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Royal Arch Masons  
of Florida



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CHARLES H. KETCHUM, Grand High Priest 1918

Grand Chapter

Royal Arch Chapter

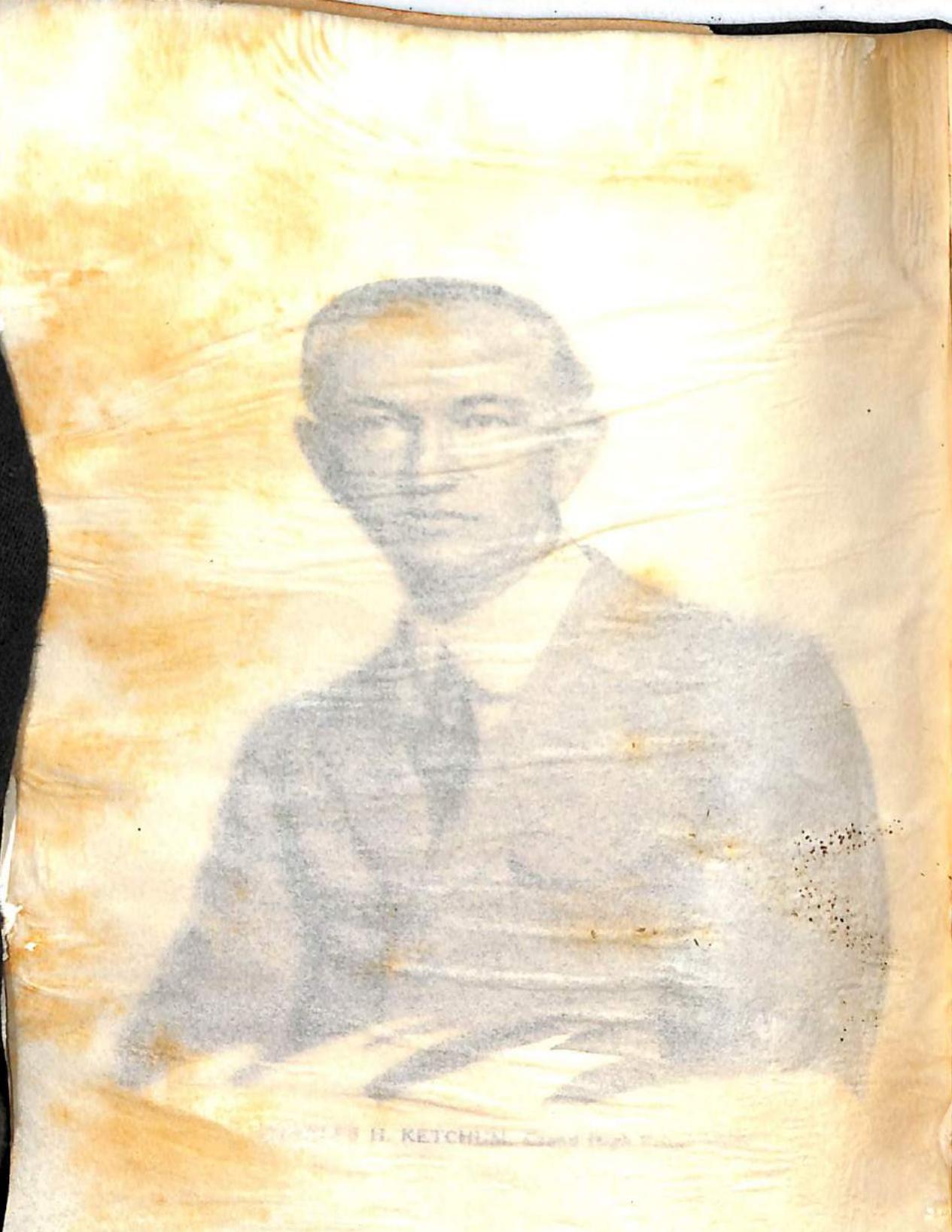
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GRAND OFFICERS  
OF THE  
**M. : E. : Grand Chapter of Florida**  
FOR  
A. I. 2449, A. D. 1919

M. : E. : W. V. CARTER, Grand High Priest, Port Orange.  
R. : E. : H. O. SNOW, Deputy Grand High Priest, Tampa.  
R. : E. : JOHN L. HALL, Grand King, Jacksonville.  
R. : E. : R. J. KISHPAUGH, Grand Scribe, West Palm Beach.  
M. : E. : MARCUS ENDEL, Grand Treasurer, Jacksonville.  
M. : E. : WILBER P. WEBSTER, Grand Secretary, Jacksonville.  
R. : E. : W. B. Y. WILKIE, Grand Chaplain, Dunedin.  
E. : E. : P. HUBBELL, Grand Captain of the Host, Bradenton.  
E. : E. : L. WIRT, Grand Principal Sojourner, Bartow.  
E. : T. T. TODD, Grand Royal Arch Captain, Pensacola.  
E. : E. : L. SHEAR, Grand Master Third Vail, Daytona.  
E. : CARY B. FISH, Grand Master Second Vail, Bradenton.  
E. : R. J. McMASTER, Grand Master First Vail, Tampa.  
E. : JOHN W. CAPPER, Grand Guard, Jacksonville.

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1919

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida assembled in its seventy-third Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple in the city of Jacksonville at 10 o'clock a. m., Tuesday, May 20, A. D. 1919, A. I. 2449.

A constitutional number of Grand Officers and Representatives of the constituent Chapters being present, the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form by the M. : E. : Grand High Priest, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The roll being called, there were found to be present the following:

GRAND OFFICERS

Charles H. Ketchum	-----	M. : E. : Grand High Priest.
L. F. Blalock	-----	R. : E. : D. G. High Priest.
W. V. Carter	-----	R. : E. : Grand King.
H. O. Snow	-----	R. : E. : Grand Scribe.
Marcus Endel	-----	R. : E. : Grand Treasurer.
Wilber P. Webster	-----	R. : E. : Grand Secretary.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE

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W. B. Y. Wilkie	R. E. Grand Chaplain.
John L. Hall	E. Gr. Capt. of the Host.
E. P. Hubbell	E. Gr. Principal Sojourner.
R. J. Kishpaugh	E. Gr. Royal Arch Captain.
E. L. Wirt	E. Gr. Master Third Vail.
T. T. Todd	E. Gr. Master Second Vail.
C. R. Horne	E. Gr. Master First Vail.
John W. Capper	E. Grand Guard.

## PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

Marcus Endel,	T. S. Wilmarth,
S. B. Wright,	W. P. Webster,
E. E. Haskell,	Louis C. Massey,
Olin S. Wright,	W. S. Ware,
T. Picton Warlow,	F. B. Stoneman,
John M. Caldwell,	W. C. Andress,
	D. B. Palmer.

## REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

Florida No. 1—Arthur Williams,	proxy for officers.
Tampa No. 3—R. J. McMaster,	proxy for H. P.
St. Johns No. 4—Silas B. Wright,	proxy for officers.
Halifax No. 5—E. L. Shear,	H. P.
Mt. Horeb No. 6—T. T. Todd,	proxy for H. P.
Eureka No. 7—J. E. Petris,	H. P.
Dade City No. 8—T. F. Ziegler,	H. P.
Putnam No. 9—Lewis A. Smith,	H. P.
Kissimmee No. 10—M. D. Alexander,	H. P.
Jericho No. 11—T. P. Way,	H. P.
Jacksonville No. 12—H. D. Morris,	H. P.; S. E. Gregory, K.
Ocala No. 13—C. E. Conner,	H. P.
Inverness No. 14—Wm H. Warnock,	H. P.; George Dame, proxy for K.

## GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA

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Monroe No. 15—James Moughton,	H. P.
Plant City No. 16—W. B. Y. Wilkie,	H. P.
Manatee River No. 18—Cary B. Fish,	H. P.; Chester De Rocher, proxy for K.; B. G. Arnold, proxy for S.
Lake Butler No. 19—C. H. Register,	H. P.
Island No. 21—Martin Key,	proxy for H. P.
Thomas Brown No. 22—E. L. Wirt,	proxy for officers.
Lake Worth No. 24—W. E. Keen,	H. P.
Live Oak No. 25—H. F. Airth,	proxy for H. P.
Jefferson No. 26—J. W. Garwood,	H. P.; John Pasco, proxy for K.
Indian River No. 27—George W. Scobie,	H. P.
Joppa No. 28—Stephen F. Reade,	K.
Lakeland No. 29—W. W. Chase,	H. P.
St. Petersburg No. 31—Archie Aitchison,	H. P.
Jackson No. 32—C. H. Ryals,	H. P.
Eustis No. 33—W. S. McClelland,	H. P.; Joseph Wiggins, K.
Leesburg No. 34—H. L. Schaeffer,	proxy for H. P.; J. B. Gaines, K.
Sarasota No. 35—J. C. Turner,	H. P.
Jasper No. 36—C. R. Horne,	H. P.

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Alabama	R. J. Kishpaugh
California	Wm. S. Ware
Canada	Chester De Rocher
Connecticut	William S. Ware
Delaware	W. P. Webster
District of Columbia	Silas B. Wright
Georgia	L. F. Blalock
Illinois	Chas. H. Ketchum
Indiana	T. T. Todd
Iowa	John M. Caldwell
Kansas	Olin S. Wright

Maine	Elmer E. Haskell
Maryland	Henry O. Snow
Minnesota	E. P. Hubbell
Mississippi	D. B. Palmer
New Jersey	C. H. Ketchum
New York	Marcus Endel
New South Wales	John D. Grether
North Carolina	John L. Hall
North Dakota	Marcus Endel
Nova Scotia	T. Picton Warlow
Ohio	E. P. Hubbell
Oklahoma	Olin S. Wright
Pennsylvania	Louis C. Massey
Quebec	Louis C. Massey
Scotland	S. L. Chapman
Tennessee	Frank B. Stoneman
Texas	E. W. Bunker
Utah	J. J. Torrey
Victoria	John L. Hall
Washington	Silas B. Wright
Wisconsin	George A. Dame

Past Grand High Priest Stoneman reported that Past Grand High Priest Boyd was quite ill at his home in Miami and he was appointed a special committee to visit Companion Boyd and convey the sympathy and best wishes from the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Secretary was directed to send telegrams to absent Past Grand High Priests extending greetings of the Grand Chapter.

Companion Hubbell, representative of the Grand Chapters of Minnesota and Ohio, presented greetings from the Grand High Priests of these Jurisdictions.

The M.E. Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following committee on

## RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS

Cary B. Fish,  
J. Claude Turner, Archie Aitchison.

Upon motion of Companion Snow the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Convocation was dispensed with, they having been printed and distributed, and they were adopted as printed.

Upon motion of Companion Fish all Royal Arch Masons in good standing were invited to seats in the Grand Chapter as visitors.

The Committee on Returns and Credentials made the following report, which was received and adopted:

## RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS

To the M.E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your Committee on Returns and Credentials respectfully report that the list of Grand Officers and Representatives of constituent Chapters present is correct as furnished by the Grand Secretary at Roll Call.

All of our Chapters made correct returns and paid dues in full for the year 1918 within the required time limit and are therefore entitled to representation at this Convocation of the Grand Chapter with mileage and per diem for representatives.

Tampa Chapter No. 3 having paid its balance for 1917, and Live Oak Chapter No. 25 having paid the balance reported due last year, all of our Chapters have now paid dues in full to date.

Thirty-one Chapters are represented at this annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,  
CARY B. FISH,  
ARCHIE AITCHISON,  
J. CLAUDE TURNER,  
Committee.

The M.E. Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following committees:

PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

W. E. Keen, T. P. Way.  
W. W. Chase,

PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES

William H. Warnock,  
Stephen F. Reade, Ben. M. Caldwell.

DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS

Olin S. Wright,  
C. H. Ryals, W. S. McClelland.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE

Marcus Endel,  
Silas B. Wright,  
Elmer E. Haskell,  
Olin S. Wright,  
T. Picton Warlow,  
John M. Caldwell,  
T. S. Wilmarth,  
Louis C. Massey,  
William S. Ware,  
Frank B. Stoneman,  
William C. Andress,  
Dabney B. Palmer.

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

E. L. Wirt,  
George A. Dame, E. L. Shear.

MEMORIALS

W. B. Y. Wilkie, C. E. Connor.  
J. M. Caldwell,

VISITORS

Chester De Rocher,  
Martin Key, H. L. Schaeffer.

The M. E. Grand High Priest delivered the following address:

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS

*Companions of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida:*

It is with pleasure that I welcome you to the seventy-third Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Florida and thanking the God of our Fathers for His mercies during the past year, I reverently invoke His blessing on all during the year that is before us.

The year for which you so signally honored me, by electing me as your Grand High Priest, is drawing to a close, and ere long nothing of it will remain but its history. Words fail me to express to the Companions my feeling of gratitude for this high honor and I trust that the affairs of this office have been so conducted that some good deeds have been accomplished, the effect of which will be everlasting.

No man ever presided over any body of men during a year filled with such momentous events, affecting the whole of the people of the earth, as this one has been. It has been a year that will never be forgotten in the history of the world, and the results accomplished will affect the whole world in such a manner as to rank next to the coming of the great Redeemer. It has brought its sorrows and its joys, its tears and its laughter, and well may we say with the poet:

"The year has gone, and with it, many a glorious throng  
Of happy dreams. Its mark is on each brow,  
Its shadow in each heart. In its swift course  
It waved its scepter o'er the beautiful,  
And they are not. It laid its pallid hand  
Upon the strong man, and the haughty form

Is fallen, and the flashing eye is dim.  
It trod the hall of revelry, where thronged  
The bright and joyous, and the tearful wail  
Of stricken ones is heard, where erst the song  
Of reckless shout resounded.

It passed o'er  
The battle plain where sword and spear and shield  
Flashed in the light of mid-day, and the strength  
Of serried hosts is shivered, and the grass,  
Green from the soil of carnage, waves above  
The crushed and mouldering skeleton. It came  
And faded like a wreath of mist at eve,  
Yet ere it melted in the viewless air  
It heralded its millions to their home  
In the dim land of Dreams."

When we met a year ago the world was at war. The struggle for freedom and civilization was approaching the crucial stage, and our hearts were weighed down with anxiety. We have watched the black clouds of the greatest war in all history loom up larger and larger, and as it spread, engulfing everything it touched, until the length and breadth thereof was so terrible to behold, that all nations of the earth stood aghast in awe and amazement. We saw want and pestilence and disease stalk abroad in the lands, and heard the moans and sobs of the widows and orphans. We saw murder and rapine walk hand in hand together. No word of tongue or pen will be able to portray these scenes in all their ghastly horror. Time, year by year, will unfold additional sorrows and sufferings until there will be but few in all the earth who will not have felt its pain and pang. We beheld that awful cloud as it approached, leaving death and destruction in its wake. We saw its bolts and flashes and listened to its awful roar and it seemed as though there was no hand to stay its terrible course. But in this land of plenty, the cries of an outraged people found answer, and the hearts and hands of a brave and courageous people were not

withheld, and many a Companion of our Order joined with the legions of those who offered their lives, not for aggrandizement or gain, but that right and justice might prevail amid all the people of the world.

They heard the cries of outrage and oppression, and with a brave heart and firm tread they marched away beneath the folds of "old glory"—the grandest array of soldiery the world has ever known, answering the cries of stricken Belgium and bleeding France, and as convoy after convoy plowed the mighty deep, carrying these soldiers of liberty, they gained the plaudits of the whole world, and thrill after thrill shook the frame of every Frenchman as they landed on his shores, and amid hysterical cries and shouts of joy they were hailed as the world's liberators, as they marched on to the thickest of the fray, while the band played "Dixie," following the flag that has never known surrender, and please God that never will.

The deeds of these gallant soldiers and Companions need no eulogy at my hands before this Grand Body. That they fought as never men fought before is proven by what they accomplished. In a short time we beheld that awful cloud breaking away, and looming through it we saw the bright rays of sunshine that soon dispelled it, and we found ourselves in the bright morning of the day of eternal peace.

Let us not in our joy, forget those of our Companions who have fallen to make this peace possible, but let us pluck with tender hands the fairest flowers in memory of their lives, and weave them into a riband wreath that will bind them to us forever; and as we approach the throne of grace let our thoughts wander to the far off fields of France, where our Companions sleep beneath the poppy and the fleur-de-lis, and commend their spirits to Him who doeth all things well. Thus, Companions, will

we see the great truths and principles of this Order manifested.

As we meet here today, there are gathered around the Peace table in the grand old palace of Versailles, four men of lowly birth who are to terminate forever the divine right of kings.

Thomas Woodrow Wilson, President of the greatest nation the world has ever known, came from a law office in Virginia; Lloyd George, England's greatest statesman, came from a cobbler's shop in Wales; George Clemenceau came from a village doctor's office, while Victor Emanuel Orlando came from a farm in Sicily. Thus we see, my Companions, that "the stone which the builders rejected, the same has become the head of the corner."

Let us hope that the flag of universal liberty will from this time on forever wave in all corners of the globe, and not forget that every drop of American blood shed upon the battlefields of France was transferred into that flag of Universal Liberty to enrich its color, and as we gaze upon it let us not forget those who poured out their life's blood upon the altar of their country in order to give that flag its brilliant hue and radiance.

We have conquered one great foe to freedom and civilization and we did it under the Red, White and Blue of democracy. These are also the colors of our Royal Craft, for the purple is but the due admixture of the blue and scarlet. These colors, whether seen on the banners of our tabernacle or the flag of our country, stand in ultimate symbolism for the same thing, unswerving fidelity, unto death if need be, to God and Home and Country—America, to the noble heritage, the religion and the blood-bought institutions bequeathed to us by our forefathers. And there is no room in the heart of any Mason, in Lodge or Chapter, or in any place of concourse or

anywhere else in all this wide land, for any other banner or any other flag, and least of all the red flag of anarchy.

#### NECROLOGY

The joys of our present Convocation, and the pleasure which we feel in again meeting and greeting Companions with whom we have associated in the work of Masonry, are marred by the absence of some beloved Companions who have finished their work in the terrestrial Chapter and entered into the reward that awaits the faithful workman.

It is fitting that we should pause in our deliberations and pay a tribute to their memory.

The Grand Chapter has been visited by the Grim Reaper and one of its officers has passed to the Supreme Grand Chapter above.

Companion Oscar L. Taylor, Grand Principal Sojourner, died at his home in Sanford, Florida, October 20th, after a short illness and was buried with Masonic honors.

"His apron still is spotless white,  
Unblemished is his knightly plume,  
His splendid soul has taken flight  
And in the Great Lodge robing room  
He waits, undaunted and alone  
To kneel before the Great White Throne."

"The door wide open now is flung  
And 'Enter' is the welcome cry,  
'Enter and be received among  
The brothers of the Lodge on High.  
Well done—thou servant, good and true,  
The joys of heaven belong to you."

The General Grand Chapter has suffered the loss of one of its most honored Companions, Past General Grand

High Priest Nathan Kingsley, who died at his home in the city of Austin, Minnesota, September 8th, 1918. He was elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota and presided from October, 1885, to October, 1886. In 1894 at Topeka, Kansas, he was elected General Grand Royal Arch Captain and steadily advanced until at Savannah, Georgia, he was elected General Grand High Priest of the United States of America, November 11th, 1909, serving until September 11th, 1912.

He was an honorary member of Island Chapter No. 1, Havana, Cuba, and of the Grand Chapters of the states of Wyoming, Wisconsin, Utah and Iowa, and a member of the Minnesota Masonic Veterans Association.

He was a lawyer by profession and served as Judge of the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Minnesota from April, 1887, to the time of his death.

The following deaths have been reported to me from other Grand Jurisdictions:

*Alabama*.—George Alburtus Joiner, Past Grand Secretary, died December.

*California*.—Edward Richard Hedges, Past Grand High Priest, died December 25, 1918, in his ninety-first year. Charles Fayette Lott, Past Grand High Priest, died September 4, 1918, in his ninety-fourth year. Charles Willis Norton, Past Grand High Priest, died July 11, 1918, in his fifty-eighth year.

*Connecticut*.—Reuben H. Tucker, Past Grand High Priest, died February 14, 1919, in his seventy-second year.

*Georgia*.—Marshall Atkinson Weir, Grand Treasurer, died November 3, 1918, in his sixty-seventh year.

*Illinois*.—Monroe Carroll Crawford, Past Grand High Priest, died March 9, 1919, in his eighty-fourth year. William Leroy Milligan, Past Grand High Priest, died March 14, 1919, in his seventieth year.

*Iowa*.—Isaac T. Forbes Past Grand High Priest, died December 7, 1918, in his sixty-seventh year.

*Kansas*.—Matthew Murray Miller, Past Grand High Priest, died November 29, 1918, in his seventy-ninth year.

*Maine*.—R. E. Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary emeritus, departed this life February 1, 1919, at the age of 86.

*Maryland*.—Charles Beatty Finley, Past Grand High Priest, died June 6, 1918, in his seventy-third year.

*Michigan*.—Elmer Sylvester Atherton, Past Grand High Priest, died November 16, 1918, in his forty-seventh year. Charles Henry Axtell, Past Grand High Priest, died August 27, 1918, in his eighty-fifth year.

*Minnesota*.—Nathan Kingsley, Past Grand High Priest and Past General Grand High Priest, died September 8, 1918, in his sixty-ninth year. Giles William Merrill, Past Grand High Priest, died April 27, 1918, in his ninetieth year.

*Nevada*.—Enoch Strother, Past Grand High Priest, died July 17, 1918, in his eighty-fourth year.

*Nebraska*.—Julius J. Wilson, Past Grand High Priest, died June 10, 1918, in his sixty-third year.

*Ohio*.—Lewis Mackey Lea, Past Grand High Priest, died August 18, 1918, in his seventy-sixth year. Ralph Reamer Rickley, Grand Treasurer, died January 16, 1919, in his sixty-eighth year.

*Oklahoma*.—George Henry Bruce, Past Grand High Priest, died March 20, 1919, in his seventy-eighth year.

*New Jersey*.—R. E. Louis A. Menegaux, Deputy Grand High Priest 1918, died October 16, 1918, in his fifty-first year.

*North Carolina*.—R. E. Reuben Hosea Pickett, Deputy Grand High Priest, died December 21, 1918, in his sixty-third year.

*Nova Scotia*.—Luther Bracette Archibald, Past Grand High Priest, died February 10, 1918, in his seventieth year.

*Pennsylvania*.—Edward B. Spencer, Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Treasurer, died February 15, 1919, at the age of 78 years.

*South Carolina*.—Robert Edward Turnipseed, Grand Chaplain, died October 14, 1918, in his forty-sixth year.

*Texas*.—John P. Bell, Past Grand High Priest, died April 3, 1918, aged 74 years. William Anderson Scott, Grand High Priest 1914-15, died June 1, 1918, in his sixty-fifth year. Samuel May Williams, Past Grand High Priest, died July 24, 1918, in his seventy-fifth year.

*Utah*.—Birt Griffin Blackman, Past Grand High Priest, died December 4, 1918, in his sixtieth year.

"Gone unto the land upon whose peaceful shore  
There rests no shadow, falls no stain:  
Where those who meet shall part no more  
And those long parted meet again."

These Companions "rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

## GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

The thirty-seventh Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America was held at Baltimore, Maryland, on October 2 and 3, 1918. As your Grand High Priest, I attended this Convocation and I am pleased to report that the Grand Chapter of Florida had possibly the largest representation at this meeting that they have had since the General Grand Chapter met at Savannah, Georgia, in 1909. There were present on this occasion from Florida, Most Excellent Companions Louis C. Massey, Olin S. Wright, Dabney

B. Palmer, Right Excellent Companion W. V. Carter, Grand King; Excellent Companion Ely P. Hubbell, Grand Principal Sojourner and chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, and Excellent Companion Stewart L. Chapman, Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters of Florida.

The Companions of Maryland and the District of Columbia were most zealous in caring for the comfort of the delegates, and even with the war restrictions there seemed to be no limit to their hospitality.

Our Grand Chapter was recognized by the appointment of your Grand High Priest as a member of the Committee on Reports of General Grand Officers, and R.E.C. Companion W. V. Carter as a member of the Credential Committee.

The principal business transacted by the General Grand Chapter was the adoption of a new Ritual, which is said to be a considerable improvement on the one formerly in use, there being some modern improvements introduced in the Most Excellent Master's Degree which add much to its spectacular impressiveness, while the lectures of the other degrees of the Capitular System are left practically undisturbed.

A special committee appointed at the last General Grand Convocation to draft a new Constitution submitted its report, which met with considerable opposition. It proposes to substitute biennial for triennial sessions, and arrogates to the General Grand Body powers that infringe on the prerogatives and customs of the State Grand Chapters. It appears to your Grand High Priest that if the General Grand Chapter should "take upon itself the power to admonish and instruct Grand Chapters," as the report of this committee proposes, it would open the door to frequent conflict of authority. The report was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence,

who reported recommending that same be laid over until the next General Grand Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, which will meet in the city of Raleigh, North Carolina, in 1921, and that the same special committee be continued with instructions to correspond with the executive heads of the State Grand Chapters looking to the harmonizing of the law and that the report of the Committee on Revision, together with any necessary amendments, be in order for final disposition at the next Triennial Convocation.

I trust that the permanent members of this Grand Chapter will study the provisions of the proposed changes to the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter and be prepared to act at Raleigh for the best interests of Royal Arch Masonry.

## DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

May 21, 1918, I issued dispensation to St. Johns Chapter No. 4 of DeLand, to transact regular business at a special meeting, they having failed to have a quorum at the proper time, the members to receive due and timely notice thereof.

June 2, 1918, to Gainesville Chapter No. 2 at Gainesville, to ballot upon the petition of Lee Alexander Blake at a special convocation of the Chapter, he having been called to the colors, the members of the Chapter to be notified of said meeting.

August 22, 1918, to Lakeland Chapter No. 29, to ballot upon the petition of Ned Fitzhugh Skipper at a called convocation of the Chapter, he having been called to the colors, the members to be duly notified.

September 2, 1918, to Manatee River Chapter No. 18, to elect at a regular convocation of the Chapter, an Excellent High Priest, the present incumbent, Excellent

Companion Roscoe E. Scott, having permanently left this Grand Jurisdiction, and to fill any other vacancies that might occur through said election.

September 7, 1918, to Lakeland Chapter No. 29, to elect a Scribe for their Chapter, the present incumbent having removed from the Jurisdiction, and to fill any vacancies that might arise through said election.

January 16, 1919, to Lake Worth Chapter No. 24, of West Palm Beach, to hold an election of officers, they having held their election at a regular convocation previous to the date prescribed by the Constitution, thus making it an illegal election.

February 24, 1919, to St. Johns Chapter No. 4 of DeLand, to ballot for well known candidates at special convocation of Chapter, they failing to receive a quorum at their regular convocation.

March 9, 1919, to St. Augustine Chapter No. 17, to confer the degrees on a class, all the candidates having been regularly elected.

May 8, 1919, to Providence Chapter No. 38, to elect officers, the charter of this Chapter having been restored to them on April 3d.

## WAIVER OF JURISDICTION

I am glad to report that there has been but one request in this Jurisdiction this year for a waiver of jurisdiction, and I herewith submit for your information the correspondence and final action in the matter, which your presiding officer exercised under the provision of Article 6, Section I, of the Constitution.

On August 13th I received the following letter from the High Priest of St. Augustine Chapter No. 17, Companion H. J. Peiper:

St. Augustine, Fla., August 12, 1918.  
*Mr. Chas. H. Ketchum, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Royal  
 Arch Masons, Key West, Fla.*

Dear Companion: As per our conversation at the last Grand Chapter meeting, we wrote to Palatka Chapter asking for a waiver of jurisdiction and I am sending you copy of same.

Up to date we have had no reply to our communication and as these applicants are very anxious to become members of our Chapter, as their fraternal, religious and business interests bring them to this city, we therefore petition you for a dispensation so as to enable us to confer the degrees upon these candidates.

Fraternally yours,

H. J. PEPPER, High Priest.

(Signed)  
 St. Augustine Chapter No. 17.

The copy of the letter sent to Putnam Chapter No. 9, at Palatka, by the High Priest of St. Augustine Chapter was as follows:

St. Augustine, Fla., July 30, 1918.

*Secretary Palatka Chapter R. A. M., Palatka, Fla.*

Dear Companion: Brothers Lee Andrew McLendon, Julius Henderson Reid and Cecil Middleton Dupont of Hastings Lodge F. and A. M., having petitioned St. Augustine Chapter No. 17 for the degrees, I am writing you at the direction of the Chapter, for waiver of jurisdiction on these applications. These applications have come to us unsolicited, otherwise we would not ask for a waiver, and we will appreciate the favor if you will grant our request. These brothers are naturally anxious to receive the Chapter degrees as soon as possible, and we will appreciate an early answer. With kindest fraternal regards, I am,

Courteously yours,

SECRETARY.

St. Augustine Chapter No. 17, R. A. M.

Upon receipt of the above information I wrote Companion Thomas R. Beggs, Secretary of Putnam Chapter No. 9 at Palatka, as follows, and enclosing therewith copies of the St. Augustine letter:

Key West, Fla., August 18, 1918.

Dear Sir and Esteemed Companion: The names of the petitioners to St. Augustine Chapter as stated in the letter to you (here-with enclosed) asking for a waiver of jurisdiction, are all members of Hastings Lodge F. and A. M. The letter states that the petitioners came to them unsolicited and that they asked for a waiver of jurisdiction on that account only and that they did not solicit them.

Under the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Chapter, Article 6, Section I, this cannot be done without the consent of your Chapter or a dispensation from the Grand High Priest after examining into the merits of the case and finding that the best interests of the craft would be conserved and that justice to the petitioners require it.

I do not desire to take any action in this matter until I have heard from Putnam Chapter, but after St. Augustine Chapter not having received any answer to their request, I desire to have you write me if there is any good reason why this waiver should not be granted, as I do not want the matter of jurisdiction to get in the way of the advancement of good Masons who voluntarily choose the Chapter they wish to petition.

Kindly answer this as soon as possible, that I may decide this matter intelligently. Fraternally yours,

CHAS. H. KETCHUM,  
*Grand High Priest.*

On September 15th, not having received any reply to my letter of August 18th, I wrote the Secretary another letter calling his attention to my letter of the 18th, and requesting as early an answer as possible, to which I received no reply.

November 9, 1918, I received the following wire from Companion H. J. Peiper, High Priest of St. Augustine Chapter:

St. Augustine, Fla., November 9, 1918.

*Chas. H. Ketchum, Key West, Fla.*  
 Have no word from Palatka Chapter regarding candidates C. M. Dupont, J. H. Reed, L. A. McLendon. Will you give us waiver jurisdiction?

H. J. PEPPER, H. P.  
 St. Augustine Chapter No. 17.

A. E. COOK, Sec'y.

Upon the receipt of this wire and not having had any reply to my two letters to Putnam Chapter, I granted the waiver of jurisdiction to St. Augustine Chapter to confer the degrees upon these petitioners.

I have since been informed that the reason for the delay in not receiving a reply to my letters to Putnam Chapter was due to their Secretary being incapacitated for duty and leaving the Jurisdiction, and that no member of the Chapter received the letters.

## WALTON CHAPTER NO. 37 CONSTITUTED

On May 24, 1918, I appointed as my special representative, Excellent Companion C. H. Ryals, to constitute Walton Chapter No. 37 at DeFuniak Springs. Companion Ryals has carried out his instructions and the following is his report:

Dellwood, Fla., June 6, 1918.

*Hon. Chas. H. Ketchum, Key West, Florida.*  
My Dear Companion: In obedience to your request I went over to DeFuniak Springs the 3d inst., and constituted Walton Chapter No. 37, installed officers, and conferred degrees, exalting two teams for them. Any time I can be of service to you, call on me and I will be only too glad to respond if I can. With best wishes for you and yours, I am,

Fraternally yours, C. H. RYALS.

## CHIPLEY CHAPTER U. D.

February 19th I granted dispensation for a Chapter at Chipley, permission from Jackson Chapter No. 32 having been obtained and sixteen members signing the petition. The officers named in the petition were, Emil Gluck, High Priest; Albert A. Myers, King; T. J. Watts, Scribe. I am informed that this Chapter is doing good work and that they will petition this Grand Chapter for their charter.

## CHARTER OF PROVIDENCE CHAPTER NO. 38 RESTORED

March 13th I received a request from several Companions to have the charter of Providence Chapter at Lake City restored, they stating that there were enough Royal Arch Masons in their territory to make the Chapter a success at this time. Knowing that in June, 1912, the charter of this Chapter was taken up and its paraphernalia and equipment turned in to the Grand Secretary, I felt that the matter of its restoration required special investigation. In view of these facts, I requested our esteemed Companion, Past Grand High Priest Marcus Endel, who has that happy faculty of always doing things right, to proceed to Lake City, make a thorough investigation of the conditions and report to me as to his findings. Accordingly Companion Endel visited Lake City, called the Companions together and went into detail regarding the proposition of their ability to support a Chapter if their charter was restored. Companion Endel, after viewing the situation from all sides, and seeing the enthusiasm of the Companions and the new members that could be obtained, recommended that their charter be restored and upon his recommendation same was restored April 3d, and the following officers named to serve until an election is held: D. O. Rivers, High Priest; D. W. Black, King; W. J. Feagles, Scribe; J. W. Perry, Secretary, and W. M. Cone, Treasurer.

## WORK BY COURTESY

I have received many requests from several sister Grand Jurisdictions to do work by courtesy, and in each case the request has been cheerfully granted, as have the requests of your Grand High Priest for the other Jurisdictions to do work for us.

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APPOINTMENTS

July 19, 1918, I appointed Companion William Thompson Philpot of Lishgaw, as the representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of New South Wales, to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of our former representative from that Grand Jurisdiction.

August 5, 1918, I appointed Companion George Nasmyth Langlands as our Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Scotland, our former Grand Representative having passed to the Great Beyond.

October 30, 1918, I appointed Excellent Companion Ely P. Hubbell of Manatee River Chapter No. 18, as Grand Principal Sojourner of this Grand Chapter, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Excellent Companion Oscar L. Taylor.

December 11, 1918, I appointed Companion W. F. Owen of Stevens Point, Wisconsin, as our Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, vice W. A. Raymond, deceased.

December 25, 1918, I appointed Companion George A. Parsons of Far West Chapter No. 1, Fayetteville, Arkansas, as our Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Arkansas.

December 25th, I recommended the appointment of R. E. Companion L. F. Blalock as the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Georgia near this Grand Chapter and appointed Companion William A. Sims of Atlanta, Ga., as the Grand Representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Georgia.

December 25th, upon recommendation of the Grand High Priest of Wyoming, I appointed Companion Neil David Nelson of Thermopolis, Wyoming, as the Grand Representative of this Grand Jurisdiction near the Grand

Chapter of Wyoming, replacing Companion L. R. Phillips for non-attendance.

December 26, 1918, I recommended the appointment of Companion Frank H. Thompson of Lakeland Chapter as the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia.

December 26, 1919, I recommended the following appointments:

Alabama—R. J. Kishpaugh, replacing Companion George H. White, non-resident.

Arizona—W. V. Carter, replacing Companion T. G. Hutchinson for non-attendance.

Arkansas—Earl Hathaway, replacing Companion H. G. Aird for non-attendance.

Canada—Chester De Rocher, replacing Companion C. F. Filer, for non-attendance.

Indiana—T. T. Todd, replacing Companion M. W. Carruth, for non-attendance.

Maryland—Henry O. Snow, Right Excellent Grand Scribe, filling vacancy.

Texas—E. W. Bunker, replacing Companion G. P. Sullivan for non-attendance.

Virginia—E. L. Wirt, replacing Companion J. R. Keller, non-resident.

Wisconsin—George A. Dame, replacing Companion L. A. Spencer, for non-attendance.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS

On June 7, 1918, I officially visited Island Chapter No. 21, my home Chapter, and was received with the usual honors extended to the High Office of Grand High Priest. This Chapter has been considerably handicapped in its work on account of so many of its members being called to the colors and four of its officers are among that number. The election this year, however, has put new

life into the Chapter and they are now getting back to their usual good work. The Chapter is well equipped with paraphernalia and other equipment to do effective work, and has some of the best workers to be found anywhere, chief among which are the younger members who have been members less than two years. After the regular convocation was over, the Companions were seated at the banquet board and the true spirit of the Craft was manifested on all sides.

January 16th I visited Lake Worth Chapter No. 24, at West Palm Beach, and saw the work of the Chapter done in an excellent manner. At this convocation there was held an election of officers, they having held their election at their first stated convocation in December instead of the one previous to St. Johns day, in accord with the laws of the Grand Chapter. The election was harmonious and the true spirit of Masonry was manifested by the Companions. I had the pleasure of installing the officers of this Chapter, and from reports, I learn that they are in a very prosperous condition and are continuing to receive petitions and confer the degrees at every convocation.

March 19, 1919, I visited Indian River Chapter No. 27, at Titusville, accompanied by our esteemed Companion, Past Grand High Priest Olin S. Wright. We were met at the train by a committee from the Chapter, and shown to the hotel, where every courtesy was extended to us. We soon repaired to the hall and witnessed the degree work. This Chapter has a reputation for doing the work in the Royal Arch Degree right and they surely lived up to their reputation. Their High Priest, Companion George W. Scobie, is a worker for the Craft and has built up the membership of this Chapter wonderfully. There were over fifty of their members present and visitors from Daytona, Eau Gallie, Fort Pierce, West Palm

Beach and Fort Lauderdale, together with several Companions from sister Jurisdictions present to witness the work done by this Chapter. After the conferring of the work upon the class of nine, all repaired to the Dixie Hotel, where a course banquet was spread, there being over seventy Companions present. The records of this Chapter are well and neatly kept by their efficient secretary, Companion H. C. Jepson, and their paraphernalia and equipment are of the best.

I appointed Most Excellent Companion John M. Caldwell as my special representative to visit Live Oak Chapter No. 25, Jasper Chapter No. 36 and Providence Chapter No. 38 and his report follows:

Jasper, Fla., April 22, 1919.  
Hon. C. H. Ketchum, M.'.E.'.Grand High Priest, R. A.  
M. of Florida.

Most Excellent Sir and Companion: Pursuant to your order appointing me as your representative to officially visit Live Oak Chapter No. 25, Jasper Chapter No. 36 and Providence Chapter No. 38, I visited Live Oak Chapter on the 10th inst., and presided while all the Chapter degrees were conferred on four brethren. This Chapter is in excellent condition, the Companions are zealous and enthusiastic, excellent work is done; many additions have been made during the year and the Chapter is on a sound financial basis. It is only necessary to say that Companion B. W. Helvenston is Secretary, to assure you that the records are kept as they should be. I have an appointment to visit Jasper Chapter No. 36 on the second Tuesday evening in next month, but it will be too near the assembling of the Grand Chapter for my report to be incorporated in your annual address. I have requested a Companion in Lake City to notify me when the charter will be restored to the Chapter there and if

notified I will visit that Chapter on that occasion. Live Oak Chapter paid all expenses of your representative on the occasion of his official visit,—and then some.

Fraternally submitted,  
JOHN M. CALDWELL.

Jasper, Fla., May 14, 1919.  
Hon. C. H. Ketchum, M.E. Grand High Priest, R. A.

M., Fla.  
Most Excellent Sir and Companion: As your special representative I officially visited Jasper Chapter No. 36 last evening.

This Chapter is in good condition, has an efficient Secretary, is doing some work, and peace and harmony exist among the Companions.

Fraternally submitted,  
JOHN M. CALDWELL.

## REPORT OF GRAND KING

Chas. H. Ketchum, Ex. Grand High Priest.  
Dear Sir and Companion: I feel that I have done so little for our noble Craft since last we met and at the same time have enjoyed so many pleasures through my reconnection therewith, that I am almost ashamed to render an account. I need not mention the happy meeting with the General Grand Chapter in Baltimore, Oct. 2d and 3d, as you were present. I had the pleasure of attending the installation of the officers of the Jacksonville Chapter. I visited Titusville, DeLand, Sanford and Halifax Chapters and am pleased to report that the work was very creditable in all of them. I also visited Palatka Chapter and met with a hearty reception. They had no work at that meeting, having just exalted several Companions. They are an enthusiastic and worthy little band.

It will be gratifying to the Grand Chapter to learn everywhere I have had the good fortune to attend, I have

found that loyalty and zeal for capitular Masonry seemed to prevail as never before.

I regret that circumstances over which I had no control prevented me from attending other Chapters within my jurisdiction.

Trusting to be excused for my failings and thanking you in advance for your patience,

Yours fraternally,  
W. V. CARTER.

REPORT OF AARON H. CONNETT, GRAND REPRESENTATIVE  
NEAR THE GRAND CHAPTER OF KANSAS

Great Bend, Kansas, Feb. 20, 1918.  
M.E. Chas. H. Ketchum, Grand High Priest, Key West, Florida.

My Dear Companion: I beg leave to advise you that I have just returned from the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Kansas, where as the representative of the Grand Chapter of Florida near the Grand Chapter of Kansas it was my very pleasant duty to respond to roll call and to extend the fraternal greetings of Florida.

I am pleased to say that peace and harmony prevails among the Royal Craft in Kansas and I take pleasure in extending kind and fraternal greetings to Florida.

Fraternally yours,  
A. H. CONNETT,  
Representative.

Companion Connett has shown his appreciation of the honor conferred on him as Grand Representative from Florida and that he is a representative both in the spirit and the letter, and has set a pace which it would be well for others to follow who have the same office.

## CHANGE OF BY-LAWS APPROVED

March 1, 1919, I approved of a change in the By-Laws of Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, Jacksonville, making their regular convocations the second and fourth Thursdays of each month instead of the fourth Thursdays, as heretofore.

This Chapter found it necessary to adopt an amendment to their By-Laws calling for two meetings each month on account of the volume of work that they had to do, they having had a victory class on March 6th of over fifty candidates and more on the waiting list for every convocation.

## WARRANTS ON TREASURER

I have signed warrants Nos. 1 to 41 inclusive, amounting to \$3,626.02.

## OUR MASONIC HOME AND ORPHANAGE

April 7, 1919, was a red letter day in the history of Masonry in this State. On this date the Masonic Home and Orphanage at St. Petersburg, Florida, was dedicated and consecrated to the noble and glorious work for which it was intended, opened its doors, received its first inmates, and the heart of every Mason in Florida was filled with pride.

I feel that this Grand Chapter should be recognized as an integral part of this home, and to this end I recommend that a special endowment fund of \$3,000 in United States Liberty Bonds be appropriated for this purpose and turned over to the Trustees of the Masonic Home and Orphanage.

## CONCLUSION

Companions, the work of the year has been brought up for inspection. Two thoughts are in mind regarding

it. Is it satisfactory to you—to me? A year of extraordinary events has passed. The minds of men will again become normal. Matters pertaining to things about which little thought has been given, will now have our attention. Yet with an environment with which we have been enveloped, the Chapters in general throughout this Jurisdiction have increased in membership and every Companion has done his share toward making the year a successful one for Capitular Masonry.

