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GRAND OFFICERS
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FOR
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M.:.E.:R. J. Kishbaugh, Grand High Priest, West Palm Beach.
R.:.E.:E. P. Hubbell, Deputy Grand High Priest, Bradenton.
R.:.E.:E. L. Wirt, Grand King, Bartow.
R.:.E.:T. T. Todd, Grand Scribe, Pensacola.
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. L. Shear, Grand Capt. of the Host, Daytona.
E.:.Cary B. Fish, Grand Principal Sojourner, Bradenton.
E.:.R. J. McMaster, Grand Royal Arch Captain, Tampa.
E.:.H. Stafford Caldwell, Grand Master Third Vail, Jacksonville.
E.:.Stephen E. Gregory, Grand Master Second Vail, Jacksonville.
E.:.John Pasco, Grand Master First Vail, Monticello.
E.:.John W. Capper, Grand Guard, Jacksonville.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Tampa.

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The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida assembled in its Seventy-sixth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple in the City of Jacksonville at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, May 30, A. D. 1922, A. I. 2452, the date for holding this Annual Convocation having been changed by the M.:.E.:Grand High Priest, local conditions in Jacksonville appearing to make it necessary.

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	
John L. Hall	M.:.E.:Grand High Priest.
R. J. Kishbaugh	R.:.E.:D. G. High Priest.
E. P. Hubbell	R.:.E.:Grand King.
E. L. Wirt	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.
 T. T. Todd ----- E. Gr. Capt. of the Host.
 E. L. Shear ----- E. Gr. Principal Sojourner.
 Cary B. Fish ----- E. Gr. Royal Arch Captain.
 R. J. McMaster ----- E. Gr. Master Third Vail.
 H. Stafford Caldwell ----- E. Gr. Master Second Vail.
 S. E. Gregory ----- E. Gr. Master First Vail.
 John W. Capper ----- E. Grand Guard.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

Marcus Endel,
 I. E. Webster,
 W. P. Webster,
 L. C. Massey,
 J. R. Keller,
 T. Picton Warlow,
 H. N. Sweeting,
 D. B. Palmer,
 W. V. Carter,

T. S. Wilmarth,
 Silas B. Wright,
 E. E. Haskell,
 Olin S. Wright,
 Wm. S. Ware,
 Robt. McClellan,
 John M. Caldwell,
 C. H. Ketchum,
 H. O. Snow.

REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

Florida No. 1—Francis S. Hartsfield, K; H. N. Sweeting, proxy for S.
 Gainesville No. 2—Geo. S. Waldo, K. and proxy for H. P. and S.
 Tampa No. 3—H. S. Chiles, H. P.; G. H. Leavitt, K.; R. L. Gillett, S.
 St. Johns No. 4—Silas B. Wright, proxy for officers.
 Halifax No. 5—R. L. Smith, H. P.
 Mt. Horeb No. 6—W. E. Acosta, H. P.
 Eureka No. 7—R. P. Buckmaster, H. P.; B. L. Blair, proxy for S.
 Dade City No. 8—Frank D. Ruth, H. P.
 Putnam No. 9—R. E. Neck, H. P.

Kissimmee No. 10—H. C. Harper, H. P.
 Jericho No. 11—Hugh Peters, H. P.
 Jacksonville No. 12—R. E. Williams, H. P.; L. G. Gilbert, K.
 Ocala No. 13—A. L. Lucas, H. P.
 Inverness No. 14—C. E. Connor, H. P.
 Monroe No. 15—John Musson, H. P.
 Plant City No. 16—C. T. Neuner, H. P.
 Manatee River No. 18—P. J. Hampton, proxy for H. P.
 Thomas Brown No. 22—L. C. Olive, H. P.
 Chipley No. 23—T. J. Watts, H. P.
 Lake Worth No. 24—C. A. Lytle, H. P.
 Live Oak No. 25—A. E. Leslie, proxy for H. P.
 Jefferson No. 26—Alex M. Turnbull, H. P.; John Pasco, proxy for K.; T. T. Turnbull, proxy for S.
 Indian River No. 27—G. I. Fullerton, H. P.
 Joppa No. 28—Byron M. Jones, S.
 Lakeland No. 29—L. W. Bloom, H. P.; C. J. Tolson, K.
 Gadsden No. 30—W. B. Greer, H. P.; T. E. Dickinson, K.
 St. Petersburg No. 31—L. W. Lambert, H. P.
 Jackson No. 32—Fred Blank, H. P.
 Eustis No. 33—W. S. McClelland, H. P.
 Leesburg No. 34—H. L. Schaeffer, H. P.
 Sarasota No. 35—F. Wm. Schultz, proxy for H. P.
 Arcadia No. 36—A. I. Roe, H. P.
 Walton No. 37—C. R. Horne, proxy for H. P.
 Bay County No. 39—E. H. Wilkerson, H. P.
 Crestview No. 40—James L. Clary, H. P.
 Highlands, No. 42—George F. Smith, K.
 Union No. 43—Chas. H. Stewart, H. P.
 Perry, U. D.—H. T. Toole, H. P.; E. L. Cox, proxy for K.
 Okeechobee, U. D.—H. J. Dame, H. P.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Alabama	R. J. Kishpaugh.
California	Wm. S. Ware.
Canada	Chester DeRocher.
Connecticut	Wm. S. Ware.
Delaware	W. P. Webster.
District of Columbia	Silas B. Wright.
Georgia	E. E. Macy.
Idaho	A. E. Heyser.
Illinois	C. H. Ketchum.
Indiana	T. T. Todd.
Iowa	John M. Caldwell.
Kansas	Olin S. Wright.
Kentucky	E. L. Shear.
Maine	E. E. Haskell.
Maryland	Henry O. Snow.
Massachusetts	I. E. Webster.
Minnesota	E. P. Hubbell.
Mississippi	D. B. Palmer.
Missouri	Cary B. Fish.
Montana	Stephen E. Gregory.
Nebraska	Robert McClellan.
New Jersey	Chas. 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	Ely P. Hubbell.
Oklahoma	Olin S. Wright.
Oregon	Harry N. Sweeting.
Pennsylvania	Louis C. Massey.
Quebec	Louis C. Massey.
Scotland	S. L. Chapman.

Utah	J. J. Torrey.
Vermont	I. E. Webster.
Victoria	John L. Hall.
Virginia	H. Stafford Caldwell.
Washington	Silas B. Wright.
Wisconsin	George A. Dame.

The following regrets were received:

Orlando, Fla., May 29, 1922.

W. P. Webster, Grand Secretary, Jacksonville, Fla:

Please express my regrets to the Grand Chapter at my inability to attend the session this year. My official duties at the commencement at Rollins College require my presence here. With best wishes for a successful meeting, I am

Fraternally,

WILLIAM R. O'NEAL,
Past Grand High Priest.

DeLand, Fla., May 23, 1922.

Companion W. P. Webster, Grand Secretary, R. A. Chapter, Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Companion:

Will you please present my regrets to the Grand Chapter that I am unable to be present with you this year as my official duties forbid my getting away.

I sincerely regret my misfortune in not being able to enjoy the genial companionship of the members.

Please extend my kindest regards, and wishing you all a successful and prosperous convocation, I remain,

Fraternally yours,
JOHN R. WETHERELL.

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

RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS

Charles H. Stewart,

Charles S. Hill,

C. R. Horne.

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

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 Chapters have made correct returns and paid dues in full, Walton Chapter No. 37 having paid one dollar balance they were due, to this Committee.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. H. STEWART,
C. S. HILL,
C. R. HORNE,

Committee.

Upon motion of Companion R. J. Kishpaugh 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 Past Grand High Priest Caldwell all Royal Arch Masons in good standing were invited to seats in the Grand Chapter as visitors.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

John Pasco,
R. P. Buckmaster, F. H. Thompson.

PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES

H. J. Dame,
B. L. Blair, E. E. Macy.

DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS

Olin S. Wright,

George J. Tolson,

Archie Aitcheson.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE

Marcus Endel,	T. S. Wilmarth,
I. E. Webster,	Silas B. Wright,
W. P. Webster,	E. E. Haskell,
L. C. Massey,	Olin S. Wright,
J. R. Keller,	Wm. S. Ware,
T. Picton Warlow,	Robert McClellan,
H. N. Sweeting,	John M. Caldwell,
D. B. Palmer,	C. H. Ketchum,
W. V. Carter,	H. O. Snow.

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

George A. Dame,

R. E. Williams,

W. E. Acosta.

MEMORIALS

W. B. Y. Wilkie,

Hugh Peters,

J. Lloyd Head.

VISITORS

Chester DeRocher,

H. L. Schaeffer,

Max Sirkin.

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

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS

Companions:

The time has arrived for me to submit to you an account of my stewardship of your business during the year just closed.

We are assembled today in the Seventy-sixth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter. Permit me to bid you a hearty welcome and to congratulate you upon the splendid condition of Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. Peace and harmony prevails among the Companions of our Craft, the shadows left by the great world conflict are rapidly passing away and we see our country settling back to its natural state of peace and prosperity.

The total membership of the forty-three chartered Chapters at the close of the Masonic year 1920 was 5,609. Returns for 1921 show 1,067 exalted, 180 affiliated, 38 reinstated, 59 died, 99 suspended, a net increase of 1,020. Making the total membership of the chartered Chapters, at the close of the year 1921, 6,629.

With humble thanks for the protecting care of the Supreme Grand High Priest I am able to report that no death has occurred in our official family, or among the number of our Past Grand High Priests. But returns from several of the constituent Chapters show that they have suffered the loss of some of their most zealous and active members.

Our Sister Grand Jurisdictions also mourn the loss of some of their most distinguished Companions. I have received notice of the death of the following:

Arkansas—Past Grand High Priest James Buchanan Baker.

California—Past Grand High Priest William Whittingham Lyman.

Colorado—Past Grand High Priest Irving Wallace Stanton, Past Grand High Priest Tyler D. Heiskell, Past Grand High Priest John B. Hershey.

Connecticut—Past Grand High Priest Charles W. Skiff.

Illinois—Past Grand High Priest Andrew Duff Webb.

Indiana—Past Grand High Priest Edgar H. Bristol, Past Grand High Priest John E. Redmond.

Iowa—Past Grand High Priest Eugene Schaffter, Past Grand High Priest Frank N. Fowler.

Maine—Grand High Priest Levi Elwood Jones.

Minnesota—Past Deputy Grand High Priest Irving Todd, Past Grand High Priest William Strafford.

Maryland—Past Grand High Priest William Francis Cochran.

Massachusetts—Past Grand High Priest Albert Calvin Smith.

Mississippi—Past Grand High Priest Oliver Lee McKay.

Nevada—Past Grand High Priest Adolphus Leigh Fitzgerald, Past Grand High Priest Robert Lardin Fulton, Past Grand Secretary John Dempster Hammond.

New York—Past Grand High Priest Alfred A. Guthrie, Past Grand High Priest Dana B. Pratt, Past Grand High Priest William Sherrer.

North Dakota—Past Grand High Priest John Holmes.

Nova Scotia—Past Grand High Priest Donald Darrach.

South Carolina—Past Grand High Priest George Sewell Mower.

Utah—Past Grand High Priest Charles Fred Jennings.

Virginia—Past Grand High Priest James Edward Alexander, Past Grand High Priest Joseph Virginus Bidgood.

Washington—Grand Secretary Yancey C. Blalock, Past Grand High Priest David Lewis Parramore.

West Virginia—Past Grand High Priest Walling W. Van Winkle, Past Grand High Priest Francis Edmund Nichols, Grand Master of First Veil Thomas W. Hennen.

VISIT TO THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

Accompanied by all of my associate Council Officers and Past Grand High Priests Marcus Endel, Silas B. Wright, E. E. Haskell, D. B. Palmer, Chas. H. Ketchum, H. O. Snow and Companion Chester DeRocher, I attended the Thirty-eighth Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, in Asheville, North Carolina, September 28, 1921.

