)
40060 Charity Fund	\$	(550.35)
40070 Endowment Fund	\$	(600.00)
40082 Fundraiser (Youth Pins)	\$	-
Bank Acct -Life-Perpetual	\$	(9,342.87)
Inv. Admin Acct 5-31-2019	\$	(431,134.32)
Inv. Admin- Unrealized Gain-Loss	\$	(100,220.36)
Inv. Life-Perp Acct of 5-31-2019	\$	(379,020.60)
Inv. Life-Perp Unrealized Gain-Loss	\$	(102,127.15)
TOTAL Liability Accounts	\$	(1,110,242.93)
OVERALL TOTAL	\$	(13,441.09)

Grand Chapter RAM of Florida-Income Statement - 2022

INCOME

40000 Annual per Capita	\$	36,272.50
40011 Other Interest	\$	4.37
40012A Other Income		
40012A Other	\$	150.00
Income:Donations		
40012A Other Income:Incorrect	\$	9,865.00
Payee		
40012A Other	\$	1,031.00
Income:Insurance Refund		

40012A Other	\$	175.00
Income:Reimbursement		
TOTAL 40012A Other Income	\$	11,221.00
40014 Grand Office -Unused	\$	3,147.99
Expenses		
TOTAL INCOME	\$	50,645.86

EXPENSES

10010 Allowances

10010 Allowances:10011 Grand \$ 3,000.00

High Priest

10010 Allowances:10012 Grand \$ 1,500.00

King

10010 Allowances:10013 Grand \$ 4,200.00

Secretary

10010 Allowances:10014 Jewel, \$ 568.50

Apron & Case

10010 Allowances:10015 Grand \$ 2,000.00

Treasurer

10010 Allowances:10016 Grand \$ 750.00

Scribe

TOTAL 10010 Allowances \$ 12,018.50

10030 Meetings

10030 Meetings:10031 \$ 1,000.00

Triennial

TOTAL 10030 Meetings \$ 1,000.00

10050 Office Expenses \$ 7,915.00

10050 Office Expenses:10052 \$ -

Postage

TOTAL 10050 Office Expenses	\$	7,915.00
10070 Salaries, Stipends, Payroll Taxes		
10070 Salaries, Stipends, Payroll Taxes:10073 Office Manager	\$	9,000.00
10070 Salaries, Stipends, Payroll Taxes:10074 Office Temp Help	\$	1,000.00
TOTAL 10070 Salaries, Stipends, Payroll Taxes	\$	10,000.00
10080 Taxes		
10080 Taxes:10081 Florida Corp. Tax	\$	61.25
10080 Taxes:10082 Gen. Grand Chapter per Capita	\$	8,523.00
TOTAL 10080 Taxes	\$	8,584.25
10090 Sundry		
10090 Sundry:10090 Returned Check Amount	\$	858.50
10090 Sundry:10091 Education & Training	\$	200.00
10090 Sundry:10092 Awards 10090 Sundry:10096 Contingencies	\$	1,227.30
10090 Sundry:10096 Contingencies:DI Apron Cases	\$	662.60
TOTAL 10090 Sundry:10096 Contingencies	\$	662.60

10090 Sundry:10100 Incorrect Payee	\$	10,522.32
TOTAL 10090 Sundry	\$	13,470.72
10102 Bank Service Charges		
10102 Bank Service Charges:Returned Check Fee	\$	15.00
TOTAL 10102 Bank Service Charges	\$	15.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	53,003.47
OVERALL TOTAL	\$	(2,357.61)

40000 INCOME

Actual

40000	Annual Per Capita	\$		\$	39,322.00
40001	Per Capita Interest				
40010	Exaltations				
40011	Other Interest			\$	4.37
40012	Other	39,322.00	\$	\$	11,046.00
	Income:Investment			\$	9,865.00
	Earnings			\$	150.00
40012	Other Income:Incorrect			\$	1,031.00
Payee		11,833.25		\$	175.00
40012	Other Income:Donations				
40012	Other Income:Insurance			\$	3,147.99
Refund				\$	9,400.00
40012	Other				
Income:Reimbursement			TBD		
40020	Annual Convention		TBD	\$	74,141.36
40021	Grand Office				
	Return				
40022	Life-Perp				
	Investment Withdrawal	\$	51,155.25	\$	3,000.00
40030	Ritual Sales			\$	1,500.00
40050	General Admin Fund			\$	4,200.00
				\$	568.50
	Total Income			\$	2,000.00
				\$	3,000.00
				\$	1,500.00
				\$	12,018.50
10010	ALLOWANCES	4,200.00	\$		
10011	Grand High Priest	1,500.00	\$		
10012	Grand King	2,000.00			
10013	Grand Secretary	\$	750.00		
10014	Jewel Apron &	\$	12,950.00		
	Case			\$	-
10015	Grand Treasurer				
10016	Grand Scribe	\$	900.00		
	Total Allowances			\$	300.00

	10020 CHARITIES	\$	1,200.00	\$	1,000.00
10022	Youth Charities				
10023	Masonic Home				
10024	Donation to GHP	\$			
	Charity (RARA)		1,000.00	\$	
	Total Charities		1,000.00		
		\$	250.00		
10030	MEETINGS	\$	250.00	\$	1,000.00
10031	Triennial	\$	250.00		
10032	District Meetings	\$	250.00		
10033	Summer Assembly	\$	84.00		
10034	GHP SE	\$	3,084.00	\$	1,383.21
	Conference				
10035	Grand King SE				
	Conference				
10036	Grand Scribe SE				
	Conference				
10037	Grand Secretary				
	SE Conference				
	Total Meetings				

10040 GRAND CONVOCAATION

10040 Other \$ 500.00

Total Grand Convocation \$ 500.00

10050 OFFICE EXPENSES

10051 Office Supplies \$ 500.00

10052 Postage \$ 600.00

10053 Rent \$ 4,000.00

10054 Telephone \$ 800.00

10055 MMS \$ 600.00

10056 Computer Expenses \$

150.00

10057 Computer Maintenance \$

150.00

10058 Storage \$ 460.00

10059 Equipment Replacement \$

500.00

10059A Bond \$ 155.00

Total Office Expenses \$ 7,915.00 \$ 7,915.00

10060 PRINTING

10061 General Printing Expense \$

500.00

10062 Proceedings \$ 1,000.00

10065 Copier Maintenance \$

100.00

10066 Printing Expenses

Total Printing \$ 1,600.00

\$ 9,000.00

10070 SALARYS, STIPENDS & PAYROLL TAXES

10073 Office Manager	\$	9,000.00	\$	1,000.00
10074 Office Temporary Help	\$	1,000.00	\$	10,000.00
Total Salaries, Stipends & Payroll Tax	\$	10,000.00		
			\$	61.25
10080 TAXES	\$	61.25	\$	8,523.00
10081 Florida Corporation Tax	\$	9,000.00	\$	8,584.25
10082 General Grand Chapter Per Capita	\$	9,061.25		
Total Taxes			\$	858.50
			\$	200.00
10090	\$	500.00	\$	1,227.30
SUNDRY	\$	1,000.00		
10090 Sundry:Returned Check Amount	\$	-	\$	-
	\$	50.00		
10091 Education & Training	\$	2,070.00	\$	662.60
10092 Awards			\$	9,400.00
10093 Membership Services		TBD	\$	10,522.32
10095 Insurance				
10096 Contingencies	\$	200.00	\$	22,870.72
10096 Contingencies:DI Apron Cases	\$	3,820.00		
10090 Transfer to Life-Perpetual Checking	\$	25.00	\$	15.00
10090 Transfer to Correct Payee				
10099 Web Hosting	\$	1,000.00	\$	15.00
Total Sundry	\$	1,025.00		
10100 Miscellaneous				
10102 Bank Service Charges				
10102 Bank Charges:Returned Check Fee			\$	63,786.68
10110 Reserves				
Total Miscellaneous	\$	51,155.25		