My associate officers have been kind to me in the highest degree. Our Grand Secretary has left nothing undone to assist me in every way possible. Many of his letters have contained words of encouragement that were an inspiration to keep everlastingly at it. He is a tower of strength and a power for good in helping to make any Grand High Priest's administration a success.

And now, Companions, as I am soon to yield up my authority and the year's work shall have ended, I trust you will cover any mistakes I have made with that broad mantle of Masonic charity. As I pass from this exalted office I desire to again thank you for the high honor conferred upon me, and to assure you that my work for the Royal Craft has just begun.

Fraternally submitted,  
CHARLES H. KETCHUM,  
*Grand High Priest.*

Upon motion the address was received and referred to a special committee for consideration and distribution of subjects. The Deputy Grand High Priest appointed Companions J. L. Hall, E. W. Bunker and H. O. Snow as such committee.

The Grand Secretary made the following report, which was received and, upon motion, that portion thereof referring to Finance was referred to the Committee

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on Finance and Accounts, and the balance of the report was referred to the Special Committee on Distribution.

## GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the M.E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Companions: I have the honor of reporting matters pertaining to the Grand Secretary's office for the past year as follows:

Six hundred copies of the proceedings of our last Annual Convocation were printed and distributed in the usual manner.

In accordance with your instructions a Past Grand High Priest's jewel has been procured for M.E. Charles H. Ketchum and same is ready for presentation at the proper time.

We were notified by the General Grand Chapter that the Ritual had been revised and ordered printed. That they would be ready for distribution April 1st. On receipt of this information I requested the General Grand Secretary to send me ten copies as soon as they were printed, that they might be placed in the hands of the Committee on Work for examination. I had hoped that the committee would have an opportunity to examine the rituals as revised and be able to report at this Annual Convocation as to whether or not this Grand Chapter should adopt it, but these rituals were not received until May 17th, which was, of course, too late to get them into the hands of the committee and officers. They are now in my possession subject to such disposition as the Grand Chapter may direct.

On February 19, by order of the Grand High Priest, a dispensation was issued to thirteen Companions to form Chipley Chapter, U. D., at Chipley, with Companions Emil Gluck, H. P., Albert A. Myers, Jr., King, and Tom J. Watts, Scribe.

A blank petition for charter was sent to this Chapter more than a month ago, but have had no report from them, nor petition for charter.

On April 26, the charter of Providence Chapter No. 20 was restored by order of the Grand High Priest, to eleven of its members. The number 20 having been assigned to another Chapter, the number of Providence Chapter was changed to 38.

It is a sincere pleasure for me to be able to report that all of our Chapters made reports for 1918 within the required time limit, and not one was subject to the fine for delinquency. All Chapters have paid dues in full to date.

At the time Nassau Chapter No. 23 surrendered its charter

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there was a balance in their treasury of \$13.40, which has now been turned over to the Grand Chapter, as will be seen by reference to my financial statement.

The past year has been a fairly prosperous one for our Chapters, and we have made a net gain in membership of a little more than 12 per cent.

Lakeland Chapter No. 29 made a net gain of nearly 49 per cent, while Live Oak No. 25 gained over 48 per cent, followed by Mt. Horeb No. 6 with nearly 37 per cent.

Six Chapters made a net loss.

Acting under authority of the resolution adopted by the Grand Chapter last year, I find that our Chapters have remitted the dues of 216 members in the U. S. Army and 62 in the Navy, on account of such service.

Fraternally submitted,  
W. P. WEBSTER,  
Grand Secretary.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

W. P. Webster, Grand Secretary,

In account with the Grand Chapter of Florida:

Dr.	
Funds of Nassau Chapter No. 23	\$ 13.40
Florida No. 1	65.00
Gainesville No. 2	89.00
Tampa No. 3 (1917)	23.00
Tampa No. 3 (1918)	219.00
St. Johns No. 4	48.00
Halifax No. 5	142.00
Mt. Horeb No. 6	130.00
Eureka No. 7	125.00
Dade City No. 8	53.00
Putnam No. 9	36.00
Kissimmee No. 10	48.00
Jericho No. 11	150.00
Jacksonville No. 12	292.00
Ocala No. 13	66.00
Inverness No. 14	60.00
Monroe No. 15	59.00
Plant City No. 16	55.00
St. Augustine No. 17	114.00
Manatee River No. 18	96.00

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Lake Butler No. 19	41.00
Keystone No. 20	59.00
Island No. 21	22.00
Thomas Brown No. 22	228.00
Lake Worth No. 24	145.00
Live Oak No. 25 (1918)	157.00
Live Oak No. 25, Back Dues	39.00
Jefferson No. 26	25.00
Indian River No. 27	147.00
Joppa No. 28	57.00
Lakeland No. 29	155.00
Gadsden No. 30	59.00
St. Petersburg No. 31	123.00
Jackson No. 32	111.00
Eustis No. 33	42.00
Leesburg No. 34	46.00
Sarasota No. 35	46.00
Jasper No. 36	46.00
Walton No. 37	43.00
	\$3,474.40

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Feb. 1, 1919.	By Paid Grand Treasurer	\$678.00
Feb. 17, 1919.	By Paid Grand Treasurer	420.00
Mch. 8, 1919.	By Paid Grand Treasurer	420.00
Mch. 18, 1919.	By Paid Grand Treasurer	926.00
Mch. 25, 1919.	By Paid Grand Treasurer	498.40
Apr. 15, 1919.	By Paid Grand Treasurer	484.00
May 17, 1919.	By Paid Grand Treasurer	9.00
May 19, 1919.	By Paid Grand Treasurer	39.00
		\$3,474.40

Books and vouchers are herewith submitted for examination  
and approval.  
W. P. WEBSTER,  
Grand Secretary.

The Grand Treasurer made the following report  
which was received and referred to the Committee on  
Finance and Accounts:

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## GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

Marcus Endel, Grand Treasurer,  
In account with the Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Florida:

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May 21.	To Balance on hand as per last report	\$11,889.19
July 1.	To Received interest on U. S. Bonds	40.00
July 1.	To Received interest from G. L. Trustees	50.00
Sept. 25.	To Received interest on U. S. Bonds	14.90
Nov. 1.	To Received interest G. L. Bonds	97.50
Nov. 29.	To Received interest U. S. Bonds	21.24
Dec. 24.	To Received interest U. S. Bonds	21.24

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Jan. 9.	To Received interest G. L. Trustees	50.00
Feb. 1.	To Received from Grand Secretary	678.00
Feb. 17.	To Received from Grand Secretary	420.00
Mch. 8.	To Received from Grand Secretary	420.00
Mch. 18.	To Received interest U. S. Bonds	21.24
Mch. 18.	To Received from Grand Secretary	926.00
Mch. 25.	To Received from Grand Secretary	498.40
Apr. 15.	To Received from Grand Secretary	484.00
Apr. 22.	To Received interest G. L. Bonds	97.50
Apr. 22.	To Received interest U. S. Bonds	4.04
May 17.	To Received interest U. S. Bonds	21.26
May 17.	To Received from Grand Secretary	9.00
May 19.	To Received from Grand Secretary	39.00
May 19.	To Received interest Barnett Natl. Bank	13.46

\$15,815.97

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By Paid Vouchers Nos. 1 to 41	\$ 3,626.02
By Paid Liberty Bonds without voucher	200.00
	\$ 3,826.02
	\$11,989.95
Liberty Bonds purchased	400.00
	\$12,389.95

Balance

Distributed as follows:

Barnett Natl. Bank	\$ 3,089.95
G. L. Certificate of Indebtedness	2,000.00
Grand Lodge Bonds	3,900.00
United States Bonds	3,400.00
	\$12,389.95

Books and Vouchers are herewith submitted.

Fraternally,

MARCUS ENDEL,  
*Grand Treasurer.*

The Special Committee on Distribution made the following report, which was received and adopted:

#### DISTRIBUTION

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:*

We, your Committee on Distribution, to whom was referred the address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, beg to report as follows:

We recommend that so much of the address as refers to our deceased Companions be referred to the Committee on Memorials; that so much as refers to dispensations granted and waiver of jurisdiction, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence; that so much as refers to finance be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts, and that the balance of the address be approved.

We recommend that so much of the Grand Secretary's report as refers to rituals be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence; that so much thereof as refers to Chapters U. D., be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

Fraternally submitted,  
JOHN L. HALL,  
H. O. SNOW,  
E. W. BUNKER,  
*Committee.*

The Committee on Work announced that the M.M., F. M. and M. E. M. degrees would be exemplified this afternoon beginning at 2:00 o'clock and that the Royal Arch degree would be exemplified at 9:00 p. m.

The following resolution was presented by Past Grand High Priest Massey, and adopted:

*Resolved*, That the M. E. Grand High Priest appoint a committee (the number to be determined by him) to examine the proposed new Constitution of the General Grand Chapter and to report to the next Annual Grand Convocation what action this Grand Chapter should take thereon.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following committee in accordance with this resolution: Past Grand High Priests L. C. Massey, S. B. Wright, E. E. Haskell, O. S. Wright and T. Picton Warlow.

Companion Hubbell presented his report on Correspondence, which was received and ordered printed with our proceedings.

The motion prevailed that when the Grand Chapter is called from labor to refreshment it be to resume labor at 2:00 o'clock p. m., and that the first order of business be the exemplification of work in the M. M. degree.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following report, which was received and adopted:

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your Committee on Unfinished Business has the honor of reporting that a diligent search has been made of last year's proceedings and has found the matter of changing the time of annual election from the second to the first regular meeting in December deserves our present attention.

Fraternally submitted,  
W. E. KEEN,  
W. W. CHASE,  
T. P. WAY,  
*Committee.*

The amendment to the Constitution, Article IV, Section 8, as proposed last year was taken up for consideration and unanimously adopted to read as follows:

Art. IV, Sec 8. The first five officers named in the last preceding section shall be elected annually by ballot, by a majority of the votes cast at the first regular Convocation of the Chapter in December, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and the remaining officers shall be appointed by the High Priest.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

## IN GRAND CHAPTER

Tuesday, May 20, 2:00 P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor by the M. E. Grand High Priest, with officers and members as at morning session.

The minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

Labor was dispensed with in the Grand Chapter and a Lodge of Mark Masters was opened under the direction of the Grand Chapter Committee on Work.

Brothers Roy L. Wilmot, Herbert S. Fairchild, William W. Milligan and R. L. Ivey were advanced to the honorary degree of M. M. in due form, for Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.

The Lodge of Mark Masters was closed and a Lodge of Past Masters was opened.

Brothers Roy L. Wilmot, Herbert S. Fairchild, William W. Milligan and R. L. Ivey were inducted into the O. C. of K. S. in due form, for Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.

The Lodge of Past Masters was closed and a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters was opened.

Brothers Roy L. Wilmot, Herbert S. Fairchild, William W. Milligan and R. L. Ivey were received and ac-

knowledged as M. E. M.'s in due form, for Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.

The Lodge of Most Excellent Masters was closed and labor was resumed in the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Secretary reported that a petition for charter from Chipley Chapter U. D. had been received and same was referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

The motion of Past Grand High Priest Haskell prevailed that when the Grand Chapter is called from labor to refreshment it be to resume labor at 8:30 p. m.

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances made the following report, which was received and adopted:

## PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances beg to report that no grievances have been reported to us and that the Grand Chapter is to be congratulated upon the peace and harmony prevailing in this Grand Jurisdiction for the past year.

Fraternally submitted,  
WM. H. WARNOCK,  
STEPHEN F. READE,  
BEN M. CALDWELL,  
*Committee.*

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws made the following report, which was received and adopted:

## DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws report as follows: We have examined the work and books of Chipley Chapter U. D. and find them in accordance with our regulations. We recommend that a charter be granted this Chapter under the name of Chipley Chapter No. —, with Emil Gluck, High Priest; A. A. Myers, Jr., King; Thomas J. Watts, Scribe.

We recommend that this Chapter be allowed representation in this Grand Chapter with mileage and per diem for representative.

Fraternally submitted,

OLIN S. WRIGHT,  
C. H. RYALS,  
W. S. McCLELLAND,  
Committee.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

IN GRAND CHAPTER

Tuesday, May 20, 8:30 P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor by the M. E. Grand High Priest, with officers and members as at previous sessions.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and adopted.

The Committee on Memorials made the following report, which was received and adopted:

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

Your Committee on Memorials is glad to report that the mortality among the Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction during the past year is much less than we had reason to expect, in view of the terrible plague, influenza, which swept over our State last fall and winter.

There is the usual number of our Companions who have been claimed by death and whose faces, in this life, we will see no more. They were companionable and lovable in their lives, and in their deaths they are not forgotten. We revere their memories and, though dead, they live in their works, which do follow them. We rejoice that our belief in the immortality of the soul inspires us with the hope that, to our fallen Companions, death was to them

only the dawn of a brighter day and the ushering in of a more glorious life. But, while we rejoice in this hope, "that which is flesh, is flesh" and the flesh will grieve for its absent loved ones. We deeply, truly and sincerely sympathize with those who are most deeply affected by the loss which we have all sustained and would affectionately remind them that "the Great Architect of the Universe will fold His arms of love and protection around those who put their trust in Him."

We also sympathize with our sister Grand Jurisdictions in the losses they each have sustained by the departure of those who "have gone to join the innumerable throng" just across the little brooklet, which we call death, but we are confident in the hope that our loss of the sweet companionship of the dear departed, is their eternal gain.

Fraternally submitted,  
W. B. Y. WILKIE,  
JNO. M. CALDWELL,  
C. E. CONNOR,  
Committee.

Upon motion duly carried the exemplification of the Mark Masters degree by the Grand Chapter Committee on Work was made a special order of business at 2:00 o'clock p. m., on the first day of the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter in 1920.

Upon motion of Past Grand High Priest Haskell the appointment of a Committee of Relief from the Grand Chapter, was discontinued for the reason that this work is being fully and satisfactorily handled by the Masonic Relief Committee of the Grand Lodge.

The motion of Past Grand High Priest Caldwell prevailed that a committee be appointed with Grand High Priest Ketchum as chairman, to visit Jacksonville Chapter O. E. S., now in session, to extend to them greetings from the Grand Chapter of Florida, and to thank them for their courtesy in giving up the use of their assembly room to the Grand Chapter for this evening session.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Past Grand High Priests Haskell, S. B. Wright, T. P. War-

low and Companions Cary B. Fish and H. O. Snow to act with him on this committee.

Labor was dispensed with in the Grand Chapter and a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened under the direction of the Grand Chapter Committee on Work.

Brothers William W. Milligan, R. L. Ivey and Roy L. Wilmot were exalted to the sublime degree of R. A. for Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.

The Chapter was closed and labor was resumed in the Grand Chapter.

The motion of Past Grand High Priest Haskell prevailed that when the Grand Chapter is called from labor to refreshment it be to resume labor at 10:00 o'clock a. m., Wednesday, and that during the morning session the annual election of officers be held.

A question in regard to the pay roll was brought up and after a full discussion the Committee on Finance and Accounts was directed to place all Grand Officers on the pay roll for mileage and per diem.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

#### IN GRAND CHAPTER

Wednesday, May 21, 10:00 A. M.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor by the M. E. Grand High Priest, with officers and members as at previous sessions.

The minutes of the evening session were read and adopted.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts made the following report, which was received and adopted:

#### FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts beg leave to report as follows:

We have examined the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary and find them correct with a balance on hand of \$12,389.95, which is distributed as follows:

Cash in Barnett National Bank	\$ 3,089.95
Grand Lodge Bonds	3,900.00
Grand Lodge Certificate of Indebtedness	2,000.00
U. S. Liberty Loan Bonds	3,400.00
Total	\$12,389.95

From which we recommend the following appropriations:

Three thousand dollars of U. S. Liberty Loan Bonds to be held and used as a permanent investment and endowment fund forever for the Masonic Home and Orphanage, to be known as the "Royal Arch Mason's Endowment Fund," the income from which shall be applied for the use and benefit of the said Masonic Home and Orphanage, it being agreed that in the event of the discontinuance or failure of the said Home and Orphanage this principal sum shall revert to the Grand Chapter of R. A. Masons of Florida.

U. S. Liberty Loan Bonds	\$ 3,000.00
Pay roll attached	1,317.75
Grand Secretary, salary	500.00
Grand Treasurer, salary	100.00
Extra clerical help	100.00
Contingent Fund	700.00
Expense of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence	200.00
W. V. Carter, expense for official visitations, 1918	15.00

We also recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure a Past Grand High Priest's jewel for presentation to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest at our next Grand Convocation and that a warrant be drawn on the Contingent Fund for same.

We recommend that the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary be authorized to draw warrants on the Contingent Fund for the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses of postage, print-

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ing, stationery and other incidentals for the use of the Grand High Priest, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and for the expenses of Grand Chapter officers making official visitations and for the expense of this Grand Convocation and that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay the same.

Fraternally submitted,

E. L. WIRT,  
E. L. SHEAR,  
GEO. A. DAME,  
Committee.

## PAY ROLL

Name	Mileage	Per Diem	Total
C. H. Ketchum, G. H. P.	\$ 41.76	\$ 8.00	\$ 49.76
L. F. Blalock, D. G. H. P.	29.28	8.00	37.28
W. V. Carter, G. K.	9.20	8.00	17.20
H. O. Snow, G. S.	16.96	8.00	24.96
W. B. Y. Wilkie, G. C.	16.96	8.00	24.96
John L. Hall, G. C. H.	-----	8.00	8.00
E. P. Hubbell, G. P. S.	19.20	8.00	27.20
R. J. Kishpaugh, G. R. A. C.	24.00	8.00	32.00
E. L. Wirt, G. M. 3d V.	16.80	8.00	24.80
T. T. Todd, G. M. 2d V.	29.60	8.00	37.60
C. R. Horne, G. M. 1st V.	2.40	8.00	10.40
John W. Capper, G. Guard	-----	10.00	10.00
Marcus Endel, G. Treas.	-----	8.00	8.00
W. P. Webster, G. Sec.	-----	4.00	4.00
T. S. Wilmarth, P. G. H. P.	8.93	8.00	16.93
S. B. Wright, P. G. H. P.	4.40	8.00	12.40
E. E. Haskell, P. G. H. P.	15.12	8.00	23.12
O. S. Wright, P. G. H. P.	-----	8.00	8.00
W. S. Ware, P. G. H. P.	29.28	8.00	37.28
F. B. Stoneman, P. G. H. P.	-----	8.00	8.00
W. C. Andress, P. G. H. P.	-----	8.00	19.44
D. B. Palmer, P. G. H. P.	11.44	8.00	19.89
L. C. Massey, P. G. H. P.	11.89	8.00	19.89
T. P. Warlow, P. G. H. P.	11.89	8.00	16.00
J. M. Caldwell, P. G. H. P.	8.00	8.00	32.48
E. W. Bunker, Com. on Work	24.48	8.00	32.48
A. H. White, Com. on Work	16.96	8.00	24.96
C. De Rocher, Com. on Work	19.20	8.00	27.20
Max Sirkin, Com. on Work	24.00	8.00	32.00

## GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA

Name	Mileage	Per Diem	Total
E. E. Macy, Com. on Work	15.20	8.00	23.20
T. J. Drake, Com. on Work	24.48	8.00	32.48
Geo. Dame, Com. on Finance	11.84	8.00	19.84
Arthur Williams, Chapter No. 1	13.20	8.00	21.20
R. J. McMaster, Chapter No. 3	16.96	8.00	24.96
E. L. Shear, Chapter No. 5	8.80	8.00	16.80
J. E. Petris, Chapter No. 7	11.89	8.00	19.89
T. F. Ziegler, Chapter No. 8	13.28	8.00	21.28
L. A. Smith, Chapter No. 9	4.40	4.00	8.40
M. D. Alexander, Chapter No. 10	13.20	8.00	21.20
T. P. Way, Chapter No. 11	29.28	8.00	37.28
H. D. Morris, Chapter No. 12	-----	8.00	8.00
C. E. Conner, Chapter No. 13	9.52	8.00	17.52
Wm. H. Warnock, Chapter No. 14	11.84	8.00	19.84
Jas. Moughton, Chapter No. 15	10.29	8.00	18.29
Cary B. Fish, Chapter No. 18	19.20	8.00	27.20
C. H. Register, Chapter No. 19	4.32	8.00	12.32
G. M. Key, Chapter No. 21	41.76	8.00	49.76
W. E. Keen, Chapter No. 24	24.00	8.00	32.00
H. F. Airth, Chapter No. 25	6.56	8.00	14.56
John Pasco, Chapter No. 26	11.44	8.00	19.44
G. W. Scobie, Chapter No. 27	12.40	4.00	16.40
S. F. Reade, Chapter No. 28	19.36	8.00	27.36
W. W. Chase, Chapter No. 29	15.12	8.00	23.12
A. Aitchison, Chapter No. 31	16.96	8.00	24.96
C. H. Ryals, Chapter No. 32	18.64	8.00	26.64
W. S. McClelland, Chapter No. 33	12.44	8.00	20.44
H. L. Schaeffer, Chapter No. 34	11.10	8.00	19.10
J. C. Turner, Chapter No. 35	20.20	8.00	28.20
Ben Caldwell, Chapter No. 36	8.00	8.00	16.00
T. J. Watts, Chipley Chapter U. D.	20.32	8.00	28.32
Totals	\$847.75	\$470.00	\$1,317.75

Upon motion the Committee on Finance and Accounts was directed to place the name of Companion Ben M. Caldwell on pay roll, on account of service on Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Upon motion of Companion Snow the Grand Secretary was directed to send a circular letter to the Chapters of this Jurisdiction informing them of the fact that the Grand Chapter had contributed \$3,000.00 to the funds of the Masonic Home and Orphanage and the forming of an endowment fund to be known as the "Royal Arch Mason's Endowment Fund."

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence made the following report, which was received and adopted:

## MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE

*To the M.E. Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Florida:*  
Your Jurisprudence Committee report as follows: The Grand High Priest in his address, makes report of certain dispensations granted by him, all of which concern subjects within his prerogative, which require no action nor recommendation by this committee.

We recommend that his acts in reference to work by courtesy be approved; in the matter of waiver of jurisdiction reported by the Grand High Priest in his address, upon consideration thereof, we are of the opinion that his determination was within the powers granted in Article 6, Section I, of the Constitution, and therefore recommend that his action in relation thereto be approved.

We deem it proper in this connection to call attention to this provision of the Constitution, and on account of the extraordinary powers thereby placed officially in the Grand High Priest, suggest that Grand High Priests exercise these powers only after thorough investigation, to the end that the jurisdiction of the subordinate Chapters over the material within their territory may not be disturbed except in cases of extreme hardship and injustice and where the subordinate Chapters are unquestionably disregarding their duties to the Craft.

We recommend that the matter of the new ritual of the General Grand Chapter be referred to the Committee on Work, for

consideration; that said committee report in reference thereto at the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter; and that they exemplify the work of the several degrees in accordance therewith at said Convocation for the information of the Grand Chapter.

All of which is

Fraternally submitted,  
MARCUS ENDEL,  
E. E. HASKELL,  
T. P. WARLOW,  
L. C. MASSEY,  
D. B. PALMER,  
JNO. M. CALDWELL,  
F. B. STONEMAN,  
OLIN S. WRIGHT,  
W. S. WARE,  
S. B. WRIGHT,  
W. C. ANDRESS,

*Committee.*

In response to the request of the Grand Secretary for instruction as to what disposition he should make of the Rituals of the General Grand Chapter now in his possession, he was directed to turn over one copy to each member of the Committee on Work and one copy to the chairman of the Committee on Ritual.

The motion of Companion Williams prevailed, that the Grand Chapter receive and consider invitations from Chapters to hold its annual Convocations in different parts of the State.

The Grand Chapter was invited to hold its Seventy-Fourth Annual Convocation in 1920 with the following Chapters: St. Petersburg No. 31 at St. Petersburg, Halifax No. 5 at Daytona, Florida No. 1 at Tallahassee, Jericho No. 11 at Miami, Eureka No. 7 at Orlando, Ocala No. 13 at Ocala, Mt. Horeb No. 6 at Pensacola, Lakeland No. 29 at Lakeland and Jacksonville No. 12 at Jacksonville.

After a full discussion of this matter, upon motion of Past Grand High Priest Haskell, the consideration of

these invitations was postponed until our next annual Grand Convocation.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Companions Fish and Shear as tellers, and the Grand Chapter proceeded with the annual election of officers with the following result:

## GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

W. V. Carter	M. E. Grand High Priest.
H. O. Snow	R. E. D. G. High Priest.
J. L. Hall	R. E. Grand King.
R. J. Kishpaugh	R. E. Grand Scribe.
Marcus Endel	R. E. Grand Treasurer.
Wilber P. Webster	R. E. Grand Secretary.
W. B. Y. Wilkie	R. E. Grand Chaplain.

Upon motion the printing committee was authorized and directed to have the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Chapter revised to date, and, on the approval of the Grand High Priest, to have 500 copies of same printed.

The motion of Past Grand High Priest Silas B. Wright prevailed, that when the Grand Chapter is called from labor to refreshment it be to resume labor at 3:30 p. m., and that the first order of business be the installation of Grand Officers.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

## IN GRAND CHAPTER

Wednesday, May 21, 3:30 P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor by the M. E. Grand High Priest, with officers and members as at morning session.

The minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

The M. E. Grand High Priest-elect announced the appointment of the following Grand Officers:

## GRAND OFFICERS APPOINTED

E. P. Hubbell	E. Grand Capt. of the Host.
E. L. Wirt	E. Grand Prin. Sojourner.
T. T. Todd	E. Gr. Royal Arch Captain.
E. L. Shear	E. Gr. Master Third Vail.
Cary B. Fish	E. Gr. Master Second Vail.
R. J. McMaster	E. Gr. Master First Vail.
J. W. Capper	E. Grand Guard.

Past Grand High Priest Massey assisted by Past Grand High Priest Stoneman, as Grand Marshal, installed the following Grand Officers:

## INSTALLATION

W. V. Carter	M. E. Grand High Priest.
H. O. Snow	R. E. D. G. High Priest.
J. L. Hall	R. E. Grand King. --
R. J. Kishpaugh	R. E. Grand Scribe.
E. P. Hubbell	E. Grand Capt. of the Host.
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Cary B. Fish	E. Gr. Master Second Vail.
R. J. McMaster	E. Gr. Master First Vail.

The Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Grand Chaplain having been re-elected and the Grand Guard re-appointed, their installation was not necessary at this time. — *John Ketchum* presented the fol-

Past Grand High Priest Ketchum presented the following resolution, which was received and adopted:

*Resolved*, That the representatives from the constituent Chapters in attendance at the Grand Convocations of this Grand Chapter, all Officers, Past Grand Officers and members of committees who are here in no other capacity and who are entitled to per diem and mileage, be required to report to the Committee on Returns and Credentials the number of miles necessarily traveled by them in coming to our annual Convocations, same to be turned over to the Committee on Finance and Accounts to aid them in making out the pay roll.

A Past Grand High Priest's jewel was presented to Past Grand High Priest Ketchum, Past Grand High Priest Stoneman making the presentation. Past Grand High Priest Palmer the

Upon motion of Past Grand High Priest Palmer the printing committee was instructed to have the installation ceremonies, etc., printed in our digest.

The M.E. Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following committees:

## CORRESPONDENCE

Ely P. Hubbell,  
Olin S. Wright, Louis C. Massey.

## PRINTING

W. P. Webster,  
S. B. Wright, Marcus Endel.

## WORK

Max Sirkin, Chester De Rocher,  
C. E. Connor, George A. Dame,  
John Pasco, Edwin E. Macy,  
T. P. Way, Allan H. White.

No further business appearing, the foregoing minutes were read and adopted.

The Grand Chapter was closed in ample form with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Attest: W. V. CARTER,  
*Grand High Priest.*

WILBER P. WEBSTER,  
*Grand Secretary.*



Chapter Chartered May 21, 1919  
And Former Chapter of Members

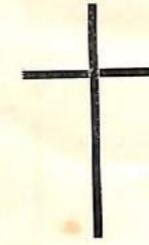
CHIPLEY No. 23

Chipley, Washington County.

Emil Gluck, H. P.	Jackson No. 32, Fla.
Albert A. Myers, Jr. K.	Jackson No. 32, Fla.
Tom J. Watts, S.	Jackson No. 32, Fla.
Chas. B. Dunn	Jackson No. 32, Fla.
William H. Faulk	Jackson No. 32, Fla.
Harry H. Wells	Jackson No. 32, Fla.
John T. Britt	Jackson No. 32, Fla.
John H. Faulk	Jackson No. 32, Fla.
Thomas Jackson Wright	Jackson No. 32, Fla.
Lila H. Paul	Jackson No. 32, Fla.
John P. Harrell	Jackson No. 32, Fla.
S. M. Robinson	Opelika No. 74, Ala.
M. M. Bridges	Tri County No. 123, Ga.
W. M. Baker	Alapaha No. 27, Ga.
J. R. Bridges	Tri County No. 123, Ga.
Isaac A. Stewart	Seminary No. 127, Miss.
Ernest L. Alfred	Chipley, U. D.
P. G. Adams	Chipley, U. D.
Robert S. Adams	Chipley, U. D.
Nelson A. Ball	Chipley, U. D.
N. N. Baggett	Chipley, U. D.
Henry Wilson Brown	Chipley, U. D.
Dempsey G. Brock	Chipley, U. D.
Walter Edward Brock	Chipley, U. D.
Robert W. Creil	Chipley, U. D.
David Davidson	Chipley, U. D.
James A. Douglas	Chipley, U. D.

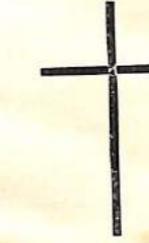
Wm. Howard Faulk, Jr.	Chipley, U. D.
Henry M. Farnor	Chipley, U. D.
O. G. Ganier	Chipley, U. D.
S. A. Gainer	Chipley, U. D.
S. A. Golden	Chipley, U. D.
J. A. J. Hathaway	Chipley, U. D.
William C. Holly	Chipley, U. D.
Chas. H. Johns	Chipley, U. D.
William G. Lowe	Chipley, U. D.
W. C. Lockey	Chipley, U. D.
George E. Meade	Chipley, U. D.
D. G. McQuagge	Chipley, U. D.
William C. Minger	Chipley, U. D.
Judson M. Morgan	Chipley, U. D.
Grover C. Miller	Chipley, U. D.
P. A. Pomeroy	Chipley, U. D.
Henry W. Peter	Chipley, U. D.
David A. Sellars	Chipley, U. D.
Jerry O. Sullivan	Chipley, U. D.
W. L. Taylor	Chipley, U. D.
Jas. Mat Taylor	Chipley, U. D.
Lester L. Willis	Chipley, U. D.
J. Will Williams	Chipley, U. D.
Joseph H. Wachob	Chipley, U. D.
John W. Wade	Chipley, U. D.
T. J. Ward	Chipley, U. D.
A. D. Carmichael, M. E. M.	Chipley, U. D.
Albert M. Everett, M. E. M.	Chipley, U. D.
W. W. Gainer, M. E. M.	Chipley, U. D.
Wm. Henry Giles, M. E. M.	Chipley, U. D.
Olen E. Hobbs, M. E. M.	Chipley, U. D.
Wm. J. Hall, M. E. M.	Chipley, U. D.
Curtis L. Jones, M. E. M.	Chipley, U. D.

In Memory of  
**James W. Boyd**  
Grand High Priest  
1890



Born July 6, 1844  
Owingsville, Kentucky  
Died May 30  
Miami, Florida

In Memory  
of the  
**Distinguished Dead**  
of  
Other Grand Jurisdictions



Who were called to the Celestial Chapter  
on High During the Past Year.

To the Memory of  
**Companions of  
Our Jurisdiction**

Who Passed Away During the Year 1918  
This Page is Fraternally Dedicated



George E. McGriff	Florida	No. 1, Feb. 10, 1918
Harry O. Wood	Florida	No. 1, June 8, 1918
George B. Ames	Florida	No. 1, Oct. 14, 1918
E. C. Cobb	Gainesville	No. 2, Oct. 8, 1918
Frank I. Archibald	Tampa	No. 3, Feb. 21, 1918
S. P. Burgert	Tampa	No. 3, Sept. 29, 1918
Robert E. Hocking	Tampa	No. 3, Oct. 18, 1918
Albert H. LaBelle	Tampa	No. 3, Oct. 20, 1918
O. G. Pierce	Tampa	No. 3, Nov. 3, 1918
A. W. Windhorst	Tampa	No. 3, July 16, 1918
Robert Moody	Halifax	No. 5, Oct. 21, 1918
Robert S. Hamilton	Mt. Horeb	No. 6, Oct. 10, 1918
J. Fred Harris	Eureka	No. 7, Dec. 12, 1918
D. E. Wallace	Dade City	No. 8, Dec. 12, 1918
J. L. Battle	Dade City	No. 8, Sept. 10, 1918
Isaac I. Moody	Putnam	No. 9, Dec. 10, 1918
Noah J. Tilghman	Putnam	No. 9, Nov. 1, 1918
C. O. Chamberlin	Putnam	No. 9, Oct. 13, 1918
John M. Lee	Kissimmee	No. 10, July 12, 1918
Clinton L. Hyatt	Kissimmee	No. 10, Oct. 13, 1918
Benjamin E. Evans	Kissimmee	No. 10, Oct. 13, 1918
A. W. Smith	Kissimmee	No. 10, Oct. 27, 1918
J. T. Sanders	Jericho	No. 11, Oct. 25, 1918
J. H. Williams	Jericho	No. 11, Oct. 21, 1918
John Richardson	Jericho	No. 11, Oct. 21, 1918
Wm. T. Gibson	Jacksonville	No. 12, Jan. 3, 1918
Frank L. Dancy	Jacksonville	No. 12, Jan. 31, 1918

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Junius B. French---Jacksonville ---No. 12, Feb. 9, 1918  
Russell H. Dean, Sr.---Jacksonville ---No. 12, Sept 27, 1918  
William C. Buffalow---Jacksonville ---No. 12, Oct. 8, 1918  
Charles B. Gay---Jacksonville ---No. 12, Oct. 13, 1918  
Harry S. Kealhofer---Jacksonville ---No. 12, July 15, 1918  
John W. Sackett---Jacksonville ---No. 12, July 3, 1918  
Spencer L. Houston---Jacksonville ---No. 12, July 1, 1918  
E. Mathews---Monroe ---No. 15, July 1918  
Oscar L. Taylor---Monroe ---No. 15, Oct. 20, 1918  
William F. Green---Plant City ---No. 16, Aug. 30, 1918  
William Moody---St. Augustine ---No. 17, Mch. 4, 1918  
John Parrish---Manatee River ---No. 18, April 27, 1918  
Jas. P. Paulson---Keystone ---No. 20, Aug. 29, 1918  
W. J. Walters---Keystone ---No. 20, July 2, 1918  
Knowles G. Oglesby---Thomas Brown---No. 22, Aug. 1918  
J. B. Gordon Smith---Thomas Brown---No. 22, Sept. 1918  
David Lee Skipper---Thomas Brown---No. 22, Sept. 1918  
Emmit W. Barkwell---Thomas Brown---No. 22, Dec. 21, 1918  
Norman L. Ohnsorg---Thomas Brown---No. 22, Oct. 12, 1918  
A. H. Marlatt---Lake Worth ---No. 24, Oct. 6, 1918  
Otis B. Dees---Live Oak ---No. 25, 1918  
John J. Handley---Live Oak ---No. 25, Oct. 1918  
W. H. O'Quinn---Live Oak ---No. 25, Oct. 1918  
J. W. Wilson---Live Oak ---No. 25, Oct. 1918  
Elias Wackym---Jefferson ---No. 26, Oct. 1, 1918  
W. H. Hall---Indian River ---No. 27, Dec. 1, 1918  
Leland D. McMillan---Indian River ---No. 27, Nov. 4, 1918

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G. F. Paddison---Indian River ---No. 27, Jan. 22, 1918  
W. N. English---St. Petersburg ---No. 31, Jan. 3, 1918  
T. S. Papps---St. Petersburg ---No. 31, Dec. 1918  
G. W. Blodgett---St. Petersburg ---No. 31, April 11, 1918  
C. V. Varnadore---Jackson ---No. 32, Oct. 20, 1918  
Frank S. Pond---Eustis ---No. 33, Oct. 18, 1918  
C. J. McDowell---Leesburg ---No. 34, Nov 10, 1918  
T. P. Dupree ---Walton ---No. 37, Oct. 11, 1918

### GRAND SECRETARIES.

STATE	NAME	ADDRESS
General Grand Chapter	Charles A. Conover	Coldwater, Mich.
Alabama	Geo. A. Beauchamp	Montgomery.
Alberta	John E. Johnson	Calgary, 633 15th Av. W.
Arizona	George J. Roskruger	Tucson.
Arkansas	John C. Bone	Batesville.
California	Thomas A. Davies	San Francisco.
Canada	Henry T. Smith	Toronto, Temple Bldg.
Colorado	Chas. H. Jacobson	Denver.
Connecticut	George A. Kies	Hartford.
Delaware	Stuart J. Horn	Wilmington, Box 94
District of Columbia	A. W. Johnston	Washington.
England	Edward Letchworth	London.
Georgia	E. A. McHan	Macon
Idaho	Lewis W. Ensign	Boise.
Illinois	J. E. Jeffers	Springfield, Box 438.
Indiana	Calvin W. Prather	Indianapolis.
Iowa	O. F. Graves	Harlan.
Ireland	H. E. Flavelle	Dublin.
Kansas	A. K. Wilson	Topeka.
Kentucky	G. Allison Holland	Lexington.
Louisiana	John A. Davilla	New Orleans.
Maine	Charles B. Davis	Portland.
Maryland	Frederick T. Comer	Boston.
Massachusetts	Chas. A. Conover	Coldwater.
Michigan	John Fishel	St. Paul.
Minnesota	Frederic G. Speed	Vicksburg.
Mississippi	Robert F. Stevenson	St. Louis, 911 Locust St
Missouri	Cornelius Hedges	Helena.
Montana	Francis E. White	Omaha, Mas. Temple.
Nebraska	E. D. Vanderlieth	Reno.
Nevada	J. Twining Hartt	St. Johns.
New Brunswick	Harry M. Cheney	Concord.
New Hampshire	Peter McGill	Bound Brook.
New Jersey	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque.
New Mexico	Alfred J. Burbidge	Sydney.
New South Wales	Charles C. Hunt	Masonic Temple, N. Y.
New York	H. J. Williams	Wellington.
New Zealand	John B. Griggs	Elizabeth City.
North Carolina	Walter L. Stockwell	Fargo.
North Dakota	S. J. Waddell	Truro, Box 145.
Nova Scotia	Edwin Hagenbuch	Urbana.
Ohio	James A. Scott	Muskogee Phoenix Bldg.
Oklahoma	James F. Robinson	Portland.
Oregon	George B. Wells	Philadelphia.
Pennsylvania	Wm. M. Couper	Montreal, Box 912.
Quebec	William R. Greene	Providence.
Rhode Island	Alfred A. A. Murray	Edinburg.
Scotland	O. Frank Hart	Columbia.
South Carolina	Geo. A. Pettigrew	Sioux Falls.
South Dakota	Stith M. Cain	Nashville.
Tennessee	T. M. Bartley	Waco.
Texas	Walter Daniels	Salt Lake City.
Utah	H. H. Ross	Burlington.
Vermont	G. L. Marquand	Melbourne, 317 Collins.
Victoria	James B. Blanks	Petersburg.
Virginia	D. K. Reed	Clarkburg.
West Virginia	Yancey C. Blalock	Walla Walla.
Washington	William W. Perry	Milwaukee.
Wisconsin	Adrian J. Parshall	Cheyenne.

### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

OF FLORIDA IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS	GRAND CHAPTERS	OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN FLORIDA
Robert T. Ward, Dadeville	Alabama	R. J. Kishbaugh, W. Palm Beach.
Stephen Y. Taylor, Calgary	Alberta	James M. Wilson, Kissimmee.
Louis Lee Steward, Phoenix	Arizona	T. G. Hutchinson, Jacksonville.
Geo. A. Parsons, Fayetteville	Arkansas	Earl Hathaway, Key West.
Clark H. Shaw, Long Beach	California	Wm. S. Ware, Jacksonville.
James H. Cowan, Galt	Canada	Chester DeRoche, Bradenton.
Geo. W. Roe, Pueblo	Colorado	J. R. Wetherell, DeLand.
Wm. K. Wilson, Danbury	Connecticut	Wm. S. Ware, Jacksonville.
George W. Beatty, Wilmington	Delaware	W. P. Webster, Jacksonville.
Benjamin F. Odell, Washington	Dist. of Columbia	Silas B. Wright, DeLand.
Wm. A. Sims, Atlanta	Georgia	L. F. Blalock, Miami.
F. M. Bybee, Idaho Falls	Idaho	A. E. Heyser, Miami.
Wm. B. Carlock, Bloomington	Illinois	C. H. Ketchum, Key West.
Elmer Crockett, South Bend	Indiana	T. T. Todd, Pensacola.
A. D. Meeker, Marshalltown	Iowa	John M. Caldwell, Jasper.
Aaron H. Connell, Great Bend	Kansas	Olin S. Wright, Plant City.
Virgil P. Smith, Somerset	Kentucky	James W. Boyd, Miami.
E. W. Driebholtz, New Orleans	Louisiana	J. R. Wetherell, DeLand.
Henry R. Taylor, Machias	Maine	Elmer E. Haskell, Palatka.
L. D. Gassaway, Indianapolis	Maryland	Henry O. Snow, Tampa.
Enoch G. Best, Greenfield	Massachusetts	I. E. Webster, Gainesville.
Herbert E. Blair, Waterville	Michigan	E. P. Hubbell, Bradenton.
A. C. Lowe, Aberdeen	Minnesota	D. B. Palmer, Monticello.
C. C. Wood, St. Louis	Mississippi	James W. Boyd, Miami.
Walter L. Spear, Geneva	Missouri	Robert McClellan, Gainesville.
Charles A. Thompson, Pioche	Nebraska	James A. Richards, Orlando.
W. H. B. Sadler, St. John	Nevada	John J. Jones, Micanopy.
Chas. L. Wentworth, Rochester	New Hampshire	New Brunswick
Wm. Herbert Lowe, Patterson	New Jersey	Edgar H. Ketchum, Key West.
Emanuel M. Kaiser, New York	New York	Marcus End, Jacksonville.
John G. Moon, Sydney	New South Wales	John D. Grether, Jacksonville.
Wm. C. Brown, Winston-Salem	North Carolina	John L. Hall, Jacksonville.
Oscar St. C. Chenery, Jamestown	North Dakota	Marion Ebel, Jacksonville.
W. P. Doul, Charleston, P. E. I.	Nova Scotia	T. Pictor, Warlow, Orlando.
Ernest B. Brown, Cleveland	Ohio	Ely P. Hubbell, Bradenton.
Daniel M. Hailey, McAlester	Oklahoma	Olin S. Wright, Plant City.
Ernest V. Carter, Ashland	Oregon	Harry N. Sweeting, Tallahassee.
Henry Oscar Kline, Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania	Louis C. Massey, Orlando.
A. G. Adams, Montreal	Quebec	Louis C. Massey, Orlando.
Stephen Magown, Woonsocket	Rhode Island	W. E. Lewis, Tallahassee.
Geo. N. Langlands, Edinburg	Scotland	S. L. Chapman, Inverness.
Robert T. Goodale, Camden	South Carolina	James F. Miller, Inverness.
John F. Schrader, Rapid City	South Dakota	Wm. R. O'Neal, Orlando.
Jake W. Brantley, Troy	Tennessee	Frank B. Stoneman, Miami.
William James, Fort Worth	Texas	E. W. Bunker, Lake Worth.
David R. Beebe, Provo	Utah	J. J. Torrey, Jacksonville.
Homer Thrasher, Newport	Vermont	I. E. Webster, Gainesville.
Baron Marks, Melbourne	Victoria	John L. Hall, Jacksonville.
W. S. Mathews, Big Stone Gap	Virginia	Jos. R. Keller, Pensacola.
Wm. G. Rowland, Tacoma	Washington	Silas B. Wright, DeLand.
Jere A. Miller, Wheeling	West Virginia	L. R. Phillips, Sanford.
W. F. Owen, Steven's Point	Wisconsin	Geo. A. Dame, Inverness.
Nell D. Nelson, Thermopolis	Wyoming	Daniel O. Henry, Live Oak.