This being my first visit to the meeting of a National Grand Body of Masonry, I was very much impressed with the splendid personnel of the membership, composed of Eminent Masons gathered from all parts of the United States. The members of the General Grand Chapter, visiting Companions and their ladies were most hospitably entertained by the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, and the Companions of Asheville. We witnessed the exemplification of the Royal Arch Degree according to the new Ritual, by a team from the Grand Chapter of Missouri. The General Grand Chapter indorsed the Towner-Sterling Bill, the work done by the Y. M. C. A. during the war, the Near East Relief, and the Order of DeMolay

for boys. Portland, Maine, was selected as the place of the next Triennial Convocation. The most important matter to come up at this Convocation was the proposed revision of the Constitution. When the Committee on Revision of Constitution presented its report, a motion was made which was adopted by a vote of 143 to 94, "that further consideration of the committee's report be indefinitely postponed," thus in a few minutes disposing of a matter that threatened to take up all the time of this Convocation.

The sentiment prevailed at our last Annual Convocation that we would oppose any revision of the Constitution, that would take away or limit any of the powers or authority of this Grand Chapter.

Acting under authority of a resolution adopted at that Convocation I called upon our Past Grand High Priests for assistance in this matter, and at this time I wish to express my sincere thanks for and my appreciation of the support I received from that source. I am especially indebted to Past Grand High Priest Silas B. Wright, who in addition to a large amount of work done at his home spent several days in this city going over the records in the Grand Secretary's office collecting data for the preparation of our case, which he prepared with such skill that had this matter been discussed upon the floor of the General Grand Chapter, which would have involved some of the most able Masonic talent in the world, no Grand Chapter's interest would have been better safeguarded or its position more clearly stated than ours.

In compliance with my request Companion Wright has prepared an abstract of history showing the connection of the Grand Chapter of Florida with the General Grand Chapter. I consider this one of the most valuable additions to our records that has ever been made. That

this information may be preserved, I have attached a copy of same to this report, and recommend that it be printed in the Proceedings of this Convocation.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS

October 7, 1921, I made the following assignments for official visitations:

To Grand High Priest John L. Hall, Gainesville No. 2, Putnam No. 9, St. Augustine No. 17, Lake Butler No. 19, Live Oak No. 25, Providence No. 38, and Perry, U. D.

To Deputy Grand High Priest R. J. Kishpaugh, St. John's No. 4, Jericho No. 11, Jacksonville No. 12, Halifax No. 5, Keystone No. 20, Island No. 21, Lake Worth No. 24, Indian River No. 27, Joppa No. 28, and Union No. 43.

To Grand King Ely P. Hubbell, Eureka No. 7, Florida No. 1, Thomas Brown No. 22, Jefferson No. 26, Gadsden No. 30, St. Petersburg No. 31, Eustis No. 33, Leesburg No. 34, Sarasota No. 35 and Arcadia No. 36.

To Grand Scribe E. L. Wirt, Tampa No. 3, Dade City No. 8, Kissimmee No. 10, Ocala No. 13, Inverness No. 14, Monroe No. 15, Plant City No. 16, Manatee River No. 18, Lakeland No. 29, Winter Haven No. 41, and Highland No. 42.

To Grand Captain of the Host T. T. Todd, Chipley No. 23, Jackson No. 32, Walton No. 37, Bay County No. 39, and Crestview No. 40.

I regret to report that I have been unable to make any official visits.

Report of official visitations by other Grand Officers follow:

REPORT OF DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST

John L. Hall. Grand High Priest, R. A. M., Jacksonville, Fla.

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANION: In response to a request from J. H. Lane, High Priest of Joppa Chapter No. 28, at Fort Pierce, Florida, I visited that Chapter November 23, 1921.

Unfortunately, Companion Lane was ill and unable to be present. Work was exemplified in the evening in the Royal Arch degree, and while there were only two of the regular officers in attendance, the excellence of the work was a tribute to the general knowledge of the Companions and past officers participating. One outstanding feature of the work, throughout the entire degree, was the proper decorum observed by the Companions while the degree was being conferred.

The records of the Chapter are well kept and show an average attendance for the year of approximately 60 per cent. The paraphernalia is complete and well kept, and the financial condition of the Chapter is all that can be desired.

The hospitality accorded your representative was such as is always shown in that city, and makes a visitation there an occasion to be anticipated with pleasure.

By invitation of Jericho Chapter No. 11, at Miami, I visited that Chapter December 22, 1921. The convocation being the occasion of the election of officers, there was no work exemplified, though I am able, having visited that Chapter in an unofficial capacity, to compliment them on the work that they do. Companion C. L. Benedict, the High Priest, was just finishing his second year in that office, and the work under him has been an inspira-

tion to everyone who has witnessed it. During his two years' incumbency of the office of High Priest, the Chapter has exalted sixty-five and affiliated ten Companions. Their records are well kept, and show that the Chapter has done a great deal of charity work in addition to the usual operating expenses, and they still rest on a firm financial foundation. The newly elected officers have every opportunity to continue the prosperity of the Chapter and it is my opinion that they will keep the standard of work well up to the mark set during the last two years. The paraphernalia is in first class condition and well kept.

Following the convocation, an excellent banquet was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star, during which a most interesting program of speaking was carried out.

Fraternally yours,
R. J. KISHPAUGH,
Deputy Grand High Priest.

REPORT OF GRAND KING

M. E. John L. Hall, Grand High Priest, Jacksonville,
Fla.

MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION: There have not been enough days this year past to finish the designs as laid out on my trestle board, and incomplete work is presented for your inspection:

On November 10th, I visited St. Petersburg Chapter No. 31, and witnessed the Royal Arch degree conferred. Excellent Companion H. L. Ermatinger and his officers demonstrated that they not only knew what was expected of them, but proceeded to perform it in a very creditable manner. The officers are enthusiastic and the candidates cannot fail to appreciate the sincerity of their intentions. A banquet preceded the work of the evening and the cordial reception will long be remembered.

Eureka Chapter No. 7 was visited November 29th, and the very cordial reception preceding served as a partial preparation for what followed. The Royal Arch degree was conferred, and the officers are to be congratulated on the meritorious rendering of their work. However, it was expected, for this is the home Chapter of three Past Grand High Priests, but unavoidable conditions prevented them from being present. The Companions evidenced their Capitular interest and enthusiasm by the close attention given. A pleasant social hour followed.

Arrangements were made early in the year to visit the Chapters at Monticello, Quincy and Tallahassee, but at the last moment conditions arose which prevented me from keeping these engagements. After weeks of uncertainty, at the eleventh hour, the matter of these visitations was taken up with Past Grand High Priest Dabney B. Palmer, who gave the assurance that he would "do his level best," and a satisfactory report may be expected. Equally unsatisfactory were my intentions to visit the Chapters at Eustis and Leesburg; while the recent appointment to visit the new Chapter at Arcadia ended as disastrously. However, it was my privilege to accompany you at the time this Chapter received its charter, and recent advices from Excellent High Priest Arthur I. Roe and others indicate that this baby Chapter is doing good work and has excellent prospects for the future.

On May 22d it was my privilege to visit Dade City Chapter No. 8. Rain, the first in many weeks and very acceptable, kept some away. None of the several qualified petitioners being in waiting, the evening was given up to regular routine work. And from the many evidences of skill shown, good reports may continue to be expected from this progressive Chapter. The social hour that followed was all that could be desired.

In conclusion, I wish to apologize at this time to the Companions of those Chapters I was unable to visit, and to assure them that the failure was unavoidable.

Fraternally submitted,
ELY P. HUBBELL,
Grand King.

REPORT OF GRAND SCRIBE

Mr. John L. Hall, Grand High Priest Royal Arch Masons, Jacksonville, Florida.

MOST EXCELLENT SIR & COMPANION: In accordance with your assignment of October 7th, 1921, I have visited and inspected Kissimmee Chapter No. 10, Manatee River Chapter No. 18, Lakeland Chapter No. 29 and Winter Haven Chapter No. 41. I had an engagement to visit and inspect Highlands Chapter No. 42, but received some ten days ago a letter from the High Priest of that Chapter stating that most of their officers would be unavoidably absent from the city on the date for which the visitation had been arranged and requesting me to postpone the visitation until later in the year. I was unable to secure an appointment with Inverness Chapter No. 14 on a date that did not conflict with other visitations for which arrangements had previously been made. I visited Ocala and had a talk with the secretary of Ocala Chapter No. 13 but did not make an official visitation on that Chapter.

I received no answer from my communications addressed to Dade City Chapter No. 8 and Plant City Chapter No. 16. Munroe Chapter No. 15 was visited for me by Grand King Companion E. P. Hubbell, who had occasion to visit Sanford and offered to make the inspection for me.

All of the Chapters visited and inspected by me were found to be doing creditable work, though I find that the use of the Ritual during the conferring of the degrees is entirely too common and I have taken occasion to urge the officers of all Chapters to learn their work and put it on without the use of the Ritual.

So far as determined the financial condition of all these Chapters is good and the records are in fair condition. I have suggested some slight changes in some of the Chapters, which suggestions were received in the proper spirit of appreciation and co-operation.

I have been received as your representative with uniform courtesy in all of the Chapters where I have visited and am under many obligations to the Companions for the pleasant hours that I have spent making these visitations.

Assuring you of my pleasure in making these visitations as your representative, and of my willingness to serve you at any and all times, I am, with sincere regards,

Fraternally yours,
E. L. WIRT,
Grand Scribe.

REPORT OF GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST

Mr. John L. Hall, M. E. Grand High Priest, Jacksonville, Fla.

DEAR BROTHER HALL: Soon after the last convocation of the Grand Chapter I received instructions from you to visit the several Chapters in West Florida and as I will not be in a position to make the complete rounds will report to you what I have done.

In March, while in Marianna, I requested the High Priest to give me access to the Chapter books, and together we went over the year's work, and I am glad to re-

port that the Chapter seems to be thriving, meetings being held regularly with a good attendance.

Early in May I visited Panama City, held a conference with the High Priest, who advised that the Chapter was doing good work and that the irregularities which were reported to you during the year had been eliminated. He reports a large and enthusiastic attendance and that Masonry, in all its branches, is thriving in Panama City.

While in Crestview I talked over Chapter affairs with the High Priest and learn from him that while conditions are not just as harmonious as they should be, still the Chapter is meeting regularly and doing fairly good work.

I have not been to DeFuniak or Chipley, but from those who know I learn that neither of these Chapters are meeting regularly and that the officers are not well enough posted in the work to confer the degrees in a creditable manner.

Of course, I have visited Mount Horeb No. 6 many times and am pleased to report that the degrees are being put on in the usual efficient way and it is strong both financially and numerically.

I trust you will pardon this tardy report, which should have been in your hands long ago, but I have withheld it hoping to find time to visit all the Chapters before the meeting of Grand Chapter.

Yours fraternally,
T. T. TODD,
Grand C. of H.

In connection with this matter I recommend that regulation No. 30 be amended to read as follows: "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, who shall make such of-

ficial visits to the Chapters in their respective districts as in their judgment may seem necessary. Or they may hold district conventions in lieu of such visits. The necessary expenses of such officers in carrying out this regulation shall be paid by the Grand Chapter."

I have arrived at the conclusion that official visits do not in all cases accomplish any real good and on account of the increased number of Chapters and their geographical location, if this regulation in its present form is complied with it will cause great expense to the Grand Chapter, to say nothing of the hardship upon the inspecting officers.

Therefore, it is my opinion that the provisions of the regulation should be modified so the officer may use his judgment in the matter without placing himself in the position of being derelict in his duty.

CHAPTERS CONSTITUTED

July 15, 1921, I constituted Union Chapter No. 43, at Melbourne. In view of the fact that this locality was visited in the afternoon of that day by a severe thunder storm, which lasted well into the night, the convocation was well attended.

August 18, 1921, assisted by the Grand King, E. P. Hubbell, I constituted Arcadia Chapter No. 36, at Arcadia. I found much enthusiasm among the officers and members of this Chapter, and I have no doubt of its success.

CHAPTERS U. D.

June 28, 1921, I granted a dispensation to thirteen Companions to form Perry Chapter U. D. at Perry.

November 30, 1921, I granted a dispensation to twelve Companions to form Clearwater Chapter U. D. at Clearwater.

February 10, 1922, I granted a dispensation to nineteen Companions to form Okeechobee Chapter U. D. at Okeechobee.

February 23, 1922, I granted a dispensation to twelve Companions to form Dade Chapter U. D. at Homestead.

April 1, 1922, I granted a dispensation to ten Companions to form Duval Chapter U. D. at South Jacksonville.