TOTAL EXPENSES

The Grand Office had a favorable year financially. The Office Manager position was vacant for most of the year and our Grand Secretary/Recorder covered this vacancy by doing the work himself or using temporary help, mostly during the preparation for the Grand Convention. The Grand Chapter contributed \$17,915, the Grand Council contributed \$17615, and the Grand Commandery contributed \$16710 toward the office operating expenses. At the end of the year, the unspent funds were returned in proportion to the contributions: Grand Chapter - \$4,640.30, Grand Council - \$4,562.60, and Grand Commandery - \$4,328.19. The Grand Secretary/Recorder should be commended for running the office efficiently and thus coming in under budget.

During this term, the Life Perpetual account received \$17,825 in new membership contributions and an additional \$120 in Knight Templar Eye Foundation memberships. An additional \$26,000 was withdrawn from the Life Perpetual Investment account to cover the payout expenses. The KTEF funds simply passed through the account and were forwarded to the Grand Encampment. This year's payouts were: Grand Chapter - \$14075.85; Grand Council - \$12, 617.72; and Grand Commandery - \$15,206.16. I anticipate needing to make a similar withdrawal from the investment accounts to fund the 2023 payouts.

Grand Secretary Report

This report is NOT the direct words of our elected and installed Grand Secretary/Recorder Richard Brooks. Richard, as most of you know, passed this life on July 31st of 2022 and before he had penned his report for the year that ended on May 31st of that same year. Thus, this report is largely the work of his replacement Grand Secretary/Recorder, Carl Gilmore and is intended to as accurately as possible summarize Richard's work.

The GYR office produced the Proceedings of 2021 within the proscribed time frame and was properly distributed soon after the 1st of October 2021.

Similarly, Chapter and Council dues cards were produced and sent to local Secretary/Recorders soon after the Proceedings were sent.

We continue to update the website with pertinent information and forms. I would like to thank ME Arthur Ahrens for all his exceptional work in maintaining flgyr.org. His dedication has allowed us to make the website easier to navigate.

Proposed per-capita statements for the local Bodies were produced and sent right after the 1st of January 2022.

Completed filings and payments were received and paid over to the Grand Treasurer. A report of all such payments, or rather failure to pay, is encompassed in his report.

A Directory was produced and was distributed at the Grand Convention of May 2022.

All proposed regulatory changes were advertised on the GYR website and were considered at the Grand Convention.

Other preparations for the Convention, i.e. Reservations for meals, Delegate lists, Visitor accommodations, voting preparations, etc. were completed and the Convention proceeded smoothly.

RE & RI Brooks laid down his earthly working tools prior to any significant work being completed on these Proceedings.

His efforts to make improvements to the Florida Grand York Rite Office and his dedication to the job, are both well known and exemplary. He is missed.

Fraternally,

Carl E. Gilmore

Grand Secretary/Recorder

GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEES

<u>Committee Name</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Member</u>
<i>Auditing</i>	Henry Adams	Corey Kosciuszko	
<i>Benevolence</i>	James R McHenry		
<i>Charters, Dispensations & By- Laws</i>	William Jacobs		
<i>Constitution Review</i>	Harry V Eisenberg	Henry Adams	John F Wermann
<i>Distinguished Guests</i>	John F Wermann	Harry V Eisenberg	Robert C St John
<i>Grand High Priest Charity (RARA)</i>	Harry V Eisenberg	ALL DDGHP	ALL DI
<i>Grand Convention Souvenir Program</i>	John Lewis	Jack Maulden	
<i>Masonic Relations & Blue Lodge Reps.</i>	Henry Adams	Charles Harper II	
<i>Membership</i>	Tom Olsen	John Donohoo	ALL DD
<i>Budget & Finance</i>	John Gray		Robert C. St John Richard Brooks BOTH ex-officio
<i>Finance</i>	John F Wermann	Robert C St John	Henry Adams
<i>Committee On Work</i>	Chas Jordan	Rusty Ludlam	Corey Kosciuszko John Donohoo
<i>Convention Board</i>	James F Robertson	Wm Allen Sorbie Adam Bryan	Richard Brooks
<i>Investment</i>	David Rosenthal	Wm. Lee Popham	John D Powell
<i>Jurisprudence</i>	Steven Q Steele	H. Warren Almand Darryl D'Angina	John F Wermann Richard Wolfe Glenn E Chandler Snr
<i>Registration, Returns & Credentials</i>	Richard Brooks	Richard Bayly	Eric Klientbach
<i>Legal Advisor</i>	Alan Rosenthal		
<i>Youth</i>	John F Wermann		
<i>Necrology</i>	Jack Holloway		
<i>Thanks</i>	Charles Harper II		
<i>Unfinished Business</i>	Arthur J Ahrens III		
<i>Per Diem</i>	Robert C St John	Richard Brooks	Charles Bailey
<i>Education</i>	John Donohoo	Jonas Seda	All DI
<i>Insurance</i>	Wade Atchinson		
<i>Printing</i>	Grand Secretary		
<i>Triennial</i>	James F Robertson		

Audit Committee

Audit Committee of the Grand Chapter met on 26 February 2022, at the Tampa York Rite Center with the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and members of the committee.

All warrants and receipts were examined between the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, along with the Bank statements that were compared with the above reports.

All warrants received and bills paid were in accordance with the budget and within dictates of normal bookkeeping practices.

Respectfully,
Henry Adams, Chairman
Corey Kosciuszko, Member

Benevolence Committee

No Report

Charters, Dispensations & By-Laws

No Report

Constitution Review

There were six proposed pieces of legislation submitted on time and in proper form. One dealt with notification of the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary of any proposed

merger and or consolidation of particular chapters and the subsequent progress and outcome. At the present time there is no such requirement.

The other pieces of legislation all dealt with Appendix D and proposed changes. There is a piece of legislation concerning removing Appendix D from the Constitution which would eliminate the need for all the other pieces of legislation, as any changes can be made by the Committee on Work without the need for legislative change and approval.

These will be presented to the Jurisprudence Committee for their recommendations.

The Constitution of the Grand Chapter was also updated to include changes from last year's legislative session by companion Jeff Sklet, R.E. Grand Master of the 2nd Veil. Companion Sklet will do this on an annual basis.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on this important committee.