## FAST-ELECTRIC ORGANIZATION From Its Organization to Date

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## CHAPTER DIRECTORY

CHAPTER	HIGH PRIEST	KING	SCRIBE	TREASURER	SECRETARY	SEC'S ADDRESS
Florida	Harold G. Hays	Edward H. Alford	Wm. L. Marshall	H. N. Sweeting	A. G. Goodbody	Tallahassee, Gainesville.
Gainesville	2 S. E. Collison	Bernard Campbell	Jno. M. Scott	H. E. Taylor	Robt. McChelan	Tampa, Box 774.
Tampa	3 Alex. B. Stewart	Ernest C. Harris	Walter A. Jones	Riley J. McMaster	J. W. Dyke	De Land.
St. Johns	4 P. C. Brooks	A. B. Prather	E. W. Taylor	D. B. Tuten	A. T. Patti	Holly Hill.
Halifax	5 Emmett L. Shear	John P. Cartin	E. W. Blightman	Wm. G. Hobbs	Arthur H. Carter	Theodore T. Todd
Mt. Horeb	6 Chas. S. Bonacker	Frank L. Miller	N. G. Forcheimer	J. Simpson Reese	Bert L. Blair	Penascoa, Orlando.
Eureka	7 L. E. Feltis	Wm. S. Branch	Wm. S. Branch	J. T. P. Warlow	J. J. Brown	Dade City.
Dade City	8 Thos. F. Ziegler	J. V. O'Neal	James E. Turner	W. J. Porter	E. P. Ross	Palatka, Box 262.
Putnam	9 Lewis A. Smith	A. M. Heddle	J. H. McLean	Benj. I. Gay	J. M. Wilson	Kissimmee.
Kissimmee	10 M. D. Alexander	F. C. Bryan	S. L. Lupfer	H. N. Brutton	J. M. Wilson	Miami.
Jericho	11 T. P. Way	C. L. Benedict	W. O. Houston	R. V. Atkinson	E. Paul Erwin	Jacksonville.
Jacksonville	12 H. D. Morris	S. E. Gregory	W. A. Elliott	Chas. W. Johnson	W. P. Webster	Box 618, Jacksonville.
Ocata	13 C. E. Conner	J. R. Herdon	A. E. Bennett	B. Goldman	Jake Brown	Qeda.
Inverness	14 Wm. H. Warnock	H. J. Dame	G. W. Scobie	B. M. Pearce	R. L. Clark	Inverness.
Monroe	15 James Moulton	Wm. T. Wheeler	R. H. Bronson	Theo. J. Miller	H. E. Tolar	Saintford.
Plant City	16 W. B. Y. Wilkie	Jasper Evans	S. C. Wehle	E. B. Trask	Olin S. Wright	Plant City.
St. Augustine	17 Roy C. Dubbs	F. E. Weathers	H. M. Snow	Roy P. Davis	C. G. Oldfather	St. Augustine.
Manatee River	18 Cary B. Fish	Fred W. Pledier	Henry R. Curry	John T. Cumpbell	Ely P. Fubbell	Bradenton.
Lake Butler	19 C. H. Register	S. S. Proctor	J. P. Samp	Milo McKeyney	Lake Butler.	Palke Butler.
Keystone	20 J. G. Ewing	F. W. Harper	J. P. Samp	Alfonso Evans	J. H. Jones	Pt. Lauderdale.
Island	21 Douglas R. Trevor	Wm. W. Demeritt	Benl. D. Trevor	Henry Caudle	Key West.	Key West.
Thomas Brown	22 W. J. Parker	J. V. A. Gresham	W. G. Jones	Chas. H. Ketchum	Bartow.	Bartow.
Chipley	23 Frank Gluck	A. A. Myers	Tom J. Waits	E. L. Wirt	L. C. Olive	Chipley.
Lake Worth	24 W. E. Keen	L. T. Lockwood	J. M. Campbell	Carl Kettler, Jr.	Fred E. Tenno	West Palm Beach.
Live Oak	25 Thomas A. Pack	Jacob W. O'Hearn	H. S. Caldwell	Henry F. Alther	W. B. Helyenton, Sr.	Live Oak.
Jefferson	26 J. W. Galloway	A. N. Turnbull	L. G. Morrison	E. J. Sater	D. B. Palmer	Monticello.
Indian River	27 Geo. W. Sebrie	Aaron B. Tuill	George Schmitte	W. H. Nobles	H. C. Jeppson	Titusville.
Joppa	28 A. M. Sample	S. F. Readie	J. H. Lane	A. N. Honagle	R. V. Ankeny	Antonina.
Lakeland	29 W. W. Chase	Frank Stanford	S. G. Kennedy	H. L. Swatts	C. B. McMullen	Lakeeland, Box 638.
Gadsden	30 J. W. Hendrix	W. L. Vandland	M. H. Luten	S. B. Key	P. L. Sweger	Quincy.
St. Petersburg	31 Archie Atchison	C. D. Sorrells	Samuel Webb	Wm. Brinker	E. A. Converse	Petersburg.
Jackson	32 C. H. Ryals	P. Carter	D. A. Robinson, Sr.	D. F. M. Golson	J. D. Stephens	Marianna.
Eustis	33 W. S. McClelland	Joseph Wiggins	R. L. Nutt	G. G. Hutchings	D. J. Caldwell	W. M. Robison
Leesburg	34 B. A. Williams	J. B. Gaines	M. L. Andrew	G. G. Ware	J. W. M. Robison	Leesburg.
Sarasota	35 C. T. Turner	A. Wainola	J. E. Battles	H. C. Hitchings	Iron. Ross	Sarasota.
Jasper	36 C. R. Horne	H. M. Tuten	B. B. Johnson	E. P. Smith	B. M. Caldwell	Jasper.
Walton	37 A. F. Bullard	John L. Moore	N. McQuire	G. B. Cambell	E. V. Medernach	DeFunkal Springs.

## STATISTICS

CHAPTERS	Number	Membership						
		Exalted	Reinstated	Affiliated	Total	Died	Dismissed	Present
Florida	1	62	14	5	79	3	0	61
Gainesville	2	201	22	0	226	6	1	219
Tampa	3	42	5	0	48	1	0	47
St. Johns	4	125	13	2	139	1	2	133
Halifax	5	98	38	2	140	1	0	134
Mt. Horeb	6	52	6	0	57	1	0	137
Eureka	7	133	13	0	139	1	1	137
Dade City	8	40	0	0	40	1	0	37
Keystone	9	49	0	0	49	1	0	54
Island	10	299	13	1	313	4	2	305
Thomas Brown	11	145	8	1	159	3	1	150
Chipley	12	63	42	5	224	9	3	64
Lake Worth	13	67	4	0	71	0	4	62
Live Oak	14	68	0	0	68	0	0	64
Jefferson	15	66	0	1	67	2	1	66
Indian River	16	66	2	0	68	1	0	105
Keystone	17	87	19	0	106	1	0	86
Manatee River	18	69	18	0	89	1	2	55
Keystone	19	53	3	0	56	0	1	52
Island	20	46	7	0	54	2	0	29
Thomas Brown	21	26	3	1	30	0	1	214
Chipley	22	178	38	0	221	5	2	52
Lake Worth	23	37	0	1	52	0	2	52
Jefferson	24	115	17	0	134	1	0	126
Indian River	25	85	47	1	134	4	2	126
Joppa	26	21	2	0	23	1	1	31
Lakeland	27	118	24	0	142	3	0	128
Gadsden	28	62	14	0	80	3	0	64
St. Petersburg	29	88	35	2	132	0	2	131
Jackson	30	50	7	0	57	1	0	56
Eustis	31	110	15	0	130	3	1	123
Leesburg	32	93	16	0	109	1	2	106
Sarasota	33	43	12	0	45	1	0	44
Jasper	34	37	6	1	45	1	0	43
Walton	35	42	7	0	49	0	1	43
	36	38	7	0	45	0	0	45
	37	29	8	0	37	1	1	45
Total	2983	457	11	65	3516	62	32	3360

## DIRECTORY OF CHAPTERS

CHAPTER	LOCATION	TIME OF MEETING
Florida	Tallahassee	Second Monday
Gainesville	Gainesville	First and Third Friday
Tampa	Tampa	First and Third Thursday
St. Johns	DeLand	Third Wednesday
Hallifax	Daytona	Second Thursday
Mount Horeb	Pensacola	Second Monday
Eureka	Orlando	First and Third Tuesday
Dade City	Dade City	Second and Fourth Monday
Putnam	Palatka	Second Monday
Kissimmee	Kissimmee	Second and Fourth Thursday
Jericho	Miami	Fourth Thursday
Jacksonville	Jacksonville	First Friday
Ocala	Ocala	Fourth Monday
Inverness	Inverness	Second and Fourth Tuesdays
Marion	Sanford	Second Wednesday
Plant City	Plant City	Second and Fourth Tuesday
St. Augustine	St. Augustine	First and Third Tuesday
Manatee River	Bradenton	First Thursday
Lake Butler	Lake Butler	First and Third Tuesday
Keystone Island	Ft. Lauderdale	Second and Fourth Wednesday
Thomas Brown	Key West	Second and Fourth Friday
Chipley	Bartow	Second and Fourth Friday
Lake Worth	West Palm Beach	Second and Fourth Tuesday
Live Oak	Live Oak	Second Thursday
Jefferson	Monticello	First and Third Wednesday
Indian River	Titusville	Third Wednesday
Jopps	Fort Pierce	First and Third Friday
Lakeland	Lakeland	First and Third Thursday
Gadsden	Quincy	Third Monday
St. Petersburg	St. Petersburg	First and Third Thursday
Jackson	Marianna	Second and Fourth Thursday
Eustis	Eustis	Second and Fourth Thursday
Leesburg	Leesburg	Second and Fourth Tuesday
Sarasota	Sarasota	Second and Fourth Tuesday
Jasper	Jasper	Second Tuesday
Walton	DeFuniak Springs	First and Third Monday
Providence	Lake City	

## Regulations

ADOPTED SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF THE DIGEST

### BUSINESS

Regulation No. 6 is amended to read as follows:

6. No business shall be transacted at a special or called Convocation other than that for which the meeting was called. This rule is not applicable in cases where every member of the Chapter is present at the meeting and no objection is made to transacting such other business. *Provided*, that receiving of petitions and balloting for candidates cannot be done at a special Convocation except by special dispensation of the Grand High Priest, 1916.

### CANDIDATES

Physical Perfection is not required in a candidate for degrees in a Chapter. The question of physical qualification is to be determined by each particular Chapter.

### DIMITS

A member paying his dues in full and applying for a dimit prior to December 27th, is not chargeable with dues for the following year for want of action by the Chapter as action thereon should have been taken on, or before, December 27th.

### DISPENSATIONS—U. D. CHAPTERS

Regulation No. 25 is amended to read as follows:

25. No dispensation to form a new Chapter can is-

sue by the Grand High Priest without the recommendation of the Chapter nearest to where the new Chapter is to be held, nor unless the petitioners therefor shall show that they are Royal Arch Masons, and in good standing as such, and have paid their dues in full for the current year. No charter shall be issued until the Chapter shall have given proof of its skill by labor under dispensation for at least three months. Provided, that the Grand Chapter may in Annual Grand Convocation grant a dispensation to nine regular Royal Arch Masons on the usual form of petition without the recommendation of any Chapter and later, after proof of skill, may grant a charter to same, and any Chapter U. D. so formed shall be under the immediate control of the Grand High Priest the same as if the dispensation had been issued by him.

## DISTRICTS

Regulation 28 is amended to read as follows:

Regulation 28. This Grand Jurisdiction shall be divided into four districts, and one of these districts shall annually be assigned by the Grand High Priest to each of the four highest elective officers of this Grand Chapter, whose duty it shall be to make an official visit to each of the Chapters in his district at least once during the year. They may hold district conventions in lieu of such visits or both as they may deem expedient. The necessary expenses of such officers in carrying out this Regulation shall be paid by the Grand Chapter. 1917.

## DUES.

Section 14, of Article 4 of the Constitution does not prohibit the Chapters from remitting in whole or in part, arrears in dues, where reinstatement is voted. 1917.  
The dues and assessments of Constituent Chapters

for all members thereof serving in the Army and Navy of the United States, in any of its branches, during such term of service, in all cases where the Chapters have remitted or shall remit same, be and the same are hereby remitted. 1918.

## QUORUM

51. Nine members of the Chapter are necessary to constitute a quorum to transact any business whatever, but for the purpose of opening and conferring degrees the quorum of nine may include Royal Arch Masons in good standing not members of the Chapter. Provided, That the High Priest may call meetings of the Lodges respectively to confer the Lodge degrees upon duly elected candidates, and do the work with the working quorums; Mark Master's Lodge 5, Past Master's Lodge 3, and Most Excellent Master's Lodge 2, all of whom are not required to be Royal Arch Masons; and for such purpose the Chapter need not be opened in the Royal Arch Degree. 1914.

## RESTORATION OF CHARTERS

If a Chapter has surrendered its charter and Grand Chapter certificates have been issued to any who were members at the time of its surrender, a petition for restoration of the charter must be accompanied by the Grand Chapter certificates of the petitioners. If no Grand Chapter certificate has been issued to a Companion who is shown by the Grand Chapter records to have been a member of the Chapter at the time of the surrender and who signs the petition for restoration, no such certificate is necessary to be filed with the petition. 1913.

## RETURNS

Reg. No. 52, amended to read as follows:

Reg. No. 52. Annual returns of Chapters are required to be prepared immediately after the close of each Masonic year, and forwarded to the Grand Secretary. Annual dues should also be forwarded at the same time. Chapters failing to have their returns and dues in the hands of the Grand Secretary on or before April 1st, may be allowed representation in the Grand Chapter, and their representatives placed on the payroll by special action of the Grand Chapter, but a fine of five (\$5) dollars shall be assessed against such Chapters for such delinquency and collected by the Grand Secretary, who shall notify the High Priest and the Secretary of the delinquent Chapter of the assessment of the fine. 1913.

## Amendments to Constitution

Article IV, Section 8, amended to read as follows:

Art. IV, Sec. 8. The first five officers named in the last preceding section shall be elected annually by ballot, by a majority of the votes cast at the *first* regular Convocation of the Chapter in December, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and the remaining officers shall be appointed by the High Priest. 1919.

Article IV, Section 9, amended to read as follows:

Sec. 9. Every member of a Chapter, in good standing, is entitled to one vote; but only High Priests and Past High Priests, Kings and Past Kings, Scribes and Past Scribes, are eligible to the office of High Priest. *Provided*, That when there are none such who are competent and willing to serve, personal merit only is the rule, and the Chapter is the judge of the competency of its members. 1917.

Article V, Section 3, amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3. The degrees of the Chapter shall not be conferred for a less sum than twenty dollars, which must be paid before receiving the Royal Arch degree, and then only upon Master Masons, who are members of Lodges in good standing, whose petitions have been duly presented in writing at a *regular* Convocation, reported upon by a Committee of Investigation, and unanimously accepted by the Chapter. *Provided*, That the fees and dues of ministers of the Gospel who are actively engaged in ministerial work may be remitted by the Chapters. 1917.

## Order of High Priesthood

### SPECIAL CONVENTION

A Special Convention of the Order of High Priesthood of the State of Florida, was held in the city of Miami, on May 31, 1918.

The Grand Council was opened with the following officers:

M. E. Olin S. Wright	President
E. James W. Boyd	as Chaplain
E. Frank B. Stoneman	Master of Ceremonies
E. Thomas C. Calmes	as Conductor
E. Charles H. Ketchum	Herald
E. Jasper Evers	as Steward

Petitions for the Order were received from the following Companions:

Edmund Paul Erwin, P. H. P—Palmyra Chapter No. 86, Iowa.

William Henry Bailey, P. H. P.—Chippeway Chapter No. 46, Wisconsin.

Louis Douglas Gates, H. P.—Jericho Chapter No. 11.

John R. Knight, P. H. P.—Jericho Chapter No. 11.

Sheldon C. Wells, H. P.—Plant City Chapter No. 16.

These Companions being found eligible, their petitions were received and they were duly elected to receive the Order.

All of the above Companions being in waiting, they were introduced, anointed and consecrated in due and ancient form.

The Council was closed.

OLIN S. WRIGHT,  
*President.*

Attest:

W. P. WEBSTER,  
*Secretary.*

## Order of High Priesthood

### SPECIAL CONVENTION

A Special Convention of the Order of High Priesthood of the State of Florida, was held in the city of Titusville, on March 19, 1919.

The Grand Council was opened with the following officers:

M. E. Olin S. Wright ----- President  
E. Charles H. Ketchum ----- as Vice-President  
E. E. E. Macy ----- as Chaplain

Petitions for the Order were received from the following Companions:

George W. Scobie, H. P.—Indian River Chapter No. 27.

John R. Walker, P. H. P.—Indian River Chapter, No. 27.

Harry C. Jepson, P. H. P.—Indian River Chapter No. 27.

These Companions being found eligible, their petitions were received and they were duly elected to receive the Order.

All of the above Companions being in waiting, they were introduced, anointed and consecrated in due and ancient form.

The Council was closed.

OLIN S. WRIGHT,  
*President.*

Attest:

W. P. WEBSTER,  
*Secretary.*

## Order of High Priesthood

### ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Annual Convention of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood of the State of Florida was held in the Masonic Temple in the city of Jacksonville on Wednesday, May 21, A. D. 1919, at 2:00 o'clock P. M., the following officers being present:

M. E. Olin S. Wright	President
E. John M. Caldwell	Vice-President
E. E. P. Hubbell	as Chaplain
E. W. P. Webster	Secretary and Treasurer
E. F. B. Stoneman	Master of Ceremonies
E. Marcus Endel	Conductor
E. C. H. Ketchum	Herald
E. W. C. Andress	Guard

The Grand Council was opened in ample form. Upon motion the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Convention was dispensed with, they having been printed and distributed, and they were adopted as printed.

Petitions for the Order were received from the following Companions:

R. J. McMaster, P. H. P.—Tampa Chapter No. 3.  
 James E. Petris, H. P.—Eureka Chapter No. 7.  
 Thomas F. Ziegler, H. P.—Dade City Chapter No. 8.  
 T. P. Way, H. P.—Jericho Chapter No. 11.

J. S. B. Moyer, P. H. P.—Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.

H. D. Morris, H. P.—Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.  
 William H. Warnock, H. P.—Inverness Chapter No. 14.

James Moughton, H. P.—Monroe Chapter No. 15.  
 W. B. Y. Wilkie, H. P.—Plant City Chapter No. 16.  
 Cary B. Fish, H. P.—Manatee River Chapter No. 18.  
 Burt G. Arnold, P. H. P.—Manatee River Chapter No. 18.

William E. Keen, H. P.—Lake Worth Chapter, No. 24.

John W. Garwood, H. P.—Jefferson Chapter No. 26.  
 W. W. Chase, H. P.—Lakeland Chapter No. 29.

Archie Aitchison, H. P.—St. Petersburg Chapter No. 31.

J. Claude Turner, H. P.—Sarasota Chapter No. 35.

These Companions being found eligible, their petitions were received and they were duly elected to receive the Order.

All of the above Companions being in waiting, they were introduced, anointed and consecrated in due and ancient form.

The Secretary and Treasurer made the following report, which was received and adopted:

#### SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT

W. P. Webster, Secretary and Treasurer,  
 In account with the Grand Council, O. H. P.  
 Dr.  
 Balance as per last report \$ 60.82  
 Fees 46.00 \$106.82

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By Paid Guard Services and Supplies	\$ 2.65
By Paid 25 Bibles	37.50
By Paid Express on Bibles	3.83
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To Balance on hand	\$ 62.84

Fraternally submitted,  
W. P. WEBSTER,  
*Secretary and Treasurer.*

Upon motion the Secretary was directed to pay the  
Guard 60 cents for supplies and \$2.00 for services.

The annual election being held, the following officers  
were duly re-elected for the ensuing year:

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

M. E. Olin S. Wright	President
E. John M. Caldwell	Vice-President
E. Irving E. Webster	Chaplain
E. W. P. Webster	Secretary and Treasurer
E. F. B. Stoneman	Master of Ceremonies
E. Marcus Endel	Conductor
E. Charles H. Ketchum	Herald
E. William R. O'Neal	Steward
E. William C. Andress	Guard

No further business appearing, the foregoing minutes  
were read and adopted.

The Grand Council was closed in ample form.  
OLIN S. WRIGHT,  
*President.*

Attest:

W. P. WEBSTER,  
*Secretary.*

## Register of Membership

NAME	DATE
John F. Benezet	Consecrated January 12, 1865
Charles H. Munger	Consecrated January 19, 1888
Fred S. Goodrich	Consecrated January 19, 1888
William A. Griffith	Consecrated January 19, 1888
William M. Somerville	Consecrated January 19, 1888
Marcus Endel	Consecrated January 19, 1888
Robert McClellan	Consecrated January 18, 1889
Thomas S. Wilmarth	Consecrated May 7, 1890
Frank P. Mersereau	Consecrated May 7, 1890
Silas B. Wright	Consecrated May 7, 1890
Irving E. Webster	Consecrated May 13, 1891
Edgar A. Richards	Consecrated May 13, 1891
William S. Jordan	Consecrated May 11, 1892
Elijah H. Bunker	Consecrated May 11, 1892
Charles J. Hays	Consecrated May 11, 1892
Dougald McLachlan	Consecrated May 11, 1892
Olin S. Wright	Consecrated May 10, 1893
Alexander C. Martin	Consecrated May 10, 1893
Wilber P. Webster	Consecrated January 18, 1894
Everard F. Barns	Consecrated January 18, 1894
Thomas J. Smith	Consecrated March 5, 1894
William M. Dunn	Consecrated May 9, 1894
James E. Pound	Consecrated January 7, 1895
Joseph Townsend	Consecrated January 7, 1895
Lowell C. Ruter	Consecrated January 7, 1895
Joseph T. Tolbert	Consecrated January 15, 1895
James Harden	Consecrated January 15, 1895
Andrew E. Gleason	Consecrated January 15, 1895

NAME	DATE
George W. Hyde	Consecrated January 18, 1895
Henry F. Airth	Consecrated January 24, 1896
Henry Payne	Consecrated May 13, 1896
John R. Wetherell	Consecrated May 13, 1896
Charles R. Oglesby	Consecrated May 13, 1896
John N. Bradshaw	Consecrated May 13, 1896
Eugene P. Mickel	Consecrated Dec. 27, 1896
Louis C. Massey	Consecrated May 11, 1897
Roque V. Rogero	Consecrated May 11, 1897
Elmer E. Haskell	Consecrated May 12, 1897
Wm. E. Ballough	Consecrated May 12, 1897
Geo. P. Ballough	Consecrated May 12, 1897
Charles E. Waite	Consecrated May 12, 1897
Thomas G. Hutchinson	Consecrated January 21, 1898
Ludwig W. Buchholz	Consecrated January 21, 1898
William H. Hausman	Consecrated May 9, 1898
Abraham H. West	Consecrated Dec. 27, 1898
John T. Miller	Consecrated January 19, 1899
H. V. R. Schrader	Consecrated May 10, 1899
Joseph G. Torrey	Consecrated May 10, 1899
T. P. Warlow	Consecrated January 19, 1900
Henry N. Sweeting	Consecrated May 9, 1900
Arthur H. Carter	Consecrated May 9, 1900
W. W. Farris	Consecrated January 17, 1901
Joseph R. Keller	Consecrated May 15, 1901
Thomas West Gary	Consecrated May 15, 1901
Frank W. Armstrong	Consecrated May 15, 1901
Bascom H. Palmer	Consecrated October 23, 1901
William S. Ware	Consecrated January 23, 1902
Z. T. Merritt	Consecrated January 23, 1902
James M. Chesser	Consecrated January 23, 1902
Orson J. Hill	Consecrated May 14, 1902
Benjamin F. Hough	Consecrated May 14, 1902
James F. Miller	Consecrated May 14, 1902

NAME	DATE
Franklin L. Rees	Consecrated June 24, 1902
Mordicai G. Buck	Consecrated January 7, 1903
Hugh W. Wear	Consecrated May 13, 1903
George H. Clark	Consecrated May 13, 1903
James O. Harris	Consecrated May 13, 1903
Melville W. Carruth	Consecrated May 13, 1903
Victor F. Balcom	Consecrated May 13, 1903
Louis Harrison	Consecrated May 13, 1903
John MacDiarmid	Consecrated May 13, 1903
Henry W. Davis	Consecrated May 18, 1904
John J. Jones	Consecrated May 18, 1904
Daniel D. Beekman	Consecrated May 18, 1904
Lucien A. Spencer	Consecrated May 18, 1904
Clarence S. Hammatt	Consecrated May 18, 1904
James E. Terwilleger	Consecrated May 18, 1904
Joseph Dawson	Consecrated January 19, 1905
Will C. Andress	Consecrated January 19, 1905
L. R. Philips	Consecrated January 19, 1905
John C. White	Consecrated May 10, 1905
William G. Hobbs	Consecrated May 10, 1905
James D. Girtman	Consecrated May 10, 1905
Wilmot R. Fitts	Consecrated May 9, 1906
John H. Hibbard	Consecrated May 9, 1906
Wm. R. O'Neal	Consecrated May 9, 1906
Frank B. Stoneman	Consecrated May 9, 1906
Geo. H. White	Consecrated May 9, 1906
Louis Thompson	Consecrated May 9, 1906
Albert S. Munson	Consecrated May 15, 1907
Henry Koert DuBois	Consecrated May 15, 1907
John D. Grether	Consecrated May 15, 1907
Samuel E. Curry	Consecrated May 15, 1907
Harry A. Stacy	Consecrated May 15, 1907
Galen B. Seaman	Consecrated May 13, 1908
Charles S. Bonacker	Consecrated May 13, 1908

## ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

NAME	DATE
William S. Murrow	Consecrated May 13, 1908
Robert F. Hall	Consecrated May 13, 1908
Herbert Bradley	Consecrated May 13, 1908
Jacob Espedahl	Consecrated May 12, 1909
Jeff D. Miller	Consecrated May 12, 1909
William G. Tilghman	Consecrated May 12, 1909
James B. Young	Consecrated May 12, 1909
William N. Cone	Consecrated May 12, 1909
Marcey B. Darnall	Consecrated May 12, 1909
Marion E. Gruber	Consecrated May 12, 1909
Dabney B. Palmer	Consecrated May 12, 1909
Frederick L. Hemmings	Consecrated May 12, 1909
Willoughby A. Cox	Consecrated May 16, 1910
James Laurens Young	Consecrated April 16, 1910
Henry Benj. Wordehoff	Consecrated April 16, 1910
Samuel Edward Mays	Consecrated April 16, 1910
Earl Walton Mays	Consecrated April 16, 1910
George Pierce Sullivan	Consecrated April 11, 1910
Charles F. Filer	Consecrated May 11, 1910
John M. Caldwell	Consecrated May 11, 1910
John C. Calhoun	Consecrated May 11, 1910
John H. Wynn	Consecrated May 11, 1910
Richard R. Turnbull	Consecrated May 11, 1910
Marvin O. Thomas	Consecrated May 11, 1910
L. F. Blalock	Consecrated May 11, 1910
John O'Donald	Consecrated May 11, 1910
Robert B. Rutherford	Consecrated May 11, 1910
James W. Eley	Consecrated May 11, 1910
James C. Adkins	Consecrated May 11, 1910
John T. Burrows	Consecrated May 11, 1910
John W. Williams	Consecrated May 11, 1910
Vivian B. Collins	Consecrated May 5, 1911
James L. Love	Consecrated May 5, 1911

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NAME	DATE
Pedan B. Haynes	Consecrated May 5, 1911
Arthur Williams	Consecrated May 10, 1911
William V. Carter	Consecrated May 10, 1911
Lucius L. Payne	Consecrated May 10, 1911
Alfred W. Bumby	Consecrated May 10, 1911
Wm. O. Richtmann	Consecrated May 10, 1911
J. Perry Hodge	Consecrated May 10, 1911
Allen E. Heyser	Consecrated May 10, 1911
John A. Bouvier	Consecrated May 10, 1911
Benjamin E. Dyson	Consecrated May 10, 1911
William Moody	Consecrated May 10, 1911
J. Jones Stewart	Consecrated May 10, 1911
Charles H. Ketchum	Consecrated May 10, 1911
Benjamin Burnett	Consecrated May 10, 1911
Wm. C. Simmons	Consecrated May 10, 1911
Paul S. Thomson	Consecrated May 10, 1911
William Mosedale	Consecrated May 10, 1911
John B. Pruitt	Consecrated May 22, 1912
Len J. Lester	Consecrated May 22, 1912
George F. Smith	Consecrated May 22, 1912
George E. McCulloch	Consecrated May 22, 1912
W. Irving Porter	Consecrated May 22, 1912
John L. Hall	Consecrated May 22, 1912
Chester DeRocher	Consecrated May 22, 1912
Charles E. Bayley	Consecrated May 22, 1912
David S. R. Jones	Consecrated May 22, 1912
Richard Whyte	Consecrated May 22, 1912
John F. Wilson	Consecrated May 22, 1912
William B. Pope	Consecrated May 22, 1912
Angus L. Hinson	Consecrated May 22, 1912
James M. Henderson	Consecrated May 5, 1913
Harry B. Roberts	Consecrated May 5, 1913
S. May Walker	Consecrated May 21, 1913
Dorsey H. Rutter	Consecrated May 21, 1913
Claude E. Connor	Consecrated May 21, 1913

NAME	DATE
Alvah H. Perkins	Consecrated May 21, 1913
William W. Davis	Consecrated May 21, 1913
Albert D. Leonard	Consecrated May 21, 1913
Elmer C. Howard	Consecrated May 21, 1913
Alfred Brost	Consecrated June 24, 1913
Alfred Recio	Consecrated June 24, 1913
John J. Brown	Consecrated Feb. 28, 1914
Henry O. Snow	Consecrated Feb. 28, 1914
Henry L. Swatts	Consecrated Feb. 28, 1914
Thomas C. Calmes	Consecrated Feb. 28, 1914
Jasper Evers	Consecrated Feb. 28, 1914
Albert Schneider	Consecrated Feb. 28, 1914
F. W. Fleming	Consecrated May 19, 1914
Le Due Roberts	Consecrated May 19, 1914
Gabriel Ferro	Consecrated May 19, 1914
B. L. Smith	Consecrated May 19, 1914
Claud F. Olmstead	Consecrated May 19, 1914
Benjamin F. Barnes	Consecrated May 19, 1914
W. W. Birchfield	Consecrated May 19, 1914
John M. Dillon	Consecrated May 19, 1914
A. J. Holt	Consecrated May 19, 1915
J. Lloyd Head	Consecrated May 19, 1915
George A. Dame	Consecrated May 19, 1915
Ely P. Hubbell	Consecrated May 19, 1915
Henry V. Calder	Consecrated May 19, 1915
E. L. Wirt	Consecrated May 19, 1915
R. J. Kishpaugh	Consecrated May 19, 1915
W. L. Lowry	Consecrated May 19, 1915
W. E. Tylander	Consecrated May 19, 1915
W. J. Millikin	Consecrated May 19, 1915
H. L. Shaffer	Consecrated May 19, 1915
Arthur A. Brown	Consecrated May 17, 1916
C. H. Tilden	Consecrated May 17, 1916
R. E. McMahan	Consecrated May 17, 1916

NAME	DATE
J. M. Willson, Jr.	Consecrated May 17, 1916
Thomas Griffith	Consecrated May 17, 1916
Roy P. Davis	Consecrated May 17, 1916
E. E. Coulson	Consecrated May 17, 1916
Charles H. Register	Consecrated May 17, 1916
Guy E. Phipps	Consecrated May 17, 1916
R. M. Oglesby	Consecrated May 17, 1916
Max Sirkin	Consecrated May 17, 1916
John Pasco	Consecrated May 17, 1916
H. E. Crooks	Consecrated May 17, 1916
C. L. Willoughby	Consecrated May 17, 1916
W. M. Brinker	Consecrated May 17, 1916
Ira G. Archibald	Consecrated May 17, 1916
C. R. Horne	Consecrated May 17, 1916
R. E. Goodman	Consecrated May 16, 1917
T. T. Todd	Consecrated May 16, 1917
J. R. M. Beatty	Consecrated May 16, 1917
B. C. Webb	Consecrated May 16, 1917
C. T. Meakins	Consecrated May 16, 1917
F. M. Say	Consecrated May 16, 1917
R. S. Clark	Consecrated May 16, 1917
Wm. W. Scott	Consecrated May 16, 1917
Frank H. Thompson	Consecrated May 16, 1917
George W. Stiles	Consecrated May 16, 1917
C. H. Ryals	Consecrated May 16, 1917
William P. McKee	Consecrated May 16, 1917
W. S. McLellan	Consecrated May 16, 1917
S. E. Collison	Consecrated May 22, 1918
E. L. Shear	Consecrated May 22, 1918
H. J. Peiper	Consecrated May 22, 1918
Roscoe E. Scott	Consecrated May 22, 1918
Earl Hathaway	Consecrated May 22, 1918
E. W. Bunker	Consecrated May 22, 1918
Edwin E. Macy	Consecrated May 22, 1918

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NAME	DATE
A. H. White	Consecrated May 22, 1918
A. F. Bullard	Consecrated May 22, 1918
Edmund Paul Erwin	Consecrated May 31, 1918
William Henry Bailey	Consecrated May 31, 1918
Louis Douglas Gates	Consecrated May 31, 1918
John R. Knight	Consecrated May 31, 1918
Seldon C. Wells	Consecrated May 31, 1918
George W. Scobie	Consecrated March 19, 1919
John R. Walker	Consecrated March 19, 1919
Harry C. Jepson	Consecrated March 19, 1919
R. J. McMaster	Consecrated May 21, 1919
James E. Petris	Consecrated May 21, 1919
Thomas F. Ziegler	Consecrated May 21, 1919
T. P. Way	Consecrated May 21, 1919
J. S. B. Moyer	Consecrated May 21, 1919
H. D. Morris	Consecrated May 21, 1919
William H. Warnock	Consecrated May 21, 1919
James Moughton	Consecrated May 21, 1919
W. B. Y. Wilkie	Consecrated May 21, 1919
Cary B. Fish	Consecrated May 21, 1919
Burt G. Arnold	Consecrated May 21, 1919
William E. Keen	Consecrated May 21, 1919
John W. Garwood	Consecrated May 21, 1919
W. W. Chase	Consecrated May 21, 1919
Archie Aitchison	Consecrated May 21, 1919
J. Claude Turner	Consecrated May 21, 1919

## FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON  
**Fraternal Correspondence**

*To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Florida.*

For the third time we approach our work with an earnest feeling of responsibility, in which we have tried to give a brief review of the Proceedings of each Grand Chapter, together with some courteous comments upon their several dominant features.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is or should be of general value and utility to Capitular Masonry, for it enables Companions who are interested to gain a general view of the operations of the Craft. It is not usually convenient for the average Companion to read the voluminous proceedings of all the Grand Chapters, but he has the opportunity "to get them at-a-glance" in the Committee's Report of his own Grand Chapter. In the reviews which follow we have confined our comments to trenchant topics and have strenuously endeavored to write in the full spirit of true Masonic Companionship.

## GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER—1918.

Representatives from forty Grand Jurisdictions were present when the thirty-seventh Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masonry of the United States of America convened in the City of Baltimore, Oct. 2, 1918. Florida was represented by Grand High Priest Chas. H. Ketchum, Past Grand High Priests Louis C. Massey, Olin S. Wright and Dabney B. Palmer, Grand King William V. Carter, and Companions Stewart L. Chapman, who had the proxy for the Deputy Grand High Priest, and Ely P. Hubbell with the proxy for the Grand Scribe.

Companions Stewart L. Chapman, Dabney B. Palmer and Charles H. Ketchum, the three highest officers of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Florida, were also the official representatives to the Thirteenth Triennial assembly of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States, which was held Sept. 30th and October 1st in the same city. The other members of the Florida delegation were interested visitors at the same sessions of this General Grand Council.

The hosts for the dual assemblage were the Grand Council and Grand Chapter of Maryland, assisted by the Companions generally of this old and historic state, and right royally did they exemplify the hospitality for which Maryland is noted the world over.

Florida was recognized in the General Grand Chapter by the appointment of Grand High Priest Ketchum a member of the Committee on Reports of General Grand Officers, and Grand King Carter on that of Credentials.

During the Triennial period two of the Active members of the General Grand Chapter crossed the Mystic river: Companion Bestor G. Brown, the General Grand

Scribe, and Companion Thomas Shryock, the General Grand Treasurer; as well as Past General Grand High Priest Nathan Kingsley.

Anything like a satisfactory review of the able and dignified address of General Grand High Priest, George E. Corson is impossible. But a careful reading of it conveys the idea that his great purpose seems to have been to "strengthen that mystic arch which so firmly binds Capitular Freemasonry together," and which ought to entitle him to the high commendation of the Craft. As each subordinate Council has rendered by order of the General Grand Chapter, a copy of the proceedings, it is hoped that the Companions will ascertain for themselves what was done at Baltimore.

Although the report of the Correspondence between the Earl of Casillis, First Grand Principal of the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, and General Grand High Priest Geo. E. Corson, relative to the action of the former in the Philippines, shows no tangible results, yet there are favorable indications that in time the differences will be honorably and amicably settled.

Much time and attention was given to the report of the Special Committee on Ritual, together with the explanation of the changes made. Without going into details, the object sought was not to formulate a new ritual, but rather to make such changes as were necessary to preserve the historical and biblical accuracy, together with a shortening of the work, the correction of grammatical errors, and to harmonize the forms for opening and closing. The report of the Committee was adopted and the preparation and publication was left in the hands of the Committee, of which Deputy General Grand High Priest William F. Kuhn is the Chairman, the other members being M. E. Companions Nelson Williams and Harry W. Harvey.

The original intentions were to hold this Triennial in Washington, but war conditions made it necessary to change the location to Baltimore. However the Grand Chapter of Washington made such amends as were possible by extending an invitation to the members of the General Grand Chapter with their ladies to become its guests for the day following the adjournment. The entertainment consisted of a ride down the Potomac to Mt. Vernon, the historic home of General Washington, followed by an auto ride through some of the beautiful scenic parts of the Capital City.

Altogether the thirty-seventh Triennial was an occasion of great interest and inspiration as well as pleasure and profit. While there may be diverse views about the utility and value of the General Grand Chapter, so far as the writer of this is concerned, we unhesitatingly affirm that it exceeded our anticipations and we feel repaid in every way in being permitted to be a silent participant in the deliberation of that august body.

The next Triennial will be held in the city of Raleigh, North Carolina, on a date to be determined.

Frederick M. Craig, DesMoines, Iowa, General Grand High Priest.

Charles A. Conover, Coldwater, Mich, General Grand Secretary.

## ALABAMA—1918.

Chapters, 66. Members, 6,153. Exalted, 1,059. Net Gain, 861.

HENRY F. REESE, Grand High Priest.

Following the custom inaugurated the previous year, the Ninety-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama was opened in due form in Montgomery, Dec. 2, 1918, by the Deputy Grand High Priest, after which the Most Excellent Grand High Priest was escorted into the Chapter, given the Grand Honors and conducted to the Grand East. His first procedure was to read his annual address, in which he considers the year closing will forever be regarded as the most eventful in the world's history. He paid merited tribute to the soldier Companions. He enthused over the Masonic Home, because it affords the most practical method of complying with craft obligations, and strongly urged that the contributions to it as well as to the Illiteracy Campaign be liberal, because both are worthy causes.

Believing that Brothers should receive the Chapter Degrees before entering service, he used to the uttermost the powers vested in him to grant special dispensations to ballot out of time, but as the list would serve no useful purpose he omitted it.

He issued dispensations to form new Chapters at Brantley and Phenix, and to reinstate Hartsette Chapter.

As the commissions of all Grand Representatives expire with the Triennial Convocations of the Grand Chapter it became necessary to fill all vacancies, which include Ex. Companion R. J. Kishbaugh, Grand Royal Arch Captain, to represent Alabama near the Grand Chapter of Florida, and R. E. Companion Robert T.

Ward, Grand Secretary, was recommended to again represent Florida. We note that Comp. Ward is a member of the Committee on Work, and also Inspector of the seventh district.

He made four decisions, which being according to law, were approved. However, fearing that some expressions in one of them might be misconstrued, it led the Jurisprudence Committee to add, "that under no circumstances can the Grand High Priest grant dispensations to confer degrees for less than the constitutional fee."

Another decision pertained to the issuing of a demit from a defunct Chapter, which caused the same committee to express the opinion that in no case where the Chapter is alive can a Grand Secretary be authorized to issue a demit. But if the Chapter, for any reason, fails to issue a demit when requested, the Grand High Priest has the power, and it is his duty to arrest the Charter, following which the rules prescribe how the Grand Secretary can issue a demit.

The same Committee approved a resolution and Grand Chapter adopted which provides that all officers of subordinate Chapters from High Priest to Sentinel shall be elective.

We are pleased to note the Grand Representatives were received and given a most hearty welcome.

Six Companions were separately admitted and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood and Companion George A. Beauchamp was re-elected M. E. President.