APPOINTMENTS

October 3, 1921, I appointed Companion Walter Bews, of Revelstoke, B. C., as the representative of the Grand Chapter of Florida near the Grand Chapter of British Columbia.

August 18, 1921, I appointed Companion Harry E. Larrabee, of Gardner, Maine, as the representative of the Grand Chapter of Florida near the Grand Chapter of Maine.

November 21, 1921, I appointed Companion Rufus W. Spear, of Newport, Vt., as the representative of the Grand Chapter of Florida near the Grand Chapter of Vermont.

December 7, 1921, I appointed Companion Carlisle S. Kenyon, of Bozeman, Montana, as the representative of the Grand Chapter of Florida near the Grand Chapter of Montana.

RECOMMENDATIONS

October 6, 1921, I received notice that the commission of Past Grand High Priest Marcus Endel, as the representative of the Grand Chapter of New York, near the Grand Chapter of Florida, had expired. I recommended that he be re-appointed.

November 22, 1921, I recommended that Companion E. E. Macy be appointed the representative of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, near the Grand Chapter of Florida.

December 7, 1921, I recommended that Companion S. E. Gregory be appointed the representative of the Grand Chapter of Montana near the Grand Chapter of Florida.

BY-LAWS APPROVED

December 5, 1921, I approved the By-Laws of Tampa Chapter No. 3, and on December 13, 1921, several amendments to the By-Laws of Mount Horeb Chapter No. 6, all of which were drawn in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Chapter.

DISPENSATIONS

October 6, 1921, I granted a dispensation to Jackson Chapter No. 32, to participate in the ceremony of unveiling the Confederate Soldiers Monument at Marianna.

I have received numerous applications for dispensations to receive and ballot upon petitions for the degrees at special convocations, all of which I have refused, referring the applicants to Section 3, Article 5, of the Constitution, which provides that petitions must be received at regular convocations.

DECISIONS

In reply to an inquiry from Jackson Chapter No. 32, I ruled that no dispensation is necessary for a Chapter to hold a public installation of its officers.

December 20, 1921, I received a letter from the High Priest of Gadsden Chapter No. 30, stating that a Master

Mason had petitioned and had been elected to receive the degrees in that Chapter. Subsequent to his election, and before he had received any of the degrees, a Companion arose in open Chapter, at a regular convocation, and stated that he had been requested by one or more Companions to object to the advancement of the candidate. Claiming that he represented the Companions who objected, he requested the High Priest to declare the election void. Question, is this a valid objection?

I ruled that if the Companion who makes the request in open Chapter is a member of that Chapter, and will state that the Companions who object are also members of the same Chapter, his request shall be recognized as a valid objection, having all the force and effect of a black ball.

FINANCES

I have signed warrants drawn on the Grand Treasurer numbered from 1 to 48, both inclusive, amounting to \$6,203.24.

RITUALS

This Grand Chapter having decided not to adopt the General Grand Chapter Ritual, I recommend that we now arrange to print a supply of our own Ritual to be placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and furnished by him to the constituent Chapters and members at cost.

INTER-STATE COURTESIES

I have received quite a number of requests for work by courtesy, all of which have been granted. The correspondence in connection with this has all been handled by the Grand Secretary's office.

I desire here to express my thanks to the Grand Secretary and his efficient secretary, for their assistance, which has saved me a great deal of work.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, Companions, allow me to express to you my sincere thanks and my appreciation of the honor of serving in this station. My duties of office have been most pleasant and I have received many courtesies from my Companions. My labors have not been arduous because I have had the example of so many illustrious predecessors to follow.

In closing this report and retiring from office it is my hope to be able to render my successors some service that will contribute to make their tenure of office as pleasant as mine has been.

Fraternally submitted,
JOHN L. HALL,
Grand High Priest.

REPORT OF PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST SILAS B. WRIGHT

Mr. John L. Hall, Grand High Priest, Jacksonville, Fla.

M.:E.:SIR AND DEAR COMPANION: In accordance with my promise to you, I beg to report the result of my investigation regarding the conditions of the membership of the Grand Chapter of Florida in the General Grand Chapter of the U. S.

Without going into the detail of the history of the organization of the Grand Chapter of Florida I will briefly state that the Grand Chapter of Florida was formed in 1847, and that I find in the record of the General Grand Chapter in 1868 that the special committee to which had been referred the matter of the withdrawal from the

Grand Chapter, of several states, reported that all Grand Chapters had been organized under the General Grand Chapter excepting Pennsylvania, Virginia and Florida. These three had never been identified with the General Grand Chapter. A resolution was adopted instructing officers to request these states to send delegates "and arrange terms of Union."

On pages 27 and 28 of the Proceedings of 1868 is found the full report of the committees and we note that the Grand Chapter recognizes the fact that Florida had never been a member of the General Grand Chapter.

A resolution was introduced amending the Constitution so as to provide that the General Grand Chapter shall have jurisdiction over all Grand Chapters in the states, district, republics, and territories where there is any Grand Chapter, and that they shall have the right to suspend the Proceedings of the state Grand Chapters which violate any of the provisions of the Constitution. This amendment was laid on the table.

It will be seen by this amendment that up to this date in 1868 the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter over unoccupied territory was not fully acknowledged. The matter of the trial, by the General Grand Chapter of the Grand Chapters of the states, was not fully admitted by the states, although claimed by the General Grand Chapter and after debate a resolution claiming jurisdiction over Grand Chapters to try and discipline them was laid on the table by a vote of 51 to 35.

At the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Florida in January, 1869, resolution was adopted as follows:

Whereas, The General Grand Chapter of the United States waiving all matters heretofore in controversy relative to the organization of this Grand Chapter, thereby admitting the regularity of

the same, has most cordially and fraternally invited this Grand Chapter to become a constituent member thereof; therefore—

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter accept such invitation in a true Masonic spirit, and will thereafter bear allegiance and support to the said General Grand Chapter.

On page 13, Proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, we find the report by the General Grand High Priest that on the 14th of October, 1869, he received notice that Florida desired to place itself under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter and that he issued an edict to that effect.

At the organization of the Grand Chapter of Florida in 1847, the three Chapters participating were, Florida Royal Arch Chapter No. 30 of Tallahassee, which was chartered as No. 1, Florida Royal Arch Chapter No. 4 of St. Augustine, chartered as No. 2, and Magnolia Royal Arch Chapter No. 6 of Apalachicola, chartered as No. 3.

The first Grand High Priest, Hon. Thomas Douglas, of St. Augustine, Florida, is a direct relative of the wife of the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Florida for 1921-1922.

At the session of the General Grand Chapter in 1871 in Baltimore, we notice that DeWitt C. Dawkins, Grand High Priest of Florida was present. The resolution was adopted in which the General Grand Chapter waived all matters heretofore in controversy relative to the organization of the State Grand Chapter and courteously and fraternally invited the State Grand Chapter to become a member of the General Grand Chapter. At the meeting of the State Grand Chapter in 1870, a resolution was made accepting the invitation of the General Grand Chapter "in true Masonic spirit," and resolving "that they would hereafter bear allegiance to the General Grand Chapter."

The minutes of the General Grand Chapter say they were, at the time, bound not to make alterations or amendments which would in any way abridge and curtail the State Grand Chapter or would violate the terms in which Florida became a member of the General Grand Chapter, and in case of such alteration or violation the State Grand Chapter would be fairly authorized to withdraw from membership, the terms of union having been violated.

The foregoing sets forth the bonds of the membership of Florida with the General Grand Chapter, and your committee, who are investigating the matter, are of the opinion that as the Grand Chapter of Florida was formed by regular Chapters duly chartered by regular Grand Chapters and located in unoccupied territory, that we were a legal independent body, the same that existed in Virginia and Pennsylvania and that our membership in the general Grand Chapter was in accordance with certain resolutions and conditions, the violation of the conditions would fully warrant us in withdrawing our membership.

Thanking you for the courtesy of naming the writer as one of the committee to attend the General Grand Chapter at Asheville and for the many courtesies shown to him and other members of the committee, I have the honor to be

Sincerely and fraternally,

SILAS B. WRIGHT.

Upon motion the foregoing address was received and referred to a Special Committee for consideration and distribution of subjects.

The R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest appointed as such committee Companions C. E. Connor, C. T. Neuner and H. C. Harper.

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

A Past Grand High Priests Jewel has been procured for M. E. Companion John L. Hall as directed and same is ready for presentation at the proper time.

Dispensations to form new Chapters have been issued by order of the M. E. Grand Priest as follows:

June 28, 1921, to Perry Chapter U. D. at Perry, Taylor County, with Henry T. Toole, High Priest, Perry F. Bloodworth, King, and Arthur H. Cherry, Scribe.

November 30, 1921, to Clearwater Chapter, U. D., at Clearwater, Pinellas County, with Leroy Brandon, High Priest, John S. Wyatt, King, and Charles R. Lee, Scribe.

February 2, 1922, to Okeechobee Chapter, U. D., at Okeechobee, Okeechobee County, with Herschel J. Dame, High Priest, Hans F. Evernden, King, and Horace C. Adams, Scribe.

February 23, 1922, to Dade Chapter, U. D., at Homestead, Dade County, with A. R. Livingston, High Priest, Edward Stiling, King, and Thomas L. Graves, Scribe.

April 1, 1922, to Duval Chapter, U. D., South Jacksonville, Duval County, with B. F. Green, High Priest, E. C. Flesher, King, and Charles W. O'Daniell, Scribe.

These Chapters have been regularly at work, Perry Chapter has exalted 32, Okeechobee Chapter, 14, Dade Chapter, 6, and Duval Chapter 34.

Perry, Okeechobee, Dade and Duval Chapters come before this Grand Chapter with petitions for charters.

Clearwater Chapter has made no report, but a letter from the High Priest states that a continuation of their dispensation will be asked for.

All of our Chapters have made correct returns, and all have paid dues in full except Walton No. 37, which still owes a balance of one dollar.

Our Chapters have exalted 1,067 candidates during the year, and we have made a net gain in membership of 1,020, our total membership being 6,629.

We were directed to get estimates of cost for printing our own rituals, but have been unable to find a printer in this State who was willing to make a bid on this work.

In order to have the regulations of the Grand Chapter correspond with those of the Grand Lodge I would recommend that Section 32 be amended to read as follows:

Every Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction shall pay into the Treasury of the Grand Chapter the sum of one dollar for each exaltation, and the sum of one dollar as annual dues for every member borne on the rolls at any time during the year; unless exempted under Constitution, Article 5, Section 1; provided, that the Chapter on whose roll such member shall appear first, only, shall pay dues when his name shall appear on the roll of more than one Chapter of this Jurisdiction, during any one year, except in the case of newly chartered Chapters. Members whose names appear upon the returns of a Chapter in Florida of which they were former members and also upon the returns of a newly chartered Chapter shall be accounted for by the newly chartered Chapter only.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

W. P. Webster, Grand Secretary,
In account with the Grand Chapter of Florida:

Dr.