Zealously and respectfully submitted,

Harry V. Eisenberg, MEPGHP, Chairman

Henry Adams

John F. Wermann

Jeffrey T. Sklet

Distinguished Guests

At this our 175th Grand Convocation the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, M.E. James “Robby” Robertson had the privilege to receive and introduce to the Craft many special guests and dignitaries. Some of these most special persons are listed below:

Jeffrey S. Foster, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Richard Lynn, Past Most Worshipful Grand Master, Jorge Aladro, Past Most Worshipful Grand Master they representing The Grand Lodge of F & A Masons of Florida, Emory Fergueson, Past General Grand High Priest, Sheldon Arpad, General Grand

Principal Sojourner, Harry V. Eisenberg, Deputy General Grand High Priest, John F. Wermann, General Grand Ambassador, all representing the General Grand Chapter of RAM International. There were many other visitors, Grand Masters, MEGHPs, MIGMs, REGCs. There were representatives from the General Grand Council, Grand Encampment, Alaska, Georgia, New York, Tennessee, Utah, Alabama and Washington D.C.

It was the presence of these most honored guests that added to the success of our 175th Grand Chapter Convocation. This Committee thanks them for their tireless efforts to improve Masonry in General and the York Rite in particular.

Most Excellent High Priest, we thank you for the honor to serve you and the Craft on this most prestigious Committee and the opportunity to represent you as our head.

Zealously:

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

Harry V. Eisenberg, MEPGHP, KYGCH, OPC
Committeeman

Robert C. St. John, MIPGM, KYGCH
Committeeman

R.A.R.A. Report

Donations to our charity RARA unfortunately were down this year by 16%. Total contributions were \$16,957.25. Even more disappointing was the fact that only 21 out of our 31 chapters or 67% contributed when over the past several years we had worked up to almost 100% participation. Also, only 11 out of 31 chapters or 35% were at 100% when again in the past we had almost all chapters at 100%. Even so Florida was first in donations by far in the Eastern section of the country and ranked third overall of all jurisdictions.

I can only think of two reasons for this. First, I think that

Covid-19 has finally caught up with us. After two years we are weary and still trying to get our lives in order and have less time and energy to give to outside causes. Second, obviously the change in the award schedule, making 100% participation \$5 per man instead of \$1 per man is a tremendous increase, especially for chapters with large memberships.

Anyway this is the new reality and we need to look to new and better ways to raise money for RARA. Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Central Auditory Processing Disorder (CAPD) are significant life challenges for the individuals affected and Autism Speaks and The Hearing Health Foundation, which are giving multiple research grants to study and treat these problems, depend on the funds we raise for them.

The following chapters donated or had donated in their name a minimum of \$1.00 per member:

- Monroe No. 15
- Keystone No. 20
- Lakeland/Winter Haven No. 29
- Lake City No. 38
- Clearwater No. 45

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

- Florida No. 1
- Hallifax No. 5
- Jacksonville No. 12

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

- Gainesville No. 2
- Joppa No. 28

- Crestview No. 40

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

- St. Augustine No. 17

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

- Eureka No. 7
- Eustis No. 33

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

- Mt. Horeb No. 6

The following chapters donated or had donated in their name a minimum of \$11.00 per member:

- Tampa/Cushing No. 3
- Highlands No. 64

The following chapter donated or had donated in their name a minimum of \$12.00 per member:

- Sarasota No. 35

The following chapter donated or had donated in their name a minimum of \$13.00 per member:

- Jericho No. 11

The following chapter donated or had donated in their name a minimum of \$18.00 per member:

- Melbourne No. 59

The following chapter donated or had donated in their name a minimum of \$19.00 per member:

- Surf No. 57

Contributions were received from the following organizations and individuals: (over \$100)

- Winter Park Lodge No. 239 -----
-----\$250
- Robert Eisenhardt -----
-----\$500
- Richard Brooks -----
-----\$100
- John B. Phelps York Rite College No. 31 -----
-----\$100
- Order of the High Priesthood -----
-----\$746
- Henry Jehan -----
-----\$100
- A.J. Ahrens -----
-----\$700
- Ed Mayfield -----
-----\$100
- Otto Thiergart -----
-----\$500
- Jerry Miller -----
-----\$500
- Robert St. John -----
-----\$1000
- James Robertson -----
-----\$700
- Robert Phillips -----
-----\$100

- Steve Steele -----
-----\$1000

The following chapters have contributed 100% for a number of consecutive years. (Number of years in parentheses)

- Crestview No. 40 (18)
- Eureka No. 7 (25)
- Eustis No. 33 (6)
- Gainesville No. 2 (29)
- Highlands No. 64 (6)
- Jericho No. 11 (4)
- Melbourne No. 59 (9)
- Mt Horeb No. 6 (23)
- Sarasota No. 35 (34)
- Surf No. 57 (9)
- Tampa/Cushing No. 3 (4)

Remember gifts are tax deductible as we are a 501 (c) 3 organization. Individuals may contribute directly by check, by workplace giving with matching funds, or by smile.amazon.com, whereby Amazon donates 0.5% of your total purchase to the charity of your choice. And your Chapter gets the credit. Another new idea which I liked a lot was the use of a challenge donation, whereby a companion makes a large donation and challenges his companions to match it. Also please consider RARA in your estate planning. All donations should be sent to me directly and I will forward them on so that you and your chapter will get the proper credit. 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 Most Excellent James F. Robertson for the opportunity to serve the Grand Chapter in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,
Harry V. Eisenberg, M.D.
Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, RAM of Florida
Deputy General Grand High Priest Royal Arch Masons
International Southeast Region
State Chairman RARA

Souvenir Program

The committee thanks our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, James F. Robertson; our Most Illustrious Grand Master Wm. Allen Sorbie; and our Right Eminent Grand Commander Adam M. Bryan for the honor to serve our fellow Companions and Sir Knights on this committee.

Happily, most of our ads this year came from our York Rite Bodies and York Rite organizations throughout the state. Their support and creativity are greatly appreciated. The committee has an especial appreciation for S.K. David Aponte, R.Em.P.G.C., for the wonderful cover-page artwork. David Aponte is currently serving as Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand York Rite of Washington State.

Unfortunately, we received no ads from our youth groups this year, and our Gold Support program is down considerably from previous years. In fact, all our gold supporters are from District 10.

2022 Sales Information

Full Page Ads

44

Half Page Ads	11
Quarter Page Ads	4
Blue Lodge Ads	2
Non-Masonic Ads	4
Gold Supporters	47
Youth Groups Ads	0

The above ads generated a gross total of \$9,600 dollars for the Grand York Rite Bodies. The final cost of printing was \$1,800. The realized net profit is \$7,800. This net profit is greater by \$2,200 from last year.

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

1. The assistance of our District Deputies throughout the state. Each District is represented in this Souvenir Program. Districts 3, 6 and 10 had 100 percent participation of their York Rite Bodies!
2. The fine quality and wide distribution of past Souvenir Programs – one look and people want to be a part.
3. The Souvenir Program is now published for download on our Grand York Rite website. This should allow much greater visibility and encourage more participation.
4. A very special thanks to our Grand York Rite Secretary/Recorder, Richard Brooks as he helped greatly with

bringing commercial organizations to add to our Souvenir Program.