Past Grand High Priest Lawrence H. Lee, for the Committee, again submits a somewhat brief but exceedingly interesting and instructive review of the proceedings of fifty-two Grand Jurisdictions, two of which were double headers. Nothing of real merit appears to

escape his notice, and he sees something good in every report.

Florida for 1918 receives just treatment. He mentions the splendid eulogy pronounced upon M. E. Companion James Carnell, which through a typographical error was given as "Cornell."

Noticing that while Grand High Priest Dabney Palmer was unable to make visitations, "he did something along that line which was unusual. He attended every Convocation of his own Chapter during the year."

Noting that concurrent jurisdictions of Chapters over outlying territory was denied under the constitution, he comments thusly:

This is a matter that is coming into prominence, and is going to require settlement in the near future. The more latitude allowed candidates in their choice of Chapter, the surer and healthier the growth of the Craft, is the judgment of the ruler. Distances are becoming relative, and often the nearest Chapter is the most inaccessible by usual routes traveled. The solution seems to be in concurrent jurisdictions of Chapters within the political subdivisions, or within certain radius.

For the nice things said of our second report we thank Companion Lee, and feel that we are gradually recovering from "stage fright." We were disappointed in not meeting him at the General Grand.

Next Annual in Montgomery, December 1, 1919.

Joseph D. Matlock, Eusley, Grand High Priest.

Geo. A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, Grand Secretary.

Lawrence H. Lee, Montgomery, Chrm. Cor. Com.

## ALBERTA—1918.

Chapters, 20. Members, 1,872. Exalted, 225. Net Gain, 136.

ROBERT PATTERSON, Grand Z.

Capitular Masonry is once more a united and happy family in the Province of Alberta, the last Chapter owing allegiance to the Grand Chapter of Canada having decided to enroll under the banner of Alberta, which was consummated at the Fourth Annual Convocation held in the City of High River, March 18, 1918. We are glad to note that M. E. Comp. Stephen Y. Taylor, the senior Past Grand First Principal as well as Florida's honored representative, is a potent factor in all the proceedings of this Grand Body.

Singleness of purpose for the advancement of Capitular Masonry is the dominating thought in the patriotic address of the Grand Z. He has faith that brotherly love will grow anew out of the reddened soil of sacrifice and honor, and admonishes us to never forget that

Our Brotherhood is based, not on a scrap of paper, but on a sure foundation whereon the four-square walled temple of brotherly love is built. The scrap of paper may be torn, words of honor may be broken, but our brotherhood remains unshaken, being founded on the everlasting rock of truth.

Accompanied by Grand Chapter Officers and Companions he visited all but three of the 20 subordinate Chapters and found the work being uniformly rendered. He looks forward with confidence to a substantial increase in membership, at the same time sounding this note of warning, which should not be lost sight of:

Let us, however, never forget that, unfortunately every brother is not qualified for advancement, and that it is always our duty to guard carefully the portals of our Chapters against any unworthy applicant.

He instituted a new Chapter at Banff, besides granting a dispensation for Kether Chapter, which had been working under the Grand Chapter of Canada, to affiliate with the Grand Chapter of Alberta, both actions being confirmed by that body. He made three decisions of a local nature.

He was pleased to state that now, nearly all the Grand Chapters of the World had extended the hand of fellowship and entered in fraternal relations. He appreciated the generosity of the Grand Chapter of Canada in granting this Grand Chapter the sum of one thousand dollars. He concluded his report by noting that there were no differences to settle, much to commend and very little to criticize.

Grand Chapter decided to use the authorized work of the Grand Chapter of Canada, excepting the working tools of the M. E. degree.

Two amendments to the Constitution were proposed. One is that none but Past First Principals or sitting First Principals (corresponding to our High Priests) shall be eligible for any office in the Grand Chapter, except Janitor. The other was a re-arrangement of boundaries, having in view the convenience of Companions rather than air-line measurements.

With the hope of giving the Companions of that Grand Chapter an indication of what is transpiring in other Grand Chapters at a minimum of expense, M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence, presents a brief review, touching events of special interest, being a com-

pilation in brief form of what he considers some of the most important topics under discussion in Capitular Masonry in other Grand Jurisdictions. Comp. Taylor makes no attempt to discuss the merits of the subjects he presents, but hopes the Companions of Alberta will read carefully the information submitted. He closes his report with a reproduction of that splendid article prepared by Dr. William F. Kuhn, Past Grand High Priest of Missouri, and now the Deputy General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America.

Next Annual in the City of Red Deer, March 12, 1918.

Andrew R. Dickson, Wetaskiwin, Grand Z.  
John E. Johnson, Calgary, Grand Scribe E.

#### ARKANSAS—1918.

(The Proceedings do not appear to show present Membership,  
Number Exalted, or Gain or Loss.)

THOMAS J. WOODS, Grand High Priest.

All the Grand Officers, seven Past Grands and Representatives from 43 Subordinate Chapters being present the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons assembled in its sixty-ninth Annual Convocation in Little Rock, November 21, 1918.

In eloquent and patriotic words the Grand High Priest prefaced his record of stewardship of the trust committed to him a year previous; being particularly pleased that the reaper whose name is death had not touched the official part of the Grand Jurisdiction during the year.

To meet existing conditions it became necessary to issue nearly two score dispensations, which apparently were approved. Although very much desiring to visit all the delinquent Chapters, he states his visitations, "like angels' visits have been few and far between."

His recommendations were local; and the decisions were of a similar nature. All of these were approved.

The Grand High Priest spoke of the pleasure and profit derived from attending the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council in Baltimore in October; and also to the double honors accorded their Grand Jurisdiction, being the advancement of Companion C. N. Rix as Grand King, and Companion Fay Hempstead as Deputy Grand Master of the General Grand Council.

Florida's Grand Representative, Companion T. A. Turner, with those of other States present, was introduced and accorded Grand Honors.

In the Grand Secretary's Report we find that the accredited membership is more than 5,000, and the number of exaltations and affiliations show an activity above the average. The Grand Secretary's salary was raised to \$1,200 per annum.

Although Ex. Comp. Gordon Huffmaster, who is Grand Master of the Second Veil, also appears as Committee on Correspondence, there is no Report on Correspondence, nor anything to indicate this Committee was continued.

No reference is made to an order of High Priesthood.

Next Annual in Little Rock, November 28, 1919.

David I. Mills, Pine Bluff, Grand High Priest.  
John C. Bone, Balesville, Grand Secretary.

## ARIZONA—1918

Chapters, 9. Members, 896. Exalted, 81. Net Gain, 68.

LOUIS GWALTNEY MOYERS, Grand High Priest.

Of the eleven Royal Craftsmen who met nearly thirty years ago in the "Old Pueblo," then a small Mexican village, to organize the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Territory of Arizona, only three, M. E. Companions Roskruge, Goldwater and Brecht, were present at the Twenty-eighth Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter, which convened again in the now progressive city of Tucson, February 13, 1918. Every Chapter was represented when the Grand High Priest, assisted by eleven Past Grands, opened in Ample Form this Annual Convocation. But we regret to chronicle that Florida was not represented by Ex. Companion Prosper P. Parker.

In a concise address the Grand High Priest reviewed his official acts of the year drawing to a close. He congratulated the Grand Chapter that the reports showed that its net gain of sixty-eight was the largest in any one year in its history. He granted one dispensation to form a new Chapter at Jerome, and which was at the proper time granted a Charter. He presented the correspondence relative to starting an "Emergency War Fund," which was referred to the Finance Committee, and which apparently died "a-borning," for we fail to find a report from this committee.

He was gratified to receive a communication from Missouri's Grand Representative, which he states was interesting, "in that at least one Representative of this Grand Chapter entertains the idea that something more is expected of a Representative of a Grand Chapter than

to accept his commission and forthwith forget it." And he further suggested that the incoming Grand High Priest "could spend a part of his time very profitably in waking up some of our derelict representatives and have them give more attention to the business for which they were appointed."

He recommended definite action relative to sending a representative to the Triennial Grand Chapter; also the advisability of devoting more time to the Annual Convocations. But we fail to find any action relative to either of these recommendations. Perhaps more time is really needed for the deliberations of this august Body.

That Capitular matters generally are in a satisfactory condition is evidenced in the Grand High Priest's address, for he states that no decisions were referred to him by subordinate Chapters, only a few minor questions being asked. Neither were there any grievances presented. We congratulate our Southwestern Companions on this excellent state of the Craft.

The routine work of the Grand Chapter was confined to formally ratifying the acts of the Grand High Priest and the reports of the several committees.

Nine Companions were received, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood, and M. E. Companion Rickmer Nickels Fredericks was re-elected President.

This is one of the few Grand Chapters which does not give a Report on Correspondence, and personally we express the hope that this Grand Body may see its way clear to fall into line.

Next Annual at Prescott, February 12, 1918.  
James H. Barrett, Douglas, Grand High Priest.  
George J. Roskruge, Tucson, Grand Secretary.

## CALIFORNIA—1918.

Chapters, 108. Members, 14,036. Exalted, 669. Net Gain, 210.

EDWARD BYRON SPENCER, Grand High Priest.

Probably the most important event that occurred during the year was the dedication of the Masonic Home for Children, which is located in the San Gabriel Valley near Covina, in the southern part of the State. This Home was erected at a cost of \$130,000, exclusive of furnishings, and consists of three buildings, two of which were erected from funds contributed by Masons throughout the State, and the third, the records state, "were donated by a Brother Mason whose name (at his request) is unknown—except to a few of the brethren." The building was properly dedicated by the Grand Master, but by the program it appears that the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters officially assisted in the ceremonies.

That broadness of mind and ability to meet necessary requirements is often a natural result of environment, is well brought out in the efficient address of Grand High Priest Spencer to the Sixty-fourth Annual Convocation, which convened April 16th, and which was attended by all the Grand Officers, representatives of 91 Chartered Chapters, including the survivors of the earthquake and fire of April 18, 1906. In welcoming these survivors the Grand High Priest gives this historical information:

Particularly do we recommend our Most Excellent Past Grand Priest, Thomas Flint, who at a time when our Temple was in ruins, with the walls of the Grand Chapter room crumbling, preserved our organization by calling the Grand Chapter to order and with the great destructive fires approaching the Temple, with water

mains broken and no protection offering, he installed the new officers that our work might go on uninterrupted even by the giant tread of the earthquake.

Although a large number of distinguished guests were present besides many Grand Representatives, Florida was not represented. Departing somewhat from the common custom, the Grand High Priest waited quite a number of weeks before making necessary appointments, and in the meantime sought the counsel of many of the Companions, particularly in the appointment of a Grand Lecturer, R. E. Comp. Daniel B. Richards to take the place of Grand Lecturer Ashcroft, who passed away early in the year.

While most of his decisions were based on constitutional provisions, he only noted those which appeared to be without precedent, and which he presented so clearly that they were approved and adopted by Grand Chapter, a constitutional amendment being necessary in each case.

Among these are that all Grand Officers, including Grand Royal Arch Captain, shall be received with Grand Honors when making official visits to the Chapters. That a Chapter cannot amend a proposed amendment to its by-laws, and then adopt such amended amendment without giving regular notice to the Chapter. Another grants concurrent jurisdiction with all other Chapters in the county, providing all Chapters in the county shall adopt a resolution petitioning for such jurisdiction. Another provides that during the war, at least, "all persons belonging to the army or navy shall be deemed to have been residents of the place where stationed for the time required by the Constitution, and their petitions may be received without dispensations."

Apparently California had never adopted the decision of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia

in 1888, as have many other Grand Jurisdictions, "that all men under the flag are residents of the places where stationed and eligible to the degrees."

The Grand High Priest was unable to visit all the Chapters, but he was present at every district gathering, besides visiting many sections not recently covered by recent Past Grand High Priests, and occasionally found some peculiar conditions. In one place he took the gavel and stopped a Royal Arch Degree and explained to the candidates that they were being imposed upon. Among the most common features requiring his correction were "officers being late in opening the Chapter, or permitting too much delay in preparation;" also lack of dignity among the officers and too much levity by the membership, particularly in the Royal Arch degree. His recommendations that all noon schedules be abolished and the adoption of a loose leaf system for minute books, thus permitting them to be typewritten, were approved and ordered by Grand Chapter. But his recommendations that fees for dispensations be abolished; that fees for dispensations to open new chapters be reduced from \$90 to \$50, for charters from \$60 to \$25; and that minimum fees for degrees be \$10, were not approved by Grand Chapter.

Apparently rotation in office is the general rule in subordinate Chapters, for the Grand High Priest believes that many really active members refuse to go through the chairs by reason of the volume of work required during their year as Principal Sojourner, to overcome this he suggested that a Principal Sojourner be appointed by a Chapter for a given period and then elect him High Priest.

A notable educational event of this Convocation was the address by the Grand Chaplain, Ex. Comp. James Whitcomb Brougher, D. D., "The Challenge of

the Present Crisis;" also the patriotic and inspiring address of the present Grand Scribe, R. E. Comp. Mattison Boyd Jones.

Twenty-three Companions were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood and received a copy of the blessed Book of the Law. M. E. Comp. Charles L. Patten was elected President to succeed M. E. Comp. Henry Ashcroft, who passed away after serving as executive officer less than two months.

Conforming to the action of the previous year, the report of R. E. Comp. Hugh King McKevitt, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, requires but eleven pages to record the proceedings of 47 Grand Chapters, in which he calls attention to points and incidents which the Committee felt might be of interest. Florida receiving this attention.

The Proceedings of Florida show a flourishing growth of the fraternity there. The Grand High Priest in his address resents the reference to the Royal Arch as being merely a stepping stone to the higher degrees.

Apparently this style of report met with favor, for it was ordered published with the proceedings, and among the appropriations for the coming year we notice that of \$200 for the Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual San Francisco, April 15, 1919.

William P. Filmer, San Francisco, Grand High Priest.

Thos. A. Davies, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.  
Hugh K. McKevitt, San Francisco, Ch., Cor. Com.

## CANADA—1918.

Chapters, 165. Members, 19,601. Registrations, 1,433. Net Gain, 619.

A. S. GORRELL, M. D., Grand Z.

Distinguished visitors from New Jersey and New York were present when the Grand Z. and official family convened the Sixtieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the City of Toronto, February 27, 1918. Florida was represented by Ex. Comp. James H. Cowan, who with the other representatives were accorded Grand Honors.

Pleasure over the successful results of the labors of the year past, mingle with the Grand Z.'s expressions of sorrow in the loss the Empire has sustained by the falling in battle of so many of her loyal sons, are embodied in his patriotic and optimistic address, in which he rejoices that "our membership is increasing; our finances are affluent, and our relations with all our Sister Grand Jurisdictions are of the most friendly nature."

He notes the passing to their reward during the year of M. Ex. Comp. Robert Hendry, who was Grand Z. in 1887; also of three Grand Superintendents, one of whom, R. Ex. Comp. T. H. Banfield, "was killed in action at Vimy Ridge."

The Grand Z.'s military duties were such that he was not only obliged to give up his professional duties, but also was unable to make any official visitations.

Among his rulings we learn that a brother demitted from a Craft Lodge is in good standing and eligible to make application for membership in a Chapter; that a brother suspended for N. P. D. in a Craft Lodge is not automatically suspended in the Chapter; that the loss of a Master Mason's arm above the elbow does not pre-

vent him from receiving the Chapter degrees, his reason being "physical fitness is laid down as a law regarding initiates and is in no way intended to debar a Worthy Mason from advancement." Another was the recognizing as valid the conferring of the Mark Master Mason degree by a Lodge in England, and that the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Degrees could be obtained in a Canadian Chapter.

He granted a dispensation to form a new Chapter in Toronto. He also recommended that \$1,000 be given the Grand Chapter of Alberta in behalf of those Chapters which did not enter into the formation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, but remained with the Grand Chapter of Canada. This with giving Kether Chapter permission to withdraw from the Grand Chapter of Canada and to unite with the Grand Chapter of Alberta closes the so-called "Alberta incident."

Over one hundred pages are given to a detailed report from the Grand Superintendents of the twenty-first Districts into which this Grand Body is divided, all of which are encouraging and indicate that Capitular Masonry is being taken at its real worth.

From the report of the Grand Scribe E. we learn that the Honor Roll contains the names of over thirteen hundred Companions, some of whom have died "For King and Country."

"Westward the course of empire takes its way," and for the first time in its history, if we are not mistaken, the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter will be held in the great Northwest, the Grand Body declaring in favor of Winnipeg as against Toronto.

No mention is made of an Order of Grand High Priesthood.

Readable, entertaining and instructive is the report on Foreign Correspondence by Companion Edward B. Brown, it being his third review.

He being in somewhat of a quandary as to the proper heading to designate the remarks preceding his report, reminds us of the tailor who was in a similar dilemma regarding the plural of tailor's goose, so he made his order read this way: Send me one tailor's goose. P. S.—Please send two more." So Companion Brown omits the heading in making the statement that two subjects occupied the attention of most of the Grand Chapters. One was the recognition of the Grand Chapter of Alberta. The other was that all or nearly all of the Grand Chapters had severed relations with the Grand Chapter of Scotland, on account of the invasion of Jurisdiction in the Philippines.

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## COLORADO—1918.

Chapters, 49. Members, 6,275. Exalted, 331. Net Gain, 189.

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"Old Glory" was prominently displayed when the Forty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado was convened in Denver, September 19, 1918, by the Grand High Priest, assisted by his official family and seventeen Past Grand High Priests. We were pleased to have our Representative, M. E. Companion George W. Roe, present and welcomed with the others by the Grand High Priest. The response was by South Dakota's Ambassador, Ex Companion Frank D. Burns, who with characteristic Colorado modesty congratulated them on having assembled "near the best Grand Chapter in the world."

In an address of merit, it was revealed that Grand High Priest Pickerill had given much thought to ascertaining the exact conditions existing in the Chapter and in presenting plans for improvement, which will no doubt be of lasting benefit to the Craft in that Jurisdiction. He recommended that the fees for dispensations be increased from one dollar to five dollars to compare with similar changes made by the other Grand Bodies; that a committee be appointed to revise the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Chapter; also for the appointment of a standing committee to be known as the "Custodians of the Work;" all of which were approved.

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In order to do something of a constructive nature for the relief or maintenance of maimed, wounded, diseased or needy Brother Masons, their families or those dependent upon them, he united with the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery in formulating a plan to create a fund. It calls for a voluntary contribution of one dollar per quarter from every Mason who is a member of one or more of the above bodies. This proposition was referred to the incoming High Priest. This fund, if carried out, is to be absolutely distinct and separate from "The Colorado Mason's Benevolent Fund Association."

Noting that the reports indicated a number of weak Chapters in the Jurisdiction, he recommended that applications for new Chapters be carefully scrutinized, and added:

Rather than grant charters for new Chapters in localities not likely to properly support the organization, I would prefer to be more liberal in granting waivers of jurisdiction in order that any brother desiring to receive the Chapter degrees may apply to the Chapter most convenient to his residence rather than to be obliged to take a long, circuitous and expensive trip to the Chapter within whose jurisdiction he resides.

One year ago the Grand Chapter provided for the appointment of a Grand Lecturer, and his reports to the Grand High Priest indicated so much activity and thorough work that he asked that it be referred to a Special Committee. The Grand Lecturer's report itself does not appear in the published proceedings, but from the Special Committee's report which was adopted by Grand Chapter, we gather that it contained much valuable information for the guidance of the Executive Officers of the Grand Chapter.

Charters having been issued to Las Animas Chapter and Montview Chapter, the Grand High Priest issued commissions to Deputy Grand High Priest Herbert S. Sands to convene the Grand Chapter in special convocations for the purpose of constituting and dedicating each one of these new members of the Colorado Capitular family.

Two M. E. Companions having passed the veil that lay between them and the inner Sanctuary, the Committee on Necrology paid appropriate tribute to the memories of Past Grand High Priest James Hamilton Peabody and Past Grand High Priest George D. Kennedy.

Fifty pages of the Proceedings are devoted to presenting the names of officers and members of each particular Chapter, which causes us to wonder what good is actually accomplished. It does, however, provide a gilt-edge list for mail order purposes.

Eighteen Companions were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood in due form.

Each year we look forward with pleasure and anticipation to the Annual Review of Proceedings of Capitular Grand Bodies by Past Grand High Priest, Ernest LeNeve Foster and his report this year more than meets our expectations. He finds much in Florida to commend, especially the painstaking care shown in the address of Grand Priest, Dabney B. Palmer. He thinks the Masonic Relief Committee arrived at a "wise decision" in regard to the Masonic War Relief Association of the United States.

Referring to his comments relative to the special dispensation issued by the Grand High Priest, permit us to state they were to ballot on candidates at Special Convocations, by reason of war conditions. Florida Laws

permit the conferring of degrees at both regular and special Convocations without special dispensations.

We thank Companion Foster for the many nice things he says about our second report. The abbreviations which he places after our name indicates he considers us a Past "Grand" High Priest, but such is not the case. We belong to the lesser lights, being a Past High Priest without the "Grand."

Next Annual, at Denver, October 9, 1919.  
 Herbert S. Sands, Denver, Grand High Priest.  
 Charles H. Jacobson, Denver, Grand Secretary.  
 Ernest LeNeve Foster, Denver, Chair. Com. on Cor.

#### CONNECTICUT—1918

Chapters, 40. Members, 10,401. Exalted, 443. Net Gain, 234.

EDWARD M. AVERY, Grand High Priest.

Many distinguished visitors from New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Jersey and Pennsylvania were received with Grand Honors at the opening session of the One Hundred and Twentieth Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter in Hartford, May 14, 1918, with three of the minor officers absent and 38 Chapters represented. But we note with regret that Florida was again not represented.

Sincerity of purpose and attention to details are evidenced in the address of the Grand High Priest, whose heart must have been in his work, for he says: "All my spare time has been devoted to efforts to apply whatever ability I possess to promoting the highest ideals of Freemasonry and the interests of this Grand Chapter." Notwithstanding the Chapters feel the effects of the war, yet

"the standard of work has been maintained, and in many Chapters set still higher, as the true conception of the design of the institution finds no place for levity or frivolity."

Early in the year the official circle was broken by the death of the former Grand Secretary, M. E. Companion James McCormick, which was followed later by the deaths of Past Grand High Priest Henry W. Coyne and Wesley U. Pearne.

Much attention is given to details of importance to the Grand Chapter and its members, which include waivers of jurisdiction and conferring of degrees by courtesy.

In connection with the commissioning of Grand Representatives, he notes that he had received only one communication from Representatives in other jurisdictions. This impresses him "that the purpose of these appointments is defeated by the failure to keep in touch with the Grand Chapters they represent." He believes that the office is an important one and that an exchange of communication with the Grand Chapter represented "will not only maintain the present cordial relations, but tend to promote still greater harmony in the future." This looks like good reasoning to us.

Both in the issuing of dispensations and the rendering of decisions, the Grand High Priest evidences careful thought as well as research in Lockwood's Law and Practice, which appears to be the standard of jurisprudence in that jurisdiction.

He is strongly opposed to the principle of "short time ballots," a condition which does not confront Grand High Priests in Florida, for in this state subordinate Chapters are privileged to use their own discretion in the matter of time in balloting and conferring degrees. He is also strongly opposed to the admission of candidates from

other jurisdictions without investigation as to their internal qualifications, sagely observing that "many a man has gained admission into the Lodge who can never be accepted in the Chapter." He also decided that it was not necessary for a Companion to have served as King or Scribe before he could be elected High Priest.

For purposes of visitation the Chapters were assigned to the principal officers, and their reports show that their duties were systematically performed. Among the conditions noted was that in one Chapter a Past Grand High Priest had been its High Priest, "with one or two exceptions, for some thirty years or more." We wonder how much incentive there is in that Chapter for proficiency in work.

A proposed amendment calls for approval and adoption of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter by the Grand Chapter of Connecticut. Up to this time, if we mistake not, Oregon is the only State which has taken similar action.

Of more than passing interest in these proceedings is a "History of Pythagoras Chapter, No. 17, (of Hartford) for One Hundred Years Ending October 2, 1917," by Isaiah Baker, Jr., P. H. P. The membership of this Chapter includes an exceptionally large number of persons of national reputation. As showing the customs prevailing a century or so ago, reference is made to the by-laws of a Chapter adopted in 1809 which reads: "The ordinary refreshments of Franklin Chapter shall consist of brandy, gin and rum, crackers and cheese (if called for by the H. P. or presiding officer), of which all companions present shall be entitled to free of expense." If these were the "ordinary," what might the extras have been on an occasion which is mentioned where a "most sumptuous dinner was served in a most handsome style?"

At the Annual Convention twenty-two qualified Companions were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood, including one from Borinquen Chapter, San Juan, Porto Rico.

For the tenth time Past Grand High Priest George A. Kies presents a Correspondence Report, which briefly and instructively touches upon the salient features of each proceedings, including Florida.

He quotes approvingly from Grand High Priest O'Neal's protest against using the Chapter degrees as stepping stones to "so-called higher degrees." Apparently he does not approve of Florida's legislation which allows Chapters to remit fees and dues of clergymen, for he not only calls it "class legislation," but also says that it "savors of priesthood."

Next Annual in Hartford, May 2, 1919.

Ernest F. Sweeny, Winsted, Grand High Priest.  
George A. Kies, Grand Sec. and Com. on Cor.

#### DELAWARE—1918

Chapters, 4. Members, 1,371. Exalted, 122. Net Gain, 98.

GEORGE S. SCOTT, Grand High Priest.

Nearly ten per cent of all the Royal Arch Masons of the State of Delaware were in attendance at the semi-centennial Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter which convened in the City of Wilmington, January 18, 1918. Distinguished visitors were present from New Jersey and Maryland as well as many lesser lights. And among this grand galaxy of Capitular notables we are pleased to chronicle that Florida was well represented by Past Grand Chaplain, George W. Beatty. More than

a score of letters of regret were received from Grand and General Grand Officers who were unable to be present on this memorable occasion, which was also the Centennial Anniversary of the introduction of Capitular Masonry into Delaware.

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Florida is given liberal and courteous attention, in which he quotes approvingly from the address of Grand High Priest William R. O'Neal, but without specific comment.

The 1918 Proceedings is a commendable work of typographic art, but we wish that somewhere on or between the two covers we had been able to find the time and place of the next Annual.

#### DELAWARE—1919

Chapters, 4. Members, 1,530. Exalted, 178. Net Gain, 159.

LEON WALKER, Grand High Priest.

Compactness in area, as in the Grand Jurisdiction of Delaware, has advantages over its larger neighbors in making it comparatively easy for all Present and Past Grand Officers as well as lesser lights to attend its Grand Convocations. This is noticeable at the Fifty-first Annual, which transacted all its business at one session, convening January 15, 1919, at 4:00 p. m. and closing in Due Form at 10:30 p. m.

After receiving several distinguished visitors, the Grand High Priest gave a clear and excellent presentation of the condition of Capitular Masonry in that State, in which he noted the departure to the Supreme Grand Chapter above of two of its Past Grand High Priests, M. E. Companion Franklin H. Broman and John W. Messick.

As the commissions of all Grand Representatives expire with each Triennial Convocation, he appointed previous incumbents with a few necessary exceptions.

One request for a waiver of jurisdiction over a brother residing in New Jersey, who applied for membership in a Wilmington Chapter, was refused by the New Jersey Chapter holding Jurisdiction over the brother.

He made one decision in the case of a brother who was elected to membership, but before receiving the Mark Degree three Companions filed an objection. As there was no law covering this he ruled that an objection made before advancement acts the same as the rejection of a petition, and becomes effective for three months, and the fee must be returned. The objection must be renewed at the end of three months, otherwise the Excellent High Priest may, after the payment of the required fee, proceed to advance the candidate.

He was pleased to report that the number of exaltations was the greatest in the history of this Grand Chapter.

He recommended that a committee of three Past Grand High Priests be appointed to review the new General Grand Chapter Ritual, and a similar committee to review the New Constitution and By-Laws, and to report at next Annual Convocation. Another recommendation was that the Grand High Priest should be provided with a suitable gold jewel to be worn when making official visitations, and to be transmitted to his successor.

All of the acts and rulings of the Grand High Priest were approved by the Committee to whom the address was referred, which leads us to wonder what are the functions of the Jurisprudence Committee.

We are pleased to note that Past Grand Chaplain George W. Beatty, Florida's representative, was among those who were welcomed by the Grand High Priest. He

stated that while he did not know who originated the idea of appointing Grand Representatives, it was a pleasant thought for it afforded an opportunity for the exchange of fraternal greetings and felicitations.

Four companions were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

Past Deputy Grand High Priest Thomas J. Day presents his third carefully prepared Report on Correspondence, in which Florida receives due consideration. Additional interest attaches to his report now that we know that he is a regular winter visitor to this favored land of fruits and flowers, and especially because he honored Ye Scribe with a fraternal visit. Come again, Companion.

Next Annual in Washington, Jan. 14, 1920.  
W. Frank Sharp, Georgetown, Grand High Priest.  
Stuart J. Horn, Wilmington, Grand Scribe.  
Thos. J. Day, Wilmington, Com. on Cor.

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—1918.

Chapters, 13. Members, 3,524. Exalted, 172. Net Loss, 48.

WILLIAM W. JERMANE, Grand High Priest.

Years of journalistic experience enabled the Grand High Priest to forcibly present at the Fifty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, which was held in Washington, February 13th, the matters it most needed to know. Every Chapter was represented and a large number of Past Grands and other dignitaries listened to his words of wisdom, but Florida was again not represented. Much to our regret we learn that the Royal Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction is not growing; in fact,

it is not holding its own. This condition he ascribes primarily to indifference and neglect on the part of its members, particularly in the attendance of members at regular convocations, for, he pertinently says, "outsiders will never place a higher value upon Royal Arch Masonry than the Royal Arch Masons themselves place upon it." The real reason for the net loss in membership of 48 as compared with a year ago, seems to have been because certain of the Chapters made up their minds to suspend all Companions who were in arrears for dues, an action which had the hearty approval of the Grand High Priest, whose reasons for so doing will, we believe, meet with approval:

Companions are not conferring a favor upon anybody by keeping their names on our rolls, and the moment they begin to think they are, steps should be taken to convince them of their mistake. Nor is it in keeping with the dignity of the institution for the Secretaries to become collection agents in their efforts to induce companions to square their accounts. . . . When companions make up their minds that the Chapter no longer needs them, they should be permitted to go their way in peace. . . . Subsequent solicitation does them no good, and it does the Chapters positive harm.

He feelingly expressed the great loss the Grand Chapter had experienced in the passing to the Great Beyond of Past Grand High Priests, Henry K. Simpson and Moses D. Mull.

Grand Chapter approved the recommendation that one stated convocation a month would be an improvement, and an amendment to that effect was introduced which will be reported on next year. His official acts during the year were few and being within the Constitution were approved, an indication that no serious matters confronted him during the year.

He heartily commended the liberal and patriotic responses to the various war funds, showing that while already the members had almost gone the limit, yet other and greater sacrifices would no doubt be required.

The work of the year was so fully covered in the address of the Grand High Priest that about all that the Grand Chapter was called upon to do was to accept the committee reports.

Great regrets were expressed that by reason of present war conditions it became absolutely impossible to entertain the General Grand Chapter, particularly as this was the home of General Grand High Priest, George E. Corson.

The annual Convention of the Order of High Priesthood was held, at which time 13 Companions were elected, but at the meeting held at a later date only seven Companions presented themselves to be anointed. The annual banquet was dispensed with, and in lieu the Convention subscribed liberally for Liberty Bonds and Thrift Stamps.

By no means less interesting in this Annual Proceedings is the "Appendix," in other words the "Doings of the Various Grand Chapters of the Capitular World" by that inimitable Correspondent, Companion Roe Fulkerson, who now modestly bears the additional title of Grand Principal Sojourner. Florida receives generous and approving recognition, and we wish we could give his comments entire, but will be content with his reference to a dispensation of interest to us.

It was to a subordinate Chapter to lay a keystone for a church. This may be common, but if so we do not know it. It seems to us a thing which should be developed by the Craft all over the country, as tradition, ritualism and every part of such ceremony are more appropriate than the laying of cornerstones by the ancient Craft. We wish some well informed writer would tell

us more of this ceremony, its ritual, if any, and in fact give us what information there is on the subject. We are quite in love with the idea.

For the information of Companion Fulkerson and perhaps others, permit us to say that the plan originated with and the details were worked out by Past Grand High Priest F. B. Stoneman, of Miami, for use in a new church edifice then being erected in that city, and to whom credit should be given. Those who were permitted to witness this beautiful ceremony speak of it in glowing terms, and we doubt not further information could be obtained from Companion Stoneman. Grand High Priest Wm. R. O'Neal, although recognizing that it was somewhat of an innovation, granted the necessary dispensation.

The same Florida proceedings also contained our first Correspondence Report which Companion Fulkerson was pleased to commend quite flatteringly, and whose words of encouragement are highly appreciated. The only disappointment we experienced in connection with the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter and the splendid entertainment provided by the Grand Chapter of District of Columbia was the failure of Companion Fulkerson to materialize. This led us to wonder whether he is an actual or a mythical personage. Seeing is believing, and if he will come to this fair southland of ours and make himself known, all our doubts will be removed.

Next Annual in Washington, Feb. 12, 1919.

Arthur C. Shaw, Washington, Grand High Priest.  
Arvine W. Johnston, Grand Secretary, Washington.  
Roe Fulkerson, Washington, Chrm. Cor. Com.

## ENGLAND—1918.

Of comparatively little interest are the proceedings of the Quarterly Convocations of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England. They reveal that all petitions for new Chapters show that they are to be attached to some specific Lodge, and usually to one bearing the same name as the Chapter to be constituted. As showing the large territory covered we note that one petition was from the Orange Free State and another from India, each petition being headed by the three principal officers, and the third name on the one from India, corresponding to our Scribe, was Purushottam Sinha as J. Among the memorials presented was one from India, for a Charter of Confirmation, "the original having become practically unreadable owing to the ravages of the climate." Another was from an English Chapter for a Charter authorizing them to wear a Centenary Jewel, the Chapter having proved an interrupted existence of 100 years." The proceedings of this Quarterly, February 6, 1918, are signed by William John Songhurst, acting President, so well known to all the Corresponding Members of Quatuor Cornuti Lodge No. 2076, as its very efficient and revered secretary.

The May Quarterly of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England is devoted largely to report of the Committee of General Purposes. One Chapter having been in existence a hundred years received permission to wear a Centenary Jewel.

Because there was no restriction whatever on the number of Brethren who may be exalted on the same day, an effort was made to alter the constitution and limit the number so that no Chapter could exalt more than two Brethren on the same day without a dispensa-

sation. Florida Companions will be interested in the argument advanced, which tends to throw some light on English Chapter proceedings:

I consider that the whole solemnity of the Ritual is spoilt if there are more than two candidates at one and the same time—one on either side of the Principal Sojourner.

The proposition did not meet with approval, and among the reasons advanced for making no change was that:

In the Craft it was necessary to introduce additional precautionary measures with regard to the introduction of members from the outside world, but in the Royal Arch we only seek to introduce as Companions those whom we already know as Masons

Interesting as showing the details and internal workings are the Quarterly Communications of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales. We note that whenever a Lodge completes fifty years of continuous activity, it requests permission for every subscribing member to wear a Distinctive Jewel.

Complaint was made at the December Quarterly that several Lodges had discontinued the practice of lighting candles in the Lodge, as is done in the Craft Degrees. While this is not the custom in Florida to our knowledge, it is observed in some other Grand Lodge Jurisdictions.

It appeared that the Regulation providing that all matters not otherwise specifically dealt with were to be governed by the Book of Constitutions of the United Grand Lodge of England was becoming unsatisfactory, particularly in that it limited the member of Brethren to be advanced at one time to two. On the ground that its own laws were explicit, and there was no reason why it should follow the Craft Grand Lodge, the law was rescinded.

## GEORGIA—1918.

Chapters, 157. Members, 10,689. Exalted, 1,050. Net Gain, 852.

THOS. H. JEFFRIES, Grand High Priest.

"Seldom has a body of men or Masons had the good fortune to listen to such words of wisdom, patriotism and eloquence as the address we have just heard," are the appreciative words of the Committee to whom was referred the address of the Grand High Priest before the Ninety-sixth Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia, held in Macon, April 24-25, 1918, in which nearly two-thirds of the Chapters were represented, but where was the other third as well as Florida's Grand Representative?

The Grand High Priest granted two dispensations for new Chapters, adding this significant comment: "By this time they will have demonstrated to your satisfaction whether or not it is wise to grant them Charters," and the records show that one was called and the other left. He also consented to the removal of two Chapters to an altogether different locality, contingent upon the approval of the Chapter or Chapters whose jurisdiction might be invaded by such removal. It seemed to us this matter should first be acted upon by Grand Chapter. He is strongly opposed to the making of advancement of Masons except in the regular way, the only exceptions being to those entering their country's service. He was called upon to make several appointments, owing to deaths in the official family, which he did by advancing the line officers as far as practical.

On reading the Constitution of the Grand Chapter the Grand High Priest discovered that, inadvertently probably, there was no provision for a Grand King. And believing that the office of Deputy Grand High Priest

is useless and superfluous, he recommended that it be abolished and that of Grand King be substituted. Grand Chapter approved and an amendment was offered, covering the above; and all his other official acts were likewise approved. That part of his address referring to patriotism was of such a nature that Grand Chapter requested it be furnished papers for publication.

This Grand Body was represented at the George Washington Memorial Association, and from Companion Bowe's report we learn that Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Louis Waters was elected President to succeed the late Most Worshipful Grand Master, Thomas Shryock, of Maryland.

Much of the great growth of Capitular Masonry in Georgia is due to the untiring efforts of its Grand Lecturer, Companion E. A. McHan, who states that in his opinion there is a greater interest in Capitular Masonry today in that State than ever before. In his visitations he assisted in conferring the Royal Arch Degree on 613 candidates, besides almost as many more in each of the other degrees.

There is no account of an Order of High Priesthood.

A concise report on Correspondence is submitted by Comp. Charles L. Bass, the chairman, Florida receiving meritorious consideration.

He characterizes the address of Grand High Priest O'Neal a good one and quotes freely from his opening as well as from the reference to using the Royal Arch degree as a stepping stone. He recognizes that it is hard to judge men's motives in seeking the degrees, and that no one is going to express himself. So all that is left is to confer them in such a manner that if the candidate sought them as mere stepping stones he will discover that he has gotten far more. But he truthfully

adds, "Unfortunately we have seen degrees so conferred and Chapters so conducted that if the candidate did get a stepping-stone he got nothing else." All of which is too true. We fail to see any place in either the Symbolic or Capitular degrees that provides for frivolity and buffoonery at the expense of dignity and decorum.

Next Annual at Macon, April 20, 1919.

Elliott W. Parrish, Savannah, Grand High Priest.  
Edgar A. McHan, Macon, Grand Secretary.  
Chas. L. Bass, Atlanta, For. Cor.

#### IDAHO—1918

Chapters, 20. Members, 1,608. Exalted, 95. Net Gain, 76.

HOMER DAVID, Grand High Priest.

Four Chartered Chapters were not represented when the Tenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Idaho convened in the city of Pocatello, May 16, 1918, with the Grand High Priest in the Grand East, and the station of Master of the Second Veil filled by appointment.

Expressing an ardent desire to do something definite as an organization to assist the country in its critical situation, he passed to a brief account of his year's stewardship, which was principally confined to the usual routine duties of the office.

He recommended and appointed a dozen Grand Representatives, also took occasion to state that:

These appointments are purely honorary and carry no duties with them, but serve to remind us that Royal Craft is bound by fraternal ties wherever they may be.

This may account for the continued absence of Florida's Grand Representative, Ex. Companion Frank M. Bybee.

He ruled that Grand Chapter "should not accept Liberty Bonds in payment of Grand Chapter dues, except in extreme cases."

In response to the question, "Can a Chapter be closed with less than nine members present?" he replied that the constitution states there should be "nine or more Royal Arch Masons present, but if that number should not be present, the Chapter should be closed." As this seems contradictory, he asked for an interpretation from the Committee of Jurisprudence, which was that the High Priest should proceed as follows:

When a Chapter is about to be closed and it appears that there is less than a constitutional number present, the High Priest shall not close the Chapter in form but shall direct the Secretary to enter in his minutes the fact that no quorum is present and for that reason, and no other, the Chapter must be and is closed without form.

In referring to the dispensations granted by the Grand High Priest, the Jurisprudence Committee recommends that hereafter permission be given "to confer the Mark, Past and Most Excellent Degrees only in Blue Lodge Rooms in said Chapter's Jurisdiction."

One dispensation was granted to convene in special Convocation the Grand Chapter for the purpose of constituting Rupert Chapter.

He had fond hopes of paying a visit to every Chapter in the state, but unfortunately found they did not materialize. This is not the first time ambitious hopes have been frustrated.

All the official acts and recommendations of the Grand High Priest were approved and adopted. Grand Chapter has now ordered that hereafter all members in arrears

for dues two years or more be suspended. We believe if this is lived up to it will add to the desirability and importance of the Capitular Degrees.

We fail to find any account of an order of High Priesthood.

As a prelude to his excellent Review of Proceedings of Other Grand Chapters, Ex. Companion Edward L. Gauger presents that splendid article on "The Necessity of the Royal Arch Degree to the Master Mason," by Past Grand High Priest Wm. F. Kuhn and now the Deputy General Grand High Priest Companion Gauger quotes liberally from the address of Grand High Priest William R. O'Neal. Referring to using the Chapter as a stepping stone, he unqualifiedly approves, for he says, "This certainly hits the nail squarely on the head." We heartily agree with him that we derive benefits from anything in proportion to what we put into it.

The reason you did not find Idaho in our first review was because it was not received by our Grand Secretary in time, although we "held the last form open" as long as possible.

Next Annual in Moscow, May 22-23, 1919.  
 Albert A. Jessup, Boise, Grand High Priest.  
 Lewis W. Ensign, Boise, Grand Secretary.  
 Edward L. Gauger, Kellogg, Correspondent.

#### ILLINOIS—1918

Chapters, 216. Members, 47,734. Exalted, 3,290. Net Gain, 1,984.  
 ARTHUR E. Wood, Grand High Priest.

What Royal Arch Masonry is and can do towards helping solve the great problems that are confronting the civilized nations of the earth today, was the theme of

the address of the most distinguished guest, M. E. Companion William H. Kuhn, Deputy General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, at the opening exercises of the Sixty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois, which was held in Chicago, December 3-4, 1918. Another guest of honor was M. E. Companion Nelson Williams, Past Grand High Priest of Ohio, who with M. E. Companion H. W. Harvey composed the committee who revised the Ritual for the General Grand Chapter.

Enunciating the principles which are the foundation of the temple which Capitular Masons are engaged in erecting, the Grand High Priest extended the greetings of the East in an address which indicates that he possesses the somewhat rare combined qualities of judgment, zeal and executive ability.