To Dues, Supplemental Report, 1921	\$ 20.00
Refund on Pay Roll	23.88
Members Defunct Chapters	6.00
Florida No. 1	204.00
Gainesville No. 2	243.00
Tampa No. 3	367.00
St. Johns No. 4	88.00
Halifax No. 5	333.00
Mt. Horeb No. 6	222.00
Eureka No. 7	261.00

Dade City No. 8	76.00
Putnam No. 9	135.00
Kissimmee No. 10	78.00
Jericho No. 11	251.00
Jacksonville No. 12	677.00
Ocala No. 13	115.00
Inverness No. 14	85.00
Monroe No. 15	201.00
Plant City No. 16	100.00
St. Augustine No. 17	185.00
Manatee River No. 18	172.00
Lake Butler No. 19	67.00
Keystone No. 20	60.00
Island No. 21	33.00
Thomas Brown No. 22	293.00
Chipley No. 23	98.00
Lake Worth No. 24	249.00
Live Oak No. 25	373.00
Jefferson No. 26	105.00
Indian River No. 27	265.00
Joppa No. 28	125.00
Lakeland No. 29	159.00
Gadsden No. 30	186.00
St. Petersburg No. 31	274.00
Jackson No. 32	177.00
Eustis No. 33	82.00
Leesburg No. 34	87.00
Sarasota No. 35	91.00
Arcadia No. 36	71.00
Walton No. 37	121.00
Providence No. 38	86.00
Bay County No. 39	162.00
Crestview No. 40	148.00
Winter Haven No. 41	122.00
Highland No. 42	104.00
Union No. 43	35.00
Perry U. D. Charter Fee	50.00
Dade U. D. Charter Fee	50.00
Okeechobee U. D. Charter Fee	50.00
Duval U. D. Charter Fee	50.00
	\$7,615.88

Cr.
June 2, 1921, Paid Grand Treasurer ----- \$ 43.88
Jan. 14, 1922, Paid Grand Treasurer ----- 1,366.00
Jan. 30, 1922, Paid Grand Treasurer ----- 1,151.00
Febr. 22, 1922, Paid Grand Treasurer ----- 1,432.00
March 6, 1922, Paid Grand Treasurer ----- 336.00
March 28, 1922, Paid Grand Treasurer ----- 1,262.00
April 1, 1922, Paid Grand Treasurer ----- 556.00
May 17, 1922, Paid Grand Treasurer ----- 1,260.00
May 29, 1922, Paid Grand Treasurer ----- 209.00 \$7,615.88

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:

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

Marcus Endel, Grand Treasurer,

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

Dr.
May 17, To balance on hand as per report ----- \$13,612.25
June 2, To received from Grand Secretary ----- 43.88
July 7, To received interest Grand Lodge Trustees -- 50.00
Nov. 18, To received interest Grand Lodge Bonds --- 100.00
1922.
Jan. 14, To received Grand Secretary ----- 1,366.00
Jan. 30, To received interest Grand Lodge Trustees-- 50.00
Jan. 30, To received Grand Secretary ----- 1,151.00
Feb. 21, To received Grand Secretary ----- 1,432.00
March 6, To received Grand Secretary ----- 336.00
March 28, To received Grand Secretary ----- 1,262.00
April 1, To received Grand Secretary ----- 556.00
May 1, To received interest Grand Lodge Bonds --- 100.00
May 17, To received Grand Secretary ----- 1,260.00
May 30, To received Grand Secretary ----- 209.00
May 30, To received interest Barnett Nat. Bank --- 120.81
\$21,648.94

Cr.
By paid Vouchers 1-48 ----- \$ 6,203.24
By paid G. L. Bonds to Masonic Home ----- 1,000.00 \$7,203.24
Balance on hand ----- \$14,445.70
Distributed as follows:
Barnett National Bank ----- \$8,445.70
Grand Lodge Bonds ----- 4,000.00
Grand Lodge Cert. Indebt. ----- 2,000.00
\$14,445.70

Books and vouchers are herewith submitted.

Fraternally,
MARCUS ENDEL,
Grand Treasurer.

Companion R. E. Williams, High Priest of Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, in behalf of his Chapter, invited the officers and members of the Grand Chapter to a supper to be served at 5:00 P. M., under the direction of the ladies of Jacksonville Chapter No. 15, O. E. S.

Upon motion of Past High Priest Ketchum the invitation was accepted with thanks.

Companion Hubbell presented his report on Correspondence.

Upon motion the thanks of the Grand Chapter were extended to Companion Hubbell and his report was ordered printed in the Proceedings.

Greetings were received from the Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions present.

Past Grand High Priest Caldwell by request of the Grand High Priest made a short address, which was greatly enjoyed and appreciated.

The M. E. Grand High Priest thanked Companion Caldwell for his most excellent address.

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

DISTRIBUTION

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your Committee on Distribution of the M. E. Grand High Priest's address respectfully recommends:

That so much thereof as relates to Necrology be referred to the Committee on Memorials.

That so much thereof as refers to Chapters U. D. be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-laws.

That so much thereof as relates to dispensations granted or refused and to decisions, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

That so much as relates to Finance, be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

That so much as refers to Regulation No. 30 of the Digest be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

That all other matters and things contained in the said address being within the discretion of the M. E. Grand High Priest, be approved.

That so much of the Grand Secretary's report as refers to Section 32 of the Regulations of the Grand Chapter, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

That so much of the Grand Secretary's report as refers to dispensations to form Chapters U. D. be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

That so much thereof as relates to Finance be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

C. E. CONNOR,
C. T. NEUNER,
H. C. HARPER,

Committee.

A general discussion was held in regard to requiring a certain period of time for a Master Mason to serve as such before his petition for advancement can be received. Upon motion the following resolution offered by Companion Cary B. Fish was adopted:

Resolved, That the matter of the time qualifications of candidates for advancement to the Chapter degrees be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence for the formation of a regulation.

Upon motion of Companion George A. Dame the mileage to be paid to the officers and members of the Grand Chapter was fixed at 6 cents per mile for each mile traveled coming to and returning from this Annual Convocation.

The motion of Past Grand High Priest Caldwell prevailed that when the Grand Chapter is called from labor to refreshment it be to resume labor at 3:00 o'clock P. M. and that the first order of business be the exemplification of the work in the Mark Master's degree.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

IN GRAND CHAPTER

Tuesday, May 30, 3:00 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 for the purpose of witnessing the exemplification of the work in the several degrees by the officers of Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, under the direction of the Grand Chapter Committee on Work.

A Lodge of Mark Masters was opened.

The following Brothers were advanced to the honorary degree of Mark Master for Jacksonville Chapter No. 12:

Benjamin F. Grosvenor, Albert Johns, William C. Almand, Walter F. Johnson, Scriven J. Burkhalter, Erle S. Snyder and Albert Hirth.

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

All of the above candidates were inducted into the O. C. of K. S. in due form.

The Lodge of Past Masters was closed and the Companions repaired to the banquet hall and enjoyed the supper arranged for by Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, after which a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters was opened.

All of the above named candidates were received and acknowledged as Most Excellent Masters.

The Lodge of Most Excellent Masters was closed and the Chapter was opened in the Royal Arch degree.

William C. Almand, Erle S. Snyder and Albert Hirth were exalted to the august and sublime degree of Royal Arch for Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.

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

A petition for charter was received from Clearwater Chapter U. D. and referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

The motion 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.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

IN GRAND CHAPTER

Wednesday, May 31, 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, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of the previous session were read and adopted.

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

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence beg leave to report that they have finished the consideration of all matters referred to them and recommend as follows:

The dispensations granted by the M. E. Grand High Priest were all within the limits of his authority and no action thereon is necessary.

The decisions reported by the M. E. Grand High Priest are approved.

We desire to again call the attention of the High Priests of the various Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction that complaints have been made that the resolution adopted at the Annual Grand Convocation in 1920 regarding the use of ceremonies calculated to excite mirth and discomfort to the candidates by the interpolating scenes contrary to the regular work, are still indulged in in violation of the Rule adopted, and that the continued use of such scenes will subject the members to the penalty named in the resolution.

As to the resolution referred to this committee relating to the period of time which should elapse before a candidate who has received the Master Mason's degree can petition for the Capitular degrees, your committee is of the opinion that six months should elapse after the conferring of the Master Mason's degree before the brother can petition for the Capitular degrees, and therefore recommend that Regulation 53 should be amended so as to read as follows:

53. A petition for the degrees must be presented at a regular Convocation of the Chapter, and if received, shall be referred to a committee of three members of the Chapter for investigation, and may be acted upon at the same meeting in the discretion of the Chapter, but no such petition shall be received from any person who has not been a Master Mason for at least six months, and who is not a member of a Lodge in good standing.

We recommend that Section 32, page 24, of the Regulations of the Grand Chapter be amended to read as follows:

Every Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction shall pay into the treasury of the Grand Chapter the sum of one dollar for each ex-

altung, and the sum of one dollar as annual dues for every member borne on the rolls at any time during the year; unless exempted under Constitution Article 5, Section 1; provided, that the Chapter on whose roll such member shall appear first, only, shall pay dues when his name shall appear on the roll of more than one Chapter of this Jurisdiction, during any one year, except in case of newly chartered Chapters. Members whose names appear upon the returns of a Chapter in Florida of which they were former members and also upon the returns of a newly chartered Chapter shall be accounted for by the newly chartered Chapter only.

In accordance with the recommendation of the M.E. Grand High Priest, we recommend that regulation No. 30 be amended to read as follows:

30. This Grand Jurisdiction shall be divided into four districts and one of these districts shall annually be assigned to each of the four highest elective Officers of this Grand Chapter who shall make such official visits to the Chapters in their respective districts as their judgment may deem necessary, or they may hold district conventions in lieu of such visits. The necessary expenses of such officers in carrying out this regulation shall be paid by the Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

MARCUS ENDEL,
T. S. WILMARTH,
I. E. WEBSTER,
SILAS B. WRIGHT,
W. P. WEBSTER,
E. E. HASKELL,
L. C. MASSEY,
OLIN S. WRIGHT,
J. R. KELLER,
WM. S. WARE,
T. PICTON WARLOW,
ROBERT McCLELLAN,
H. N. SWEETING,
JOHN M. CALDWELL,
D. B. PALMER,
C. H. KETCHUM,
W. V. CARTER,
H. O. SNOW,

Committee.

Companion Hubbell presented a statement of his expenses for official visitations during the past year showing the amount due him for same to be \$32.30, which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

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:

Greeting—We, your Committee on Propositions and Grievances, beg leave to report. That no matters have been reported to this committee for consideration.

That good will and harmony seem to exist throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, and brotherly love prevails.

Fraternally submitted,

H. J. DAME,
B. L. BLAIR,
E. E. MACY,
Committee.

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 after carefully examining the proceedings of the last Grand Convocation find nothing in the nature of unfinished business to report.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN PASCO,
R. P. BUCKMASTER,
F. H. THOMPSON,
Committee.

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

MEMORIALS

To the M.E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your Committee on Memorials respectfully reports that during the past year, as in all the years that have preceded it, the angel of death has taken toll of those who had been our Companions in the way. There are vacant places in the local Chapters and vacant chairs in the homes of those to whom we were bound by the tenderest ties of brotherhood. Their day's work is finished and they have gone to receive their wages.

We extend to those who have been thus bereft our tenderest sympathy. May He, the God in whom we trust, the God of all comfort, establish their hearts in the blessed assurance that one day these broken ties will be re-knit in that home across whose portal death cannot enter.

The passing away of Brethren beloved is the reminder to us that this is not our rest. Of God's ancient people it is written that on one occasion in their desert wanderings "they journeyed in the wilderness toward the sunrising." Such a word gives this present life of ours meaning and purpose and hope. The morning light is on our faces and we also are journeying toward the sunrise of a day that shall never set in night.

The report of the M.E. Grand High Priest shows that in many of the sister Jurisdictions the grim messenger has removed from the scene of their earthly labors to rest and reward beloved Companions who have proved themselves to be workmen worthy of their hire. To these several jurisdictions we extend our warmest sympathy.

There are those who tell us that there is no God. If that were true, such an assertion falsifies our holiest instincts and is at war with the deepest voices of the soul. We believe in God, and so believing we hold to this that through all the ages the men of faith were advancing through death to a great reality beyond. On their faces was the reflection of an eternal sunrise, the light of the better resurrection.

What the earthly future has in store for any of us we cannot tell. We strain our eyes in fruitless effort to gain some vision of what shall be. We hope that the way will be smooth and easy to tread. But for some there will almost surely be bereavements and losses; some of us may be led along the pathway of sickness and loneliness and weary waiting. And to some may be thrown wide open the portals of eternity, the way to which is through the valley

of the shadow. But for each one of us there may be songs for the night and the morning's waking will find us safe in the Father's house. And so as we shade our eyes and peer forth into the unseen future, we wonder and wonder, not knowing, but surely we may surely trust and say, each one:

He holds the key of all unknown, and I am glad.
If other hands should hold the key,
Or if He trusted it to me,
I might be sad.

I cannot read His future plans but this I know,
I have the smiling of His face
And all the refuge of His grace
While here below.

Enough, this covers all my want, and so I rest;
For what I cannot, He can see,
And in His care I safe shall be
Forever blest.

W. B. Y. WILKIE,
J. LLOYD HEAD,
HUGH PETERS,
Committee.

Companion G. E. Wilbur addressed the Grand Chapter, by request, in regard to the Order of DeMolay, its objects and plans.