5. Thanks to our Grand York Rite Treasurer, Robert St. John, for finding a way to streamline and improve our method of making checking deposits.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve the Craft on this committee and we thank you for the opportunity.

Respectfully submitted by the Committed on the Convention Souvenir Program. Fraternally and Zealously submitted.

John M. Lewis

Companions

John Lewis, committee chairman David Aponte, REPGC

Our Grand Line Officers and their District Deputies

Masonic Relations

The Masonic Relations and Blue Lodge Representatives Committee wishes to thank our Most Excellent Grand High Priest James F. Robertson, for the privilege of serving on this important committee of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida.

The Committee has continued our efforts to bring further light to our Blue Lodge brothers, and have received good results. Two of the most prominent examples of our efforts for recruitment have been "Fervency and Zeal" and "Circumambulation". Both have been very successful in bringing more light to our Blue Lodges as well as increasing interest in York Rite.

Our Blue Lodge Representative Program, which began a couple years ago, encouraged each Chapter, Council and Commandery to establish a membership Team to "show our colors" in the Blue Lodges. Most of our Chapters are now visiting their lodges in Red Coats. Quite often the red coats will draw questions from non-York Rite brothers. This brings a great opportunity to improve or create better relations.

Fraternally,

Henry A Adams, Chairman
Charles Harper II

Membership

As the Chairman of the Membership Committee for the Grand Chapter of Florida, I had to establish goals, working tools, and potential candidates.

Establishing our goals for 2021 was a difficult task because the numbers varied so year to year with Covid and the overall downward trend on membership over the last five years. The Grand High Priest wanted to stop the downward trend of membership and start an on-going program that would allow for continuance of the programs set into place this year. Our initial goal for membership was set at from 2700 to 2800 new Companions to be “Exalted” this year. This would require the effort of all hands in the Chapter.

With the goal firmly established, we then moved on to developing working tools to achieve these goals. We used the handout flyer “The Missing Piece? YOU!”; this flyer needed to be placed into as many Master Masons as possible. This was done by handing them out at the Blue Lodges by York Rite Masons attending the Blue Lodge. Another tool to be used was the “Flash Drive York Rite Story”. This was also listed on the Grand York Rite web page. We also used preforming “Fervency and Zeal” and “The Circular Ambulation”; both were very effective in generating interest in the York Rite. Another tool to be utilized was to increase the number of Festivals put on by the various York Rite Bodies. The final tool was to get everyone of the District Deputies involved with the Membership program. To this end, I went to the Grand Lodge Website and listed every Blue Lodge by Counties with the name of the Worshipful Master and Secretary. Each District Deputy was then encouraged to meet with every Blue Lodge in their District and set up presentations by the Chapters within their District. The most successful format was to have someone from the Chapter in Red, the Council in Purple, and the Commandry in A-1’s to talk about their Body and answer questions.

This program will be successful if allowed to keep the same format intact going forward. Our goal was reached with 2774 new members in the York Rite Chapters and our goal for 2022 should be from 2800 to 2850. I feel this goal is fair and doable.

Tom Olsen
Chairman of Membership

Finance Committee

The budget for Most Excellent James F “Robby” Robertson was approved by the Craft during our 2021 Florida Grand York Rite Convention. This budget was largely based upon previous years budgets and expenses and income reflected therein. All monies expended fell within the budget dictates. As much of the travel was somewhat restricted due to the lingering effects of the pandemic some expenses were less than a normal Capitular year.

This Committee was not called upon or any issues arise requiring our input.

We thank Most Excellent Grand High Priest, James F. “Robby” Robertson for allowing us to serve him and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida for the year 2021-2022.

Zealously Submitted

John F. Wermann MEPGHP, KYGCH, OPC Chairman
Robert C. St John, Grand Treasurer, MIPGM Committeeman
Henry A. Adams, Rt. Excellent Grand Scribe, REPGC

Committee on Work

Committee on Work and District Instructors Activity Reports:

District Instructors reported over 18 district schools of instruction performed in this year. Areas covered in these schools included:

- Peculiar Stone
- Chapter Opening and Closing
- Four Veils Information
- Reception of Dignitaries
- Appropriate Chapter Room Setup
- And more!

These schools were well received by those Districts that participated. Unfortunately not every district presented a school of instruction in the previous year, and incoming instructors are reminded that this is required as per the Constitution for the District Deputy Grand High Priests and District Instructors to implement during the program year.

Reports on Fervency & Zeal Presentations:

One Fervency & Zeal Presentation was recorded in this year:

- Clearwater Chapter No. 45, RAM to Pearl of the West Lodge in New Port Richey, Florida

Questions proposed to the Committee on Work:

None

Legislation and changes to the Work considered by the Committee on Work:

- Development of a Short Form Opening for use during Installations and Festivals – **Committee Recommends Adoption**
- Development of 25 Year and 40 Year Certificate Presentation Ceremonies – **Committee Recommends Adoption**
- Revisions and clean up of the Chapter Installation Ceremony – **Committee Recommends Adoption**
- Revisions and clean up of the Florida Virtual Past Masters Degree Information – **Committee Recommends Adoption**

Proficiency Cards Issued:

White Proficiency Cards (Opening and Closing of Chapter):

- Jeffrey Sklet – Plant City
- William Sundquist – St. Petersburg
- Charles Bailey – St. Petersburg
- Kenneth Tutor – Plant City
- Nicholas Harvey – Palm Beach

On behalf of our committee members R.E. Companions Rusty Ludlam, Corey Kosciuszko, John Donohoo, and myself, I want to thank M.E. Comp. James “Robby” Robertson, Grand High Priest for this appointment and the ability to serve the Grand Chapter for this year.

Fraternally Submitted,

Charles R. (Chas) Jordan, KYCH – Chairman
Rusty Ludlam, KYCH
Corey Kosciuszko, KYCH
John Donohoo, KYCH

Investment Committee

The investments under the oversight of the Investment Committee are maintained by our investment advisers at Edward Jones & Co., and presently total \$1,069,599 as of 31 March 2022, up from \$1,012,187 a year ago. This represents a (05.67%) NET increase in Grand Chapter invested assets, - after the required 5.00% payout on Perpetual membership funds, and after the losses suffered in February and March of 2022. These dollars are broken up into two major portfolios:

Administrative Account - The first portfolio is the Administrative Account, also sometimes referred to as the General Fund. As of 31 March 2022, the total value was \$558,292 – vs. \$555,541 a year ago, for an increase of

\$2,751, after the decline in values experienced during the months of February and March of this year. This account has a target investment mix of 60% equities, and 40% bonds and other fixed instruments.

At 31 December 2021, the total value of this account was \$594,157, vs. \$533,257 at 31 December 2020, for an increase of \$60,900, or an 11.42% investment return. It is significant to note that our governing documents allow 75% of this annual increase to be included in the Budget for the following year, which could currently increase our available funds for charitable and necessary operating expenditures by \$45,675.