Not wishing to trespass upon the perogatives of the committee on Necrology, he briefly refers to the death during the year of M. E. Companion M. M. Lord, who was Grand High Priest in 1906.

He received only one communication from Illinois Grand Representatives in other Jurisdictions, which seems to him "that the purpose of these appointments is defeated by their failure to keep in touch with the Grand Chapters which they represented," for he says "I believe the office to be an important one."

He was called upon to answer many question which he is confident "would not have been asked had those inquiring taken the trouble to read the constitution of the Grand Chapter or the By-Laws of their own Chapter, or both."

Among the many interstate courtesies requested was one of Thomas Brown Chapter of Bartow, to confer Chapter degrees as a courtesy to Bellville Chapter.

All the acts of the Grand High Priest were approved, although among the many dispensations granted was one

to transact business at a special meeting antedating the regular meeting provided by the By-Laws.

Following the address were detailed reports from twenty-two of the twenty-seven District Inspectors, which should be read in connection with the report of the Committee on Chartered Chapters.

An amendment to be acted upon next year provides that no Chapter can exempt any of its members from the payment of annual dues, but can make provisions for conferring Life Membership upon Past High Priests.

The proposed amendment of the year previous to hold the Annual Convocation the first week in September was not adopted.

In the election of officers we note that M. E. Companion James E. Jeffers, who was Grand High Priest in 1916, was chosen Grand Secretary. Our recollection of the proceedings for his official year indicated that he was a "live wire."

Following an Illinois custom, but which seems to be so often overlooked in other Grand Councils, M. E. President Geo. M. Moulton delivered an address at the opening of the sixty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood, after which thirty-two candidates were set apart to the Holy Order.

For the seventeenth and possibly the last time Past Grand High Priest Geo. W. Warvelle presents the jurisdictional reviews which are short, because, he says, "the pamphlets reviewed consist mainly of the details of regular routine, and from this data it is hard to construct an entertaining story." And it must be so, for Florida gets off with less than a score of lines, in which apparently he finds nothing to commend nor to condemn.

Under Ohio, in referring to the Ritual Committee's report relative to the "journey," leads Companion War-

vell to conclude that, "Eventually I presume, the road will be paved and the journey will be made in an automobile."

In the sixty pages of his report, nearly twenty are given over to a "Postscript," which he designates as "desultory remarks on this, that and the other" ranging from speeches and banquets to the gains and losses of the big four Grand Chapters—Illinois, Ohio, New York and Pennsylvania. The following table shows that Illinois is still in the lead in membership:

Illinois	-----	45,737
Ohio	-----	44,590
New York	-----	43,526
Pennsylvania	-----	38,459

But when it comes to activities, Ohio leads in exaltations, in gains and in the percentage of Blue Lodge Masons who become and remain Chapter members. Although Florida is some way down the column in the above lists, it is in the running. In time these conditions will change as the Companions gradually realize that it is no longer necessary to endure the rigors of Old Boeas, when they can so easily avoid them by coming to this specially favored land of fruits and flowers, where it is summer all summer in the summertime and where there is no winter.

The appointments of the Grand High Priest include that of M. E. Companion E. R. Turnball, of Carlinville, who was Grand High Priest in 1914, as chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. We take the opportunity of extending him a cordial welcome, and opine that he will be a valuable acquisition to the Round Table.

Next Annual in Chicago, October 30, 1900.  
Wm. C. Sommers, Springfield, Grand High Priest.  
James E. Jeffers, Springfield, Grand Secretary.

## INDIANA—1918.

Chapters, 125. Members, 21,678. Exalted, 1,581. Net Gain, 1,051.

ELWOOD BARNARD, Grand High Priest.

Owing to the malignant character of the epidemic of influenza prevailing throughout the country in October, the time for holding the Seventy-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Indiana, the date was moved forward to November 7, 1918, when the Grand Body was convened in Indianapolis by the Grand High Priest, with twelve permanent members and Representatives from 110 Chartered Chapters present, Florida being represented by Past Grand High Priest Elmer Crockett. Deputy Grand High Priest William W. Ross was detained at home by reason of very critical illness of his brother.

Matters Capitular appear to be so smoothly conducted in the Hoosier State that the able address of Grand High Priest Barnard presents but little out of the usual routine of official acts. And so carefully and well did he discharge those duties that the Committee on Inspection found "nothing in the Grand High Priest's report upon which to act." He was particularly thankful that none of the official family or Past Grands had been called to the great beyond.

Indicative of the conscientious manner in which the Grand High Priest discharged his duties, we note that before he would grant a dispensation to form a new Chapter he made a personal visitation to the location of the proposed new Chapter, as well as a thorough investigation, and then decided that a new Chapter could be organized and maintained.

He granted four dispensations to fill vacancies in the office of High Priest, three of which were on account of leaving the Jurisdiction of the Chapter and presumably

the State. The other one states "Caused by the resignation of the High Priest." All were approved by the Jurisprudence Committee as being according to Indiana law. In Florida the first three elective offices cannot be vacated by resignation, and vacancies in these elective offices can occur only by death, dimit or removal after election from the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter.

He decided that a mere objection will not lie but that charges must be filed to stop a candidate after having received the M. M. Degree. However, a reasonable time should be allowed an objector to prefer charges at a stated meeting.

He feelingly referred to the death of Mrs. Calvin W. Prather, the estimable wife of Grand Secretary Prather. Secretary and Mrs. Prather have spent several winters in this favored land of fruits and flowers and their many acquaintances deeply sympathize with the Grand Secretary in his irreparable loss.

Much of the substantial growth in Capitular Membership and interest is no doubt due to the thorough and systematic work of Grand Inspector Glendening, as shown by his detailed report. Referring to his official visit to deliver a dispensation to a new Chapter and that it was nearly ten o'clock before enough companions were present to open, he concludes that: "If this Chapter continues to display the same zeal in the future as it did at this first meeting, great results may be expected from it." Needless to say its work in the quarries did not pass inspection and it was continued U. D. another year.

Forty-six Companions received that Holy Order of High Priesthood, and M. E. Companion John G. Glendening was re-elected President.

For the eighth time Past Grand High Priest Robert A. Woods critically reviews the Proceedings of the other Grand Chapters, and so well versed is he in Indiana

Masonic knowledge and jurisprudence that any departure from those high standards appear to him "illegal."

Reviewing Florida, he refers to the "painsstaking administration" of Grand High Priest Dabney B. Palmer, but is disposed to rather severely criticise some of his official acts.

He also objects to Florida's Grand Chapter Committee on work conferring degrees upon "actual candidates." Last year we supposed we had a paragraph relative to that subject in our review of Idaho, but for some unaccountable reason it failed to appear. This year we have made another similar attempt in our "Comments," and trust this time it will not get away.

We thank Companion Woods for his kind words of commendation. They are certainly appreciated.

Next Annual in Indianapolis, October 22, 1919.

William W. Ross, Evansville, Grand High Priest.

Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis, Grand Secretary

Robert A. Woods, Princeton, Chrm. Com. on Correspondence.

#### IOWA—1918.

Chapters, 126. Members, 16,288. Exalted, 1,248. Net Gain, 685.

ISAAC T. FORBES, Grand High Priest.

Spanish influenza, which raged with so much violence throughout the country the latter part of 1918, was responsible for postponing from October to November 14, 1918, of the Sixty-Fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa, which was held in Fort Dodge. The Grand High Priest was unable to be present on account of illness, which at times during the year brought him close to the entrance of the

sanctuary. He gave the work in which he was so deeply interested all his strength would permit. The remaining duties were faithfully discharged by R. E. Companion Eugene Schaffter, Deputy Grand High Priest, who presided at the Annual Convocation. Nine Past Grand High Priests and representatives from 77 subordinate Chapters graced the occasion. Florida was represented by Ex. Comp. A. D. Meekes, one of the Grand Custodians.

One of its own members, M. E. Comp. Frederick W. Craig, who the month previous at Baltimore had been elevated to the topmost pinnacle of Capitular Masonry, that of General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, was the most distinguished guest and was most cordially and properly greeted.

From the official report of the Grand High Priest, presented by the Deputy Grand High Priest, it is learned that while the Death Angel levied no toll on the Grand Chapter, the loss by death during the year of Companions of subordinate Chapters was the greatest of any one year in the history of the Grand Chapter.

The report indicated that many appointments and commissions were granted and dispensations issued for proper and sufficient reasons; also that a greater number of dispensations had been refused, which led the Grand High Priest to very properly suggest that many such requests would be obviated if the High Priests and Secretaries would make a greater effort to familiarize themselves with the law. He also wished this distinctly understood: The Grand High Priest has no authority to set aside the laws of the Grand Chapter or the by-laws of any subordinate Chapter." So much can be said in favor of enforcing law and so little against enforcement, that we sometimes wonder why individuals or organized bodies should expect exceptions to be made of their particular requests.

In reply to questions asked, several decisions were made in accordance with existing laws and good sense, all of which were approved by the powers that be as well as all the other acts of the Grand High Priest.

Because officers of Chapters negligently or purposely refuse to answer correspondence affecting their Chapter, he believes they should be "cast aside and thrown among the rubbish as unfit for use."

Many phases of Capitular activities are touched upon in some way in the address of the Grand High Priest as well as in the reports of other officers and Committees. Seemingly no opportunity to advance Capitular interests is overlooked. However, apparently many Master Masons fail to realize the necessity of the Royal Arch Degree, for we learn from the report of the Committee on Chartered Chapters "there was never a time when more men were made Masons than during the war period, and from this large number there should have been more candidates for the Chapter." Another reason advanced by this same Committee is, that in smaller Chapters especially, there is so little work that the officers are not qualified to make an impression on the candidate, who is disappointed and an injury has been done the Chapter. This leads the Committee to add: "Perhaps it would have been better if our wise men had left or put the Chapter degrees under the care or custody of Symbolic Masonry where the Degrees could be conferred regularly and systematically."

Although the Order of High Priesthood is organized in most Grand Jurisdictions, Iowa is one of the few States where the presiding officer delivers an annual address, which was given this year by Companion George A. Riemeke, the M. E. President. From it we learn that:

Little is known of the rite in Masonic circles in other countries, that it is purely American, and that its early history is comparatively recent, and is probably the work of Thomas Smith Webb, as the first mention of the Order is found in the second edition of his Monitor, published in 1802, under the head of "Observations on the Order of High Priesthood." But where he obtained the idea has not been definitely determined.

Sixteen companions were consecrated and set apart and Companion Riemeke was re-elected President.

With pleasure we greet Iowa's new member of the Round Table, Past Grand High Priest Edward M. Willard, who somewhat late in the year was appointed to take the place of Companion C. O. Grever, the original appointee who had resigned. Companion Willard's maiden effort is excellent in every particular; just what would naturally be expected from a Past Grand in a Grand Jurisdiction which does so much to advance the study side of Masonry.

Florida is judiciously and courteously reviewed, with apparent approval, including the work of the correspondence writer, for which we return thanks.

Iowa's reviews, both Symbolic and Capitular, are of special interest to the writer, for it was the chance perusal at first of some of the earlier reports of Past Grand Master Block, of the Iowa Grand Lodge, with those of Past Grand Master Silas B. Wright of the Grand Lodge of Florida, who in our opinion is equalled by few and excelled by none, that led us into closer study of Masonry.

Next Annual in Cedar Falls, October 9, 1919.

Eugene Schaffter, Eagle Grove, Grand High Priest.

O. F. Graves, Harlon, Grand Secretary.

E. M. Willard, Atlantic, Com. on Cor.

## IRELAND—1918.

Consistent with the country where royalty reigns, the highest office in the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland is the M. E. Grand King, which is the Capitular title of the Right Hon. the Lord Muskerry. Another noticeable difference in official titles is that of Grand Superintendent of the Tabernacle which seemingly corresponds with our Grand Principal Sojourner. Also the Veils are distinguished by their colors instead of numbers.

Presumably the business and other details of this Grand Chapter is transacted by the Royal Arch Board of General Purposes which meets a few hours previous to the Grand Chapter. All the information given out is contained in the Report of the Grand Registrar, which had been previously submitted to the Grand King and who was not present at the Annual Convocation, but who was very glad to find that while the year 1917 was a record year in the prosperity of the Royal Arch, the year 1918 had exceeded the former. He recommended that all R. A. Chapters should try to have at least six Convocations in the year, to enable the members to learn the work.

From the Grand Registrar's report it is learned that Brisbane Chapter surrendered its Charter to become one of the founders of the Independent Grand Chapter of Queensland. There are still two Chapters in Australia working under the Irish constitutions. Seven warrants were issued for new Chapters in Ireland.

M. E. W. Redfern Kelly in his report as First Principal of the District Grand Chapter of Antrim and who is also mentioned in our "Comments" as contributing a valuable research paper to *Quatuor Coronati Lodge*, of London, on "The Advent of Royal Arch Masonry,"

which evoked much discussion, states that he never neglects an opportunity of impressing upon the minds of Companions as well as brethren that:

However complete and sufficient, in their ethical instruction, may be the legends or traditions of the Symbolic Degrees, they must eventually look to the Royal Arch Degree for that esoteric knowledge which can only be imparted in the Capitular Degrees, and without which, ancient Craft Masonry is, so to speak, insufficient, and incomplete in itself.

This positive statement from one who has made the subject a study, is respectfully commended to the attention of "higher up" Companions in some parts of this country who appear to be seeking to discountenance or eliminate the necessity of Chapter Degrees in attaining the summit of York Rite Masonry. It is earnestly hoped that no such injustice to Capitular Masonry will be consummated.

It appears that by reason of the outlook of the war, the Lord Muskerry and his Grand Chapter officers postponed an official visit to Belfast, but now he has signified his desire to make such a visit. This causes M. E. First Principal Kelly, in expressing the hope that the contemplated visit may be realized, to say that the District Grand Chapters of Antrim and Down "will combine in extending a genuine 'Cead Mille Failthe' to their Metropolitan Companions."

V. E. Companion Henry E. Flaville, Freemason's Hall, Dublin, Ireland, is the Grand Registrar.

## KANSAS—1918.

Chapters, 96. Members, 11,766. Exalted, 900. Net Gain, 545.

CHARLES A. CONKLING, Grand High Priest.

Grand Masters of Veils apparently are not required in the Grand Chapter of Kansas. With the exception of the Grand Scribe, who received the higher summons during the year, all the other stations were properly filled when the Grand High Priest convened the Fifty-third Annual Convocation in Topeka, Feb. 18, 1918. Florida was represented by M. E. Aaron H. Connett, with one exception the senior Past Grand High Priest, and who has been Grand Treasurer since 1904, and who was graciously received with the other Grand Representatives. Nearly one-third of the subordinate Chapters were not represented.

Grand High Priest Conkling notes that two useful members of the Official Family passed on during the year—M. E. Comp. Bestor G. Brown, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter, and R. E. Comp. Chas. H. Chandler, Grand Scribe and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge.

A charter was granted Pratt Chapter and the charters of Hill City and Appollo Chapters were revoked. Several Grand Representatives were recommended and commissioned. The Grand Chapter of Alberta was recognized. Dispensations were issued to form Chapters at Liberal and LaCrosse, and one was refused to form a Chapter at Canton, he believing that the interests of Capitular Masonry would be better conserved by having one reasonably strong Chapter than two weak ones. This seems good reasoning.

No troubles between Companions or Chapters being reported, and but few inquiries coming from Chapter

officers regarding the laws speaks forcefully of the character of the membership in that jurisdiction.

The corner-stone of the new Masonic Home was laid during the year, and the Grand Chapter donated \$5,000 to this commendable charity, and \$200 to the American Red Cross Association.

The year previous the Grand Lodge adopted a law providing for the transfer of membership from one Lodge to another before taking out a dimit, and it proved so satisfactory that the Grand Secretary recommended that the Grand Chapter adopt a similar law. The Jurisprudence Committee being likeminded Grand Chapter concurred.

Included in the Grand Secretary's Report is a diagram and table prepared by Comp. Wm. J. V. Deacon, of Topeka Chapter, showing the number of Royal Arch Masons to each 1,000 Master Masons by States, with their relative rank. From it we learn that "Little Rhody" heads the diagram with 490 Royal Arch Masons to every 1,000 Master Masons; Kansas stands 31st, having 245 to each 1,000, while Florida is 46th in the list with an even 200 to each 1,000 Master Masons.

In adopting the report of M. E. Comp. Matthew Miller, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, Capitular intercourse is prohibited with the Grand Chapter of Scotland, or any of its constituents of members.

The proposition to change the time of holding the Annual Convocation will be submitted to the subordinate chapters for their individual decision.

Owing to the increased cost which the work at this time would entail, the Special Committee recommended that the Revision of the Grand Chapter Laws be indefinitely postponed, and Grand Chapter approved.

An additional appropriation of \$150 was made to the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence.

Elaborate machinery in itself will not always produce efficiency. There must be other forces as well. The Grand Lecturer in his report, while stating that during the year he has not been called upon to instruct any of the chartered Chapters, significantly adds:

Your Grand Lecturer, although having no personal knowledge, is satisfied from information received from other sources that many of our Chapters, in the matter of conferring degrees, are in a deplorable condition, and in some instances they even hesitate to receive petitions for the Capitular degrees because of their inability to do the work. It would seem to me that it would be wise on the part of this Grand Chapter to take some steps requiring these Chapters to comply with the Grand Chapter laws in the matter of learning the work, so that the degrees may be conferred in accordance with the adopted Ritual of the jurisdiction.

At the Grand Council of High Priesthood held in connection 33 petitions were received. They were elected to receive the Order, which presumably was conferred, although we do not find it so stated in the proceedings.

Past Grand High Priest presents his tenth annual report upon the Capitular Masonry of the world, in which Florida is given careful consideration.

Referring to that part of Grand High Priest O'Neal's address in relation to the comparatively small net increase in membership, which was ascribed to hesitancy on the part of Royal Arch Masons to properly present the matter to Master Masons, leads Comp. Miller to suggest the wisdom of the employment of a royal court official to be known as the "Discourager of Hesitancy," whose duty would be to forcibly impress that "Now is the accepted time."

Referring to the death of our Past Grand High Priest Samuel Pasco he says: "Kansas remembers his long, faithful and courteous service as her Grand Representative, doubtless our oldest in service at time he was called."

Referring to our preference for sunshine rather than shoveling snow and paying coal bills, he says:

Lack of snow cost Kansas from two hundred to three hundred millions of dollars last winter on wheat alone.

Everybody to his liking, but in these times of strenuous war time economy we again invite you to come to Florida and not only save coal bills but also in winter clothing.

#### KANSAS—1919

Chapters, 96. Members, 12,159. Exalted, 699. Net Gain, 393.

HERBERT H. HULL, Grand High Priest.

By reason of a railroad blockade caused by a severe snowstorm which prevented the Grand High Priest from being present, R. E. John A. Ferrell, Deputy Grand High Priest, opened the Fifty-fourth Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Wichita, February 17, 1919, with sixty-six Subordinate Chapters represented. Two members of the Grand Chapter were the guests of honor. Florida's Grand Representative, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary M. E. Aaron H. Connell was with those who were cordially welcomed, the response being by the Grand Representative of Nevada, M. E. Wm. F. March.

Seemingly nothing Capitular worthy of attention was overlooked by the Grand High Priest during the year, as was revealed in the work which he caused to be brought up by the Deputy Grand High Priest and which passed inspection.

Kansas Masonry as well as the Craft generally suffered a great loss when M. E. Comp. Matthew M. Miller,

who was Grand High Priest in 1891, passed into the "Great Beyond."

After several years of patient effort to secure returns from Caney Chapter No. 90, but without avail, last year its Charter was revoked. Even then it required a personal visit from the Deputy Grand High Priest to secure the property and records. According to the conditions as stated, this scathing arrangement was merited:

In the opinion of your Grand High Priest the late Caney Chapter No. 90 stands condemned as being absolutely without the first principles that stand for right doing.

Endeavoring to make 1918 a banner year for Capitular Masonry, he sought out the weaker Chapters. As a result of investigations he found that some of the reasons for this state of affairs was caused by lack of ability to confer degrees, inability to secure a quorum and general apathy. Although he seems not to have been able to solve this great problem, yet he says: "During the past year there have been but few days in which my thought has not been along the line of trying to evolve a plan whereby prosperity would come to them." Surely such intense enthusiasm as this must bring results.

Owing to war conditions he was able to make only five official visits, and his one idea seems to have been how to bring them "out of a rut." He issued forty-eight special dispensations, of which forty-five were required because of the war. He recommended that the Charters of four Chapters be revoked.

While the net gain in membership during 1918 is not equal to that of 1917, yet by reason of the extraordinary events which prevailed he stated that he was quite satisfied with results.

At the next Convocation a special Committee will report upon the advisability of changing the ritual, now in use, to conform to that of the General Grand Chapter.

Evidences presented did not warrant recognition of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland.

Although this Grand Chapter has printed ritual yet it considers a Grand Lecturer one of the essentials, and while war requirements interfered with his work last year, greater results are expected the coming year.

More than half of the High Priests in attendance at Grand Chapter were received into the Order of High Priesthood, a showing equalled by few Grand Chapters.

Only ten of the Grand Chapter proceedings had been reviewed by Past Grand High Priest Matthew M. Miller when he responded to the order of the Supreme High Priest. Florida was one of the last to receive his attention. Companion Miller found much in the address of Grand High Priest Palmer to commend, particularly his endorsement of M. E. Comp. Kuhn's pamphlet, "The Necessity of the Royal Arch Degree to the Master Mason."

He likewise approved our own review work which he was pleased to say "establishes his right to the welcome extended him."

Companion Miller has been presenting each year for inspection work of merit which will not soon be forgotten. His mantle has fallen on Past Grand High Priest Albert K. Wilson, who promises to be to Comp. Miller what Elisha was to Elijah. Permit us to extend Comp. Wilson a cordial welcome.

Next Annual in Topeka, Feb. 16, 1920.

John A. Ferrell, Sedan, Grand High Priest.

Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

## LOUISIANA—1918.

Chapters, 45. Membership, 4,479. Exalted, 341. Net Gain, 247.

JOHN S. TIBAUT, Grand High Priest.

When the Seventy-first Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Louisiana convened in New Orleans Feb. 5, 1918, every Grand Officer responded to roll call, and 37 subordinate Chapters were represented, besides several Past Grand and Past High Priests being in attendance, including R. E. Ernest W. Driedholz, who has responded for Florida since 1896.

From the comprehensive address of the Grand High Priest we learn that while Capitular Masonry does not meet with the popularity of the Symbolic Degrees, yet he has reason to be satisfied with its progress in the State, because:

We should consider that though the essence of Freemasonry is contained in the three Symbolic Degrees, the—at least—apparent end of its philosophy belongs unquestionably to the Royal Arch Degree, and it is but meet and proper that they only should seek ultimate enlightenment who are prepared for it by a thorough conception of the meaning of the preceding degrees.

During the year a Chapter was constituted at Delhi and a dispensation granted for another at Eunice. Dispensations covering minor and major legislations were granted. He was compelled to refuse a dispensation not to confer the Royal Arch with two substitutes, which he states is not in accordance with the rulings of the General Grand Chapter; but which regulations he adds, "permits the conferring the Royal Arch Degree with one substitute." This differs somewhat from our understanding of what is said under the heading of

"Substitutes" in the Digest of Decisions of the General Grand Chapter as they appear in our copy of the 1915 Proceedings, which reads: "The use of substitutes is not a violation of the ritual, etc., and we fail to find where it states *one* substitute is permitted and *two* refused. He refused to grant one dispensation to institute a new Chapter, and wisely so it seems to us, saying:

I do not believe in the theory of creating dormant Chapters and I cannot see how any Chapter can help but become dormant if its material is to be drawn from only one single Lodge.

He made two decisions, the latter one being to the effect that a Brother having taken the Mark Master degree in a Lodge in Scotland would not be recognized here, and that it would be necessary for him to take all the Chapter degrees the same as any other Master Mason. Both were approved by the Jurisprudence Committee, with this comment:

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland is the only organization that confers a Mark Master's Degree that can be recognized by any Royal Arch Chapter.

Ten petitions were received for membership into the Most Excellent Council of the Order of High Priesthood, who were duly consecrated and set apart. Companion Herman C. Duncan was re-elected M. E. President.

Many chunks of wisdom are found in the concise report on Foreign Correspondence by Past Grand High Priest Herman C. Duncan. Under Florida he quotes liberally and with apparent approval from the address of Grand High Priest O'Neal. He avoids all references to other members of the Round Table, because experience has taught him to "refrain from dealing with matters that are out of date."

## LOUISIANA—1919.

Chapters, 40. Members, 4,559. Exalted, 225. Net Gain, 156.

E. H. ADDINGTON, Grand High Priest.

After the Seventy-second Annual Convocation had been called to order in New Orleans, February 4, 1919, and an invocation offered by the Grand Chaplain, the M. E. Grand Chapter, with thirty-five Chapters represented, was declared open in due and ample form by the Grand High Priest.

In his address which followed he noted that while the Lodges had been quite active, work in the Chapters had been less noticeable, and the reason was not far to seek. War conditions calling the young men to service they had time only to become Master Masons. As the active workers in the Lodge are quite often the pillars of the Chapter, these extraordinary calls for Lodge labor many times result in weariness and inattention to Chapter work, and consequently becomes a serious hindrance to the spread of Capitular light and growth. Therefore in his opinion extreme care ought to be exercised in the issue of dispensations and Charters. No new Chapter was formed during the year. Owing to press of engagements only two Chapters were officially visited and one of these was to secure a quorum to grant a demit. He adds that while the visit was successful as to the particular object, he is not so sanguine about the efforts to awake interest in the work of the Chapter.

His one decision was to the effect that a member of a Lodge in Georgia, who by reason of his employment "had no residence," was not eligible for the Capitular Degrees in Louisiana.

He attended the General Grand Chapter and calls particular attention to the report of the Committee to revise the law of the organization, and which it appears to him in an "effort to assume greater powers by the General Body that it has heretofore enjoyed." He recommends that "it be given careful study and that the representatives who attend the 1921 convention be specifically instructed as to what action to take." Further consideration of the above was postponed to the next Annual Grand Convocation.

Noting the failure of Chapter officers to count to memory the present Cypher ritual, a resolution was presented to henceforth use what is known as the "Louisiana Work" and that it be disseminated orally by "mouth to ear." The Committee on Work, however, reported that it would not be wise to make such a change at this time. If any of the Chapters failed to memorize the ceremonial work, it was the fault of the officers of those Chapters, and not of the ritual.

By the adoption of a resolution presented by the Committee on Masonic Law, a companion who was a High Priest in Tennessee was ordered added to the call of Past High Priest of Louisiana.

The recommendations and appointments of Representatives to the other Grand Chapters by the Grand High Priest was approved by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence and adopted by Grand Chapter.

The six Companions who had petitioned were accepted and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood, and a Companion who had received the order in Ohio was also elected to membership. Without introduction or conclusion Past Grand High Priest Herman C. Duncan again Reports on Foreign Correspondence, which is largely of one or more excerpts from the address of the various Grand High Priests. Florida being

"entirely of a routine character," half a dozen lines tells the whole story. No attention whatever is given to the work of any of the reviews.

His comments are usually terse but illuminating, particularly in his treatment of Scotland, which is exceptionally clear and convincing. He wants it distinctly understood:

That the General Grand Chapter of the United States claims exclusive Jurisdiction in Philippine Islands. Not because she found it unoccupied, but because it was United States territory. \* \* \* The attempt to justify the invasion of the United States territory is fallacious. \* \* \* Our Scotch cousins would do well to respect the rights of America, even at the cost of rectification of a wrong and self-complacency in a fallacious boast.

Next Annual in New Orleans, Feb. 3, 1919.  
W. M. Washburn, Monroe, Grand High Priest.  
John A. Davilla, New Orleans, Grand Secretary.  
Rev. H. C. Duncan, Alexandria, Com. on For. Cor

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MAINE—1918.

Chapters, 65. Members, 11,145. Exalted, 487. Net Gain, 211.  
FREDERIC O. EATON, Grand High Priest.

Capitular Masonry in the Commonwealth sometimes called the Pine Tree Shilling State, appears to move along with precision and regularity, gathering here a little and there a little and its totals constitute a gratifying increase in membership. Its Ninety-third Annual Convocation was held in the Masonic Temple, Portland, May 7, 1918. It was opened in Ample Form by the Grand High Priest, assisted by his complete retinue of

officials and representatives from fifty-five of the Chartered Chapters, twenty-four permanent members and fifty-four Grand Representatives. But we regret to note that Florida was not represented by R. E. Companion Henry R. Taylor.

After the necessary preliminaries the Grand High Priest rendered an account of his stewardship which contains comparatively little of interest to the Craft outside of his own Jurisdiction. Being an optimist he congratulated the Companions on the substantial growth in membership and believed the apparent lack of interest in a few Chapters would be overcome.

For good and sufficient reasons a number of dispensations were granted, but we note he does not permit the Royal Arch Degree to be worked outside of a regular Masonic hall. A request to ballot on application at special convocations was refused. A waiver of jurisdiction was requested from Titusville Chapter, No. 26; and a request was made to have St. Petersburg Chapter, No. 31 confer degrees by courtesy.

All requests for decisions were answered by reference to the Constitution and Regulations.

He made nine official visitations, and during the seven years in which he has been an inspecting officer he has visited every Chapter assigned to him—surely a commendable and worthy record.

The reports of the other Grand Officers show that they had faithfully discharged their duties to the Craft.

During the year one permanent member of the Grand Chapter, Past Grand Scribe F. Dillingham, passed to the Great Beyond at the age of eighty-five years. He had been Grand Representative for Indiana since 1876.

At the Annual Meeting of the Council of the Order of High Priesthood thirty-three candidates were received and anointed.

Ever since we began reading Grand Chapter Correspondence Reports we have looked forward with interest to the one from Maine. After meeting Past Grand High Priest Thomas H. Bodge at the Baltimore Triennial we were particularly gratified that his 1918 Report should be the first to greet us on our return home.

In his review of Florida he says the address of Grand High Priest Wm. R. O'Neal shows little out of the ordinary, save the dispensation which was granted to place a key stone in the Christian Church in Maine. He quotes in full the reference to it as well as the report of the Jurisprudence Committee relative to the same but makes no comment.

He fails to see the reason for the Grand Chapter Amendments specifying who are eligible to be elected High Priests, for when reduced to the final analysis, he says, it still leaves the Chapter the right to elect from the floor.

Replying to the query of Companion Bodge relative to the conferring of Degrees in Grand Chapters, we refer him to our "comments."

Next Annual in Portland, May 6-7, 1919.  
 Clifford J. Pattee, Belfast, Grand High Priest.  
 Charles B. Davis, Portland, Grand Secretary.  
 Thomas H. Bodge, Augusta, Com. on For. Cor.

#### MARYLAND—1918

Chapters, 24. Members, 4,767. Exalted, 379. Net Gain, 270.

J. H. FERD. HAHN, Grand High Priest.

Twenty-one years had passed since a similar special Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland had been held, as the one which con-

vened in the City of Baltimore, October 2, 1918, to officially and fraternally welcome the General Grand Chapter of the United States, which convened in that city October 2nd.

Only one subordinate Chapter failed to send a representative to the one hundred and twenty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter which met in Baltimore, Nov. 21, 1918, which was opened in Ample Form by the Grand High Priest, assisted by his entire official family and ten Past Grands. We regret to note that Florida's Grand Representative was not among those who were so graciously welcomed by the Grand High Priest.

Contrary to the prevailing custom, the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary were read before Grand High Priest Hahn presented his concise report, in which he noted the passing the veils of two Past Grand High Priests, M. E. Companions Thomas J. Shryock and Charles B. Finley.

In addition to granting dispensations to confer degrees upon brothers entering the service, he granted a general dispensation to all Chapters, by reason of the epidemic of influenza, to meet and hold election of officers, said regular elections having been prevented by Boards of Health. This is the first time such a general order has come to the writer's notice.

He recommended that the Grand Secretary's salary be increased \$100 and the Grand Lecturer's \$200. He particularly urged a better attendance upon the Chapter School of Instruction, especially by officers in line.

During the year nothing seems to have occurred to disturb the harmony of the year, so all that remained was to formally approve the various reports, advance one peg by election and appointment the several officers, and make the necessary Committee appointments. After

which the Grand High Priest declared the Grand Chapter of Maryland closed, it having been in continuous session three hours.

The ninety-fourth Annual Convocation of the Council of M. E. High Priests of Maryland preceded the Grand Chapter, when twelve High Priests were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

Nearly as much space is given in the proceedings to list of officers and members of subordinate Chapters as to the excellent but brief Report on Correspondence by Rev Henry Branch, D. D., the Chairman.

Florida receives favorable commendation, in which he quotes from the address of Grand High Priest Palmer as well as from committee reports. He noted that the "heft" of the Proceedings was given over to the "Report on Correspondence," which Companion Branch graciously says was "well worth the time and space," also adding "Our Grand High Priest is named J. H. Ferd. Hahn; put in that "H." in the middle of his surname, please."

Next Annual in Baltimore, Nov. 20, 1919.

Oliver C. Warehime, Frederick, Grand High Priest.  
John H. Miller, Baltimore, Grand Secretary.

Rev. Henry Branch, D. D., Baltimore, Chrm. Com. on Correspondence.

#### MASSACHUSETTS—1918

Chapters, 83. Members, 26,848. Exalted, 1,189. Net Gain, 459.

ARTHUR D. PRINCE, Grand High Priest.

This is one of the few American Grand Jurisdictions which follow the English custom of Quarterly Convocations. After welcoming a number of distinguished

visitors from other States, the Committee to whom was referred the address of the Grand High Priest at the previous December Annual reported. His decision was approved that "a Chapter cannot refund any portion of the initiation fee to a petitioner for a payment made to the Grand Lodge for being healed."

In approving the action the Grand High Priest in restricting the requests for permission to do courtesy work to a minimum, the Committee added: "Too much emphasis cannot be placed upon the elimination of speed and dispatch in the conferring the Capitular Degrees."

Dual membership, which prevails in this Grand Jurisdiction, seemingly has some drawbacks, for the recommendation was approved that a member suspended in one Chapter should be deprived of his privileges in every Chapter.

Very specific, even in details, is the adopted amendment regulating the regalia to be used in both the Grand and Subordinate Chapters.

At each of the quarterlies the Grand High Priest addressed the Grand Chapter. Noting the lack of interest shown by certain officers in subordinate Chapters, particularly at Specific Exemplifications, where they are conspicuous for their absence by giving the very lame excuse of "pressure of business," he does not hesitate to express his emphatic disapproval:

The Grand Chapter does not expect any officer to jeopardize his business for the sake of Capitular Masonry, but it does insist that every man who accepts an office with a full knowledge of its responsibilities, shall be willing to make some sacrifices for the sake of the Institution. Most of us are business men, and, if we wish to escape from any inconvenient duty, we can, without much criticism, plead a business excuse, but there are few of us who, if inspired by a real desire to fulfill our obligations, could not find a way to spare

a half a day from our work, once a year. It would be better for our Institution if those who cannot do this should decline to hold office.

Hereafter it will be possible when there are more than three candidates in the Past Master Degree to abridge certain parts of the Work on the excess members; and certain abridgements of ceremony in the Royal Arch Degree are still being considered.

The Fourth Quarterly or Annual Convocation was held December 10, 1918, and did not appear to be as well attended by Grand Officers as at some of the other Quartierlies. Apparently Florida's Grand Representative did not consider any of the Convocations important enough to require his presence.

As a fitting finale to three years of continuous wise and effective administration, the Grand High Priest, rejoicing that he had been privileged to assist in so great and glorious a work, related his official acts. He noted during the year the passing of the Veils of two Past Deputy Grand High Priests, R. E. Companions Nathan B. Fletcher and Waterman S. C. Russell.

Although he granted several dispensations for conferring degrees, he specifically stated that such leniency "must not be taken as a guarantee that peace conditions will warrant a continuance of the practice; and that Chapters are not machines for turning out Royal Arch Masons at so much per head."

He headed a large and distinguished delegation to the General Grand Chapter, which included M. E. Companion J. Albert Blake, who was further honored by being elected General Grand Scribe. But of all the important matters there considered, that of supreme importance in the opinion of Grand High Priest Prince, was that section of the revision of the General Regulations, to be acted on at the next Triennial, by which, if adopted,

the General Grand Chapter will assume to itself supreme authority over all forms, ceremonies and rituals, and would mean the surrender by each Grand Chapter of all its rights and sovereignty to the General Grand Chapter. This is a consummation, in his opinion, not to be desired, adding:

It would be a pity, if the General Grand Chapter which has been so successful in blending all but three of the Grand Chapters of the United States into a harmonious association, held together loosely and yet strongly by the bonds of mutual love and respect, should now, by the assumption of supreme authority, impose upon its affiliated membership, a law, which in some quarters, would go far to destroy the pleasant relations in which so much pleasure and satisfaction has been enjoyed.

In connection with the Annual Assembly of the Convention of High Priests, at which twenty-eight applications for the Order were received, the M. E. President, Comp. Warren B. Ellis, gave an instructive address on "Jews and Masonry" who, he informs us, from the first, have been prominent in the growth in the Craft in this Country.

We had the great pleasure of meeting "face to face" at Baltimore M. E. Companion Frederick T. Comee, who in the dual capacity of Grand Secretary and Committee on Foreign Correspondence again presents a most admirable report. Florida comes under his critical consideration, and with apparent favor, unless it be our using actual candidates instead of substitutes in the conferring degrees by the Committee on Work. As stated in our "Comments," we have found that actual candidates are by far the most satisfactory.

We greatly appreciate his flattering approval of our work and thank him for his encouraging words.

In his conclusion, he also pays particular attention to the proposed revision of the Constitution of the Gen-

eral Grand Chapter, which he hopes, will not be adopted for, "if it should be, it will result in trouble for the General Grand Chapter."

John J. Van Valkenburgh, Farmingham, Grand High Priest.

Frederick T. Comee, Boston, Grand Secretary and Com. on Correspondence.

#### MICHIGAN—1918.

Chapters, 155. Members, 26,841. Exalted, 1,906. Net Gain, 1,150.

ELMER S. ATHERTON, Grand High Priest.

During the year Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction suffered great loss by the passing the Veils for the last time of Past Grand High Priest Horace S. Maynard, the "Grand Old Man of Masonry" of Michigan, as well as Past Grand High Priests William F. Denfield and Reuben C. Webb. The effect was apparently felt throughout the session of the Seventieth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, which convened in Detroit, May 21, 1918, with a total recorded attendance of 214, which included 14 Present and 15 Past Grand Officers and Representatives from 134 Subordinate Chapters.

Although the Address of the Grand High Priest shows that he performed his duties with energy and zeal, yet nothing special appears to have occurred to disturb the activities of the year, which indicated phenomenal growth compared with that of any previous year.

Existing war conditions have made it necessary to make numerous requests for exchanges of courtesies in the conferring of Chapter degrees, all of which were

cheerfully granted, except in the case of Pennsylvania, which, the Grand High Priest says was very promptly refused and which brings out this comment:

I have no criticism to offer our sister jurisdictions, but I am very grateful that the laws of Michigan permit us to extend these courtesies to our sister jurisdictions, and if such a law was in vogue, I certainly should make a recommendation that it be repealed.

A particularly pleasing event in the year was the visit of the Grand High Priest and the Grand Secretary to the Grand Chapter of Ohio. Visits of this nature, he believes, "can be made very valuable, as we exchange ideas and get new ones which sometimes removes us from an old rut."

He made forty official visitations, constituted one new Chapter and was not called upon to make any decisions during the year. In reply to a query he showed that any Chapter without dispensation could use any Lodge hall in its jurisdiction to confer the first three Chapter degrees.

To provide for those members who "grow fat on statistics and comparisons," Grand Secretary Conover has prepared a number of new tables so that the seeker after information can take it in either allopathic or homoeopathic doses.

Although the Committee on Appeals searched the records with a fine-toothed comb, it utterly failed to discover any trouble.

To commemorate the organization of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons at Jackson, March 9, 1884, a tablet suitably engraved was presented to the Temple Association of Jackson.

Believing that not enough attention in the past had been given to the Order of High Priesthood, and to arouse a greater interest in this degree, an invitation was

extended to the Grand Council of High Priesthood of Ohio to be present and confer this degree. It seemed to have had the desired effect, for fifty Companions were anointed and consecrated to this Holy Order in Ancient and Ample Form. The visitors included Past Grand High Priests Nelson Williams, Graff M. Acklin, Wm. T. S. O'Hara, Wm. T. McLean and Wm. A. Belt. The proceedings informs us that "the beauty and solemnity of the work was a veritable revelation to most of the Michigan members of the Order." This is the first visitation of this nature that has come to our notice, and we trust this may be found worthy of emulation by other Grand Bodies.

Preceding the sixteenth review of the Capitular Masonry of other Jurisdictions by Grand Secretary Chas. A. Conover, who is also the Committee chairman, he uses as his introduction the 1917 report of Companion Charles A. Adams, the Correspondence Reporter for California, which questions the value of Reports as commonly prepared. Whatever may be the personal belief of Companion Conover, it does not deter him from presenting a most readable review in conventional and regulation form.

Florida receives fraternal consideration and particular commendation for the page insert of the National Flag in colors. He quotes approvingly from the address of Grand High Priest O'Neal. He also permits the writer's first report to pass the Overseers' squares.

Next Annual in Grand Rapids, May 20, 1918.  
Walter H. Booth, Grand Rapids, Grand High Priest.  
Charles H. Conover, Coldwater, Grand Sec. and Cor.  
Com.

## MINNESOTA—1918.

Chapters, 76. Members, 10,438. Exalted, 449. Net Gain, 158.

WILLIAM P. ROBERTS, Grand High Priest.

It takes some "figgerin" to put two days work in one, but Grand High Priest Roberts performed that feat successfully when he transacted the multitudinous business that necessarily came before the Fifty-seventh Annual Convocation of Royal Arch Masons, which was held in St. Paul, October 8, 1918. This result was brought about by some of the Committees, anticipating their duties the day previous, and also by postponing the order of High Priesthood to a later date.

However the Grand High Priest in his address calls it an "uneventful year for Capitular Masonry in Minnesota." Two of the permanent members crossed the mystic river during the year, M. E. Companion Giles W. Merrill, who was Grand High Priest in 1871-2, and M. E. Companion Nathan Kingsley, who was Grand High Priest in 1885, and became General Grand High Priest in 1909.

Although it is commonly recognized that the By-Laws of a Chapter can not be set aside by the Grand High Priest, yet he was asked and compelled to deny requests covering such points. He made five decisions, but they seemed to require no new interpretation of the law. He refused to grant waivers of jurisdiction over petitioners. He thinks too many times there is no good reason for making such requests, for Chapters are expected to fraternally confer degrees for each other, and new members can immediately demit and affiliate with the Chapter of their choice.