Upon motion the Grand Chapter endorsed this movement, recommended it to its Chapters and approved the formation of Chapters of same by the constituent Chapters.

Invitations for the Grand Chapter to hold its Annual Convocation in 1923 at Tampa, St. Petersburg and Jacksonville were received. The vote being taken, it was decided to hold that Annual Convocation in Tampa.

The M.E. Grand High Priest appointed Companions C. R. Horne and Frank H. Thompson as tellers and the Grand Chapter proceeded with the annual election of officers with the following result:

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

R. J. Kishbaugh	M. E. Grand High Priest.
E. P. Hubbell	R. E. D. G. High Priest.
E. L. Wirt	R. E. Grand King.
T. T. Todd	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.

The motion prevailed that when the Grand Chapter is called from labor to refreshment it be to resume labor at 3:30 P. M.

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 beg to report as follows:

We have examined the books of the Chapters U. D., applying for charter, and recommend:

That a charter be granted to Perry Chapter No. 44, at Perry, Taylor County, with Companion H. T. Toole as H. P., Companion P. F. Bloodworth as King, and Companion A. H. Cherry as Scribe, that their by-laws be approved and their representative be placed upon the pay roll.

That a charter be granted to Okeechobee Chapter No. 46, at Okeechobee, Okeechobee County, with Companion H. J. Dame as H. P., Companion Hans F. Everden as King, and Companion H. C. Adams as Scribe, their by-laws approved and their representative placed on the pay roll.

That a charter be granted to Duval Chapter No. 48, in South Jacksonville, Duval County, with Companion B. F. Greene as H. P., Companion E. C. Flesher as King and Companion C. W. O'Daniell as Scribe, but this Chapter must get a permanent record book, otherwise their proceedings are all right.

That a charter be granted to Dade Chapter No. 47, at Homestead, in Dade County, with Companion A. R. Livingston as H. P.,

Companion Edward Stiling as King and Companion T. L. Graves as Scribe.

That a charter be granted Clearwater Chapter No. 45, at Clearwater, Pinellas County, with Companion Leroy Brandon as H. P., Companion C. R. Lee as King and Companion J. S. Wyatt as Scribe, provided that charter be retained in the Grand Secretary's office until petition for same has been properly completed.

Fraternally submitted,
OLIN S. WRIGHT,
GEORGE J. TOLSON,
ARCHIE AITCHISON,
Committee.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

IN GRAND CHAPTER

Wednesday, May 31, 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 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 \$14,445.70, which is distributed as follows:

Cash in Barnett National Bank	\$ 8,445.70
Grand Lodge Cert. of Indebtedness	2,000.00
Grand Lodge Bonds	4,000.00
Total	\$14,445.70

From which we recommend the following appropriations:

E. P. Hubbell, Official Visitations	\$ 32.30
Expenses Foreign Correspondence Com.	300.00
Contingent Fund	700.00
Clerical Help	240.00
Grand Treasurer's Salary	150.00
Grand Secretary's Salary	800.00
Pay roll attached	2,452.28
 Total	 \$ 4,674.58

Leaving a cash balance in hands of Grand Treas. \$ 3,771.12

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

We recommend that \$2,000.00 of Grand Lodge Bonds be contributed to the Endowment Fund of the Grand Chapter for the Masonic Home of Florida.

The committee wishes to extend sincere thanks to, and appreciation of the valuable services rendered them by our Companions, the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

Having disposed of the duties assigned to us to the best of our ability we now beg to be discharged.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. A. DAME,
W. E. ACOSTA,
R. E. WILLIAMS,
Committee.

PAY ROLL

Name	Mileage	Per Diem	Total
John L. Hall, G. H. P.	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
R. J. Kishbaugh, D. G. H. P.	35.88	10.00	45.88
E. P. Hubbell, G. K.	28.80	10.00	38.80
E. L. Wirt, G. S.	25.92	10.00	35.92
Marcus Endel, G. Treas.		15.00	15.00
W. P. Webster, G. Secy.		15.00	15.00
W. B. Y. Wilkie, G. Chap.	30.36	10.00	40.36
T. T. Todd, G. C. H.	44.28	10.00	54.28
E. L. Shear, G. P. S.	13.20	10.00	23.20
Cary B. Fish, G. R. A. C.	28.80	10.00	38.80
R. J. McMaster, G. M. 3rd V.	25.44	10.00	35.44
H. Stafford Caldwell, G. M. 2d V.		10.00	10.00
S. E. Gregory, G. M. 1st V.		10.00	10.00
John W. Capper, G. Gd.		10.00	10.00
I. E. Webster, P. G. H. P.	8.40	15.00	23.40
Silas B. Wright, P. G. H. P.	12.84	15.00	27.84
T. Picton Warlow, P. G. H. P.	17.64	10.00	27.64
L. C. Massey, P. G. H. P.	17.64	15.00	32.64
Olin S. Wright, P. G. H. P.	22.68	15.00	37.68
J. R. Keller, P. G. H. P.	44.28	10.00	54.28
W. S. Ware, P. G. H. P.		15.00	15.00
Robert McClellan, P. G. H. P.	8.40	10.00	18.40
H. N. Sweeting, P. G. H. P.	19.80	15.00	34.80
John M. Caldwell, P. G. H. P.	11.64	15.00	26.64
D. B. Palmer, P. G. H. P.	17.04	15.00	32.04
C. H. Ketchum, P. G. H. P.	62.64	15.00	77.64
W. V. Carter, P. G. H. P.	13.20	10.00	23.20
E. E. Haskell, P. G. H. P.	6.60	15.00	21.60
H. O. Snow, P. G. H. P.	25.44	5.00	30.44
F. S. Hartsfield, Chapter No 1	19.80	5.00	24.80
Geo. S. Waldo, Chapter No. 2	8.40	5.00	13.40
H. D. Chiles, Chapter No. 3	25.44	10.00	35.44
R. L. Smith, Chapter No. 5	13.20	10.00	23.20
W. E. Acosta, Chapter No. 6	44.28	10.00	54.28
R. P. Buckmaster, Chapter No. 7	17.64	10.00	27.64
Frank D. Ruth, Chapter No. 8	19.68	10.00	29.68
R. E. Neck, Chapter No. 9	6.60	10.00	16.60
H. C. Harper, Chapter No. 10	19.68	10.00	29.68
Hugh Peters, Chapter No. 11	43.92	10.00	53.92

Name	Mileage	Per Diem	Total
R. E. Williams, Chapter No. 12 ---		10.00	10.00
A. L. Lucas, Chapter No. 13 -----	12.12	10.00	22.12
C. E. Connor, Chapter No. 14 -----	17.16	10.00	27.16
John Musson, Chapter No. 15 -----	14.88	10.00	24.88
C. T. Neuner, Chapter No. 16 -----	22.68	10.00	32.68
P. J. Hampton, Chapter No. 18 ---	28.80	10.00	38.80
L. C. Olive, Chapter No. 22 -----	25.92	10.00	35.92
T. J. Watts, Chapter No. 23 -----	30.24	10.00	40.24
C. A. Lytle, Chapter No. 24 -----	35.88	10.00	45.88
A. E. Leslie, Chapter No. 25 -----	9.72	10.00	19.72
A. M. Turnbull, Chapter No. 26 --	17.04	10.00	27.04
G. I. Fullerton, Chapter No. 27 ---	18.48	10.00	28.48
B. M. Jones, Chapter No. 28 -----	29.04	10.00	39.04
L. W. Bloom, Chapter No. 29 ---	24.84	10.00	34.84
W. B. Greer, Chapter No. 30 -----	22.68	10.00	32.68
L. W. Lambert, Chapter No. 31 ---	31.92	10.00	41.92
Fred Blank, Chapter No. 32 -----	27.96	10.00	37.96
W. S. McClelland, Chapter No. 33 -	18.96	10.00	28.96
H. L. Schaeffer, Chapter No. 34 --	16.56	10.00	26.56
F. W. Schultz, Chapter No. 35 -----	29.88	10.00	39.88
A. I. Roe, Chapter No. 36 -----	32.52	10.00	42.52
C. L. Horne, Chapter No. 37 -----	34.80	10.00	44.80
E. H. Wilkerson, Chapter No. 39 -	35.28	10.00	45.28
James L. Clary, Chapter No. 40 --	38.28	10.00	48.28
Geo. F. Smith, Chapter No. 42 ---	26.88	10.00	36.88
C. H. Stewart, Chapter No. 43 -----	23.28	10.00	33.28
Herschel J. Dame, Okeechobee U.D.	31.68	10.00	41.68
H. T. Toole, Perry U.D. -----	15.00	10.00	25.00
John Pasco, Com Unfinished Bus.	17.04	10.00	27.04
F. H. Thompson, Com. Unfin. Bus.	24.84	10.00	34.84
G. J. Tolson, Com. Dis. & By-laws	24.84	10.00	34.84
Archie Aitchison, Dis. & By-laws -	31.92	10.00	41.92
Geo. A. Dame, Com. Fin. & Accts -		10.00	10.00
Chester DeRocher, Com. Visitors -	11.00	10.00	21.00
Max Sirkin, Com. Visitors -----	35.88	10.00	45.88
B. L. Blair, Com. Grievances ---	17.64	10.00	27.64
E. E. Macy, Com Grievances -----	23.28	10.00	33.28
J. Lloyd Head, Com. Memorials --		10.00	10.00
C. S. Hill, Com. Credentials -----	28.80	10.00	38.80
Totals -----	\$1,627.28	\$825.00	\$2,452.28

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

GRAND OFFICERS APPOINTED

E. L. Shear -----	E.'.Gr. Capt. of the Host.
Cary B. Fish -----	E.'.Gr. Principal Sojourner.
R. J. McMaster -----	E.'.Gr. Royal Arch Captain.
H. Stafford Caldwell -----	E.'.Gr. Master Third Vail.
Stephen E. Gregory -----	E.'.Gr. Master Second Vail.
John Pasco -----	E.'.Gr. Master First Vail.
John W. Capper -----	E.'.Grand Guard.

Past Grand High Priest Ketchum assisted by Past Grand High Priest Keller as Grand Marshal, installed the following Grand Officers:

INSTALLATION

R. J. Kishpaugh -----	M.'.E.'.Grand High Priest.
E. P. Hubbell -----	R.'.E.'.D. G. High Priest.
E. L. Wirt -----	R.'.E.'.Grand King.
T. T. Todd -----	R.'.E.'.Grand Scribe.
E. L. Shear -----	E.'.Gr. Capt. of the Host.
Cary B. Fish -----	E.'.Gr. Principal Sojourner.
R. J. McMaster -----	E.'.Gr. Royal Arch Captain.
H. Stafford Caldwell -----	E.'.Gr. Master Third Vail.
Stephen E. Gregory -----	E.'.Gr. Master Second Vail.
John Pasco -----	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.

A Past Grand High Priest's jewel was presented to M.'.E.'.Companion John L. Hall, Past Grand High Priest Snow making the presentation.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

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

PRINTING

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

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE

All Past Grand High Priests.

Companion Gunn made a statement as to the financial condition of Duval Lodge in South Jacksonville. After a discussion of same, the motion was made and carried that the Grand Chapter purchase \$2,000.00 of the bonds of Duval Lodge No. 159.

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

The Grand Chapter was closed in ample form by the M. E. Grand High Priest, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

R. J. KISHPAUGH,
Grand High Priest

Attest :

O. P. Webster

Grand Secretary.