The original primary goal of the Administrative Account was to put the Grand Chapter in a position to be able to place less reliance upon Per Capita dues increases in the future, as this Fund grew. Instead of using these funds as originally intended, the funds have been allowed to accumulate, while significant Per Capita increases have been recommended and approved in recent years. During this past year, a total of \$Zero was paid out of this Fund account.

Life and Perpetual Account – The second portfolio is the Life and Perpetual Account, often referred to as the Sacred Fund. As of 31 March 2022, the total value was \$511,307 – vs.

\$456,646 a year ago, for an increase of \$54,661, even after the decline in values experienced during the months of February and March of this year, and even after the payout of the 5.0% annual perpetual payments to constituent Chapters. This account has a target investment mix of 50% equities, and 50% bonds and other fixed instruments.

At 31 December 2021, the total value of this account was \$516,434, vs. \$448,051 at 31 December 2020, for an increase of \$68,383, or a 15.26% NET investment return, after the required 5% perpetual fund payout.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of myself and the other members of the Investment Committee to thank the Most Excellent James F Robertson, MEGHP, for allowing us to serve the Grand Chapter this past year.

Courteously and Fraternaly,
David Rosenthal, Chairman
WM. Lee Popham, PHP
John D. Powell

Jurisprudence

Your Jurisprudence Committee had reviewed the six Resolutions submitted for action at this annual Convention. We find that the first two Resolutions are in proper form and have been submitted in a timely manner. Remaining Resolutions (three through six) are not in proper form having no effective date listed as per the Constitution. Regrettably the first two resolutions did not conform to the requirements of XXI of the Constitution.

After examining the Grand High Priest's report, I commend him for his handling of the actions and find that the dispensation, and other matters, executed and decided by him are in accordance with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter RAM of Florida

We commend him on his actions during this time of COVID-19.

The Grand High Priest has conducted his office with dignity and a most efficient manner.

Fraternaly Submitted,
The Committee

Registration, Returns, & Credentials

The final Report of this committee is as follows;

1. All Chapters have paid their Per Capita
2. All Chapters were represented via a dais officer or by proxy, except for
 - a. Lakeland No. 29
 - b. Nassau No. 49
3. The total number of Companions eligible to vote is 142.

Respectfully Submitted

David Rosenthal

Youth Committee

The past two years have been very difficult time for our Florida Youth. The Pandemic with of its restrictions has taken its toll on everyone including our Masonic Youth. Having said that I have found our Youth strong and steadfast in their resolve keep their organizations moving forward.

Our DeMolay is active and very strong in their teachings of Courtesy, Reverence, Comradeship, Fidelity, Cleanness, Love of Family and Patriotism. The very first Chapter of DeMolay in Florida is the Paul Revere Chapter which was chartered in November 1920 and is still very active. Currently one of the most active Chapters not only in the State of Florida but in the Country. C Allen Pattison Chapter of Venice. From the oldest to the newest of the 23 chapters of DeMolay for Boys is continuing to be a positive influence on our young men and our Masons of tomorrow.

The Florida International Order of Rainbow for girls is continuing to operate under strong leadership and teaching Service, Honesty and Leadership. Encouraging all of our Young Women self-reliance, public speaking and self-confidence.

Job's Daughter's International is struggling despite its wonderful message and teachings. I believe there are three Bethels remaining active in Florida.

Thank you Most Excellent Grand High Priest, James F. "Robby" Robertson for allowing me to serve you, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida and our Youth for the year 2021-2022.

Zealously Submitted

John F. Wermann MEPGHP, KYGCH, OPC Chairman

Necrology

There were 111 Companions that passed on to be with the Grand Master Builder, among them ME Floyd Ziegler PGHP 1985 and Luther "Chop" Bodiford III Honorary PGHP 2015.

Alas My Brothers. You were all good and faithful, enter now through the pearly gates

Thanks

On behalf of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest James F. Robertson (Robby) and the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida, we express our thanks to Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest Arthur Aherns III (A.J.). We thank you for your dedicated and outstanding leadership during the past year.

We express our thanks to the Management and Staff of the Orlando Marriot at Lake Mary for making our Grand Convocation pleasant and enjoyable.

We also thank the Convention Committee and all the Companions and their Ladies who volunteered and graciously gave their time and efforts to allow this Grand Convocation to run smoothly and effectively.

To our Distinguished Guests that honored us with their presence – thank you for helping us with their presence – thank you for helping to make our Grand Convocation such a memorable occasion.

Finally, we thank the Elected and Appointed Officers of the Grand Chapter Line for their time and diligence in the performance of their duties.

The Committee on Thanks wishes to express our thanks to M.E. James F. Robertson (Robby) for allowing us to serve our Grand Chapter at his discretion.

R.E.C. Charles G. Harper II
Chairman

ADDENDUM TO 2015 GRAND CHAPTER PROCEEDINGS

R.:E.: Companion Luther “Chop” Bodiford, III, was elected an Honorary M.:E.: Past Grand High Priest, May 19, 2015.

Submitted by:

Glenn E. Chandler, Snr.

Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest

Ex. Grand Historian

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida

Grand Historians Lecture

Many of us already know quite a lot about George Washington, especially his role as Commander in Chief of the Continental Army, as President of the Constitutional Convention, or being the first President of the United States. However, prior to all this, he was simply a Freemason from the Colony of Virginia.

If George Washington were to become a Mason today, a large edifice would be needed to accommodate the Brethren at his initiation. But on the evening of November 4, 1752, only fourteen men gathered in a small Lodge room in the village of Fredericksburg to confer the Entered Apprentice Degree on a young gentleman farmer and surveyor, not yet twenty-one years of age. Four months later he was Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft and, five months after that date, on August 4, 1753, he was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

Five months after Washington was Raised, the first unquestioned minutes of a Lodge recording the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree are those from the Lodge at Fredericksburg Virginia for December 22, 1753. Apparently the Lodge was acting under immemorial right and probably following the custom of conferring the Royal Arch Degree in the Lodge as a fourth degree.

What opinion did he form of the Fraternity? In his own words he stated, “The Masonic lessons I learned on my admission to Masonry

and my contact and conversation with prominent Masons thereafter were of the greatest encouragement in after years when I encountered and underwent several trials, especially those of commencement and during the Revolution.”

Many Americans aren't aware of the many trials and hardships Washington faced as Commander of the Continental Army, much less that the American Revolution lasted for a period of eight long years. The quote that really says it all for me is the question he asked upon assuming command of the Continental Army early in 1775 and is, “Are these the men with which I am to defend America?”