Duty to country taking precedence of duty to Chapter made it impossible for him to visit all of the 76 Chap-

ters in the state, but he did the best he could and 24 were honored by his presence.

Referring to uniformity of work, he says, "there are very few Chapters in the Jurisdiction which do not need a visit from a Grand Custodian and a School of Instruction." Referring to the neglect of the High Priest and Secretary in not having the book of Marks properly kept, he is sure that better results would follow if any advancement beyond the Mark Master Degree was prohibited until the Mark had been selected and its description filed for record. He truthfully adds that many "Marks" are so elaborate as to defeat any useful purpose.

New Chapters at Alexandria and Rush City were continued through the year.

In connection with the appointment of Grand Representatives, he acknowledges the receipt of formal reports from Minnesota's ambassadors in Florida and Washington.

He believes in making Masonry practical as well as theoretical, for he followed up the action of his predecessor of the previous year in patriotically discussing the "Americanization of Aliens," and he is greatly encouraged, for he reports that the subject is now a national one, and an effort is being worked up to thoroughly "organize the whole country to make every fit resident of America a good full citizen thereof."

Florida's Grand Representative not being among those who were received with Grand Honors, the only information this Grand Jurisdiction will have of that important Annual Convocation will be found in this condensed review.

In addition to the efficient manner in which Grand High Priest Roberts discharged his official duties, his report as chairman of the committee on Revision of Laws shows long and arduous labor. A notable feature

in the proposed revised Constitution is the elimination of the office of Deputy Grand High Priest, which characterizes as "distinctly unhistoric as applied to Capitular Masonry, and pretty much an ornamental appendage." The General Grand Chapter takes substantially the same view, for it also eliminates that office in its proposed New Constitution. The utility of this station seems doubtful, unless it be to put an additional name on the official pay roll and also to require an extra year to "pass the chairs."

Minnesota is the first Grand Chapter coming to our notice which is preparing to adopt the ritual of the General Grand Chapter, which, according to the adoption of the report of the Special Committee on Ritual, will be as soon as the Board of Custodian familiarizes itself with the new esoteric work.

Companion Irving Todd has the happy faculty of presenting a brief as well as interesting report. Florida is given considerable attention, but he would have been better pleased, apparently, with the address "if the twelve pages of necrology had been turned over to the proper committee."

Having reviewed our second correspondence report he now recognizes us a "duly accredited member of the Round Table." Thank you. We are beginning to feel somewhat acquainted with our esteemed co-laborers.

Next Annual at St. Paul; October 14, 1919.  
George M. Stowe, Waldena, Grand High Priest.  
John Fishel, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.  
Irving Todd, Hastings, Com. on Cor.

## MISSOURI—1918.

Chapters, 109. Members, 16,797. Exalted, 1,308. Net Gain, 781.

ALBERT E. DIAMANT, Grand High Priest.

Apparently there can be no question about Capitular Masonry being a living force in this Grand Jurisdiction, for if we correctly understand the returns every one of the 109 Subordinate Chapters were represented at the Seventy-second Annual Convocation held in St. Louis, April 23-24, 1919; every Grand Officer was in his appointed station, and Florida's accredited Representative, Past Grand High Priest Charles C. Woods, responded to the roll call.

As "like begets like," so does the comprehensive address of the Grand High Priest indicate him to be a successful business man. That the Companions may better understand some of the indescribable horrors of Prussianism in the world's great conflict, he promulgates the Appeal of the Grand Master of Freemasons of Belgium to the Grand Lodges of Freemasons of Germany. Although it has apparently proved ineffective so far, yet it becomes a part of the record for consideration when the day of reckoning is at hand. It clearly indicates what our situation would be if Prussianism had been successful.

Nothing having occurred to disturb the companionship and good will during the year, much of the address is merely a recapitulation of such minor matters as necessarily arise, and which have no material bearing outside of the membership. None of the letters of inquiry called for an interpretation of the law, all being answered by reference to the By-Laws. His official acts were approved and his successful administration was commended.

One of the duties of the newly constituted Ritualistic Committee will be to prepare a Ritualistic ceremony:

Embracing the investiture of the apron in the Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch degrees. Explaining therein the reason for its use and colors and to present the results of their suggestions to the next Annual Convocation.

We shall look forward with anticipation for this report. Another resolution provides that when a Grand Representative shall fail to attend the Annual Convocation for two successive years the position shall become vacant. If this action was rightfully enforced in every jurisdiction there would be some shaking up of dry bones.

What real, actual, valid excuse is there for a Chapter becoming dormant? What has been accomplished in one Chapter, as appears in the report of the Grand Lecturer, might with equal effort, it seems to us, be accomplished elsewhere:

Just ten years ago the Chapter was at such a low ebb that many of the Companions thought it best to surrender the charter. Nine Companions, however, asked to be given opportunity to try and put new life into what was practically a dead body. They began by first learning the Ritual, and rehearsing together, so that the work could be done effectively and impressively. They then asked for petitions, and from that time on the Chapter has grown steadily, and its work has ever since been held to a high standard.

Another practical idea emanates from this apparently resourceful Grand Lecturer. Appreciating that music was essentially necessary in the ceremonial part of the Most Excellent Master's Degree, he made use of the graphophone, and he notes that this "has been the means of reviving waning interest in a number of Chapters." He was also instructed to enforce the provision which

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Thirty-nine duly installed High Priests were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood with most solemn ceremony.

Companion John Henderson Miller presents another of his really instructive and truly helpful Reports on Fraternal Correspondence. Florida coming under his favorable consideration.

He calls particular attention to the report of the Committee on Memorials, saying that the views therein expressed deserve the hearty approval of all Royal Arch Masons, because "It stands out in striking contrast with the doleful and lugubrious lamentations indulged in by only too many."

We sincerely thank him for the many complimentary things he writes about our first report, which he is pleased to call "one of the brightest and most interesting reviews of the year."

Next Annual in Kansas City, April 22, 1918.

Thomas F. Hurd, Paris, Grand High Priest.  
Robt. F. Stevenson, St. Louis, Grand Secretary.  
Rev. John H. Miller, Kansas City, Correspondent.

#### MISSISSIPPI—1918.

Chapters, 67. Members, 4,286. Exalted, 269. Net Gain, 89.

WILLIAM H. CARTER, Grand High Priest.

Gratification and encouragement truly characterized the Seventieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons which convened in Natchez, Feb. 21, 1918, for the statistical summary shows that the net increase in membership this year was greater than net loss for the year previous. Every Grand Officer was in his rightful station and 52 Subordinate Chapters were represented, besides many Permanent Members and Past High Priests. But again Florida was without representation.

With painstaking care does Grand High Priest Carter review his official doings of the year 1917, which he truly says "was a year of tremendous historical moment, a year that will mark the beginning of greater changes in every line of human activity than any previous year in human history. He refers to the unintentional violation of jurisdictional rights with a Sister Jurisdiction, which is in process of settlement, but nowhere do we learn what occurred.

One visit was made during the year by the Principal Sojourner of the Eternal Chapter, and who transferred to his final reward Past Grand High Priest M. E. Companion John E. Brooks, who was also a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council and Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery.

Having visited the Masonic Home several times he vouches for it being "not merely an orphan asylum or eleemosynary institution, but a real home with the right kind of a home spirit."

Visitations he characterizes as the "pleasantest part of his year's work." He had intended to visit every Chapter, but to his great regret he was limited to officially visiting 39 Chapters, certainly a commendable record. He took advantage of these opportunities to converse with Companions relative to Symbolic Masonry and the necessity of every Master Mason becoming a Chapter Mason. He says he desired to give the Companions something to talk to Master Masons about, and he believes he did so.

Although he started out with the determination to issue few, if any, dispensations during the year, but by reason of so many candidates joining the army he made a number of exceptions. He refused to grant one dispensation to receive a petition and vote out of time on a brother from another State, although the Grand Chapter of Indiana had formally waived jurisdiction over him, because he "could not see that the local Chapter had gained jurisdiction over him." According to our understanding of laws he would have been eligible to receive the degrees.

In accordance with Grand Chapter instructions he designed and presented a Grand Lecturer's Jewel which he says is "the only such Jewel in existence." Wonder what it looks like?

Grand High Priest Carter is a strong believer in the advantages that will follow granting dispensations to Chapters to go to constituent Lodges and confer at least the "preliminary degrees." believing that it "would arouse interest in these other Lodges in Capitular Masonry and result in an increase in Chapter membership." Grand Chapter not only approved this recommendation, but also included conferring the Royal Arch, if conditions were suitable. Similar action has been done in Florida, and with satisfactory results, although we are

aware that some Grand Jurisdictions emphatically disapprove.

The Grand Lecturer's Report showed that at least 60 per cent. of the Chapters are capable of conferring the degrees and giving lectures.

A Committee on Law takes the place of Florida's Jurisprudence Committee and approved all the official acts of the Grand High Priest.

No new Chapters were instituted or formed during the year, but the Committee on Subordinate Chapters reported that three applications had been made, and recommended that dispensations be granted in two cases and refused in one.

Grand High Priest Dabney B. Palmer, who is also the Grand Representative for Mississippi, sent fraternal greetings which appear in the Proceedings.

Nineteen Companions were consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood, and M. E. Companion J. J. McIntosh was re-elected President.

For the ninth consecutive time Past Grand High Priest Oliver Lee McKay presents a report of his journey through the fields of correspondence for the year. He observes that with the exception of the Grand Jurisdiction of Scotland alone, "peace and harmony everywhere abound." And we join with him in wishing that sometime our Scotch Companions will see the error of their way. Florida receives favorable consideration. He is pleased to state that Grand High Priest O'Neal's well written address is "interesting and instructive throughout," and from which he quotes several passages with approval. We thank him for his encouraging words relative to our first effort.

Next Annual, Meridian, Feb. 27, 1919.

Jere H. Power, Mathiston, Grand High Priest.

Frederick G. Speed, Vicksburg, Grand Secretary.

Oliver Lee McKay, Meridian, Cor. Report.

## NEBRASKA—1918.

Chapters, 59. Members, 5,754. Exalted, 424. Net Gain, 250.

JOHN R. STINE, Grand High Priest.

Owing to the epidemic of Spanish influenza prevailing in Nebraska at the time, only twenty-two of the fifty-three Chartered Chapters were represented at the Fifty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons which convened in the city of Omaha, December 11, 1918.

Agreeably combining sentiment and statistics, the Grand High Priest outlined the condition of the Royal Craft as he found it; including with it his official acts and recommendations for more efficient service.

Affectionate mention is made of the tragic death of Past Grand High Priest Frank H. Young, "Who lost his life in the waters of Florida, Dec. 24, 1917," also of Past Grand High Priest Julius J. Wilson, who also crossed the mystic river.

He regretted that this Grand Chapter was not represented at the General Grand Chapter, and recommended that provisions be made to send the four principal officers to the next Triennial, but Grand Chapter decided that half that number would be sufficient.

He noted the request for recognition of the New Supreme Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Queensland, but after due investigation by the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, he recommended that recognition be postponed pending additional information.

The Grand High Priest enthuses over the Masonic Home and its management, and urges that both Chapters and individual Companions contribute generously to its maintenance.

Nebraska Craftsmen must be exceptionally peaceable and well informed, for no questions relating to law were submitted, and hence no official decisions were made.

Requests for dispensations and those pertaining to degrees met ready response and were approved by Grand Chapter. He did, however, refuse a dispensation to a Chapter to go outside its city and confer the Mark, Past and Most Excellent Master on thirteen petitioners, holding that the law does not permit Chapters to hold convocations or transact business outside of the place designated in its Charter. Some Grand Jurisdictions, including Florida, are more liberal in their interpretation of such requests.

Some of the Grand High Priest's recommendations were to the effect that his successor enforce more strenuously the rules and regulations governing subordinate Chapters in their relations with Grand Chapter. One is led to wonder what prevented the enforcement being started sooner.

From the report of the Credential Committee we learn that Florida's Grand Representative, Companion Waller L. Spear, was present.

There being no objections, the fifteen Companions who petitioned for the order of High Priesthood were anointed and set apart with the full ceremonial of the order. The old officers were re-elected.

Conforming to the action of the Grand Chapter of the previous year, there is no report on Foreign Correspondence. This is a distinct loss to the Knights of the Round Table and it seems to us a much greater loss to the Nebraska Companions, for it practically deprives them of all outside knowledge pertaining to the Capitu-

lar world, the only exception being possibly the Grand High Priest and the Grand Secretary.

Next Annual in Omaha, Dec. 10, 1919  
Wm. D. Funk, Bloomfield, Grand High Priest.  
Francis E. White, Omaha, Grand Secretary.

## NEVADA—1918.

Chapters, 11. Members, 529. Exalted, 15. Net Loss, 7.

THOMAS LINDSAY, Grand High Priest.

Using to the best advantage the materials at hand, though widely separated by mountain and plain, a goodly number of the Royal Craft of Nevada met in its Fifty-fifth Annual Convocation in the City of Tonopah, June 10, 1919, with every active Chapter represented. Unfortunately for Florida Ex. Comp. C. A. Thompson was not present to share in the honors accorded the Grand Representatives.

Beautifully picturing the real spirit of Royal Arch Masonry, Grand High Priest Lindsay was profoundly moved by a vision of a wonderful desert sunset, in which the last broad beam of light "formed a perfect Tau Cross;" followed by an equally wonderful sunrise, in which the purple tinged clouds changed to gold, presenting the full desert manifestations of the glorious symbol that is shown in the East in every Lodge."

His duties as acting President of the University of Nevada as well as war work in the State Council of Defense prevented his making many official visitations. Perhaps his greatest regret was the necessity, by reason of changing conditions, of two Chapters surrendering

their Charters, which in their time honored the Royal Craft.

Among his few official acts was the approving of the by-laws of a Subordinate Chapter changing the salary of the secretary from fifty dollars to twenty-five dollars, a demotion not common in these times of advancement.

His "Observations" are prentent to Chapter officers everywhere. He urges members to attend meetings, secure good members and familiarize themselves with the ritual. But more important still:

No member goes to Chapter to hear poor work, and while he may be a staunch friend of the officer who does poor work and try to excuse him, he feels in his heart that there is no real excuse for accepting an office and then neglecting to learn the work.

More important than this is the general knowledge of the object of our great institution. The member who has not a broad general understanding of the meaning of Masonic teachings, is not fit to honor an office, and he doesn't. Make the members feel that you believe in the teachings, and convince them by skilled delivery of the work that you take an interest in.

He is optimistic of the future outlook for two reasons: The establishment of a Grand Commandery of Knight Templars in Nevada, likewise the growth of agricultural settlements in various parts of the state promise better things.

Perhaps the most important legislation was the adoption of an amendment which requires members of an extinct Chapter to pay dues, either to a Subordinate Chapter, a Board of Relief or to the Grand Chapter. Failure to do so shall suspend a member from all the rights, privileges and charities of the Royal Craft by operation of law. Such is not Florida law, nor do we recall seeing elsewhere a similar law.

While Nevada has an Order of High Priesthood apparently there were no accessions during the year 1918.

"As one star differeth from another," so do the Reports on Fraternal Correspondence likewise differ. Nowhere is it more manifest that in the really meritorious work of R. E. Companion Edward D. Vanderlieth, who is also Grand Secretary. His viewpoint is so different that to be appreciated it must be read.

In his review of Florida he refers to Grand High Priest O'Neal as a zealous Craftsman, and quotes from that part of his address touching the war. He quotes the refusal to recognize the St. Andrew's Grand Chapter of Belgium, but without comment.

He assures us that our first report passes inspection and extends a warm welcome which we appreciate.

His comments throughout are terse as well as applicable. Under Illinois we infer that he particularly regrets the departure from "ye ancient singing features in Lodges." He believes we could well afford to return to this custom of singing in meetings for the sake of practice, if nothing more, adding "We have schools of Instruction. Why not let singing be one of the features?"

Next Annual in Reno, June 10, 1919.

Thomas Lindsay, Tonopah, Grand High Priest.

Edward D. Vanderlieth, Reno, Grand Secretary and Com. on Cor.

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NEW BRUNSWICK—1917

LEBARON WILSON, Grand High Priest.

This is one of the very few Grand Chapter proceedings which did not reach us in time for review in 1918.

The Thirtieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick was held in the city of St. John, April 25, 1917, with the Grand High Priest presiding and the necessary number of Grand Officers present as well as representatives from seven subordinate Chapters.

The address of the Grand High Priest was a brief outline of his official acts during the year and the condition of affairs as he found them. He was particularly pleased that peace and harmony prevailed, and that the relations with other jurisdictions remain intact. Regret was expressed over the loss sustained by the death of M. E. Companion Andrew McNichol, who was Grand High Priest in 1907.

All decisions submitted to him were covered in the constitution. He officially visited all but two of the Subordinate Chapters, and these failures were due to inability to make convenient dates—a commendable record.

His only recommendation, to change date of holding Grand Chapter, met with hearty approval, and hereafter this Grand Body will meet the afternoon and evening preceding the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. It was further recommended that at each Annual "one of the degrees be exemplified for the edification and instruction of the Companions in this Jurisdiction."

At the Grand Council of High Priesthood one Companion was anointed a High Priest of the Order of Melchizedek.

## NEW BRUNSWICK—1918.

JASPER J. DALY, Grand High Priest.

Although an enforced absence prevented several of the Grand Officers and other Companions from being present, the Thirty-first Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick assembled in the City of St. John, April 24, 1918, which was opened in Ample Form.

In the very brief address of the Grand High Priest he noted the death of Past Grand Scribe Watson Whitlock and other Companions. No matter of particular importance appears to have required his attention. He noted the making of three official visitations.

The report of the Grand Secretary showed a decrease of sixteen in membership, and the year previous of thirty-eight, conditions brought about by the world war.

After approving the formal reports of the several Committees, all that remained to be done was the election of officers.

Four Companions were consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood.

Next Annual in St. John, April 21, 1919.

Horace A. Porter, St. John, Grand High Priest.  
J. Twining Hartt, St. John, Grand Secretary.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE—1918.

Chapters, 26. Members, 4,629. Exalted, 157. Net Gain, 31.

ALBERT R. JUNKINS, Acting Grand High Priest.

Owing to continued illness of Grand High Priest E. Frank Boomer, which terminated fatally before the year was half over, practically all of the official business devolved upon the Deputy Grand High Priest. This coupled with the passing away earlier in the year of Ex. Companion Josiah L. Seward, who had been Foreign Correspondent since 1907 and Grand Chaplain since 1913, tinged with sadness the sessions of the Ninety-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter which convened in Concord, May 14, 1918, with the Deputy Grand High Priest presiding, and representatives from 19 Chapters in attendance. Florida being well represented by R. E. Comp. Harry M. Cheney, the Grand Secretary.

Much of the address of the Acting Grand High Priest is given to recounting the Masonic and other activities of those who passed the veils during the year for the last time. His report of official visitations as well as those of the Grand King and Grand Scribe indicate that the Chapters are progressive, have members in the service and have invested in the Liberty Loans. His work was largely routine and all his acts were approved. The Jurisprudence Committee could find nothing requiring attention, and harmony seems to prevail throughout the length and breadth of the land.

The Grand Chapter appropriated \$150 towards sending Grand Officers to the General Grand Chapter; recommended that these same officers arrange for the proper celebration of the Centennial of the Grand Chap-

ter, which occurs next year, and authorized the Grand High Priest to represent the Grand Chapter at the Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

Five candidates were anointed and consecrated in solemn form into the Order of High Priesthood.

Although without signature, yet from the introduction we learn that Ex. Companion Charles B. Spofford presents the Report on Correspondence. In less than ninety pages he pleasingly, compactly and discriminately reviews the proceedings of 55 Grand Chapters, several of which are double headers, including Florida.

He calls the address of Grand High Priest O'Neil "unusually well written," and notes that Florida in common with many other states pays per diem and mileage, a custom we infer not practiced in that Grand Jurisdiction. Florida is a large state, and with the Grand Council preceding the Grand Chapter, the former being in session one day and the latter two days, and many of the Companions attending both Grand Bodies, they are away from home five or more days, so that the Grand Chapter per diem and mileage only partially covers the necessary expenses of those attending.

We cordially welcome Companion Spofford into the "charmed circle" of workers in the Capitular quarries, and the specimens of work presented show that he is entitled to wages.

Next Annual in Concord, May 20, 1919.

Albert R. Junkins, Portsmouth, Grand High Priest.

Harry M. Cheney, Concord, Grand Secretary.

Charles B. Spofford, Claremont, Chrm. Cor.

#### NEW JERSEY—1918.

Chapters, 43. Members, 8,877. Exalted, 736. Net Gain, 506.

WILLIAM HERBERT LOWE, Grand High Priest.

Exchange of courtesies and fraternal greetings by distinguished invited guests from neighboring Grand Jurisdictions characterized the opening session of the Sixty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey, which was opened in Ample Form at Trenton, May 15, 1918, by the Grand High Priest, assisted by every member of his Official family, including thirteen Past Grands and Representatives of forty Subordinate Chapters.

Happy, indeed, are our New Jersey Companions who either in person or through perusal of the published proceedings were inspired by the words of wisdom and patriotism which were a part of the opening session. Among the notable speakers on that occasion was Past Grand First Principal Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, Judge and Most Excellent Companion D. F. McWatt.

Commendatory are his refusals to sanction violations of law and a determination to see that its provisions are observed are some of notable features of the address of the Grand High Priest. While attention was called to possible errors in judgment, nothing appeared sufficiently serious to justify discipline. Indicative of his sane conceptions of present day conditions, in referring to the Red Cross, he says: "As Freemasons we realize that flag waving, shouting and enthusiasm are not the full measure of our patriotic obligations." His review of the year's work is summarized. He received much information and assistance as a result of re-districting

the state, the work being assigned to District Deputy High Priests. This method he feels confident produced the most satisfactory results, and also gave more prominence to the official visitations, which were apportioned to all the Grand Lodge Officers from D. G. H. P. to R. A. C. The detailed reports of these officials indicate they faithfully discharged their duties to the Craft.

The Grand High Priest firmly believes that having accepted office, "the Officers of a Chapter should let nothing stand in the way of faithfully discharging those duties."

Among the pleasures of the year were his fraternal visitations, for he says: "No prince or potentate could have received a more royal reception than was accorded me in the several jurisdictions visited." With two exceptions all requests for dispensations were denied, and they pertained to election of officers.

In response to an application for the proper design or pattern for a altar cover, he referred the question to the District Lecturer. His reply was:

That a Masonic altar is no place for the display of pride or pageantry, and that the three Great Lights are the only proper adornment.

He recommended and Grand Chapter authorized that the title of "Right Excellent" be conferred on all elective and appointive officers below the Grand High Priest.

And in connection we note that in the list of officers of this Grand Chapter the stations of Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary follow that of Grand Royal Arch Captain, while in Florida and others, so far as we recall, they follow that of Grand Scribe. We wonder why this minor difference?

After the Grand Chapter had disposed of the favorable reports to which the various sections of the address of the Grand High Priest had been referred, there remained nothing to do but elect officers and close the Convocation.

Following the receiving and admitting of twenty-two Excellent Companions into the Order of High Priesthood and re-electing the previous officers, addresses were delivered by Excellent President Henry S. Hain, illustrative of the origin and purposes of the order; by Excellent Vice President Marcus Higginbotham, relative to the Biblical account of the events commemorated by the ceremonies of the order, and by Ex. Companion William H. Taylor, Past High Priest of Luzon Chapter No. 1, Manila, and the Grand Master of Masons in the Philippine Islands.

Noteworthy and unique is the report on Foreign Correspondence by Past Grand High Priest, Henry S. Haines, for in its nearly two hundred pages we fail to notice a single verbatim reproduction, the entire report being in that smoothly flowing reportorial style of a versatile, well informed and highly trained writer. It goes from one subject to another with such ease that the reader never tires and the minutes and hours slip by unconsciously.

Florida receives considerate and careful treatment in which he notes that New Jersey's Grand Representative M. E. Companion Charles H. Ketchum, our present Grand High Priest, is "always at his post." And this reminds us of a peculiar coincidence, for at the Grand Convocation of New Jersey above reviewed, Florida was signally honored by having as its Grand Representative Grand High Priest, William H. Lowe, a circumstance of which we have no recollection of a precedent.

The address of Grand High Priest O'Neal meets with his approval, but he thinks inspection and instruction by the Grand Council Officers inadequate to effect desired results, saying:

It has become perfectly clear to us that nothing short of district instruction given by officers specially qualified, whose expenses are paid by the Grand Chapter, and the result of whose labors are to be tested each year by the Grand Lecturer, will bring real success to our work. We do not believe, nay, we are sure from experience of forty years in teaching the work, that assigning the duty of instruction or in judging thereof to the principal officers of the Grand Chapter will result in aught else than failure.

We thank Companion Haines for the encouraging and complimentary words in which he refers to our maiden report. But we fear we did not make ourselves quite clear, for we had no intention of stating that no investigating committee is required in Florida. What we intended to say was that the reception of a petition and the report of the committee to which it is always referred could be made and acted on at the same Convocation; and there was nothing to prevent following this by the conferring of one or more of the degrees.

In a trip to the "land of our nativity" in New York State, previous to attending the Baltimore Triennial, we spent a day and a night in New Jersey, but was quite disappointed that we could not meet Companion Haines, and attend a Royal Arch Chapter. However, we did the next best, we attended Lodge in the Jersey City Temple and we herewith fraternally and cordially invite him and other Companions to sojourn in the "favored land of fruits and flowers."

Next Annual in Trenton, May 14, 1919.  
 Andrew N. Mckinnon, Newark, Grand High Priest.  
 Peter McGill, Bound Brook, Grand Secretary.  
 Henry S. Haines, Burlington, Chrm. Cor. Com.

## NEW YORK—1918

Chapters, 212. Members, 43,526. Exalted, 2,778. Net Gain, 1,449.

C. WESLEY ORR, Grand High Priest.

Three hundred and fifty Grand Officers, Permanent Members and Representatives of Subordinate Chapters were present when the One Hundredth and twenty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York convened in its permanent home in the City of Albany, the only vacancy in the list of Grand Officers being that of Grand Captain of the Host, R. E. Willard T. Chevalier, who was "Somewhere in France."

Prominence was given to the reception of Representatives of other Grand Chapters by Past Grand High Priest Arthur Warren, who said in introducing them, "that for many years this interchange of Representatives has continued, with profit to all concerned." The Grand High Priest in his response added that, "We feel that you are a connecting link between our Grand Bodies." Following which they were received with honors due their station. Another pleasing part of the opening ceremonies is the reception of invited guests, which were from the Grand Commandery, Grand Council, Grand Chapters of New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and the General Grand Chapter. Among so many gems of oratory and wisdom, we only quote from the patriotic response to the words of welcome by M. E. Companion Arthur D. Prince, Grand High Priest of Massachusetts:

We have now come to the day, in my opinion, when Masonry must make good. We must prove, not only to the world, but to our Brethren and Companions, that the jewels of Masonry are made of pure gold and not dross. As we look back to the early days of

our struggle for liberty, we find that Masonic Lodges were hotbeds of patriotism. They must be none the less so today. We must not allow any false ideas of conservatism to persuade us that Freemasonry is a thing above or apart from the best interests of the nation. This country is at war. We must support it with the strength of every fiber in our body. If we do not, we are not good Masons and we are not good citizens.

Of unusual excellence and merit is the address of Grand High Priest C. Wesley Orr. He notes the grievous loss the Grand Chapter met on St. John The Evangelist's Day, 1917, when death claimed one of its most beloved and respected members, M. E. Companion Marvin I. Greenwood, who was Grand High Priest in 1895, and for fourteen years served as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Chapter, in which capacity his fame as a Masonic Jurist is known wherever Capitular Masonry is known. During the year this Grand Chapter also sustained losses by death of a large number of other Companions, Grand Representatives and Past Grand Representatives, and who were prominent in the different Grand Bodies. Among the list of departed Past High Priests we notice the names of two members of Harmony Chapter, No. 151, who were boyhood friends of the writer of this Report when he lived in Norwich in the '70's.

Duly elected High Priests who do not receive the Order of High Priesthood at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter are disqualified and debarred from presiding in their Chapters, and in order to remove this disability special conventions of the Order of High Priesthood are held. In one case the Grand High Priest denied a request for a dispensation empowering a Past High Priest to confer the Order on the High Priest of his Chapter, deeming it "too important a Degree to be conferred in haphazard manner." This Order was taken

over by the Grand Chapter in 1868, and since then the Grand High Priest or Deputy Grand High Priest has presided over the Conventions, although in emergencies proxies to confer it have been granted to Grand Council Officers, Past Grand High Priests and the Grand Lecturer. In 1869 Grand Chapter gave it this importance:

We regard that Order as so important and sacred that we think it should be surrounded with barriers to prevent it being hastily and improperly conferred; and we believe that only in extraordinary circumstances should it be conferred elsewhere than in Grand Chapter. That should be and is the rule, and those circumstances form the rare exceptions.

The Grand High Priest reported a large number of waivers of jurisdictions received and granted, as well as other ordinary and special dispensations.

Among the Grand Representatives accredited we notice that Emanuel M. Kaiser, Past High Priest of Empire Chapter, No. 170, has been appointed Grand Representative for Florida in place of Daniel Jones resigned. That he is a "live wire," is shown by the fact that when Grand High Priest Orr and other members of the Official Family attended the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania and the Grand Chapter of Connecticut our own R. E. Companion Emanuel M. Kaiser accompanied the party. It is quite evident that barring the unforeseen, Florida will hereafter be represented at each Grand Chapter. In passing we also note that when the Grand High Priest officially visited his home Chapter, Empire No. 170, he was received by the E. High Priest Emanuel M. Kaiser, in the presence of 1,500 Companions gathered in Special Convocation.

In the absence of Constitutional authority he ruled that the Grand High Priest could not empower a Chap-

ter to waive territorial jurisdiction or shorten constitutional time between balloting and conferring degrees, even on candidates in the service.

He called attention to the misuse of the Keystone as the emblem of Royal Arch Masonry, the proper symbol being the Tau Cross within a Triangle, surrounded by a Circle. The Keystone being the great symbol of the Mark Degree, "is the great historical link between the Operative and Speculative periods in Masonry," and in the early days New York Grand Chapter was regularly opened and transacted business in the Mark Degree.

After reviewing many reports received from various Chapters he makes this wise and truthful comment:

After all the thought I have given to the subject, I can only reach one conclusion, which is, that a Chapter's success or failure depends on the man who is chosen to lead—the High Priest. He may find it difficult, but if he has the proper amount of enthusiasm, and is really in earnest, he is bound to meet with a degree of success. So when a High Priest complains of lack of support he proclaims, in reality, his own lack of ability for the job.

All the official acts of the Grand High Priest were approved by the various Committees to whom they were referred, and these reports were adopted by Grand Chapter.

Like one of old who had "completed his work according to the original design," Grand Secretary Charles C. Hunt tells us that Most Excellent Companion Marvin I. Greenwood had just completed his fourteenth annual Report on Foreign Correspondence, when he was stricken with his last illness. No words that we could write can add to the high esteem in which he will be held in the Masonic world; it must be left to those who knew him best.

Grand Secretary Hunt also notes the coincidence that Companion Greenwood's immediate predecessor, R. E. George J. Gardner, laid down his pen forever when in the midst of his fourteenth annual Report, his predecessor being M. E. Darius A. Ogden, who was the leader of his "Guild" in his day. From the same source it is learned that the first report to the Grand Chapter was rendered in 1827, and consisted of five lines, in which the Committee "viewed with pleasure the flourishing condition of the sublime science," and found "nothing contained in the several proceedings requiring the special attention of this Grand Chapter."

Florida receives fraternal recognition by Companion Greenwood in which he quotes freely from Grand High Priest O'Neal's address, and apparently with favor; but without special comment.

He refers to our Correspondence Report as "starting on a new plan," and quotes at length from our conclusions.

The Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence for the ensuing year is Most Excellent Companion George A. Newell, of Medina, who was Grand High Priest in 1904, and whose successor was Most Excellent Companion Henry D. Hamilton, the present General Grand Principal Sojourner of the General Grand Chapter.

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NEW YORK—1919.

Chapters, 212. Members, 44,491. Exalted, 2,429. Net Gain, 965.

J. WILLIAM POUSE, Grand High Priest.

With only four Chapters not represented, and the Grand Scribe still in overseas service, the One Hundred and Twenty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand

Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York convened in Albany, February 4, 1919. It is pleasing to note that Florida's Grand Representative, E. Companion Emanuel M. Kaiser, was among those who were welcomed in the East. The response was by Alberta's Grand Representative, who quite aptly designated M. E. Comp. Prouse as the "War Grand High Priest."

Rejoicing that the Death Angel had called no members of the official family, due tribute was paid to others who had served long and faithfully.

One dispensation was issued to form a new Chapter. But many applications were refused to permit Chapters to modify constitutional requirements to suit the convenience of Brother Master Masons who had suddenly conceived an ambition to tread the inner courts of the Tabernacle. Dispensations were granted to confer M. M., P. M. and M. E. M. Degrees in other Masonic Lodge rooms, but within the Jurisdiction of the particular Chapter. The commission was renewed of Past Grand High Priest Marcus Endel as New York's Representative near the Grand Chapter of Florida.

According to a resolution adopted several years ago, an elected and installed High Priest who neglects or refuses to receive the Order of High Priesthood is not entitled to the rank of Past High Priest, nor if he fails to take this degree within specified time will be permitted to preside over the Chapter. To remove these disabilities, several dispensations were issued for special Conventions of the Order of High Priesthood.

Among the many special Chapter functions which the Grand High Priest attended was one out of the ordinary, it being the 2,500th State Convocation of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 8, which claims the distinction of not having failed to hold a Convocation on its regular night for 110 years.

In his opinion the assignment of Grand Officers' official visits to new territory each year has many advantages, for it enables the visitors to become familiar with the conditions and needs of the entire Jurisdiction.

One of the great drawbacks to the growth of Capitular Masonry being dormant Chapters, it was his suggestion that unless some way can be found to inject new life into these dormant Chapters, it would be better to surrender their Charters, for they are a detriment to Royal Arch Masonry. Grand Chapter took the same view of the subject, but no specific action appears to have been taken except to refer it to the incoming administration. A real practical solution of this problem would be welcomed in all quarters.

After carefully examining the documents submitted with the request of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Queensland for recognition and exchange of Representatives, the Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that no action be taken at the present time, and Grand Chapter adopted the report.

Final action will be taken next year on a Constitutional Amendment relative to Chapter territorial jurisdiction which provides for the appointment each year of a Standing Committee:

Which shall have authority to determine questions of Jurisdiction where the straight line of rule determining jurisdiction between Chapters is inconsistent with the convenient lines of travel between Chapters, and to establish and fix jurisdictional lines.

"The Sprig of Acacia" was the title of a notable address delivered before the Grand Chapter by the Grand Chaplain, R. E. and Rev. Pierre Cushing, in which he contrasts the present world's outlook with what it was when the Companions met in the same Tabernacle the

year previous. As indicating his intense patriotism, may we quote:

These colors (the red, white and blue, the colors of our Royal Craft), whether seen on the banners of our tabernacle or the flag of our country, stand in ultimate symbolism for the same thing, unswerving fidelity, unto death if need be, to God and home and country, America, to the noble heritage, the religion and the blood-brought institutions bequeathed to us by our forefathers. And there is no room in the heart of a Mason, or in Lodge or Chapter, or in any place of concourse, or anywhere else in all this wide land, for any other banner or any other flag, and least of all the flag of Bolshevism.

Past Grand High Priest George A. Newell prepares the Report for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, following very closely the method and style of the late M. E. Marvin I. Greenwood. It is no discredit to the former Knight of the Round Table to express our high appreciation of this 1919 Report. We note, however, that the Committee appointments for the ensuing year indicate that the next report will be presented by Past Grand High Priest Arthur Warren. As New York State lives up to its motto, "Excelsior," Masonically as well as otherwise, we shall look with pleasurable expectation for the next report.

Next Annual in Albany, February 3, 1920.  
Percy W Willard, New York, Grand High Priest.  
Chas. C. Hunt, New York, Grand Secretary.

## NORTH CAROLINA—1918.

Chapters, 51. Members, 4,485. Exalted, 386. Net Gain, 298

O. W. SPENCER, Grand High Priest.

With commendable consistency it is pleasing to note that the excellent typographical book of the Proceedings of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina is from the "Press of the Oxford Orphanage." While there seems to be nothing specific to connect this enterprise with North Carolina Masonry, yet the very fact that the patronage is given to a concern using the name "Orphanage" suggests that the Royal Craft in North Carolina are making a practical application of one of our fundamental principals, that of assisting in the care of the fatherless.

Although more than a third of the subordinate Chapters were not represented when the Seventeenth Annual Convocation was convened in the city of Southern Pines, May 7, 1918, by the Grand High Priest, all his official family and several Past Grands were present, and nothing to disturb the harmony of the year is revealed in the account of his stewardship. In loving remembrance he alludes to Past Grand High Priest John Nichols, who with other fraternal dead have entered into eternal rest.

Necessary dispensations to carry forward the work of Subordinate Chapters were granted; requests for interstate courtesies received due consideration, one Grand Representative was nominated; the Charter of one Chapter was surrendered; two petitions for new Chapters were refused, by reason of their being too near Grand Chapter; and two decisions relative to interstate jurisdiction were made. All the foregoing, being according to law, were approved.

Much to his regret, reports were not received from all districts relative to holding Triangle Meetings, in accordance with a resolution of the previous Grand Chapter, but the returns indicated that some good had been accomplished.

The distinguished visitor at this time was General Grand High Priest George E. Carson, who inspired his hearers as he compared the conditions which led up to compelling King John to issue that famous document known as the Magna Carta, with that greater struggle being urged across seas.

It is pleasing to note the large number of Companions, nineteen in all, who in proportion to the number of Chapters, availed themselves of the privileges of the Order of High Priesthood. This branch by virtue of the necessary requirements, has been designated by some as the most exclusive in York Rite Masonry.

"The King is dead; long live the King." With all due respect to those who have heretofore occupied the seat at the Round Table assigned to North Carolina, we "hail with pleasure the coming among us" of Ex. Comp. W. B. McKoy, who presents his first report on Fraternal Correspondence. It is interesting and profitable reading from start to finish. For some reason the Florida proceedings failed to reach him. We trust this will not again occur.

Next Annual in Greensboro, May 13, 1919.  
 J. F. Rhem, Newbern, Grand High Priest.  
 John B. Griggs, Elizabeth City, Grand Secretary.  
 W. B. McKoy, Wilmington, Chrm. Cor.

## NORTH DAKOTA—1918.

Chapters, 24. Members, 3,133. Exalted, 103. Net Gain, 102.

EMIL L. MACKENROTH, Grand High Priest.

Only one Chapter was without representation of any sort when the Twenty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Dakota convened in Fargo, June 20, 1918, for what was intended to be a two days' session, but which for economic reasons was concluded at the afternoon session. We are pleased to note that Florida was represented by Grand Royal Arch Captain Oscar St. C. Cheney who was advanced an additional step at the proper time. A patriotic part of the opening ceremonies was the introduction of the Stars and Stripes.

Briefly as consistent the Grand High Priest reviewed his official duties of the year, which he greatly regretted had necessarily been curtailed by reason of having been drafted into active war-time statistical service.

He granted eight dispensations, which being entirely within his perogative, were approved, as were also his three decisions. One ruling was that a Companion could be excused from voting on a petition by unanimous consent. But if not excused and he refused to vote, he would be liable for charges for unmasonic conduct. Why would it not be better for the Companion to absent himself from the Chapter room while action was being taken on the petition? We have seen this done.

It is pleasing to note that no vacancies have occurred in the ranks of the official family, and nothing had come to his notice to disturb the "harmony that permanently exists" in the Grand Jurisdiction.

As a result of a visit of the Grand Secretary and a heart-to-heart talk with the members of one Chapter,

twenty-five petitions for degrees were received, which causes the Grand High Priest to wonder what would be the result if similar visits were paid other Chapters. We should think it would be worth trying.

Only one inquiry reached the Grand Secretary's office during the year relative to a proposed new Chapter, which leads him to comment, and wisely it seems to us, in the light of past experiences, that "great care should be exercised in granting dispensations to new Chapters."

In referring to the report of a Committee on Certain Chapters, the Proceedings contains this wise and timely comment:

The facts are that it is essentially necessary for the Grand Chapter to set a good example to constituent Chapters in the conduct of its business. There is need of more attention to ritual and more dignity in procedure in the Grand Chapter, if we are to hold individual Chapters accountable for failure to hold meetings and transact business properly. We are all too prone to make light of important matters. These are serious times, and anything that is not worth doing well is not worth doing at all. We cannot afford to give time to trivialities.

Believing that Capitular Masonry should be practical, our North Dakota Companions have a student loan fund which is assisting many worthy young people to gain an education they might not otherwise acquire.

If there is an order of High Priesthood in the Grand Jurisdiction, we fail to find an account of its proceedings.

For the fourth time M. E. Companion E. George Guthrie presents a well digested, instructive and comprehensive Report on Fraternal Correspondence, covering about a hundred pages, in which Florida comes under his scrutinizing eye. He refers to the "lucky thirteen" Past High Priests in attendance, notes that some of the Grand Representatives are "double-deckers," and quotes from the opening address of Grand High Priest O'Neal with reference to the state of war.

He comments approvingly on our first report, but takes exceptions to an error, typographical or otherwise, in which the name of "Companion Branch" is used for Companion Guthrie:

If he intends to invite Companion Branch down there, well and good, we would encourage him in the invitation; but we have been there, enjoying ourselves on the Indian River, with our old friend Doug. Austin, then of Jensen, now of Okeechobee, and we returned boasting for Florida then and ever since.

Next Annual at Grand Forks, June 19-20, 1919.

G. Roy Ringo, Minot, Grand High Priest.

W. L. Stockwell, Fargo, Grand Secretary.

E. George Guthrie, Fargo, Fraternal Correspondent.

#### NOVA SCOTIA—1918.

Chapters, 17. Members, 1,688. Exalted, 117. Net Gain, 74.

JOSEPH R. BENNETT, Grand High Priest

Four Chapters were without representatives when the Forty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened by the Grand High Priest in the City of Halifax, June 11, 1918, Past Grand High Priest Walter P. Doull looking after Florida's interests.

War horrors and recollections of the terrible calamity which befell the City of Halifax six month previous, in which the Masonic fraternity from both sides of the line were as usual among the foremost to proffer relief, prefaced the brief address of Grand High Priest Bennett. His official acts were routine and record nothing out of the ordinary. One dispensation he granted was to a Chapter to attend divine service wearing Royal Arch clothing. In Florida a Lodge can attend divine Service

on St. John's Day without a dispensation. By reason of the severe winter he was greatly disappointed in being able to visit only ten Chapters. No decisions of law were required and all his acts appear to have been within constitutional limits.