To the Memory of
Companions of
Our Jurisdiction

Who Passed Away During the Year 1921
This Page is Fraternally Dedicated

E. R. B. Kite	Gainesville No. 2	July	8, 1921
Jack Calvin Davis	Tampa No. 3	Aug.	2, 1921
Manuel Garcia	Tampa No. 3	Nov.	6, 1921
Walter A. Jones	Tampa No. 3	March	4, 1921
Tillman Ozias	Tampa No. 3	March	6, 1921
Arthur L. Riddle	Tampa No. 3	Nov.	18, 1921
John A. Wallace	Tampa No. 3	April	16, 1921
John MacDiarmid	St. Johns No. 4	May	23, 1921
W. H. McBride	St. Johns No. 4	May	23, 1921
Frank H. Houghton	Halifax No. 5	Aug.	20, 1921
Chas. McNary	Halifax No. 5	Aug.	16, 1921
Jas. Thomson	Eureka N. 7	Nov.	27, 1921
W. R. Massey	Putnam No. 9	Nov.	8, 1921
Bonner H. Guy	Kissimmee No. 10	June	5, 1921
B. C. Williams	Jericho No. 11	April	3, 1921
A. M. Jackson	Jericho No. 11	Sept.	30, 1921
James E. Arnout	Jacksonville No. 12	Oct.	13, 1921
James A. Cranford	Jacksonville No. 12	Nov.	15, 1921
Angus H. Dowling	Jacksonville No. 12	Jan.	2, 1921
John C. George	Jacksonville No. 12	Nov.	24, 1921
Daniel Leyh	Jacksonville No. 12	Dec.	14, 1920
M. T. Masters	Jacksonville No. 12	April	25, 1921
John A. Schneiders	Jacksonville No. 12	Nov.	5, 1921
Joseph F. Smith	Jacksonville No. 12	June	9, 1921
C. D. Taylor	Jacksonville No. 12	Aug.	4, 1921
Joseph W. Knight	Inverness No. 14	Nov.	25, 1921
E. B. Trask	Plant City No. 16	Sept.	2, 1921
F. H. McGill	Plant City No. 16	Feb.	16, 1921
J. C. Cain	Plant City No. 16	Aug.	23, 1921

Roy P. Davis	-----	St. Augustine No. 17	Nov. 30, 1921
H. C. Jernigan	-----	St. Augustine No. 17	June 3, 1921
Murrey W. Seagears	--	St. Augustine No. 17	April 19, 1921
Chas. T. Curry	-----	Manatee Rvr. No. 18	March 19, 1921
John A. Graham	-----	Manatee Rvr. No. 18	Nov. 22, 1921
Harry Wadham	-----	Manatee Rvr. No. 18	April 24, 1921
S. B. Denmark	-----	Lake Butler No. 19	May 18, 1921
Jack H. Jones	-----	Keystone No. 20	----- 1921
Thomas H. Menfee	---	Keystone No. 20	--- March 1, 1921
Henry Canfield	-----	Island No. 21	----- Dec. 14, 1921
Alfred Brost	-----	Island No. 21	----- Oct. 16, 1921
Harry B. Rahner	-----	Island No. 21	----- Dec. 24, 1921
Thomas P. Douglass	--	Thos. Brown No. 22	Jan. 1, 1921
William J. Anderson	--	Live Oak No. 25	--- March 10, 1921
Elijah L. McCarther	--	Live Oak No. 25	---
David B. Johnson	-----	Live Oak No. 25	--- Oct. 21, 1921
John R. Walker	-----	Indian River No. 27	Aug. 3, 1921
R. M. Aderson	-----	Indian River No. 27	Dec. 24, 1920
James D. Wadkins	---	Lakeland No. 29	--- Sept. 11, 1921
Wm W. Wilson	-----	Gadsden No. 30	--- Aug. 14, 1921
Chas. J. Memscher	---	Gadsden No. 30	--- Oct. 10, 1921
Wayn Stanley	-----	St. Petersburg No. 31	March 16, 1921
Edwin A. Kartack	-----	Sarasota No. 35	----- 1921
Claude M. Martin	-----	Walton No. 37	----- May 22, 1921
W. J. Roebuck	-----	Providence No. 38	--- June 20, 1921
D. W. Black	-----	Providence No. 38	--- July 2, 1921
J. W. Perry	-----	Providence No. 38	--- Aug. 7, 1921
James M. Summerlin	--	Crestview No. 40	--- Jan. 21, 1921
Fern Barrow	-----	Crestview No. 40	--- Jan. 21, 1921
John W. Thompson	--	Union No. 43	--- July 5, 1921

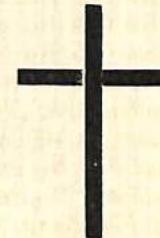
In Memory

of the

Distinguished Dead

of

Other Grand Jurisdictions



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

PAST ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA

From Its Organization to Date

GRAND HIGH PRIESTS	DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS	GRAND KINGS	GRAND SCRIBES	GRAND TREASURERS	GRAND SECRETARIES	GRAND CHAPLAINS
1847 Thor. Douglas*	John P. Duval*	Harry R. Taylor*	Geo. W. Macrae*	Edwin D. Nash*	John B. Taylor*	Edwin L. T. Blake*
1848 John P. Duval*	Isaac H. Bronson*	Geo. W. Macrae*	D. S. Graham*	Thomas Brown*	John B. Taylor*	Edwin L. T. Blake*
1849 Isaac H. Bronson*	Harry R. Taylor*	D. S. Graham*	R. A. Shine*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	Charles E. Dyke*
1850 Harry R. Taylor*	D. S. Graham*	R. A. Shine*	Gad Humphreys*	David C. Wilson*	John B. Taylor*	Edwin L. T. Blake*
1851 Thomas Brown*	Ged Humphreys*	Alfred A. Flaher-	Benj. Sawyer*	David C. Wilson*	John B. Taylor*	Geo. M. McDonald*
1852 R. A. Shine*	Samuel B. Stephens*	Samuel Boardman*	D. G. McLean*	David C. Wilson*	John B. Taylor*	Charles E. Dyke*
1853 Sam'l Boardman*	J. M. W. Davison*	C. A. M. Mitchell	James S. Rust*	David C. Wilson*	John B. Taylor*	E. G. Asay
1854 J. Wayles Baker*	Thomas Y. Henry*	James Ellenwood*	John L. McKinnon*	David C. Wilson*	John B. Taylor*	Homer Hendee
1855 Edward R. Ives*	Joseph S. May	James Ellenwood*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	John B. Taylor*	Homer Hendee
1856 Thomas Hayward*	John L. McKinnon*	James Ellenwood*	R. A. Shine*	R. A. Shine*	John B. Taylor*	Charles E. Dyke*
1857 Gad Humphreys*	John L. McKinnon*	David S. Walker*	Thomas Hayward*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	J. R. Purmer
1858 Thomas Hayward*	James Ellenwood*	Charles E. Dyke*	John S. Bond*	John B. Taylor*	John B. Taylor*	John Penny*
1859 D. P. Holland*	Geo. F. Baltzell*	Geo. F. Baltzell*	Calvin Davis*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	John Penny*
1860 Thomas Y. Henry*	Geo. F. Baltzell*	Geo. D. Fisher*	Charles Slager*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	Edwin L. T. Blake*
1861 Geo. F. Baltzell*	James Ellenwood*	Franklin Branch*	D. C. Dawkins*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	John Penny*
1862 Geo. F. Baltzell*	James Ellenwood*	Charles Slager*	D. C. Dawkins*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	John Penny*
1863 Geo. F. Baltzell*	James Ellenwood*	Green H. Hunter*	Wm. H. Arendell*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	Thomas A. Carruth*
1864 Geo. F. Baltzell*	James Ellenwood*	Thomas K. Leonard*	Wm. H. Arendell*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	Thomas A. Carruth*
1865 David Jones*	D. C. Dawkins*	B. S. Fuller*	Ellas Earle*	T. Preston Tatum*	Hugh A. Corley*	Columbus Smith*
1866 David Jones*	D. C. Dawkins*	D. C. Dawkins*	Ellas Earle*	T. Preston Tatum*	Hugh A. Corley*	Columbus Smith*
1867 David Jones*	Wm. Morris*	Wm. Morris*	A. J. Les*	T. Preston Tatum*	Hugh A. Corley*	Columbus Smith*
1868 James Ellinwood*	Wm. Morris*	Charles Slager*	Chas. K. Sparhawk*	T. Preston Tatum*	Hugh A. Corley*	Samuel C. Craft
1869 D. C. Dawkins*	M. M. T. Hutchinson*	Charles Slager*	M. M. T. Hutchinson*	T. Preston Tatum*	Hugh A. Corley*	Wm. A. McLean*
1870 D. C. Dawkins*	James Ellinwood*	H. H. Berry*	Michael Bowes*	T. Preston Tatum*	Edw. Bradford, Jr.	John Penny*
1871 D. C. Dawkins*	James Ellinwood*	Charles Mundee*	Samuel Pasco*	T. Preston Tatum*	Edw. Bradford, Jr.	John Penny*
1872 Wm. Mortill*	Hugh A. Corley*	James Ellinwood*	Theodore Ball*	T. Preston Tatum*	W. M. McIntosh*	Edwin L. T. Blake*
1873 Michael Bowes*	Samuel Pasco*	Hugh A. Corley*	John C. Ley	T. Preston Tatum*	W. M. McIntosh*	Thomas A. Carruth*
1874 Michael Bowes*	John S. Driggs*	John S. Driggs*	John S. Driggs*	T. Preston Tatum*	W. M. McIntosh*	Thomas A. Carruth*
1875 Henry W. Long*	Edmund P. Jordon*	Wm. T. Weeks*	W. W. Tucker*	D. L. Oakley	C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1876 John S. Driggs*	Charles J. Allred*	Wm. T. Weeks*	John T. Miller	D. L. Oakley	C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1877 John S. Driggs*	George R. Jones*	W. W. Tucker*	John T. Miller	L. McConahe	C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1878 Enos Wagstaff*	Robert J. Ferry	G. E. Wentworth*	Geo. S. Hallmark*	L. McConahe	C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1879 Robert J. Ferry*	G. E. Wentworth*	Geo. S. Hallmark*	Hugh A. Corley*	L. McConahe	C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1880 Robert J. Ferry*	Geo. S. Hallmark*	Wm. E. Anderson*	Wm. A. McLean*	Wm. A. McLean*	W. A. McLean*	John Penny*
1881 W. A. McLean*	Wm. E. Anderson*	Wm. E. Anderson*	Warren F. Scott*	John G. Ellis	John G. Ellis	John Penny*
1882 W. A. McLean*	Wm. E. Anderson*	Wm. E. Anderson*	Warren F. Scott*	G. S. Hallmark*	L. McConahe*	Dew. C. Dawkins*
1883 Geo. S. Hallmark*	Wm. E. Anderson*	Wm. E. Anderson*	Warren F. Scott*	J. W. V. R. Plummer*	T. S. Wilmart*	Dew. C. Dawkins*
1884 Wm. E. Anderson*	Wm. E. Anderson*	Wm. E. Anderson*	Warren F. Scott*	J. W. V. R. Plummer*	T. S. Wilmart*	Dew. C. Dawkins*
1885 Wm. E. Anderson*	Wm. E. Anderson*	Wm. E. Anderson*	Angus Paterson*	Angus Paterson*	T. S. Wilmart*	Dew. C. Dawkins*
1886 Angus Paterson*	Angus Paterson*	Angus Paterson*	Angus Paterson*	Marcus Endel	T. S. Wilmart*	Dew. C. Dawkins*
1887 Angus Paterson*	Angus Paterson*	Angus Paterson*	F. S. Goodrich	John G. Ellis	T. S. Wilmart*	Dew. C. Dawkins*
1888 Marcus Endel	Marcus Endel	Marcus Endel	F. S. Goodrich	R. A. Montsalvage*	T. S. Wilmart*	Dew. C. Dawkins*
1889 Marcus Endel	Marcus Endel	Marcus Endel	Fred S. Goodrich	Wm. M. McIntosh*	T. S. Wilmart*	Dew. C. Dawkins*
1890 J. W. Boyd*	J. W. Boyd*	J. W. Boyd*	Fred S. Goodrich	James M. W. Boyd*	T. S. Wilmart*	Dew. C. Dawkins*
1891 T. S. Wilmerth	T. S. Wilmerth	T. S. Wilmerth	F. P. Mersereau	F. P. Mersereau	T. S. Wilmart*	Dew. C. Dawkins*
1892 Irving E. Webster	Silas B. Wright	J. P. Mersereau	I. E. Webster	John H. Stephens	John H. Stephens	Dew. C. Dawkins*
1893 Silas B. Wright	Wm. M. McIntosh*	John H. Stephens	J. E. Webster	John H. Stephens	John H. Stephens	Dew. C. Dawkins*
1894 Wm. M. McIntosh*	Wm. H. Jewell*	J. H. Stevens*	J. E. Webster	John H. Stephens	John H. Stephens	Dew. C. Dawkins*
1895 John H. Stephens*	John H. Stephens*	Wm. H. Jewell*	J. E. Webster	John H. Stephens	John H. Stephens	Dew. C. Dawkins*
1896 Wm. H. Jewell*	Wm. H. Jewell*	Wm. H. Jewell*	J. E. Webster	John H. Stephens	John H. Stephens	Dew. C. Dawkins*
1897 Warren Tyler*	Warren Tyler*	Warren Tyler*	J. E. Webster	John H. Stephens	John H. Stephens	Dew. C. Dawkins*
1898 Wilber P. Webster	James Carnell*	E. E. Haskell	J. E. Webster	John H. Stephens	John H. Stephens	Dew. C. Dawkins*
1899 James Carnell*	E. E. Haskell	J. E. Haskell	J. R. Wetherell	J. R. Wetherell	Henry S. Ely*	Dew. C. Dawkins*
1900 E. E. Haskell	J. R. Wetherell	J. R. Wetherell	T. G. Hutchinson	T. G. Hutchinson	W. A. McIntosh*	Dew. C. Dawkins*
1901 J. R. Wetherell	T. G. Hutchinson	Louis C. Massey	Olin S. Wright	Olin S. Wright	T. G. Hutchinson	Dew. C. Dawkins*
1902 J. R. Wetherell	T. G. Hutchinson	Louis C. Massey	Olin S. Wright	Joseph R. Keller	W. A. McIntosh*	Dew. C. Dawkins*
1903 T. G. Hutchinson	Louis C. Massey	Olin S. Wright	Joseph R. Keller	Wm. S. Ware	W. A. McIntosh*	Dew. C. Dawkins*
1904 Louis C. Massey	Olin S. Wright	Joseph R. Keller	Wm. S. Ware	E. W. Armstrong	W. A. McIntosh*	Dew. C. Dawkins*
1905 Olin S. Wright	Joseph R. Keller	Wm. S. Ware	E. W. Armstrong	T. Pleton Warlow	W. A. McIntosh*	Dew. C. Dawkins*
1906 Joseph R. Keller	Wm. S. Ware	Wm. S. Ware	T. Pleton Warlow	John H. Weddel*	W. A. McIntosh*	Dew. C. Dawkins*
1907 William H. Weddel*	Wm. S. Ware	Wm. S. Ware	T. Pleton Warlow	John H. Weddel*	W. A. McIntosh*	Dew. C. Dawkins*
1908 John H. Weddel*	Samuel Pasco*	Samuel Pasco*	T. Pleton Warlow	F. B. Stoneman	W. A. McIntosh*	Dew. C. Dawkins*
1909 Samuel Pasco*	T. Pleton Warlow	F. B. Stoneman	F. B. Stoneman	Robert McClellan	W. A. McIntosh*	Dew. C. Dawkins*
1910 T. Pleton Warlow	F. B. Stoneman	H. N. Sweeting	H. N. Sweeting	E. N. Ketchum	W. A. McIntosh*	Dew. C. Dawkins*
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1913 H. N. Sweeting	John M. Caldwell	John M. Caldwell	John M. Caldwell	Wm. R. O'Neal	W. A. McIntosh*	Dew. C. Dawkins*
1914 John M. Caldwell	Will C. Andrews	Will C. Andrews	Will C. Andrews	D. B. Palmer	W. A. McIntosh*	Dew. C. Dawkins*
1915 Will C. Andrews	Wm. R. O'Neal	Wm. R. O'Neal	Wm. R. O'Neal	C. H. Ketchum	W. A. McIntosh*	Dew. C. Dawkins*
1916 Wm. R. O'Neal	D. B. Palmer	D. B. Palmer	D. B. Palmer	L. F. Blalock	W. A. McIntosh*	Dew. C. Dawkins*
1917 D. B. Palmer	C. H. Ketchum	C. H. Ketchum	C. H. Ketchum	W. V. Carter	W. A. McIntosh*	Dew. C. Dawkins*
1918 C. H. Ketchum	L. F. Blalock	L. F. Blalock	L. F. Blalock	W. V. Carter	W. A. McIntosh*	Dew. C. Dawkins*
1919 H. V. Carter	H. O. Snow	H. O. Snow	H. O. Snow	R. J. Kishbaugh	W. B. Y. Wilkite	Dew. C. Dawkins*
1920 H. V. Carter	R. J. Kishbaugh	R. J. Kishbaugh	R. J. Kishbaugh	E. P. Hubbell	W. B. Y. Wilkite	Dew. C. Dawkins*
1921 John L. Hall	R. J. Kishbaugh	R. J. Kishbaugh	R. J. Kishbaugh	John L. Hall	W. B. Y. Wilkite	Dew. C. Dawkins*