The General was a keen judge of character; he knew how to “size a man up”. Accordingly he picked his aides carefully. Of the twenty-nine major generals on his staff, ten can be verified as Freemasons. Washington was essentially a man of action. He planned his campaigns in hours of deep reflection, upon which no intrusion was permitted. He was not a talker; he gave confidences to few; but mentally he rehearsed every part of his strategy-and everyone's part in it until every possible

movement, with all that it might entail, stood out in bold relief in the background of his mind. Contingencies were provided for: accidents considered; the unexpected especially guarded against. His favorite strategy (learned from the Indians) was to catch the enemy by surprise. Because the Redcoats expected surprise attacks at dawn, he recommended midnight. “A dark night and even a rainy one will contribute to your success,” said the Old Fox to his staff at councils

of war. He took great precautions to prevent any leakage of his plans. Even major generals were, until the very moment of action, kept in ignorance. He believed strongly in reliable intelligence reports and overcame his natural stinginess to pay well for them. Washington lived in fear of enemy spies but that didn't keep him from setting up his own elaborate spy network to gather information and to spread misinformation. Throughout the war, he was his own intelligence director. He proved himself a master of the game, running as many as a half dozen spy rings in Philadelphia and New York, and constantly urged his generals to follow suit. More than once he permitted British spies to rummage among his private papers-which had been carefully "doctored" for the occasion; with the result of directing the enemy attention to quarters where it would be least likely to interfere with Washington's projects. At Valley Forge, he manufactured documents in his own handwriting, full of returns from imaginary infantry and cavalry regiments. Even the famous Christmas evening crossing of the Delaware River that led to the victory at Trenton was set into motion by a spy Washington had personally recruited to pose as a loyalist butcher. The disguise was so convincing that Washington had to issue an order protecting the wife and children of the man he described as a "notorious Tory." The night before the crossing, Washington had spent Christmas Eve brooding over the state of an army dressed in tatters and preparing to leave him within the week due to enlistment expirations. He had come up then with the countersign for the attack on Trenton, and he issued it on the riverbank, to be passed along the ranks. It was "Victory or death."

The logistics of the Trenton Campaign of 1776 had been turned over once again to Colonel Henry Knox, the Boston bookseller who had overseen the dragging of cannon from Fort Ticonderoga. Knox, who stood six foot three and weighed two hundred and eighty pounds, had a deep bass voice that carried over the roar of the Delaware. When the advance guard had reached the other bank and secured the landing site, Washington boarded one of the boats. Soldiers were amused that the sharp wind had turned his nose bright red. Otherwise, the optimistic mood of the march had given way to uneasiness. Few men were dressed for the bitter chill, and sleet was threatening to dampen their ammunition. But General Washington was determined to be cheerful. As he stepped over men to get to where Henry Knox was sitting he hailed him coarsely, at least in Knox's version. Few men ever penetrated Washington's careful reserve, and as his every word quickly went the rounds, it was usually touched up in the retelling. His troops enjoyed hearing that on this night Washington had nudged Knox with the toe of his boot and said, "Shift that fat ass, Harry. But slowly, or you'll swamp the damned boat!"

Over the years I have read various articles that inferred that Washington considered himself such an aristocrat that he refused to shake hands but bowed instead. At the close of the Revolution, after victory was achieved the following event took place. At noon on Tuesday, December 4, 1783, his officers in New York held a farewell dinner for him at Fraunces Tavern on Pearl Street. When the General arrived, his men seemed to hold their breath. No one spoke. Washington filled his glass with wine and raised it. "With a heart full

of love and gratitude,” he began, “I now take leave of you.” Washington wished for them that their days ahead would be as prosperous and happy, as the days behind them had been glorious and honorable. His officers took up their glasses. Then Washington said, “I cannot come to each of you, but I shall feel obliged if each of you come and take me by the hand.” General Henry “Ox” Knox was nearest. As he grasped the General’s hand, Washington’s face was bathed in tears and they embraced silently. After that, each officer came forward and kissed Washington on the cheek. The only sound was weeping.

No one present that day was more eager for peace than Washington. At the age of fifty-one, he had spent the last eight and a half years in uniform. In all those years he had been home to Mount Vernon for only three days; since the Continental Congress had given him command of a rustic rabble in 1775, he had lived in 280 borrowed houses. His once-auburn hair had gone gray; pale and haggard, his cougar-like head was wrinkled from a decade of worry, struggle, and sadness.

Yet there was something calm in his features, and he was still imposing in the saddle. A giant for his time, a full head taller than most men, Washington’s 209 pounds were spread over a taut six-foot-four-and-a-half-inch frame. Wherever he went, crowds gathered to see the ramrod-straight man on the tall warhorse Ajax. But Washington had endured enough of war, uniforms, and flattery. The hero worship from strangers displeased him. Too many of his best friends had died before this day. He only wanted to go home to Mount Vernon.

When George Washington died on the 14th of December in 1799 at the age of sixty-seven, he was laid to rest with Masonic Funeral Ceremonies. He had written his own epitaph 2 ½ years previously. Simple and eloquent, it declares: “I Have Acted Upon the Square.”

Companions, thank you for your attention.

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Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business from the previous Capitular Year.

**Past Presiding Officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal
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MEPGHP of Florida

1847	Thomas Douglas *	1848	John P Duval *
1849	Issac H Bronson *	1850	Harry R Taylor*
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1853	Samuel Boardman*	1854	J Wayels Baker*
1855	J Wayels Baker*	1856	Thomas Hayward*
1857	Gad Humphreys*	1858	Thomas Hayward*
1859	D P Holland*	1860	Thomas Y Henry*
1861	George F Baltzell*	1862	George F Baltzell*
1863	George F Baltzell*	1864	George F Baltzell*
1865	David Jones*	1866	David Jones*
1867	David Jones*	1868	James Ellenwood*
1869	D C Dawkins*	1870	D C Dawkins*
1871	D C Dawkins*	1872	William Morrill*
1873	Michael Bowes*	1874	Michael Bowes*
1875	Henry W Long*	1876	John S Driggs*
1877	John S Driggs*	1878	Enos Wasgate*
1879	Robert J Perry*	1880	Robert J Perry*
1881	William A McLean*	1882	William A McLean*
1883	George S Hallmark*	1884	William E Anderson*
1885	William E Anderson*	1886	Angus Patterson*
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1893	Silas B Wright*	1894	William M MacIntosh*
1895	John H Stevens*	1896	William H Jewell*

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1897	Warren Tyler*	1898	Wilbur T Webster*
1899	James Carnell*	1900	E E Haskell*
1901	A M Cushman*	1902	J R Wetherell*
1903	T G Hutchinson*	1904	Louis C Massey*
1905	Olin S Wright*	1906	Joseph R Keller*
1907	William S Ware*	1908	John H Weddell*
1909	Samuel Pasco*	1910	T Picton Warlow*
1911	F B Stoneman*	1912	Robert McClellan*
1913	H N Sweeting*	1914	John M Cadwell*
1915	Will C Andress*	1916	William R O'Neal*
1917	D B Palmer*	1918	Charles H Ketchum*
1919	W V Carter*	1920	Henry O Snow*
1921	John L Hall*	1922	Ralph J Kishpaugh*
1923	Ely P Hubbell*	1924	Earl L Wirt*
1925	T T Todd*	1926	E L Shear*
1927	Carey B Fish*	1928	Riley J McMaster*
1929	John Pasco*	1930	Stafford Caldwell*
1931	Alex B Steuart*	1932	William B Greer*
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1935	George A Dame*	1936	Cleveland R Horne*
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1951	Orville A Clark*	1952	Richard Houghton*
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1957	William J Abram*	1958	Charles W Arnold*
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1985	Floyd Zeigler	1986	Gary Brent Cull
1987	J Russell Hammond*	1988	Vernon H Miller*
1989	R Earl Shiver*	1990	Russell W Wells*
1991	William G Norrie	1992	Ewell J Langdale, Jr.*
1993	William L Buck, Jr.	1994	William O Walker*
1995	Harry R Davis	1996	Harvey L Ward, Sr.
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2001	Wayne E Parks	2002	Steven Q Steele
2003	H Warren Almand, Jr.	2004	Glenn E Chandler, Sr.
2005	William F Wyllie	2006	Michael A Padron, Jr.
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2009	Darryl A. D'Angina	2010	Anthony J Marotta, Jr.** John G. Allen* /
2011	Robert G Kirkpatrick	2012	John F Wermann
2013	John F Wermann	2014	William R Jacobs