Impaired health of Grand Secretary M. E. Comp. Samuel J. Waddell made it necessary to appoint an assistant.

The fiftieth Anniversary of the formation of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, which occurs next year, will be observed.

Seven Companions had the Order of High Priesthood conferred upon them in solemn form.

The Report on Correspondence for the year 1916 and 1917 is of a composite nature, originally intended to be the work of the three members of the committee, but owing to the protracted illness of the Chairman and Grand Secretary, M. E. Comp. Samuel J. Waddell, much of his work was done by the Assistant Grand Secretary, E. Comp. Brenton F. Porter.

The Proceedings from Alabama to Kansas, including Florida, is somewhat on the topical plan, in which the work and progress of the several Grand Chapters are treated as a whole. Noting occasional references of the Council Degrees in connection with the Royal Arch Degrees, brings out the statements that "unfortunately the former branch of Masonry at this time is not a live one in Nova Scotia."

Referring to the members of the Round Table, this comment is made: "Some of these reviewers are able men and critics, others are but ordinary mortals even as ourselves." Prominence is given to Companion Roe Fullerton's defense of the Shrine, and to the reproduction of "The Necessity of the Royal Arch Degree to the Master Mason," by Comp. Wm. H. Kuhn. Beginning with

Kentucky the remaining Grand Jurisdictions are treated in conventional form. Apparently the same Committee will serve the coming year.

Next Annual in New Glasgow, June 10, 1919.

J. R. Bennett, Halifax, Grand High Priest.

S. J. Waddell, Truro, Grand Secretary.

#### OHIO—1918.

Chapters, 190. Members, 47,693. Exalted, 4,041. Net Gain, 1,454.

JOHN H. BAEHR, Grand High Priest.

Many more than a constitutional number of Chapters were represented when the One-hundred and Second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio, convened in Cleveland, October 9, 1918. Ohio was signally honored at the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, held the week previous in Baltimore, by having one of its distinguished Past Grand High Priests, M. E. Companion, Wm. T. O'Hara, elected General Grand Master of the First Veil. He was also among the notable guests who graced this Grand Convocation.

Patriotic and inspiring is the address of Grand High Priest Baehr, in which he insists that America must be recognized as a leader of right and righteousness; and emphasizes that the great principles upon which our nation was founded are likewise our exact Masonic ideals.

During the year one member of the Grand Official family, M. E. Companion Lewis M. Lea, who was Grand High Priest in 1907, crossed the mystic river.

The Grand Priest adhered to the law in both granting and refusing requests for dispensations, particularly for elections and installations, where they were made prior to the regular meeting nights.

Two Chapters were constituted and consecrated and one dispensation granted to form a new Chapter.

No rulings or decisions were required, all inquires being covered by reference to its admirable system of Jurisprudence, an excellent tribute to the thoroughness of Buckeye Masonry.

Because some subordinate Chapters are unable to properly equip and maintain themselves, he recommended that the minimum annual dues be \$2.00. If membership in Capitular Masonry is not worth at least \$2.00 a year to a Companion, we opine it is not worth anything.

Of the four Chapters on probation, he recommended that the Charters of two of the Chapters be arrested, and that the other two be continued.

He refused a request to confer the Royal Arch Degree on Sunday, he believing that the Grand Chapter would not countenance Sunday work.

He recommended and Grand High Priest Debney B. Palmer appointed E. Companion Ernest B. Brown, of Cleveland, as the Grand Representative of Florida, who we are pleased to note responded when the roll was called. Among the reports of Ohio Representatives in Sister Grand Chapters, he notes the receipt of a telegram from the writer of this Report who is the Grand Representative for Ohio, sent at the time of our 1918 Grand Convocation.

Referring to the Masonic War Relief Association, of which Comp. Wm. B. Melish, of Ohio, is Chairman, the report shows the total contributions from all sources up to Sept. 1, 1918, was \$111,908.65, and that appropriations to be paid in 1918 were \$40,000.

As a fitting conclusion to his year of efficient service, was the pilgrimage to the General Grand Chapter in Baltimore the first week in October, accompanied by a

number of Past Grand High Priests and their ladies. It was one of the notable delegations to that Triennial Convocation and a credit as well to the Buckeye State.

From the report of a special committee it is learned that for many years past the Companions of a certain Chapter in that State "have persisted in making a grotesque and unpardonable farce and burlesque of the Royal Arch Degree." The High Priest of this Chapter was cited to appear before the Grand Chapter but failing to do so, the committee very properly recommended and Grand Chapter approved that the Charter be arrested, and only to be restored upon promises of good behavior. Is also resulted in the adoption of a resolution providing that any Subordinate Chapter which shall permit the conferring of the Degrees in any other form than prescribed in the ritual shall have its Charter arrested. This if we remember correctly, was substantially Grand Lodge law years ago when the writer was a member of Grand Lodge No. 334. Chapter Degrees, in our opinion, can never be made to harmonize with buffoonery, which should never be permitted.

No little pride is taken in the Report of the Ohio Masonic Home, an institution so dear to the hearts of Ohio Masons. From it we learn that the gross receipts for the year were \$112,768.30; that it disbursed for all purposes, \$76,510.97, and that the net balance July 1, 1918, was \$246,546.84.

Probably no Grand Jurisdiction makes more of the Order of High Priesthood than Ohio. Recognizing the possibilities of this branch of the Craft, the officers of the Grand Council were invited and accepted an invitation to appoint and consecrate a class of about fifty for the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of Michigan at the Ohio Grand Council.

Ninety Companions were elected and admitted and Companion Nelson Williams was re-elected M. E. President at the regular Convocation of the Ohio Grand Council.

Past Grand High Priest, Orion P. Sperra presents another one of his admirable reports on Foreign Correspondence, in which he reviews all the reports submitted, with the exception of Scotland.

In reviewing Florida he notes that although the war somewhat intensified the work of the Grand High Priest and of the Grand Chapter, otherwise the road was easy to travel and he found nothing out of the ordinary to recount. We thank him for this encouraging and commendable reference to our previous report.

Next Annual in Toledo, Wednesday, Sept. 24, 1919.  
Harry W. Lloyd, Toledo, Grand High Priest.  
Edwin Hagenbuch, Cincinnati, Grand Secretary.  
Orion P. Sperra, Ravenna, Foreign Correspondent.

OKLAHOMA—1918.  
Chapters, 78. Members, 6,549. Exalted, 563. Net Gain, 389.  
BERT DUNCAN ASHBROOK, Grand High Priest.

Preliminary welcoming exercises preceded the formal opening of the Twenty-ninth Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, in Enid, April 16, 1918, with all stations appropriately filled. One new name was added to the Roll of Honor, M. E. Companion Lee Edmund Bennett, who was Grand High Priest in 1893, and who had served this Grand Chapter most efficiently as Grand Secretary since 1912. He was also prominent in other Masonic bodies, and who, in passing to the vails to the Great Beyond, leaves a vacancy which will not soon be filled.

Twelve Past Grand High Priests were present, but we note with regret that Florida's Representative was not among those who were received with Grand Honors.

Omitting all superfluous matter, Grand High Priest Ashbrook presented a clear and concise report of his year's administration. His first appointment was that of Past Grand High Priest, James A. Scott to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Grand Secretary Bennett.

He constituted new Chapters at Watonga and Cushing. He issued necessary dispensations which were approved, although some of these would not be necessary in Florida, particularly to "receive applications and ballot without regard to time." Three Grand Representatives were appointed. He reported making fifteen official visits, a good record by comparison.

A visit of particular interest to Cryptic Masonry was to Union Council No. 3 at McAlester, where he joined in the annual pilgrimage to Mount Moriah, where this Council's new quarters include the Secret Vault, cut out of the solid rock.

As a result of the special efforts of the Grand High Priest a Masonic War Relief fund of \$1,988.50 was created.

He noted that while the net gain in membership was fair it was not what it ought to have been. This he attributed to the fact that many of the officers had failed to learn the ritualistic work, and he accordingly recommended that officers who failed in this should not be advanced, a recommendation which we believe will be approved. He was called upon to make only one decision relative to jurisdiction, which he refused, and we believe quite properly. By his direction the Grand Chapter invested \$1,000 in Liberty Bonds, and reports showed that practically every subordinate Chapter likewise made liberal investments.

In common with most Grand Chapters the Stars and Stripes were made a part of Chapter furniture.

A committee was appointed to confer with similar committees from other Masonic bodies relative to the establishment of a Home for infirm Masons and their wives.

Twenty Companions were received into the Order of High Priesthood.

After two years of efficient work as Committee on Correspondence, Past Grand High Priest James A. Scott brings his labors in this capacity to a close in the following "Conclusion:"

As correspondent, I have been inspired, enlightened and entertained by the productions of the able writers who have represented the various Grand Chapters and rendered their Annuals worth the while of any Capitular Mason. Hereafter I shall read them only for the purpose of quenching my thirst for such things as they serve and not as a critic or commentator. If I disagree with them, I shall smile and pass on; if they express my own sentiments, I shall say "amen," and rest continually in the consolation that they will never again have an opportunity to "lambast" me for any of my own lamentations or smile at my follies. They are a happy lot, are these correspondents, and I hope to have the pleasure of meeting most of them at Baltimore this fall.

Florida receives the favorable consideration of Companion Scott, in which he refers to several features of Grand High Priest O'Neal's address, noting particularly his dispensation to place a keystone in a church, which he apparently approves.

Companion Scott's report indicates him to be a man with convictions which he does not hesitate to express, for in commenting on a decision of the Grand High Priest of Ohio in granting a dispensation, says that had he been on the Jurisprudence Committee he would have said: "You violated the law, but did right, and we love the man who violates the law to do right."

Next Annual at McAlester, April 15-16, 1919.  
Jabez H. Mann, McAlester, Grand High Priest.  
James A. Scott, Muscogee, Grand Secretary.  
William Noble, McAlester, Correspondent.

#### OREGON—1918

Chapters, 37. Members, 4,379. Exalted, 271. Net Gain, 178.

SILAS M. YORAN, Grand High Priest.

According to our understanding, the Grand Chapter of Oregon has adopted and is working entirely under and by the authority of the General Grand Chapter, and its Fifty-eighth Annual Convocation opened in Portland, June 10, 1918, with every station properly filled, together with nine Past Grands as Overseers and representatives from 32 Subordinate Chapters. Only 15 Grand Representatives thought it necessary to be present, and Florida was among the majority of absentees.

Grand High Priest Yoran cordially greeted the Companions present. But sadness tinged his address owing to the death of that Grand Chapter's esteemed Companion and Foreign Correspondent, Past Grand High Priest Henry B. Thielsen, which occurred April 7th previous. The Craft in general and our Companions on the Pacific Slope in particular have sustained a serious loss in the passing to the Great Beyond of M. E. Companion Thielsen.

Many of the duties of the Grand High Priest were discharged by correspondence, he stated in his address. All of his Capitular decisions were answered by reference to the Code. And this prompts us to suggest that a more exhaustive digest of Florida's Capitular laws and edicts might possibly save its Grand High Priests unnecessary labor and annoyance.

By reason of family afflictions the Grand High Priest's official visitations were limited, but he believed the time to subordinate Chapters which this would necessitate was very profitably taken up in patriotic and welfare work.

Among his dispensations was one to a Chapter to hold an election and transact other work, its High Priest, King and Scribe having entered service. To provide against such a contingency in the future in Florida, an amendment was introduced at its last Annual which provides that in the absence of the three Council Officers the Junior Past High Priest present temporarily presides. Another dispensation was for a U. D. Chapter at Cottage Grove.

The petition for recognition of the so-called Grand Chapter of Belgium received similar treatment to that accorded it by other Grand Chapters, for up to this time that body does not appear to have satisfactorily traced its genealogy.

Reference is made in the proceedings to a petition to be presented to the General Grand Chapter asking for a charter. Those who were present at the Triennial Convocation of this General Grand Chapter in Baltimore in October, will recall that body decided a special charter was not needed, as the dispensation granted at the immediate the Grand Chapter of Oregon was formed, together with its recognition since, was in all respects the equivalent of a charter.

From the same proceedings we learn that this Grand Lodge law also governs in Grand Chapter:

Whenever a Master Mason holding a dimitt from a Lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction shall apply for membership in a Lodge of Master Masons in Oregon, and shall have been rejected and shall thereafter contribute dues to a Lodge of Master Masons in Oregon,

it shall be considered that he is a Master Mason in good standing, and thereby entitled to membership in a Royal Arch Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The Grand Treasurer was authorized to purchase \$3,000 of the next call for Liberty Bonds. It also recommended that \$500 from the income of interest bearing bonds be appropriated annually towards a contemplated Masonic Home.

Thirteen Companions were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

Owing to the death of Companion Thielsen, as previously stated, there is no report this year on Correspondence. This work another year will be "covered" by Past Grand High Priest A. H. Steiner, of Salem, and we are looking forward to it with pleasurable expectancy.

Next Annual in Portland, June 9, 1919.

Max Bollack, Portland, Grand High Priest.  
James F. Robinson, Portland, Grand Secretary.  
A. H. Steiner, Salem, Correspondent.

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PENNSYLVANIA—1917

THOMAS McCONNELL, Grand High Priest.

From the Report of the Grand Secretary presented at the September Quarterly, there are 143 Chapters and two Mark Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, with a membership Dec. 27, 1916, of 37,167, and a net gain during the year of 1,197.

The principal business at the several quarterlies is the presentation of required reports, and the exemplification of one Chapter degree at each Convocation.

At the September Quarterly several amendments to

the Constitution were presented, and were adopted at the November Quarterly. One was to increase the Grand Chapter dues from thirty cents to fifty cents. Another was that the wearing of crowns in Grand Communications and Chapter meetings be confined to the officers. The other two amendments pertain respectively to physical requirements and territorial jurisdiction.

Grand High Priest Thomas McConnell, Jr., presided at each of the Quarterlies as well as the Annual Communication which is always held St. John's Day, and when the Grand High Priest delivered his annual address.

In these days of world war, the avowed object of which is claimed to be "to make the world safe for democracy," it is difficult to comprehend the autocratic power and authority vested in the Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania, who in reply to a petition from members of a certain Chapter to stay proceedings from an order issued by the previous Grand High Priest, until the next Quarterly Communication, "at which time they might appeal from the order or take such action as is required by Masonic law to determine the validity of the said order," makes this positive statement:

I informed the Companions that in Capitular Masonry in Pennsylvania the orders and decisions of the Grand High Priest are final and subject to no appeal, and that his power over the making of Royal Arch Masons has no limitations, it being understood, of course, that he cannot make a Companion a member of a Chapter. This prerogative I consider one of the most important in the Fraternity, and have been and am determined to exercise it to the limit whenever convinced that the black ball is used in subversion of the interests of Royal Arch Masonry.

No Chapter has jurisdiction over man or territory. The black ball can only be properly used to defend our Fraternity from the admission of unworthy men, and surely in Royal Arch Masonry we have the right to expect broad, manly vision and the absence of nar-

rowness and selfishness. Any one using the black ball from a narrow or selfish motive, if he can be identified, should be dealt with as an enemy of the Craft.

He thus clearly defines the physical qualifications necessary for Capitular Masonry:

After very careful consideration and with all due respect to the expressed opinions of my predecessors, I have reached the conclusion that physical perfection as a qualification for initiation into Freemasonry is a landmark applying only to the making of Free Masons. It has never been considered a bar to advancement at any point except initiation into a Mark Lodge or Chapter, and its application at that point is quite recent. I have, therefore decided that the qualifications necessary for initiation into Capitular Masonry are fully set forth in Article 17, Section 1, of the Grand Chapter, which reads as follows:

"An applicant for the Capitular degrees, or for membership, shall have some visible means of an honest livelihood, be a Past Master either by election or dispensation, in good standing with the Fraternity, a member of a Lodge of Master Masons, and competent to perform all the work in the degrees he applies for."

And I have accordingly permitted several applicants having slight physical defects, which in no way interfered with the performance of the Capitular degrees, to be initiated.

Among the dispensations granted was one to confer the Royal Arch Degree in his presence upon five candidates, and that each of the candidates recorded his mark before the degree was conferred. And at the same time and for the same Chapter, issued another dispensation which "caused a Royal Arch Mason to be made at sight." In both granting and refusing to grant dispensations he

Followed the theory that brethren should subject their convenience to that of the Chapter, and that convenience should give way to law; but, on the other hand, to answer a call to service, naval or military, is a most imperative obligation, and, of course, cannot be subjected to the convenience of any man or body of men, and every possible effort should be made to assist a brother who is called.

He made eight formal visitations, in which he was accompanied by a full corps of Grand Officers and Appointed Officers of Grand Chapter; and a much larger number of informal visitations. In one of the latter visitations he "took the station of Most Excellent High Priest and conferred the Royal Arch Degree upon thirty-one candidates."

The Grand High Priest highly commended the Joshua Association, composed of Most Excellent and Past High Priests, Kings and Scribes living in Philadelphia, having no official status recognized by Grand Chapter, and yet who are ably and unselfishly working to build up Royal Arch Masonry in that city.

He is convinced that it is wrong for Chapters to meet on the same day as Quarterly Communications of the Grand Chapter, and now that this has been brought to the attention of the Chapters, he intimates that if they do not voluntarily make the necessary changes, Grand Chapter may decide to take some action in the matter.

He strongly approves displaying the national flag at all Chapter Communications, and pays this tribute to it:

This flag is a handsome addition to the furniture of any Chapter Hall. It contains the colors of Royal Arch Masonry, with the exception of the purple, which is but a combination of red and blue. It stands for all the principles for which those colors teach; it has never stood for an unrighteous cause or covered a dishonorable act; it is in place wherever an honest man or a virtuous woman may be found; it has never brought the blush of shame to either; it has never known defeat, and we trust in God that it never shall. The absolute loyalty of Royal Arch Masonry to that flag, and to all that it represents, is always assured.

As in former occasions, the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is the joint work of the five members, the jurisdictions being divided alphabetically, Florida falling to Companion Joseph L. Mann, who was

appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Past Grand High Priest A. G. Smith.

Florida receives generous consideration. Noting that Jacksonville Chapter No. 15, O. E. S., graciously postponed its meeting in order that the Grand Chapter could have the use of its Chapter room, adds: "Pennsylvania does not recognize the O. E. S., and they cannot meet in the Masonic Temple." In mentioning that the Chapter Degrees were conferred under the direction of the Grand Chapter Committee on Work, he informs us that "The Past Master Degree is not conferred in the Chapters in Pennsylvania." He calls the recommendation of the Grand High Priest to hold a three days' meeting in different points in the State, but which unfortunately did not materialize, "A step in the right direction."

Through a typographical error or carelessness in proofreading, it appears that in one place Grand High Priest Porter W. Lowry appeared as "Porter W. Long."

We certainly thank Companion Mann for his good opinion of our first attempt in preparing a Correspondence Report. And as we have just completed reading his maiden effort, permit us to add that while we admired the efficient review work of Companion A. G. C. Smith, yet we are convinced that the mantle has fallen on very worthy shoulders and that Capitular Masonry will not lose anything by the necessary change. And further may we add that the same invitation extended to Companion Smith to visit Florida just as cordially includes Companion Mann, and we wish to emphasize the fact that you have not seen all of this great country until you come to this great Southland of flowers and sunshine.

Thomas McConnell, Jr., Philadelphia, Grand High Priest.

George B. Wells, Philadelphia, Grand Secretary.

## QUEBEC—1918

Chapters, 14. Members, 1,811. Received, 143. Net Gain, 68.

E. O. DYER, Grand First Principal Z.

That more than usually severe have been the bereavements which have fallen during the year past, to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec, was evidenced in opening of the Forty-first Annual Grand Convocation in Quebec, March 27, 1917. While the first four of the Grand Officers were present, nearly all the other stations were filled by appointment. All fourteen of the Chapters were represented, and many Past Grand Officers, but Florida's Grand Representative, Ex. Companion A. G. Adams, was among the absentees.

So smoothly had the Capitular work of the year moved along that the Grand High Priest found he had nothing out of the ordinary to report. There were no vexed questions to settle nor rulings to make, and about all there was left were the regular official visits, appointments and dispensations. And so carefully were these looked after that the Committee on Jurisprudence, Grievances and Appeals had no real cause for existence. The Committee on Grand Z.'s address approved all his official acts and commended him for earnest zeal and devotion to the interests of the Grand Chapter during his two-year term of office.

Detailed reports of the District Superintendents as well as that of the Grand Lecturer, indicate that a friendly rivalry prevails generally as to which subordinate Chapter shall occupy a foremost place in excellence as well as in the work of exemplification and that a higher standard is being set.

Not only has the Grand Chapter of Quebec, but Masonry in general, suffered a great loss by the death of M.

E. Comp. Wm. H. Whyte, who was Grand First Principal in 1888, and has been Grand Scribe E. since 1893.

No mention being made of the Order of High Priesthood, it is presumed no such organization exists.

With the exception of two years, since 1888, during which time M. E. Companion E. D. T. Chambers was First Grand Principal, the excellent and comprehensive Reports on Foreign Correspondence to the Grand Chapter of Quebec has been prepared by this able, versatile and scholarly Masonic writer. And it may truly be said that his productions increase in value to the student each year.

Florida receives consideration, in which he favorably refers to the stand taken by Grand High Priest O'Neal that Royal Arch Masons do not take the trouble to explain to Master Masons that the Chapter degrees are to amplify and complete the instruction given in Blue Lodge, also his strong protest against the use of the Chapter as a mere stepping-stone to the so-called higher degrees.

Companion Chambers kindly refers to our report as work of which we have "no need to be ashamed," adding further that we seem to have grasped in our "very first effort some of the real needs of the Chapters." Commendation from such a source is very encouraging and is an added incentive to "do our level best" at all times.

Next Annual in Montreal, March 26, 1919.  
Richard S. Kinghorn, Montreal, Grand Z.  
Wm. M. Couper, Montreal, Grand Scribe E.  
E. D. T. Chambers, Quebec, Chrm. Cor. Com.

## RHODE ISLAND—1918.

Chapters, 11. Members, 5,236. Exalted, 338. Net Gain, 252.

CHARLES T. GLINES, Grand High Priest.

Owing to the Grand High Priest having been called into active military service in Washington the latter part of the year, a considerable part of the duties of this important office devolved upon the Deputy Grand High Priest, R. E. Companion Wilbur A. Scott, and right excellently did he discharge his duties, including the Convening of the One Hundred and Twentieth Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Rhode Island in Providence, March 12, 1918, with every other station rightfully filled and Past Grands and Past High Priests galore; including Ex. Comp. Stephen Magowan who represented Florida. One of the particularly pleasing characteristics of these Northern Grand Jurisdictions is the presence at the Annual Convocations of distinguished Craftsmen from neighboring quarries. The above was no exception.

For one whose obligations to Uncle Sam necessitated his presence elsewhere so much of the time—Grand High Priest Gline's resume of his stewardship, which was presented by the Deputy Grand High Priest, revealed a careful attention to details and a close general oversight.

In addition to making a few official visitations, he also unofficially visited all but one of the Chapters in the State. Although he found a lively interest generally being taken, yet he found the problem most difficult of solution in how to create new life and interest in the Chapters which show a decline by reason of changed conditions in population.

His only decision was a local one where the Regular and Annual Convocation came on adjourning nights.

One dispensation to form a new Chapter was granted. Although it showed considerable activity and work, yet it was continued U. D. another year.

The closing work of the year was embodied in a report by Deputy Grand High Priest Wilbur A. Scott. He compiled an Honor Roll, which showed that nearly five per cent of the entire membership of the Grand Chapter were actually engaged in the armed forces of the United States, exclusive of those in Red Cross and other patriotic endeavors.

He attended the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, and he firmly believes that Royal Arch Masons should show a tangible evidence of interest and support in the great project of providing a secure repository for the Alexandria-Washington Lodge collection of relics and souvenirs of Washington, valued at over a million dollars.

All of the official acts of both the Grand High Priest and Deputy Grand High Priest, which were numerous, were fully approved by the Committee and its report adopted by Grand Chapter.

The Deputy Grand High Priest strongly recommended a revision of the Constitution and General Regulations, and the Committee approved same, but apparently Grand Chapter failed to take action.

It was voted "That the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be printed with the proceedings" but the copy we received shows no such report. We greatly miss Past Grand High Priest S. Penrose William's valuable contribution to Capitular information. One Companion was elected to receive the Order of High Priesthood.

## RHODE ISLAND—1919.

Chapters, 14. Members, 5,381. Exalted, 265. Net Gain, 145.

WILBUR SCOTT, Grand High Priest.

Something out of the ordinary occurred, when Grand High Priest Scott relinquished the gavel to M. E. Henry DeWitt Hamilton, General Grand Principal Sojourner of the General Grand Chapter, on the occasion of his visit to the One Hundred and Twenty-first Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island, which was held in Providence, Tuesday, March 11, 1919, and which was also attended by a coterie of distinguished visitors from New Jersey, Connecticut and New York. In addition to all the Grand Officers there were present a large number of Permanent Members and representatives from each of the Eleven Chartered and three U. D. Chapters.

In an able and painstaking address, indicating a conscientious discharge of the duties of his high office, he reports his official acts of the year.

He calls particular attention to the passing to the Beyond a few days previous of R. E. Comp. James C. Blake, in his ninety-first year, and who was Deputy Grand High Priest in 1880-1881. Having received the symbolic Degrees in 1855, he was one of the oldest Masons in Rhode Island.

He was called upon to issue dispensations and perform such other duties as pertain to the office, none of which were out of the ordinary and were all properly approved.

As with other Grand High Priests who attended the General Grand Chapter, he calls attention to the report of the special committee on rituals, in which he states this jurisdiction had never adopted the previous ritual

and it was doubtful if it would be the new one. However, he deemed it wise that the new one be referred to a special committee.

He likewise refers to the "many new and radical changes in the revision of the Constitution and Laws of the General Grand Chapter," and hopes his successor will appoint a special committee to consider the proposed constitution and report at the next Annual.

In his opinion as well as of his associates who attended, it would be advantageous if a large delegation could attend the succeeding Triennials and hopes his suggestion would be given consideration.

He attended the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, was greatly impressed with the importance of the undertaking, and recommended an additional appropriation of \$150 for the purpose of the Association.

He made an exhaustive report of the present conditions and future prospects of the three U. D. Chapters, and recommended each be granted Charters. However, Grand Chapter deemed it best that two of the Chapters be continued U. D. another year.

Owing to the existing difficulties in appointing a suitable committee to review the Constitution and General Regulations he recommended that the revision be deferred for the present.

Many of the communications and reports pertaining to the official duties of the year appear as an appendix to his address.

The published record of the Convention of Anointed High Priests shows no accessions to membership. But a committee was appointed to ascertain the proper proper form for the apron to be worn in a Convention of Anointed High Priests. That being something new

to us, we shall look forward with interest for a description of the apron.

Referring to the omission of the Report on Foreign Correspondence the past two years, the following explanation and appreciation is made by M. E. Comp. Wilbur A. Scott, who has undertaken the work for another year.

For sixty years, with but few exceptions, Correspondence Reports have appeared with our Proceedings, and yet during that period but four Companions appear to have had the honor and privilege to be entrusted with the responsibility of preparing them. Oliver Johnson, a stalwart figure in Rhode Island Masonry, who was Correspondent in 1858, was succeeded in 1871 by George H. Burnham, a Masonic leader in his day, not only in Rhode Island but in New England as well. Henry Warren Rugg, known, beloved and honored in every Masonic Rite and Jurisdiction, presented his first report in 1895 and continued as Correspondent until his death, 1910. His successor, S. Penrose Williams, was associated with Dr. Rugg on the Foreign Correspondence Committee for three years and has, since 1911, continued to serve Grand Chapter, giving unsparingly of his time and thought, and with entire satisfaction. We believe that the labors of these distinguished Companions have been of inestimable value to Capitular Masonry in Rhode Island.

Next Annual in Providence, March 9, 1920.  
 Joseph Lawton, Providence, Grand High Priest.  
 Wm. R. Greene, Providence, Grand Secretary.  
 Wilbur A. Scott, Providence, Com. on Cor.

#### SCOTLAND—1917.

Quite brief and in pamphlet form are the proceedings of the June and September Quarterlies of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland. In ad-

dition to usual routine business at the June Quarterly was the announcement the Sir Robert King Stewart, the Immediate Past First Grand Principal, has just been made a Knight Commander of the British Empire Order, an honor which seemed to call for general congratulations.

It seems that Scotland has troubles of its own regarding invasion of territory, for at the September Quarterly the question came up of the invasion of Jurisdiction in Queensland by the Grand Mark Lodge of New South Wales, but action was postponed pending receipt of further advices. Though the illustration may not be just "apt" we are reminded of the oft quoted saying of one of Scotland's most revered sons about seeing ourselves as others see us.

While much has been said and written and drastic actions have been taken relative to the alleged invasion on American rights in the Philippines, Florida has refrained from severing fraternal relations. In our review of Michigan last year we noted the possibility of a clear understanding and we feel sure all will rejoice to know that Lord Cassillis, First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, sent a very conciliatory letter to General Grand High Priest George E. Carson, which was read at the Baltimore Triennial. This letter which appears in full in the report of the September Quarterly and is followed by this significant paragraph:

The committee resolved to hold a special meeting later in the year to consider and deal with the various questions of jurisdiction at present before them, but meantime they thought it right to put on record their happy endorsement of their expressions of good will towards the American Companions and their willingness to endeavor to find some way out of the trouble without sacrificing the interests of the Companions of Chapter Keystone, No. 354, at Manila.

Two objections were made to form a chapter to be called Khan Bahadur Dr. H. J. Balliwalla, one being that the proposed title was too cumbersome and the other that it was not permissible to name a Chapter after a living person. This is the custom if not the law we believe generally followed in the several States.

Prominence in the way of a special communication addressed to each Chapter was given by reproducing two excerpts from the Grand Lodge of England. One was that "Due diligence must be exercised with regard to visiting Brethren coming or claiming to come from overseas;" and the other that "Great care must be taken with regard to conferring Degrees upon those ordinarily resident in the United States." While the necessity for these regulations have largely ceased, yet it indicates the desire for friendly and proper intercourse with their brother Craftsmen in the American quarries.

#### SCOTLAND—1918.

However much we may disapprove of some actions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, there are others which are commendable. At the March, 1918, Quarterly, "apologies for absence" were received from a long list of permanent members, headed by Major the Earl of Cassillis, who at this Quarterly was re-elected First Grand Principal. Lest we be misunderstood, our approval concerns the sending of "apologies for absence," but not the absence itself. For it does seem to us, generally speaking, that Companions ought not to accept official positions unless they are prepared to make some sacrifices if necessary.

While under English Constitutions petitions for new Chapters usually state that they are to be attached to

specific Lodges, under the Constitution of Scotland no such statement appears, and after a petition has been unanimously accepted, a charter is "ordered to be expedited." We also note that petitions are received for Lodges of Royal Ark Mariners and Councils of Red Cross Knights, as well as for Councils of Royal and Select Masters.

Much of the business is transacted by the Supreme Grand Committee, and to which almost autocratic power seems to be given, for in one instance we read:

But the Minutes of the Supreme Grand Committee was unanimously accepted as a correct record, without prejudice to the right of any member to bring the decision itself under review in proper form.

In one of the recommendations of the Supreme Grand Committee, to the Supreme Grand Chapter, which was approved, reads:

Masonic recognition of and intercourse with Companions belonging to Chapters of Mark Lodges holding of the Grand Chapter of New South Wales, and also of the Grand Chapter and Grand Mark Lodge formed or about to be formed in Queensland, by a few scratch Chapters lately organized for this purpose, was interdicted and prohibited.

As illustrating the details into which some of the sub-committees report at the Quarterly Communications, one item authorizes the payment of a certain sum to a Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

This recommendation is made by the Finance Committee:

To signalize the victorious peace now assured, the committee unanimously agreed to recommend Supreme Grand Chapter to provide for the First Grand Principal a gold collar of emblematic design.

## SOUTH CAROLINA—1918.

Chapters, 36. Members, 3,470. Exalted, 279. Net gain, 172.

W.M. A. GILES, Grand High Priest.

Fine Southern hospitality, gracious and pleasing, marked the sessions of the One Hundred and Seventh Annual Grand Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina which were held in the City of Anderson, April 9, 1918. Two of the Official Family were absent when the Grand High Priest, assisted by five Past Grands and Representatives from seventy-six Chartered and two U. D. Chapters opened the deliberations in Ample Form. Seemingly little recognition is accorded Grand Representatives, which may be the reason why Florida was again not represented.

Service and many official visitations, in which the Grand High Priest exalted approximately one hundred Companions, the arousing of enthusiasm and the organization of two new Chapters, were featured in the message which the Grand High Priest presented.

Divers dispensations, numbering more than a quarter of a hundred, ranging from transacting business to balloting and conferring four degrees, were granted; which leads us to wonder why if so many dispensations are required, the Constitution could not be so amended as to render some of these requests unnecessary.

He noted the commissioning of three Grand Representatives, granting one waiver of jurisdiction and complying with several requests for exchange of courtesies.

He ruled that "after a reasonable time" the name of a demitted Master Mason is automatically dropped from the roll of a Chapter and that restoration to a Lodge likewise automatically restores him to membership in the Chapter. This was not approved, for under the law

"the member in question is ipso facto suspended from Chapter membership after the lapse of one year."

A Brother was suspended from his Lodge for n. p. d., and afterwards was reinstated and healed, but the Chapter failed to exercise its rights during the term of suspension. In reply to the question how and when the Chapter should report the severance of the relation between the Companion and the Chapter, he ruled:

That as a general proposition, it is the duty of the Secretary of a Chapter to require every member of the Chapter, once every year to submit evidence of his standing in his subordinate Lodge. If the Secretary fails to do this and retains the name of one erased for n. p. d. in his subordinate Lodge on his roll, he then can not, as a matter of right, claim a refund of fees paid thereon for said member.

While Florida has not, yet some Capitular Jurisdictions have tried in various ways to get a line on suspended members, but so far as we recall with little if any success. We shall watch the outcome of this ruling with interest.

He is optimistic of the future of Capitular Masonry, which he states continues to grow and that, with perhaps two exceptions, all the Chapters in the state are doing splendid work.

With the exception above noted all the official acts of the Grand High Priest were approved.

An amendment to the Grand Chapter By-Laws provides that:

The Grand High Priest shall appoint annually a worthy Companion as a Fraternal Correspondent who shall file his report with the Grand Secretary not later than April 1st of each year. He shall receive for the faithful performance of his duties the sum of \$300.00 per annum.

This is apparently an increase of \$150 over preceding years, and is a worthy recognition of arduous services faithfully preformed.

Five Companions petitioned for and were anointed and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood, and Past Grand High Priest James L. Michie was elected President.

Nearly fifty pages are taken up on reporting the Roll of Officers and Members of the Subordinate Chapters. We sometimes wonder what real good this accomplishes.

Without comment or conclusion Past Grand High Priest James L. Michie for the eighth time reviews the Proceedings of fifty-five sister jurisdictions. It is so readable that our "Palmetto State" companions are to be congratulated on the good work, true work and square work presented them for inspection. Florida receives discriminating attention and we infer approval generally.

He quotes the dispensation granted by Grand High Priest O'Neal to place a keystone in the Christian Church at Miami, which he designates as "being slightly—well, peculiar;" and which he follows by the report of the Jurisprudence Committee with this comment. "Till now we had fondly imagined that this was a 'function' reserved for Symbolic Masons." So far as we recall Symbolic Masonry knows nothing about a keystone, while that essential part of a structure is intimately connected with Capitular Masonry, and would it not be inconsistent, to say the least, for a Lodge to pretend to provide a "function" for something it presumably knows nothing about? And what is there about the actual placing of a keystone in a sacred edifice that is not in harmony with and a practical application of the teachings of Royal Arch Masonry?

Under the comment; "This is neither our Law nor our practice," he quotes:

The Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder and Grand Chaplain having been re-elected and the Grand Guard re-appointed, their installation was not necessary at this time.

And then wants to know "What are the duties of a Grand Recorder in Royal Arch Masonry?" We have made diligent research, but find no such statement in the 1918 Proceedings, but do find this paragraph:

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary having been re-elected and the Grand Guard re-appointed, their installation was not necessary at this time.

Will Companion Michie please "elucidate?"  
Next Annual in Greenville, April 1, 1919.  
Wm. A. Giles, Graniteville, Grand High Priest.  
O. Frank Hart, Columbia, Grand Secretary.  
James L. Michie, Darlington, Correspondent.

#### SOUTH DAKOTA—1918.

Chapters, 36. Members, 4,122. Exalted, 397. Net Gain, 305.  
WEST BABCOCK, Grand High Priest.

Owing to an operation, not serious, however, upon the ear of the Grand High Priest, and the funeral of a family friend of the Deputy Grand High Priest, the Twenty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of South Dakota, which was held in Aberdeen, June 13, 1918, Companion Frederick Treon, the R. E. Grand King, presided. There were present thirteen Past Grands and representatives from twenty-eight subordinate Chapters, Florida's interests was looked after by the Senior Past Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion John F. Schrader.

Following the introduction and presentation of the Flag by the Grand Captain of the Host the address of

the Grand High Priest was presented, which was a very brief record of his doings for the year, and from which we gather his duties were routine and with nothing to disturb the harmony of the Craft. He made four official visitations and granted two dispensations, one of which was to vote on three Candidates at a meeting, but which being contrary to Law, was disapproved by the Jurisprudence Committee, and the Committee's report was sustained by Grand Chapter.

The Charter of Keystone Chapter, No. 45, was surrendered. In the days when the "Black Hills" was synonymous for gold and other things galore, Keystone was a large and prosperous mining camp, but the gradual "pinching out" of many "paying veins" in the surrounding territory caused its shifting population to drift elsewhere, and the writer recalls on his occasional visits there in the early part of the 1900 decade there were many evidences of waning prosperity.

Four Rituals are apportioned to each Chapter. Several being reported missing the quota was filled, and in the future, Chapters reporting a loss of Rituals will be penalized in the sum of \$25.

Seventeen petitions were received and accepted for admission into the Order of High Priesthood, a somewhat larger number in proportion to Subordinate Chapters than reported from some Grand Jurisdictions. The fees were fixed at three dollars, beginning with 1919, and Past Grand High Priest Louis G. Levoy was re-elected President.

The "conclusion" of the Annual Review or Report on Correspondence by Past Grand High Priest Louis G. Levoy reveals the gratifying fact:

That the year past is the banner year in Capitulary Masonry in membership additions, not a single one reporting a decreased membership, and many of them reporting the heaviest increase in their history.

The Proceedings of forty-seven Grand Chapters are hereby summarized, Florida receiving courteous attention, but without particular comment.

Referring to our initial report he says we made a "good job of it," and he hopes for the continuance.

Next Annual in Sioux Falls, June 12, 1919.

William A. Morris, Redfield, Grand High Priest.

George A. Pettigrew, Sioux Fall, Grand Secretary.

Louis G. Levoy, Webster, Com. on Cor.

#### TENNESSEE—1918.

Chapters, 86. Members, 6,007. Exalted, 385. Net Gain, 161.

C. H. SMART, Grand High Priest.

When His Excellency convened the Eighty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Tennessee in Nashville, January 28, 1918, every station was filled by the rightful occupant; and 71 Chapters were represented. Conspicuous among the Past Grand High Priests present was M. E. Comp. Wilbur F. Foster, who welded the gavel in 1874, while among the absentees was Florida's Grand Representative, Ex. Comp. Jake W. Brantley.

Straight from the shoulder and with no uncertain words does Grand High Priest Smart review the conditions of Capitular Masonry as he sees them. He finds it a cause for congratulation that the Angel of Death has passed over the Official Family.

He is a firm believer in the benefits that follow the work of a conscientious District Lecturer, but would prohibit them, while on visits of instruction, from conferring degrees.

He refused to grant certain dispensations because "it appears to me that the Grand High Priest has no power to annul the force of specific By-Laws."

Noting that Grand Chapter has in different instances adopted certain things that were contrary to law, on the recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee, he then makes this sage comment:

The Grand Chapter, as a body, is not supposed to know the law, while the Past Grand High Priests *are*, and when they recommend certain measures to that Grand Chapter, that body takes it for granted that it is within the law, and if it seems reasonable, adopts it.

Eleven Chapters in that State are run on the "moon schedule" and in one case a Chapter had no Convocation in December because its regular date was "on Thursday after each full moon," and as the moon did not full until Friday, December 28th, there was no "Thursday after full moon" in December.

He established the record for official visitations, having visited seventy out of the eighty-seven Chapters in the State, "more than any Grand High Priest who has preceded me in this Grand Chapter," and which enabled him to see the true condition of the Rite with his own eyes. From the information thus obtained, omitting the Chapters in the cities and larger towns, his report to the Grand Chapter was that "the conditions of the Rite is simply miserable." He follows this with sufficient particulars to substantiate his statements, though no remedy is suggested, although such a full and complete report ought to work to the betterment of conditions in the future.

He made a number of decisions, which being in accord with existing Laws, were approved. However, some of them would be contrary to Florida Statutes.

On March 2d of this year, occurred the one hundredth anniversary of Royal Arch Masonry into Tennessee, and the Grand High Priest recommended its observance, but the Ways and Means Committee thought otherwise, and Grand Chapter approved.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Grand High Priest the Royal Arch Degree was exemplified by the Officers of the Grand Chapter, after Cumberland Chapter No. 1 had been duly opened, and the Jurisprudence Committee recommended that this practice be continued, each Grand Officer filling his respective office.

The Jurisprudence Committee were of the opinion and so ruled that Grand Chapter had no authority to enact laws permitting local Chapters to receive petitions and act upon them at the same convocation from brethren about to go abroad without first obtaining such authority from the General Grand Chapter of the United States. We did not suppose Tennessee was working under the General Grand Chapter Regulations to such an extent as to make it necessary to obtain such permission, but rather that was a matter each Grand Chapter regulated. Florida laws regulate that feature.

Twenty-two High Priests were elected and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

By the time Past Grand High Priest J. H. McClister began to make preparations for his Fifteenth Annual Journey through the Capitular world "the frost had tinged the forest and the golden rod was waving in the valley."

Florida receives his courteous attention, quoting quite freely from the address of Grand High Priest O'Neal,

very properly designating him as a "fine looking man, with a full head of grey hair and a head full of grey matter."

Yes, the Flag occupies a prominent place not only in the Grand Chapter room, but in the other Chapter rooms throughout the state.

His report throughout is "enriched with the most useful knowledge" and ought to be read by his Companions, every last one of them.

TENNESSEE—1919.

Chapters, 86. Members, 6,181. Exalted, 351. Net Gain, 174

J. H. SWANN, Grand High Priest.

Seventy-six Chapters were represented when the Grand High Priest opened the Ninetieth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Tennessee in Nashville, January 27, 1919,

While rejoicing that the death angel had not invaded the ranks of the Grand Chapter and that the war cloud was passing, yet he realized that "this was an epoch never to be forgotten in the history of the world," and that no man ever "presided over any body of men during a year filled with such momentous events, affecting the whole of the people of the earth, as this one has been."