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CHAPTERS	Number	Membership Last Year	Exalted	Reinstated	Affiliated	Total	Died	Dismissed	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended U. M. C.	Expelled	Rejected	Present Membership	
Florida	1	146	30	1	2	179	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	179
Gainesville	2	174	37	1	3	215	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	212
Tampa	3	302	36	1	10	349	6	4	9	0	0	0	0	330
St. Johns	4	64	14	1	0	79	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	76
Halifax	5	239	51	0	4	294	2	4	4	0	0	0	0	284
Mt. Horeb	6	176	25	0	3	204	0	4	2	0	0	1	1	198
Eureka	7	188	38	1	7	234	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	232
Dade City	8	72	6	0	2	80	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	79
Putnam	9	71	33	0	3	107	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	103
Kissimmee	10	40	19	0	2	61	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	59
Jericho	11	198	26	0	8	232	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	226
Jacksonville	12	549	64	5	11	629	9	7	2	1	0	5	1	610
Ocala	13	95	10	1	1	107	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	102
Inverness	14	84	2	0	1	87	1	4	17	0	0	0	0	65
Monroe	15	111	49	0	1	161	0	2	2	0	0	2	1	157
Plant City	16	113	0	1	3	117	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	112
St. Augustine	17	159	14	0	2	175	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	171
Manatee River	18	135	22	3	0	160	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	154
Lake Butler	19	62	12	1	0	75	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	72
Keystone	20	52	4	1	0	57	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	54
Island	21	24	4	2	1	31	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	27
Thomas Brown	22	256	22	1	5	284	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	274
Chipley	23	99	4	0	2	105	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	103
Lake Worth	24	183	32	2	0	217	0	3	6	0	0	0	0	208
Live Oak	25	290	50	3	4	347	3	12	4	0	0	0	0	328
Jefferson	26	104	5	0	0	109	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	96
Indian River	27	201	34	5	1	241	2	8	19	0	0	0	0	212
Joppa	28	87	19	0	3	109	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	107
Lakeland	29	136	14	0	2	152	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	150
Gadsden	30	128	35	0	3	166	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	162
St. Petersburg	31	179	44	7	6	236	1	3	12	0	0	0	0	220
Jackson	32	160	12	0	2	174	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	173
Eustis	33	50	18	0	1	69	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	66
Leesburg	34	78	5	1	1	85	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	82
Sarasota	35	68	10	0	0	78	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	76
Arcadia	36	46	13	0	1	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66
Walton	37	95	14	0	1	110	1	2	8	0	0	0	0	99
Providence	38	80	10	0	0	90	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	87
Bay County	39	84	38	0	1	123	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	122
Crestview	40	93	30	0	0	123	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	121
Winter Haven	41	62	28	0	4	94	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	93
Highland	42	42	30	0	3	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
Union	43	34	0	0	1	35	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
Perry	44	0	32	0	27	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59
Clearwater	45	0	18	0	12	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
Okeechobee	46	0	14	0	18	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
Dade	47	0	6	0	11	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
Duval	48	0	34	0	7	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41
Totals		5609	1067	38	180	6894	59	107	96	2	1	15	6629	

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 Friday
Halifax	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 and Fourth Monday
Kissimmee	Kissimmee	Second and Fourth Monday
Jericho	Miami	Second and Fourth Thursday
Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Second and Fourth Thursday
Ocala	Ocala	Fourth Friday
Inverness	Inverness	Fourth Monday
Monroe	Sanford	Second and Fourth Tuesdays
Plant City	Plant City	Second Friday
St. Augustine	St. Augustine	Second and Fourth Tuesday
Manatee River	Bradenton	Second and Fourth Tuesday
Lake Butler	Lake Butler	First Thursday
Keystone	Ft. Lauderdale	First and Third Friday
Island	Key West	Second and Fourth Wednesday
Thomas Brown	Bartow	Second and Fourth Friday
Chipley	Chipley	Third Monday
Lake Worth	West Palm Beach	Second and Fourth Tuesday
Live Oak	Live Oak	Second Thursday
Jefferson	Monticello	First and Third Monday
Indian River	Titusville	Third Wednesday
Joppa	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
Arcadia	Arcadia	First and Third Thursday
Walton	DeFunik Springs	Third Monday
Providence	Lake City	First and Third Friday
Bay County	Panama City	Second and Fourth Wednesday
Crestview	Crestview	Second Tuesday
Winter Haven	Winter Haven	Second and Fourth Monday
Highlands	Avon Park	Second Monday
Union	Melbourne	Second Thursday
Perry	Perry	Second and Fourth Thursday
Clearwater	Clearwater	Second and Fourth Fridays
Okeechobee	Okeechobee	Third Monday
Dade	Homestead	
Duval	South Jacksonville	

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 Greene, Frederick J. -----Perry U. D.
 Hendry, Vernon Wright -----Perry U. D.
 Hendry, Wm. Thomas -----Perry U. D.
 Hays, Homer L. -----Perry U. D.
 Johnson, John Edward -----Perry U. D.
 Johnson, James Edward -----Perry U. D.
 Kinard, Robert Joseph -----Perry U. D.
 Lipscomb, Forrest L. -----Perry U. D.
 Low, D. Hobson -----Perry U. D.
 Mullis, A. C. -----Perry U. D.
 Mills, Maurice O. -----Perry U. D.
 Reddick, Grover C. -----Perry U. D.
 Russ, William H. -----Perry U. D.
 Rooks, George W. -----Perry U. D.
 Sallinger, David E. -----Perry U. D.
 Saunders, Carl Band -----Perry U. D.
 Thompson, Royce L. -----Perry U. D.
 Thomas, George L. -----Perry U. D.
 Taylor, Charles J. -----Perry U. D.
 Whitfield, Benj. W. -----Perry U. D.
 Wilkes, Hardy T. -----Perry U. D.
 Wells, James H. -----Perry U. D.

CLEARWATER CHAPTER No. 45,

Clearwater, Pinellas County.

Brandon, Leroy, H. P. -----St. Petersb'g No. 31, Fla.
 Lee, Charles R., K. -----University No. 256, Pa.
 Wyatt, John S., S. -----St. Petersb'g No. 31, Fla.
 Bivens, H. W. -----Clearwater, U. D.
 Booth, Frank S. -----Clearwater, U. D.
 Brown, John C. -----Clearwater, U. D.
 Conrade, Herman -----Clearwater, U. D.
 Dillard, A. H. -----Keystone No. 20, Fla.
 Ficht, James W. -----King Solomon No. 4, Ind.
 Gregory, Lewis T., Jr. -----St. Petersb'g No. 31, Fla.
 Hendry, Leonard N. -----Clearwater, U. D.
 Hendrix, Fitzhugh L. -----Clearwater, U. D.
 Hardin, Leland S. -----Clearwater, U. D.
 Jackson C. E. -----St. Petersb'g No. 31, Fla.
 Jones, Evan H. -----Clearwater U. D.
 Lawrence, Raymond G. -----Tampa No. 3, Fla.
 Morgan, U. S. G. -----St. Petersb'g No. 31, Fla.
 Moore, A. J. -----St. Petersb'g No. 31, Fla.
 Marshall, Alfred P. -----Clearwater U. D.
 Massey, Henry O. -----Clearwater U. D.
 McMasters, Robert B. -----Clearwater U. D.
 McMullen, Daniel B. -----Clearwater U. D.
 Norton, Ross B. -----Clearwater U. D.
 Runyon, Daniel G. -----Clearwater U. D.
 Smith, R. Q. -----Tifton No. 47, Ga.
 Schooley, William H. -----Clearwater U. D.
 Shaw, Charlie H. -----Clearwater U. D.
 Tilley, Reade F. -----Clearwater U. D.
 Thompson, Robert M. -----Clearwater U. D.
 Talbot, Henry P. -----Clearwater U. D.
 Reece, William N., M. M. -----Clearwater U. D.