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2015	Richard A Wolfe	2015	Luther Bodiford ++
2016	Charles Robert Cooper	2016	Richard S Agster ++
2017	Ronald C Newton	2018	Harry V Eisenberg
2019	James A. Green	2020	Arthur J. Ahrens

*Denotes Deceased

++ Denotes Honorary

** Denotes Resigned

At the 1967 Election of Officers, a motion was made and carried by unanimous ballot that Russell Wilson Houston be elected ME Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida. After ME Companion Houston was installed, he called for another election and RE Companion James Wesley MacDonald, Grand King, was elected ME Grand High Priest.

ME Companion John Garland Allen, MEGHP, died in office, June 23, 2012. RE Companion John Francis Wermann, Grand King, was installed as ME Grand High Priest on June 23, 2012 and served the remainder of the 2012-13 term. ME Companion Wermann was re-elected and served as MEGHP for the 2013-2014 term.

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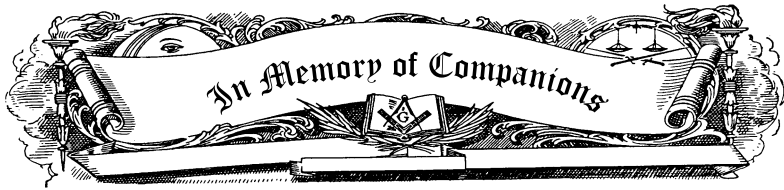
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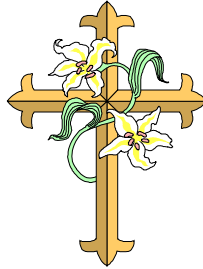
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CHAPTER	NO	CHARTER DATE	SURRENDERED	ARRESTED	RESTORED	MERGED
ST. JOHNS	4	1884	2007			MERGED WITH HALIFAX # 5, DEC. 2007
DADE CITY	8					
KISSIMMEE	10			1936		
OCALA	13		2018			
INVERNESS	14			1936		
MANATEE RIVER	18		2018			MERGED WITH SARASOTA 35
LAKE BUTLER	19		1969			MERGED WITH LAKE CITY # 38, Dec. 1969
ISLAND	21			1918		
THOMAS BROWN	22	1871				
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	1922	2017			CONSOLIDATED WITH JAX #12
NASSAU	49	1901		1935	1943	

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(Fernandina)						
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	1986				
CHALLENGER	66	1998				
EVERGLADE	67	2006	2018			
ISLAND	65		2021			



*Of this and other Grand Jurisdictions
Who have passed on to the
Eternal Reward In
2020-2021*



*Floyd Ziegler P.M.C.G.H.P 1985
8/22/1932-4/4/2022
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We Fraternally Dedicate This Page

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons

John I Gray

Most Excellent Grand High Priest

2022-2023



MASONIC HISTORY

BLUE LODGE

INITIATED 10/10/1985

PASSED 02/20/1986

RAISED 04/24/1986 Omega Lodge No. 380, Ft Walton
Beach, Fl

PLURAL MEMBER 04/01/2003 Beaver Creek Lodge No.
230, Baker, Fl

LODGE Elected & APPOINTMENTS

- Senior Warden Beaver Creek Lodge No.230 in 2005
Elected Worshipful Master Beaver Creek Lodge No. 230,
2006 / 2020
Senior Deacon Omega Lodge No. 380 in 2007
Elected Senior Warden Omega Lodge No. 380 in 2008
- Elected Worshipful Master, Omega Lodge No. 380,
2009
- Senior Deacon Beaver Creek Lodge No. 230, in 2011
- Elected Junior Warden, Omega Lodge No. 380, 2012
- * Elected Senior Warden Omega Lodge No. 380, 2013
- Senior Deacon Beaver Creek Lodge No. 230, 2014
- Elected Junior Warden Beaver Creek Lodge No. 230,
2015 / 2021 / 2022

DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS

District Deputy Grand Master District 3, in 2010 for Most
Worshipful J. Dick Martinez

President Masonic Association District 3, 2009

District Chairman F A –100, 2009

District Instructor District 3, in 2008 for Past M.: W.: Joe A.
Fleites

District Chairman for Masonic Education 2007

District Chairman Wardens Workshop 2006, 2007

Secretary / Treasure Masonic Widows Fund Association
District 3 2007 thru 2009

ZONE APPOINTMENTS

- **Committee on Work Zone 1, Chairman** 2011 / 2012 / 2013

Masonic Education

Master Mason Exam 1 completed on 03/15/2005- 2006-2007-2008

Master Mason Exam 2 completed on 06/15/2005-2006-2007-2008

Master Mason Exam 3 completed on 09/25/2005-2006-2007-2008

Lodge Officers Correspondence Module 1 completed on 05/19/2006

Lodge Officers Correspondence Module 2 completed on 07/13/2006

Lodge Officers Correspondence Module 3 completed on 07/31/2006

WHITE PROFICIENCY CARD on 10/19/2006

BLUE PROFICIENCY CARD awarded on 10/04/2007

1st Place Award of 1000 points in the Fellow Craft Lecture Competition during the– 2007 Grand Lodge Communication

GOLD PROFICIENCY CARD Awarded 04/29/2009

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- Purple Proficiency Card, Lodge Officers Education, awarded on July 18, 2011

Honorary Member in Ten of the Lodges in District 3.

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Awarded as the Mason of the Year 2007 for the 3rd Masonic District Masonic Association.

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Gulf Council No. 29, R. & S. M.,

St. Elmo Commandery No. 42, K.T.