Briefly as possible he recites the dispensations granted to meet local needs, including the formation of one new Chapter; the appointment of and issuing commissions to Grand Representatives, and similar necessary routine work.

Early in the year he appointed a committee to prepare and submit a ritual at this Grand Chapter. In the mean-

time the General Grand Chapter having adopted a new ritual at the Baltimore Triennial, which the Grand High Priest says, "emasculates all existing rituals," this Grand Chapter decided to postpone action on the report of the above Committee until the Ritual promulgated by the General Grand Chapter shall be published and compared.

In referring to the new constitution submitted to the last General Grand Chapter, action on which was postponed three years, he pertinently adds:

This new Constitution gives the General Grand Chapter dictatorial power and further gives them the same authority over Grand Chapters that Grand Chapters have over subordinate Chapters. We want the Grand Chapter of Tennessee to be in line, but in my humble opinion, the new Constitution in many respects is not the panacea for our troubles.

He decided that he had no authority to grant a request from the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia for waiver of jurisdiction over a resident of Raines, Tenn.

He decided it was proper to vote on sixteen candidates at one time. That would not be the custom in Florida.

Referring to attending the Annual Convocation of the Washington Memorial Association, he said, "When standing in that lodge room among the pictures, furniture, correspondence, etc., of that great man Washington, I felt as though I was treading on holy grounds." May the writer of this review be permitted to add that he also experienced similar emotions when he was "permitted to view the interior" of that noted shrine.

Official inspection and visitation of subordinate Chapters have in the past received much attention. At different times Companions have been appointed for this purpose, but the results were not satisfactory. The past year the state was divided into three sections and a Grand Lecturer appointed for each section, which was only

partially successful. He therefore recommended that one Grand Lecturer be elected, with a salary that would justify him in devoting his whole time to the work. This recommendation was adopted by Grand Chapter and we are pleased to note that Past Grand High Priest J. H. McClister, the very efficient Committee on Correspondence, and whom we had the great pleasure of meeting in Baltimore, and on the trip to Mt. Vernon, received the appointment at a salary of \$2,400 and actual expenses. We shall look with special interest for his report next year, and from "his well known punctuality," we feel sure that the work will be given thorough attention.

We note with regret that Florida's Grand Representative was not among those who were received by the Grand High Priest and accorded the honors due them.

Grand Chapter adopted the recommendations of the Jurisprudence Committee relating to changes in Grand Chapter Laws laid over from the former Grand Convocation. The minimum fee for conferring degrees is now fixed at \$25. Among the other amendments is one which provides:

Subordinate Chapters in Tennessee shall not confer degrees for foreign Subordinate Chapters, nor shall they request foreign Subordinate Chapters to confer degrees for them without the written consent and approval of the Grand High Priest of Tennessee and of the Grand High Priest of the foreign Grand Chapter. For violation thereof, the Grand High Priest may arrest the charter of the offending Chapter.

Florida Companions should take due notice thereof and govern themselves accordingly. Another amended article reads:

Returns shall show the number of stated and called meetings that have been held during the year, and this information shall be prerequisite to the enrollment of a representative of a Chapter.

Twenty-four Companions were consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood, and the election of officers following shows a radical change in the principal working stations.

Enjoyable as has been the deliberations of the Grand Chapter to an invisible attendant, even more so is the perusal of the Report on Correspondence by Past Grand High Priest J. H. McClister, whose personality, which we have experienced by direct contact, permeates each review.

Florida receives careful discrimination and he quotes with apparent approval the patriotic expressions of Grand High Priest Dabney B. Palmer, besides noting other important features of the year's work.

Referring to our second report, he says "it is equal to his first, and that was good."

We note that another Companion will occupy Tennessee's seat at the Round Table the coming year, Past Grand High Priest C. H. Smart. From our recollections of Grand High Priest Smart's annual address and work during the year, we are anticipating next year a valuable and instructive epitome of Capitular activities.

Next Annual in Nashville, Jan. 26, 1920.

J. A. Fowler, Memphis, Grand High Priest.  
Stith M. Cain, Nashville, Grand Secretary.  
C. H. Smart, Nashville, Correspondent.

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TEXAS—1918.

Chapters, 285. Members, 25,464. Exalted, 2,772. Net Gain, 2,195.

O. M. LONGNECKER, Grand High Priest.

Having just completed the review of "Little Rhody," our attention is now directed to the other extreme, to that magnificent inland Empire, the Lone Star State, whose

Sixty-ninth Annual Convocation convened in the City of Waco, December 2, 1918, with the representatives of ninety-nine Chapters present; Florida being represented by Ex. Comp. Wm. James.

The proceedings state that the Grand Officers submitted their Annual Reports, which were received and referred to appropriate committees. As the Grand High Priest's address covered nearly thirty pages of eight point type, the omission, as it appears, of its reading gave that much more time for the consideration of other matters.

From the address we learn that five schools of instruction were held the same week in different parts of the state which leads us to wonder why more benefits would not accrue if they occurred at different times of the year.

He presented fifteen decisions in a concrete form. From them we learn that all applicants for Capitular Degrees, including soldiers, must be bona fide residents of the state one year. That authority for the use of substitutes in the Royal Arch Degree can only be given by the Chapter and not by a dispensation from the Grand High Priest. That upon the demise of a Chapter all the members become non-affiliates, and a Past Grand High Priest loses membership in Grand Chapter unless he affiliates in some subordinate Chapter inside of twelve months. The Grand High Priest cannot grant a dispensation for a Chapter to invade the jurisdiction of another Chapter, even to confer the degrees upon its own elected candidates, also that a Grand High Priest cannot grant a dispensation to ballot on a petition at a called convocation.

According to Texas laws, Chapters failing to meet for three consecutive months in one year forfeit their Charter, and a dispensation to resume later must be ob-

tained. He granted four for such purposes, besides several other for various reasons.

A large number of courtesies pertaining to conferring degrees were granted and requested. Among the latter were two of Florida, one of Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, and the other of Manatee River Chapter, No. 18. Among the recommendations and appointments of Grand Representatives was the commissioning of Ex. Comp. E. W. Bunker to represent Texas near the Grand Chapter of Florida.

Six Chapters were constituted. The only dispensation granted for the forming of a new Chapter was at Tampico, old Mexico, which was instituted April 9, 1918.

Appropriate tributes were made to the Companions who had responded to the Call of the Silent Reaper, and which include four Past Grand High Priests, M. E. Companions John P. Bell, Wm. A. Scott, Samuel M. Williams and John K. Stone.

All the acts of the Grand High Priest, which indicated thorough investigations, were fully approved by the Jurisprudence Committee and this as well as all other Committee reports were apparently adopted by Grand Chapter. Matters run along so smoothly that seemingly all the members at large have to do are to vote affirmatively and draw their per diem.

Texas has the unique distinction of setting a new field of usefulness never before undertaken by any Grand Royal Arch Chapter in the world, that of building and maintaining a Home for Aged Masons. This practical application of Masonic principles has been productive of phenomenal growth in membership, which has nearly doubled since the undertaking began. In the beginning of last year an effort was made to increase the endowment fund, over \$21,000 being thus realized from different sources. The managers of the new Florida Masonic

Home and Orphanage may find some valuable suggestions in the various reports of the Texas Home.

Early risers indeed must be the members of the Grand Council of High Priesthood, which the report states was convened at six o'clock a. m. Perhaps the early hour may have something to do with the relatively small number, only twenty, who were consecrated.

For the sixth time Ex. Comp. Carlton E. Mead submits his Review of Capitular Grand Bodies. He writes in that breezy, flowing style, so characteristic of the almost limitless rolling plains of this great commonwealth, and they are equally entertaining and instructive.

Florida is given discriminating attention. Noting the proposed amendment to make five additional offices elective, he observes: "Everything is going democratic now, some, on purpose, and some because it cannot be helped." His only critical comment, if so intended, was that the Convocation was so harmonious that it "did not furnish much material for review of this nature."

He kindly refers to our report and thinks it "was some job for a man working in as hot a country as Florida." We fear he has a misconception of our climatic conditions, for not only do people from up States come here to escape the rigors of winter climate, but also to avoid the extreme heat and other discomforts of Northern summers as well. As we are not in the real estate business we will say no more about the all-the-year-around delights of our unsurpassed Southland. Just cordially invite you to come and see.

Next Annual in Waco, December 1, 1919.

B. K. Hawkins, Brownwood, Grand High Priest.  
T. M. Bartley, Waco, Grand Secretary.  
C. E. Mead, Marfa, Correspondent.

#### UTAH—1918.

Chapters, 6. Members, 771. Exalted, 40. Net Gain, 22.

SAM H. GOODWIN, Grand High Priest.

Five Grand Officers were absent when the Grand High Priest convened the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, of Utah in its Seventh Annual Convocation in Provo, May 8, 1918. Florida was represented by Ex. Comp. David R. Beebe, who with the other Ambassadors were received with Grand Honors. Many greetings were presented through the Grand Representatives.

Eloquent and patriotic was the prelude of Grand High Priest Goodwin's address, in which he alluded to our inability to "rub out from the tablets of memory the appalling pictures of frightfulness which have been graven there by the iron hand of fact." Continuing he pertinently asks:

Why dwell on these things? Why not exhibit the bright, cheery, optimistic, sunny side of things? He replies to this query by adding: Because we assume that Masons are men of sense, and that they, in common with thoughtful men everywhere are seeking to measure up to the responsibilities which the measureless needs of the hour have laid upon them.

Not arduous were his official duties, which include constituting Price Chapter, officially visiting each chapter, granting one dispensation and appointing several Grand Representatives. Liberal subscriptions were made for Liberty Bonds.

For reasons of economy and in order to provide a fund to send a delegate to the Triennial Convocation, the Correspondence Committee was instructed to present its report in topical form this time, and not to exceed ten

pages. While consenting to this action, the Grand High Priest wanted it distinctly understood that he did not approve of "hampering or muzzling this important committee." Appreciating the situation, Companion Chapman used the compressor so effectively that six pages sufficed to chronicle all the important Capitular happenings coming to his notice, fully one quarter of which were poetic quotations. Yet, with all this effort, if we remember correctly, Utah was not represented at the Baltimore Triennial.

Four instances were noticed by the Grand High Priest where secretaries of subordinate Chapters had failed to comply with the laws; but he hoped this reference to neglected duties would prevent a recurrence in the future.

His recommendation to increase the minimum fee from \$30 to \$50 was approved. But no action appears to have been taken relative to re-arranging and codifying the Grand Chapter Laws.

Very wisely, it seems to us, Grand Chapter decided to publish only officers of each Chapter and its Past High Priests.

Four Companions were elected to Membership in the Order of High Priesthood and Herman J. Craven was elected M. E. President.

Next Annual at Ogden, May 7, 1919.

Frank P. Sherwood, Salt Lake City, Grand High Priest.

Walter Daniels, Salt Lake City, Grand Secretary.

Arvis Scott Chapman, Salt Lake City, Chrm. Cor. Committee.

#### VERMONT—1918.

Chapters, 30. Members, 4,655. Exalted, 179. Net Gain, 56.

GEORGE N. TILDEN, Grand High Priest.

Distinguished visitors from New York added to the impressiveness of the opening of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Vermont in Burlington, June 14, 1918, by the Grand High Priest and his Royal Family, assisted by eleven Past Grand High Priests together with representatives from most of the subordinate Chapters.

Noting that this occasion marked the first milestone in the second century of Royal Arch Masonry in Vermont, Grand High Priest Tilden briefly reviewed the salient events of his year's work. Appropriate mention was made of those Companions who during the year passed had been admitted into the Holy of Holies above, including M. E. Companions Edward H. Martin, who was Grand High Priest in 1909, and Henry D. Bryant, who was Grand High Priest in 1912.

The esoteric work in this Grand Jurisdiction is looked after by District Deputies who hold an annual meeting, attended especially by the Grand High Priest, Grand Captain of the Host and Grand Principal Sojourner.

The Grand High Priest was pleased to report that owing to the pleasant fraternal relations prevailing there were no grievances. Customary dispensations necessary to advance the work in the different subordinate Chapters were granted and unnecessary ones were refused, we learn, but details are lacking. All were approved by Grand Chapter.

In accordance with his recommendations and to meet present traveling conditions the appropriation for expenses of those attending Grand Chapter was increased,

and the salary of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was advanced to \$200.

The Grand High Priest stated that he was gratified in reporting that the standard of efficiency throughout the jurisdiction had been maintained and that the real spirit of brotherly love was never more firmly imbedded than at present.

One entire evening was given to the Order of High Priesthood, at which time eleven High Priests were anointed and consecrated to the Holy Order. Thrift Stamps to the amount of \$50 were purchased. M. E. Comp. I. Ross Roberts was re-elected President, following which Comp. Roberts made a historical address. Space will not permit its reproduction, and a summary would be unsatisfactory. It is unfortunate that this address is not accessible to Present and Past High Priests, a perusal of which would unquestionably impress the reader that the conferring of this Order is not mere lip service.

For the second time Past Grand High Priest Eugene S. Weston presents the report of the Committee on Correspondence. Coming from a Companion who has had years of experience and knows whereof he writes, his comments merit consideration.

Florida receives careful and considerate attention, in which he quotes from Grand High Priest O'Neal's address with apparent approval. He, however, believes it a mistake to confer the degrees upon clergymen without fees. He does not appear to be alone in this opinion either, there seems to be a growing sentiment that there may have been a time when such action was advisable, but that under present conditions this no longer seems necessary.

Possibly he has a mistaken conception regarding the conferring of degrees in Grand Chapter, which we have attempted to make clear in our "comments."

Companion Weston will please accept our thanks for the very pleasing way in which he refers to our maiden correspondence report and we regret not meeting him in Baltimore last October.

In Companion Weston's "Conclusions" he does not hesitate to express his likes as well as dislikes, together with his reasons therefor. We are not quite prepared to endorse all his views relating to the General Grand Chapter. True, this was our first attendance to this august body, and it may be that we were overly awed and impressed, but we fail to see where the General Grand Chapter is not ready and willing to serve the Grand Chapters if they desire it. And certainly there is an inspiration that always comes from "rubbing elbows together." If Grand Chapters are not benefitted we wonder where the fault is.

Next Annual in Burlington, June 13, 1918.  
Wm. H. Brewster, Middlebury, Grand High Priest  
Henry H. Ross, Burlington, Grand Secretary.  
Eugene S. Weston, New Haven, Chrm. Cor. Com.

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VICTORIA—1918.

Chapters, 21. Members, 1,090. Exalted, 134. Net Gain, 90.

Rev. A. T. HOLDEN, First Grand Principal.

Much interest attaches to the Quarterly Convocations of our antipodean Companions of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Victoria, which are held in Freemasons Hall, Melbourne, in July, October, January and April of each year. The last named more nearly corresponds to the Annual Grand Convocation of those working under the American Rite.

As showing some of the minor differences between Australian and American Capitular customs we note that the Companions in the former are called "M. Em." and "R. Em." instead of "M. Ex." and R. Ex.," which gives the possible inference of a closer connection between Chivalric and Capitular Masonry. Also that Grand Chapter is always opened and closed in Ample, Ancient and Solemn Form.

The First Grand Principal refers to the very cordial and fraternal reception accorded him on the occasion of his visit to the Supreme Grand Chapter of New South Wales, and notes with regret the failure of the recent negotiations to bring about a union of Royal Arch Masonry in the sister State, which he significantly adds, "failed for the time being." He also calls attention to the "appearance in Masonic Circles of that objectionable appeal to ignorance and superstition, known as the Chain Prayer."

Advancing the claim that the Quarterly Convocations were not largely attended and comparatively little important business was usually transacted, it was urged by some that only two, or three at the most, convocations be held annually, but considerable opposition developed on the ground that it would be a step backward, and the subject was dropped. An excellent suggestion was made that some of the spare time at these convocations might be profitably spent by means of a lecture or other Masonic instruction.

Florida's Grand Representative, R. Em. Comp. Baron Marks, P. G. J. (Past Grand Joshua) was either present at each Quarterly or sent his apology. We see no good reason why some of the absentees near home could not profit by this Antipodean custom.

The practice prevails in Victoria, as in many other Grand Jurisdictions, working under charters originally

of English, Scotch or Irish descent, of making nominations for First Grand Principal. At the third Quarterly M. Em. Comp. Wm. P. Bice, Past Second Grand Principal, was nominated as First Grand Principal. There being no other nomination at the April Quarterly he was declared elected. Following his installation and the investiture of other Grand Chapter Officers, the Grand Representatives saluted and tendered their hearty good wishes to the First Grand Principal.

It is sometimes well to see ourselves as others see us, particularly so if the vision is complimentary. V. Em. Comp. J. E. Kennedy, P. G. Treas., who has returned from a visit to Canada and the United States, gave an account of his observations and Masonic experiences in this part of the world. Though admitting that Masonry is universal, and the means by which we are known to each other are practically the same, he noted many points of interest, which are not possible to publish in a report, but the proceedings does say:

Companion Kennedy gives our American Brethren and Companions credit for complete and earnest work, rather more elaborate than the English practices, which we follow, but not excelling the ideals and standards observed by us in all degrees of Freemasonry in Victoria. He found our American Brethren and Companions warm-hearted and hospitable, fully upholding the best Masonic traditions.

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VIRGINIA—1917.

Chapters, 69. Members, 8,210. Exalted, 556. Net Gain, 349.

J. E. W. TIMMERMAN, Grand High Priest.

Although the One Hundred and Tenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia convened in the City of Richmond, Oct. 23, 1917, yet

the Proceedings did not reach us until after the last printed form of last year's Report had gone to press, too late to be included in the 1918 Proceedings, and was the only American Grand Chapter omitted from last year's Report.

This is one of the very few Grand Chapters which does not have a Deputy Grand High Priest, and no doubt it would not know what such an appendage might look like if it should unexpectedly appear. All stations were filled, and we notice that Correspondent is listed under the head of Grand Officers, though not common yet we fail to see why it is not proper. Twenty-nine subordinate Chapters were represented, besides eight Past Grand High Priests and Past High Priests galore; Florida, however, not being represented. The particular distinguished visitor was M. Ex. George E. Carson, General Grand High Priest, who was most fraternally received and cordially welcomed, and who recognized that while his gracious hosts did "not belong to the household of the General Grand Chapter, they did belong to that great family of Royal Arch Masons that is spread over the civilized world and engaged in disseminating and inculcating the principles instilled by Royal Arch Masons wherever located, or to whatever jurisdiction they may owe allegiance."

Concisely and carefully Grand High Priest Timberman presented an account of his stewardship for the year, but which does not disclose anything particularly out of the ordinary. He noted that the Royal Craft had suffered a great loss in the transaction from the terrestrial to the celestial Grand Chapter of Past Grand High Priest William James Hubbard, who had been Grand Lecturer since 1898. Also the death of M. Ex. Companion S. W. Thompson, who was Grand High Priest in 1905 and 1906.

Among the dispensation granted was one "to destroy a ballot and re-ballot on the petition of a brother who had been rejected, the Companion who cast the black-ball stating in open Chapter that it was a case of mistaken identity and that he had done the brother a great injustice." This with other decisions were approved and adopted, with the emphatic caution from the Committee to subordinate Chapters "that requests for dispensations be made only in cases of extreme emergency, and where the welfare of Royal Arch Masonry will be best served." In Florida, where one black-ball only appears on first ballot a second ballot is ordered without comment; but a black-ball appearing the second time, the applicant must wait one year.

While no dispensations for new Chapters were granted, the Grand High Priest stated that the growth of Capitular Masonry had been remarkable, and existing Chapters had been strengthened.

Hereafter the Grand High Priest will have a private seal, which will be passed on to his successor. Grand High Priests in other Jurisdictions have been likeminded, but this is the first instance we recall where Grand Chapter has concurred. He reported having made seven official visitations, which he characterizd as being of "unalloyed pleasure."

The Roll of Honor at that time shows over two hundred stars in the Service Flag of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia. The Grand Chapter of Alberta was recognized.

It seems that the Grand Chapter goes into a Grand Committee of the Whole which considers certain reports and other matters referred to it, and later the report of this committee is approved by Grand Chapter. We wonder if Grand Chapter ever fails to approve the report of this particular committee?

Among other actions we learn that the Grand Secretary was instructed in future to use the "earned titles" of Officers of Subordinate Chapters in the list of officers printed. And a glance over the Roster of Subordinate Chapters discloses that many of the Chapter officers are Past High Priests and even "higher ups," particularly in those Chapters of small membership. Might not that very action have the effect of discouraging mere Companions from becoming interested and proficient in the work?

By reason of the death of the M. Ex. President of the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests, M. Ex. Wm. J. Hubbard, the first action of the Annual Convocation was the election of his successor, which honor fell on M. Ex. James E. Alexander; after which fifteen candidates were duly anointed and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

Once again the Companions of Virginia with a few privileged outsiders are given the opportunity of reading a most excellent report on Fraternal Correspondence, the work of that veteran, Past District Deputy Grand High Priest Joseph W. Eggleston. His style is unique, interesting and instructive. He states that his copy was ready for the printer August 14th, more than two months previous to Grand Chapter. The last of our copy was sent to the printer less than two weeks before our Grand Chapter met, and the printed report was ready when Grand Chapter convened.

Florida is given attention and consideration. He notes with pleasure Grand High Priest Andress' Cerbeau decision; and for Companion Eggleston's further information we refer him to our comments regarding this same decision under Idaho in our 1918 Report. But he disapproves of our printed rituals. However, permit us to suggest that possibly printed rituals might make it

easier for some Companions to prepare themselves for the minor offices at least in Subordinate Chapters, and thus eliminate some of the Past High Priests whose names appear in the Chapter Rosters.

He expresses pleasure because "next year Florida will have something to say."

Next Annual Richmond, Oct. 22, 1918.

James Bowman, Roanoke, Grand High Priest.

James R. Blanks, Petersburg, Grand Secretary.

Joseph W. Eggleston, Richmond, Correspondent.

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WISCONSIN—1918.

Chapters, 94. Members, 13,217. Exalted, 926. Net gain, 691.

JOHN E. LANGDON, Grand High Priest.

The Sixty-eight Annual convention in the City of Milwaukee, February 19th, with the Grand High Priest presiding and assisted by a full quota of Grand Officers.

Without preliminaries, the Grand High Priest briefly welcomed all present and proceeded to review the work of the year past, which he stated was "one on which we can look with considerable satisfaction."

Although the chain of Grand Officers remains unbroken, yet the solemn messenger had summoned three of the permanent members: Past Grand High Priest John Grimshaw, Past Grand High Priest Franklin P. Ainsworth and Past Grand Scribe Levi Howland.

During the year he commissioned six Companions of other Chapters and recommended one to represent the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin. He made four official visitations, including one which was a reception tendered by his own Chapter. He constituted three New Chap-

ters and issued several dispensations to receive and act on petitions in less than lawful time, the latter being unnecessary in Florida. He issued two dispensations to form new Chapters.

He states that it is the duty of all High Priests of subordinate Chapters to read, or cause to be read, each year that portion of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter relating to changes in the constitution, and all resolutions, edicts, and decisions as soon as Grand Chapter proceedings are received. Wonder if that requirement is not more honored in the breach than in the observance.

He made five decisions, all of which were approved. One was that a dispensation is always granted to a Chapter, not its officers; another that a Grand High Priest has no power to grant a dispensation to ballot upon a petition at a special convocation; also that it is not permissible to elect a secretary of a Chapter from the membership of another Chapter. It seems strange to us, to say the least, that such a request should have been made.

Florida was well represented by R. E. Comp. E. A. Raymond, who at the election was advanced to the station of Deputy Grand High Priest.

Proficiency in the esoteric work of the degree being presumably a necessary requisite for advancement, induces the Grand Lecturer in his report to say, "More prominence should be given to the examination, and the drawing of a check payable to the Secretary should not be the sole qualification required for advancement."

All officers were in their places when the Wisconsin Council Order of High Priesthood was opened in due form and 19 Companions were anointed and set apart to the Holy Order.

Past Grand High Priest Samuel Wright, in his incomparable Report on Foreign Correspondence, in referring to Florida, finds that the proceedings of this Grand Chapter:

Abounds with expressions of patriotism, from the first words of the Grand High Priest (Wm. R. O'Neal), wherein he quotes from President's famous message, to his last important acts, ordering the investment of its funds in Liberty Bonds.

After quoting the amendment relative to remitting the fees and dues of ministers, adds: "From this it would seem in that climate some encouragement is advisable in order to keep the ministers actively engaged."

He notes that for the first time the Proceedings contains a report of the Committee on Correspondence, which he is pleased to designate as "able piece of work." Thank you, Companion Wright.

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#### WISCONSIN—1919.

Chapters, 94. Members, 13,615. Exalted, 782. Net Gain, 398.

MICHAEL BARRY, Grand High Priest.

Early in the year Deputy Grand High Priest Edward A. Raymond was summoned to the Grand Chapter above. The remembrance of his virtues were in evidence when the Sixty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened in Milwaukee, Feb. 18, 1919, by the Grand High Priest, assisted by a large number of Past Grand Priests and Representatives of eighty-five Chapters. Grand Scribe W. F. Owen answered for Florida.

Largely of local interest were the official acts of the Grand High Priest during recess. All of his dispensa-

tions, appointments and acts of courtesy were approved and confirmed. He appointed Ex. Comp. George A. Dame, of Inverness, to represent the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.

He held that the sending of the copy of a resolution passed by a Chapter relative to payment of dues, not being addressed to any one in particular and without the seal of the Chapter, was insufficient to suspend for non-payment of dues.

Some points, new to us, are raised and answered in the following questions submitted as to the legality of two amendments in the By-Laws of a certain Chapter:

(a) No officer or member of this Chapter shall be accorded the privilege of conferring either of the several degrees in part, or in whole, without having previously satisfied the Excellent High Priest as to his proficiency in the ritualistic work.

(b) No officer or member of this Chapter shall be eligible to election to the Grand Council or to an appointive office higher than Master of the Veils, unless he shall have proven himself proficient in the ritualistic work pertaining to such office at a preceding convocation of the Chapter.

As to the first amendment (a), a search of the laws and edicts disclosed nothing bearing directly on the subject. Something remotely applicable may be found in the installation charge to the High Priest so that the matter must be determined by the "ancient usage" clause. The amendment appears to have in view the securing of efficient officers in the ritualistic work. It excludes the High Priest, as he is the one to be satisfied, and therefore does not invade his rights. It appears more in the nature of an admonition to the High Priest to exercise more care in the selection of his officers, if the appointive officers are so selected, and to the Chapter as to the officers elected. A little reflection convinces me that such a law is more likely to prove a hindrance than a help, and for which no precedent is found; that the usage now prevailing is all sufficient and to the extent sought for the proposed amendment it is not in conformity to "ancient usage."

To the second amendment (b), that there were two subjects involved, viz., elective and appointive officers, and that so far as

it affected elective officers it was violative of the Constitution, citing Section 6, Article VIII. As to the appointive officers, a different question arises. The Constitution provides (Section 2, Article VII) "that appointive officers shall be chosen as each Chapter may by by-law determine."

This doubtless gives the Chapter the authority to select the appointive officers in such a reasonable way as to it seems proper. No instance has come to my knowledge where any Chapter has exercised this power, but rather left the appointment to the High Priest; but the power is there and when an amendment covering the subject of appointive officers is presented it will be time enough to pass upon it. It was therefore held that this last amendment embraced two matters, as to elective officers violating of the Constitution, and the other being so involved in the merits as to render the whole objectionable.

An amendment giving Concurrent Jurisdictions to Chapters in over four hundred Jurisdictions was offered and will come up for action next year.

Although six Chapters did not confer a Degree last year, one Chapter seems to have broken the record with ninety-eight exaltations to its credit.

There were two Representatives of the Grand Chapter at the General Grand Triennial, Grand King George H. Keenan and Grand Scribe Edward T. Hayhurst, both of whom the writer had the pleasure of meeting. The Grand King presented an excellent comprehensive report of the Baltimore Convocation.

The request of the Grand Chapter of Queensland, Australia, for recognition was left to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

A constitutional amendment offered last year, that any Chapter failing to be represented at the Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter be fined \$10.00 unless excused, was not adopted.

The annual salary of the Grand Secretary was raised from \$750 per year to \$900.00 per year.

Thirteen Excellent Companions were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

Past Grand High Priest Samuel Wright, who presents his "observations of the year," finds but little interest in the Florida Proceedings. His references are confined to the erection of the monuments to the late Past Grand High Priests, M. E. Samuel Pasco and James Carnell; also to the action remitting the dues of members in service. Many of his "observations" pertain to this subject and in his "Conclusion" he has this to say:

The legislation [of Grand Chapters] thus inspired, relates to various schemes intended to relieve from the payment of annual dues, Companions in the service, therein displaying an ingenious variety of details and of effervescent efforts of rhetoric, equalled only by those of that other fad of long ago, "dependent membership."

Next Annual in Milwaukee, February 17, 1919.  
George H. Keenan, Madison, Grand High Priest.  
Wm. W. Perry, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.  
Samuel Wright, Milwaukee, Correspondent.

#### WASHINGTON—1918.

Chapters, 38. Members, 4,878. Exalted, 266. Net Gain, 115.

CHARLES G. SMYTH, Grand High Priest.

With the official ranks unbroken and only one Grand Officer absent, the Thirty-fourth Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington was held in the city of Chehalis, Sept. 9 and 10, 1918. Four Chartered Chapters were not represented, neither was the Grand Chapter of Florida.

With painstaking care and attention to details, Grand High Priest Smyth presented an address covering his official acts of the year, all of which were approved. However, we note that the Committee suggested that much of the official correspondence might with propriety be omitted from the published proceedings.

While all his dispensations were granted in accord with Washington Capitular Law, yet one Chapter High Priest, through ignorance of the law, he claimed, took undue advantage of a dispensation, to use two substitutes in conferring the R. A. Degree, although the law plainly stated that only one can be used. The excuse offered was that the candidate was about to enter service, and the other candidate was unable to be present. This offense was condoned with a severe reprimand but notice was served that hereafter the penalty would be enforced.

He refused a dispensation, very properly, it appears to us, to change the date of a stated Convocation. And also another to dispense with the requirement of securing waiver of Jurisdiction from Chapters in Sister Jurisdictions within whose territory the applicant resided.

He ruled that while the Code prescribes the minimum fees for degrees, yet it is not in conflict with and a Chapter has the right to make the fees as much more as it desires.

In response to an inquiry he stated he knew of no law making it necessary for requests to confer degrees by courtesy to go through the Grand High Priest's hands, and he recommended that this custom be discouraged unless the laws of other Grand Jurisdictions require such action.

The proposed amendment laid over from last year to make all the Grand Officers elective was not adopted. But the amendment to change the date of the Annual

Grand Convocation to the First Monday in May was adopted, as well as the one granting permission to confer the M. M., P. M. and M. E. M. degrees in any regularly constituted Lodge rooms within the jurisdiction of the Chapter.

Referring to a protest against the action of the U. S. Senate relative to "The Angelus prayer resolution," the Jurisprudence Committee reported and Grand Chapter concurred:

That while we believe the sentiments therein expressed agree with the individual opinions of the members of this Grand Chapter, yet we are here to express ourselves on matters relating to Royal Arch Masonry and not on current matters of interest to people generally. We therefore recommend that the resolution be not adopted.

Twelve Companions were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood, according to the Ancient Ceremonies. M. E. Horace Walter Taylor was re-elected President.

Honorary Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary Yancey C. Blalock presented his Twenty-eighth Annual Report on Correspondence. Each review is a concise recapitulation of the essential records and happenings of the Grand Chapter, with an occasional quotation of more than ordinary merit.

Next Annual at Ellensburg, May 5, 1919.  
Jacob H. Miller, Wenatchee, Grand High Priest.  
Yancey C. Blalock, Walla Walla, Grand Secretary and Committee on Correspondence.

## WYOMING—1918.

Chapters, 12. Members, 1,126. Exalted, 141. Net Gain, 105.

ROBERT I. TURNER, Grand High Priest.

In the progressive modern city of Cheyenne, not many miles from where only a comparatively few years ago was driven the gold spike which made possible a continuous rail connection from ocean to ocean, and where exhibitions of frontier life are still annually presented for the amusement and edification of the new comers from the effete East, the Grand Chapter of Wyoming, Royal Arch Masons, met in Tenth Annual Convocation, July 11, 1918. It was opened in Ample Form by the Grand High Priest, assisted by his Royal family, several Past Grands and Representatives from all but two of the Chartered Chapters were present, and their enforced absence was caused by railroad washouts, which also possibly may have been the reason why Comp. Christian H. Hoffman, Florida's Grand Representative, was not present to participate in the words of welcome from the "Grand Commander."

With the consciousness of duty faithfully performed for the benefit of Capitular Masonry, the Grand High Priest related his official acts of the year drawing to a close. No petitions were received for dispensations to form new Chapters, no requests for official rulings asked, and the committees on Dispensations and Charters, Jurisprudence and Grievances reported nothing doing.

Like his predecessor, the Grand High Priest officially visited every Chapter and believes these visits were well worth the cost in the inspiration and uplift of the Craft. He was greatly pleased to observe a revival of interest in Capitular Masonry, particularly among the younger Chapters.

Five properly qualified Excellent Companions were consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood and Companion Jesse Converse was re-elected M. E. President.

Once again we turn with pleasure to the instructive Report on Correspondence from the facile pen of the R. E. Grand Secretary and Past Grand High Priest Adrian J. Parshall, and it fully meets expectations.

In a generous and comprehensive review of Florida he finds much to engage his attention, and particularly in the address of Grand High Priest O'Neal, from which he quotes freely and comments favorably.

He calls the dispensation to place a Keystone in the Christian Church in Miami "an unusual occasion, but we think a worthy purpose, and are pleased to note that it was approved by the Jurisprudence Committee."

Noting the recommendation for a skilled committee to superintend the conferring of degrees, he asks, "Why not the Grand High Priest compose this committee? He certainly should be among the best qualified."

Quitting from the protest against using the Chapter as a "stepping stone," he continues the discussion, reminding us that:

It must not be forgotten that water will find its level, that unless Chapters claim their own they are apt to be used as stepping stones. Capitular work, if properly presented, is not surpassed by that of any other Order. It has been our experience that, as a rule, Chapters do not make the most of the splendid ritual provided them. Brothers, Companions or Knights will give their first attention to that which most interests them. We have often thought that if Chapter degrees were not pre-requisite to the Order of the Temple their place in membership would be alongside of the Council. Is it not a regular and annual effort of the Council to be made a stepping stone to the Commandery? We believe any attempt of the Commandery to do away with present requirements of its candidates, as to the Capitular degrees, would be met with the strongest opposition from Chapter Masons.

Next Annual in Laramie, July 10, 1919.  
Arthur C. Jones, Laramie, Grand High Priest.  
Adrian J. Parshall, Cheyenne, Grand Secretary and  
Com. on Cor.

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COMMENTS.

With a great deal of pleasure we have been a silent but interested visitor, at nearly all of the Grand Chapter Convocations. We have tried as best we knew how to concisely review deliberations, occasionally noting wherein their laws, rules and customs agree with or differ from ours, as we understood them, but always bearing in mind the sovereign rights of each Grand Body.

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We have studiously refrained from quoting or commenting on the many patriotic expressions of the several Grand Masters and the laudable efforts put forth by their respective Bodies, realizing that any quotations we might give or comment we could make would in no way affect the result "over there." We all know the magnificent and efficient work our beloved order in its several branches has done, and we have high expectations of the greater results we hope to achieve in the days to come in the restoration of the waste places and the rebuilding on a broader foundation of our mystical city and temple.

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Generally speaking, the various Grand Jurisdictions show a steady growth in Capitular Membership as well

as in enthusiasm. The exceptions being where developments, not backed by agricultural stability, has prevailed. Florida Companions may well congratulate themselves that they live in a State where the possibilities of soil development have just begun. If there are any "doubting Thomases," we cordially say, "Come and see."

For the information of Companions not familiar with Florida laws, particularly those of other Grand Jurisdictions, we wish it distinctly understood that the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Florida does not confer the Capitular degrees at Grand Chapter Convocations. Regulation number 21 of the Grand Chapter reads:

The Committee on Work shall exemplify the work in open Chapter in the several degrees at each Annual Convocation, or cause the same to be done, unless the Grand Chapter shall order otherwise.

Conforming to the above, at the appointed time, labor in the Grand Chapter is suspended for the purpus of opening a special Convocation of Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 for conferring degrees under the direction of the Committee on Work, for Jacksonville Chapter, which supplies the candidates. At first dummy candidates were used, but it was soon found this did not sufficiently interest the representatives of the Subordinate Chapters, for whose instruction it was designed, so actual candidates were then used. We trust the foregoing brief statement will satisfactorily prove that Grand Chapter does not, nor has it any intention of "usurping the prerogative of subordinate Chapters."

There is a query, in the mind of the writer, why "American Rite" is not the more proper and more correct title to apply to Freemasonry as practiced in the States, instead of the York Rite. We notice this question is being discussed and strongly favored in some quarters by the able Knights of the Quill connected with the Round Table and the "Fifth Estate," as applied to Masonic Journalism.

As a preliminary to the excellent Report on Fraternal Correspondence by M. E. Companion E. George Guthrie, he voices so fully the thought and aim of the writer of this report, only so much better than we can put it, that we reproduce it with the hope that the Companions will consider it our message to them as well:

There has been so much pleasure involved in this work that I am particularly desirous to have my Companions share in the joy of the delight of association with the Companions beyond our State line, but I am somewhat doubtful as to your response in seeing the light as I see it. The Fraternal Correspondents of other Grand Jurisdictions will read the work and are not afraid to comment on the production, but will do so with glee, with approval and disagreement, yet whether or no, the work is before you and for you, and if you do not avail yourselves of that privilege of commingling with your absent relations it is not the fault of the writer, nor can it reflect on his work, for on you should rest the verdict of whether it be good or bad; if bad, you should criticise or condemn; if good, you should praise or approve; in absence of either condemnation or approbation, the continuance of the author in office must stand for tacit acquiescence in the quality of the labor performed.

We are living in hopes that sometime Scotland, which is so great Masonically in many ways, will realize that its Companion Craftsmen in America are asking for

and insisting on no greater rights than the civilized nations of the world, including Scotland, have the past four years fought for and won from the most unnameable oppressors the world ever knew. We American Craftsmen, however, hope and expect ultimately to win our contentions by the very righteousness of our demands.

There is so much uncertainty regarding the origin and early history of Royal Arch Masonry, which has not yet been definitely settled, that original articles of research pertaining to this subject are worthy of attention. A notable contribution is an exhaustive dissertation, entitled "The Advent of Royal Arch Masonry" by R. W. Bro. W. Redfern Kelley, J. P., F. R. A., etc., M. E. Grand First Principal of Royal Arch Masonry. District Grand Chapter of Antrim, which was presented at the January, 1917, meeting of Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, A. F. & A. M. in London. Owing to the then existing war conditions "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum," as the printed transactions of this widely known Lodge of Research is called, did not reach this country until about June, 1918.

While it is practically impossible to even attempt a brief review, the main features of his discourse was that Royal Arch Masonry was:

A creation or evolution from a pre-existing degree and the subsequent amplification of the comparatively modern degree of Holy Royal Arch; a very attractive and popular Masonic grade, which so far as yet known, only came into existence some time about the year 1740 or possibly a little earlier.

Many references and illustrations to substantiate his statements were offered. Illuminating discussions

by others of a conversational character followed, and while no definite conclusions were reached, it afforded an excellent opportunity for learned, capable and well informed Craftsmen to throw additional light on a vexed question.

Whether or not the foregoing discussions had any bearings on future proceedings is not shown. However, at the June meeting of Quatuor Coronati Lodge, one of the Past Masters, Bro. W. Wonnacott, presented a paper dealing with one of the early English Grand Masters, entitled, "Charles, Second Duke of Richmond (Grand Master 1724-25) and some of his Masonic Associates" In this valuable contribution a number of references are made, having more or less bearing on the Chapter Degrees. The discussions which followed brought out many historical facts in connection with the early history of Masonry.

In a letter dated Ditton, New Year's Day, 1734-5, and signed M. (Mick) Broughton, occurs this: "On Sunday night, at a Lodge in the Library, St. John (Lord) Albemarle and Russell made Chapters." At this time there was also present a Brother named Wallis and also Dr. Desaguliers, the latter of whom Mackey designates as the "Father of Modern Speculative Masonry," and to whom, perhaps, as much more than any other person, is the present Grand Lodge of England indebted for its existence. Dr. Desaguliers was also, we are told, a great stickler for law and strongly opposed to the irregular making of Masons. In the same letter these two latter personages were said to "have been super-excellent in their different ways," which references Mr. Gordon Hills, J. W., in his discussion of the above

paper, believes, "clearly points to some ceremony of the nature of the Royal Arch as well established custom at that time."

A singular fact in connection with the Broughton letter is that he is designated as a non-Mason. Mr. W. J. Songhurst, the well known and very able Secretary of Quatour Coronati, observes that Mr. Broughton may have employed a word in common use in his time for something with which as a non-Mason he was entirely unacquainted." Later on in the discussion, Mr. Songhurst admits:

There is nothing in Broughton's letter which shows distinctly that any secrets such as are now confined to the Royal Arch, were then conferred on the three candidates, but the verbiage is very suggestive and may form an important link, if we should be so fortunate as to discover other evidence of a more precise character.

Elsewhere Mr. Songhurst refers to the word "Chapter," which appears in several places in the Constitutions of 1723, though it may not have had the meaning as the same word which is now used in a definite Masonic sense. Yet the obvious indications are that "in some way a Chapter was different from a Lodge."

Both the foregoing presentations referred to, as well as the able discussions, are well worth the attention of every Masonic student. Many other references also appear in connection, which advance as well as disapprove the positions taken. These, it seems to the writer, strongly stress the very close connection between the Symbolic and Capitular Degrees, and emphasizes the importance of "The Necessity of the Royal Arch Degree to the Master Mason," so clearly brought out by Past Grand High Priest and Deputy General Grand High Priest William H. Kuhn in his Masonic Missionary tract, if you please, and which was approved and

endorsed by the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Florida at its 1918 Annual Convocation.

Heretofore our plan has been to review each year separately, but that has not been quite satisfactory by reason of some missing reports. It has also made necessary the holding over of the Proceedings of Grand Chapters held in the early part of the year, which became ancient history in the following report. This year we have reviewed all the proceedings which have reached us up to time of closing our report, which accounts for several double-deckers, but which is not likely to occur in following reports. Below is an index of our year's work:

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Fraternally submitted,  
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For the Committee.

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The next Annual Convocation will be held in the City of Jacksonville, at 10 a. m., on the Third Tuesday in May, A. D. 1920.