.2006 Chapter- King

Council- Principal Conductor of the Work

Commandery- Captain General

2007 Chapter- High Priest

Council- Deputy Master

Commandery- Captain General

2008 Council- Illustrious Master

2008- District Deputy Grand High Priest

10th District

Demitted to Crestview Bodies 2009

2009 Crestview Commandery No.25 – Generalissimo

2010 Crestview Commandery No.25 – Commander

Crestview Chapter 40 and Council 33 – Chaplain

Elected Treasure for Crestview York Rite Bodies 2011 &

2012 & 2014 & 2015 &19

2011- District Deputy Grand Commander 10th District

2012 &2013 - Deputy Inspector General and District 10

Instructor - Grand Commandery

2013 - R. I. District Deputy Grand Master - Grand Council

2013 – Grand Chapter Committee on Work and District 10

District Instructor - Grand Chapter

2014 – State Inspector General and District Leader District

10- Grand Commandery

Elected Recorder for Crestview Council No. 33, 2014 / 15

/ 16 / 17 / 18

2014 - Installed Grand Chapter Sentinel

2014/15/16/17/18/ 19 / 20 Grand Chapter RAM, State

Chairman Committee on Work

2015/16/17/18 / 19 / 20- State Inspector General, Grand

Commandery of Florida

2015 to 2021 – Installed Grand Officer, and State Chairman
Committee on Work RAM
2020 / 21 / 22 Chairman Committee on Work Grand Council
2022 – Installed Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal
Arch Masons of Florida

Honorary Member of Pensacola and Master Ritualist
Assist in York Rite Festival Degrees in the Chapter as Degree
Master Most Excellent Master, parts as Sr. Warden and
Lecture in the Mark Master, and Principal Sojourner & 2nd
Veil, Royal Arch Degree and in the Council Royal Master
Degree role of Hiram's circumambulation and Confer as King
Solomon, and Commandery as Sovereign Master & Prince
Master of the Palace in the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross
also Prelate in both the Order of Malta and Order of the
Temple, with the Pensacola York Rite bodies. / Plural member
Fort Walton Beach York Rite's

32 Degree Scottish Rite, Valley of Pensacola, October 2008
Participates in the Scottish Rite 11th Degree EUL of the
Twelve
and the 30th Degree Knight Kadosh.

**Knight Masons - Drexel P. Caldwell 108, Constituted
December 10, 2011**

Knighthood and Assigned - Senior Knight 2011/2012
2012 Degree Master of The Knight of the Sword Degree
& Jr. Warden for The Knight of the East and West

Degree

Elected Excellent Chief – 2013

Awarded the Knight Commander of Zerubbabel Jewel 2013

Appointed North Florida Superintendent 2017 /18

/19/20/21/22

York Rite Collage, Joseph P. LeSuer No. 80 Knighted,
April, 2009

2011, 2012, 2013 & 2014 Degree part as, Knight
Commander.

Installed - 2013, Sentinel, 2014, Marshal, 2015, Preceptor,
2016 Primate, Chancellor 2017, Deputy Governor 2018,
Governor 2019

2014, Received, York Rite Sovereign Collage of North
America Service Award

Received the Order of the Purple Cross July 2021

K Y C H, Panama City Priory No. 72, Knighted, March,
2011

2012, 2013 and 2014 Delivered the Degree Commandery
Lecture.

Installed Herald 2015, Orator 2016, Prelate 2017, Warder
2018, Deputy Prior 2019

Installed Prior February 15, 2020

Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest- Ordained member
2014, Installed Outer Guard 2017, Inner Guard
2018, First Pillar 2019 2nd- Pillar 2020-5th Pillar 2021

Order of the Amaranth: Joined Silver Sands Court #69
July 1986, Ft Walton Beach

Demitted to Community Court #56 in May, 1988 Baker, Fl.
Plural Member Silver Sands # 69

Royal Patron 1992, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2007,
2011, 2013, 14, 15, 16, 17

**Amaranth Grand Court Offices ELECTED GRAND
ROYAL PATRON 2017 / 2018**

Deputy Grand Royal Patron 2001, 2005, 2006

Assistant Grand Lecture 2003, 2004, 2013 & 2014

2009 Grand Representative to Alabama 2010
Representative to British Columbia

2011 Grand Sword Bearer- 2012 Grand Warder- 2015
Grand Prelate

2013 Jurisprudence Committee

2014 Fraternal Relations & Dispensations and Charters
Committee & Youth Committee 2018 / 2019 / 20/21

Elected Commissioner of Appeals

Installed – Grand Lecture stated of Florida

Budget 2022-2023

40000 INCOME		2022
40000		36,868
40001	Per Capita Interest	
40010	Exaltations	
40011	Other Interest	
40012	Other Income	\$10,474
40012	Other Income:Incorrect Payee	
40012	Other Income:Donations	
40012A	Other Income - Insurance Refund	
40020	Annual Convention	TBD
40021	Grand Office Return	\$7,000
40022	Life-Perp Investment Withdrawal	TBD
40030	Ritual Sales	
40050	General Admin Fund	
Total Income		\$53,796
10010 ALLOWANCES		
10011	Grand High Priest	\$ 3,000.00
10012	Grand King	\$ 1,500.00
10013	Grand Secretary	\$ 4,200.00
10014	Jewel Apron & Case	1,000
10015	Grand Treasurer	\$ 2,000.00
10016	Grand Scribe	\$ 750.00
Total Allowances		\$ 12,450.00
10020 CHARITIES		

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10022	Youth Charities	800
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10023	Masonic Home	100
10024	Donation to GHP Charity (RARA)	400
Total Charities		\$ 1,300.00
10030 MEETINGS		
10031	Triennial	\$ 1,000.00
10032	District Meetings	\$ 1,000.00
10033	Summer Assembly	\$ 250.00
10034	GHP SE Conference	\$ 250.00
10035	Grand King SE Conference	\$ 250.00
10036	Grand Scribe SE Conference	\$ 250.00
10037	Grand Secretary SE Conference	\$ 84.00
Total Meetings		\$ 3,084.00
10040 GRAND CONVOCATION		
10040	Other	\$ 500.00
Total Grand Convocation		\$ 500.00
10050 OFFICE EXPENSES		
10051	Office Supplies	\$ 500.00
10052	Postage	\$ 600.00
10053	Rent	\$ 4,000.00
10054	Telephone	\$ 800.00
10055a	MMS	\$ 600.00
10056	Computer Expenses	\$ 150.00
10057	Computer Maintenance	\$ 150.00
10058	Storage	\$ 460.00

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10059	Equipment Replacement	\$	500.00
10059a	Bond	\$	155.00
Total Office Expenses		\$	7,915.00
10060 PRINTING			
10061	General Printing Expense	\$	500.00
10062	Proceedings	\$	1,000.00
10065	Copier Maintenance	\$	100.00
10066	Printing Expenses		
Total Printing		\$	1,600.00
10070 SALARYS, STIPENDS & PAYROLL TAXES			
10073	Office Manager	\$	9,000.00
10074	Office Temporary Help	\$	1,000.00
Total Salaries, Stipends & Payroll Tax		\$	10,000.00
10080 TAXES			
10081	Florida Corporation Tax	\$	61.25
10082	General Grand Chapter Per Capita	\$	9,000.00
Total Taxes		\$	9,061.25
10090 SUNDRY			
10091	Education & Training		350
10092	Awards		950
10093	Membership Services	\$	-
10095	Insurance	\$	50.00
10096	Contingencies	\$	2,070.00
10096	Contingencies:DI Apron Cases		
10090	Transfer to Life-Perpetual Checking		TBD
10090	Transfer to Correct Payee		
10099	Web Hosting	\$	200.00
Total Sundry		\$	3,620.00

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10100 Miscellaneous		
10102	Bank Service Charges	25
10110	Reserves	2,000
Total Miscellaneous		2,025
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 51,555.25

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