OKEECHOBEE CHAPTER No. 46,

Okeechobee, Okeechobee County.

Dame, Herschel J., H. P. -----Inverness No. 14, Fla.
 Evernden, Hans F., K. -----Lake Worth No. 24, Fla.
 Adams, Horace C., S. -----Joppa No. 28, Fla.
 Austin, Douglas E. -----Joppa No. 28, Fla.
 Bowden, Basil C. -----Okeechobee U. D.
 Collins, William -----Okeechobee U. D.
 Conely, Thomas W., Jr. -----Jackson No. 32, Fla.
 DeYarman, Hugh H. -----Jericho No. 11, Fla.
 Daughtry, James Arthur -----Okeechobee U. D.
 Eldon, Kirkland B. -----Okeechobee U. D.
 Goode, William Thompson -----Joppa No. 28, Fla.
 Goldthwaite, Herbert J. -----Joppa No. 28, Fla.
 Gray, Walter N. -----Okeechobee U. D.
 Hancock, James Thomas -----Joppa No. 28, Fla.
 Hamrick, Richard Ellis -----Joppa No. 28, Fla.
 Hancock, Henry H. -----Okeechobee U. D.
 Johnston, Don P. -----Silver City No. 2, N. M.
 Lovvorn, Joseph Edgar -----Okeechobee U. D.
 Mustin, Frank Royal -----Indian River No. 27, Fla.
 Meserve, Ellis M. -----Okeechobee U. D.
 Price, Orlando J. -----Cleveland No. 148, Ohio.
 Scharfschwerdt, Edward -----Joppa No. 28, Fla.
 Scharfschwerdt, Louis F. -----Joppa No. 28, Fla.
 Scharfschwerdt, Otto E. -----Joppa No. 28, Fla.
 Simmons, Claude E. -----Okeechobee U. D.
 Underhill, William Edward -----Joppa No. 28, Fla.
 Upthegrove, James H. -----Okeechobee U. D.
 Upthegrove, Edward O. -----Okeechobee U. D.
 Upthegrove, Robert -----Okeechobee U. D.
 Walker, John Hardy, Sr. -----Joppa No. 28, Fla.
 Walker, John Hardy, Jr. -----Okeechobee U. D.
 Walker, Carl F. -----Okeechobee U. D.

DADE No. 47

Homestead, Dade County.

Livingston, Anthony R., H. P. — Osborne No. 28, Kan.
 Stiling, Edward, K. — Halifax No. 5, Fla.
 Graves, Thomas L., S. — Pontiac No. 215, Ill.
 Clark, William J. — Checotah No. 49, Okla.
 Cunningham, W. W. — Dayton No. 121, Tenn.
 Grennell, V. M. — Jericho No. 11, Fla.
 Humphries, F. W. — Dade U. D.
 Livingston, Sidney E. — Jericho No. 11, Fla.
 Lawrence, E. L. — Blakely No. 44, Ga.
 Livermore, E. P. — Dade U. D.
 Murray, George L. — Blakely No. 44, Ga.
 Moser, Ivan — Dade U. D.
 Roberts, James H. — Ocmulgee No. 46, Ga.
 Rue, Frank B. — Dade U. D.
 Sykes, William H. — Jericho No. 11, Fla.
 Sturrup, Eric G. — Dade U. D.
 Webb, Thomas B. — Dade U. D.
 Bishop, L. E., M. E. M. — Dade U. D.
 Rives, Green R., M. E. M. — Dade U. D.
 Strickland, W. B., M. E. M. — Dade U. D.
 Bradley, W. M., P. M. — Dade U. D.
 Carter, E. E., P. M. — Dade U. D.

DUVAL CHAPTER No. 48,
South Jacksonville, Duval County.

Green, B. F., H. P. — Halifax No. 5, Fla.
 Flesher, Edgar C., K. — Jacksonville No. 12.
 O'Daniell, Charles W., S. — Jacksonville No. 12.
 Burns, Thomas M., Jr. — Duval U. D.
 Belote, William P. — Duval U. D.
 Brownlee, Conrad B. — Duval U. D.
 Bingham, Frederick J. — Duval U. D.
 Cates, Smith — Duval U. D.

DeBartolomers, James — Duval U. D.
 Edwards, Norman C. — Duval U. D.
 Ford, Harry R. — Chorazin No. 13, N. C.
 Gunn, Earnest L. — Halifax No. 5, Fla.
 Groves, Robert A. — Duval U. D.
 Gray, Charles H. — Duval U. D.
 Goldman, Archie F. — Duval U. D.
 Grabill, Shirley — Duval U. D.
 Highsmith, Thompson E. — Jacksonville No. 12.
 Harris, Taylor — Duval U. D.
 Holsonback, William — Duval U. D.
 Hamilton, John T. — Duval U. D.
 Jones, Charlie B. — Duval U. D.
 Kopperrud, Andrew J. — Duval U. D.
 Lynde, R. J. — Jacksonville No. 12.
 LaMee, Frank L. — Duval U. D.
 LeMee, William S., Jr. — Duval U. D.
 Master, Wilbur W. — Duval U. D.
 Meister, Gustave Herman — Duval U. D.
 McKenzie, Robert J. — Duval U. D.
 Nywall, William — Duval U. D.
 Powell, Harry C. — Duval U. D.
 Sharit, Walter L. — Duval U. D.
 Smith, Hugh H. — Duval U. D.
 Sledge Edwin D. — Duval U. D.
 Smith, Carl U. — Duval U. D.
 Steinhouser, Charles E. — Duval U. D.
 Sims, John — Duval U. D.
 Tucker, Andrew J. — Duval U. D.
 Varn, John W. — Duval U. D.
 Watts, Peryl E. — Duval U. D.
 Willis, Charles L. — Duval U. D.
 Williams, John G. — Duval U. D.
 McCall, Orlan, M. M. — Duval U. D.

Regulations

ADOPTED SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF THE DIGEST.

ADDRESS OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest is requested to file in the office of the Grand Secretary on Saturday next preceding the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, five copies of his Annual Address, together with all necessary papers and correspondence relating thereto.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest shall appoint the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence from among the permanent members of this Grand Chapter at the close of each Annual Convocation and it shall be the duty of said committee to meet one day previous to the Annual Grand Convocation for the purpose of reviewing the Annual Address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest. (1921)

COMMITTEES

Regulation No. 21, amended by striking out the last line as follows: "On Work, to consist of seven members."

Regulation No. 22, repealed and the following adopted:

22. The M.E. Grand High Priest shall be the Committee on Work. He shall cause the work in each of the degrees to be exemplified at each Annual Grand Con-

vocation, unless otherwise provided by the Grand Chapter.

DISTRICTS

Regulation No. 30 amended to read as follows:

30. This Grand Jurisdiction shall be divided into four districts and one of these districts shall annually be assigned to each of the four highest elective officers of this Grand Chapter, who shall make such official visits to the Chapters in their respective districts as their judgment may deem necessary, or they may hold district conventions in lieu of such visits. The necessary expenses of such officers in carrying out this regulation shall be paid by the Grand Chapter.

DUES TO THE GRAND CHAPTER

Regulation No. 32 amended to read as follows:

32. Every Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction shall pay into the treasury of the Grand Chapter the sum of one dollar for each exaltation, and the sum of one dollar as annual dues for every member borne on the rolls at any time during the year; unless exempted under Constitution Article 5, Section 1; provided, that the Chapter on whose roll such member shall appear first, only, shall pay dues when his name shall appear on the roll of more than one Chapter of this jurisdiction, during any one year, except in the case of newly chartered Chapters. Members whose names appear upon the returns of a Chapter in Florida of which they were former members and also upon the returns of a newly chartered Chapter shall be accounted for by the newly chartered Chapter only.

JURISDICTION

Reg. When a Master Mason removes permanently from the jurisdiction of a Chapter its jurisdiction

over him terminates immediately on his removal and the Chapter nearest which he resides cannot receive his petition until after six (6) months residence within its jurisdiction. Consequently the candidate cannot apply to either Chapter within the six (6) months, for the first Chapter has no jurisdiction to waive and the second has not yet acquired jurisdiction over him. (1921)

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

Regulation No. 43, amended to read as follows:

43. Members of the Grand Chapter who are entitled to per diem and mileage shall receive such per diem and mileage as shall be voted at each Annual Convocation, and if none be voted, they shall receive five (\$5.00) dollars per diem and four cents for each mile necessarily traveled in coming to and returning from each Grand Convocation.

The Representatives of the Particular Chapters in attendance at the Grand Chapter who are entitled to mileage shall be paid for the actual mileage from the location of their respective Chapters. (1921)

PETITIONS

Regulation No. 53 amended to read as follows:

53. A petition for the degrees must be presented at a regular convocation of the Chapter, and if received, shall be referred to a committee of three members of the Chapter for investigation, and may be acted upon at the same meeting in the discretion of the Chapter, but no such petition shall be received from any person who has not been a Master Mason for at least six months and who is not a member of a Lodge in good standing.

REPORTS

Secretaries of constituent Chapters are required to report promptly to the Grand Secretary any and all changes made in the dates of their regular convocations.

RITUALS

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Order of High Priesthood

ANNUAL CONVENTION

1922

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 31, A. D. 1922, 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. I. E. Webster, Chaplain.
 E. W. P. Webster, Secretary and Treasurer.
 E. Charles H. Ketchum, Master of Ceremonies.
 E. F. Wm Schultz, as Conductor.
 E. Cary B. Fish, Herald.
 E. Ely P. Hubbell, Steward.
 E. S. E. Gregory, 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:

Herbert S. Chiles, H. P., Tampa Chapter No. 3.
 Robert Lee Smith, H. P., Halifax Chapter No. 5.
 Richard P. Buckmaster, H. P., Eureka Chapter No. 7.
 Frank D. Ruth, H. P., Dade City Chapter No. 8.
 Henry C. Harper, H. P., Kissimmee Chapter No. 10.
 Hugh Peters, H. P., Jericho Chapter No. 11.

R. Erwin Williams, H. P., Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.

Cyrus T. Neuner, H. P., Plant City Chapter No. 16.

Percy J. Hampton, P. H. P., Manatee River Chapter No. 18.

Loyd Clyde Olive, H. P., Thomas Brown Chapter No. 22.

Thomas J. Watts, P. H. P., Chipley Chapter No. 23.

Carl A. Lytle, H. P., Lake Worth Chapter No. 24.

David G. Barden, P. H. P., Live Oak Chapter No. 25.

George I. Fullerton, H. P., Indian River Chapter No. 27.

Lynn W. Bloom, H. P., Lakeland Chapter No. 29.

W. B. Greer, H. P. Gadsden Chapter No. 30.

Lester W. Lambert, H. P., St. Petersburg Chapter No. 31.

Fred Blank, H. P., Jackson Chapter No. 32.

Ernest H. Wilkerson, H. P., Bay County Chapter No. 39.

James L. Clary, H. P., Crestview Chapter No. 40.

Charles H. Stewart, H. P., Union Chapter No. 43.

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.

To Balance as per last report	\$43.20
Fees	42.00
	\$85.20

Cr.

By Paid supplies	\$.60
Express on Bibles	2.00
	2.60

Balance on hand	\$82.60
Fraternally submitted,	

W. P. WEBSTER,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Upon motion the secretary was directed to pay for supplies used at this time.

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

OFFICERS 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. Charles H. Ketchum, Master of Ceremonies.
E. Marcus Endel, Conductor.
E. Cary B. Fish, Herald.
E. E. P. Hubbell, Steward.

E. Stephen E. Gregory, 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
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
George W. Hyde-----	Consecrated January 18, 1895
Henry F. Airth-----	Consecrated January 24, 1896

NAME	DATE
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
Orson J. Hill	Consecrated May 14, 1902
Benjamin F. Hough	Consecrated May 14, 1902
James F. Miller	Consecrated May 14, 1902
Franklin L. Rees	Consecrated June 24, 1902
Hugh W. Wear	Consecrated May 13, 1903

NAME	DATE
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
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
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
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

NAME	DATE
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	12, 1909
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	16, 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
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

NAME	DATE
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
Dorsey H. Rutter-----Consecrated May	21, 1913
Claude E. Connor-----Consecrated May	21, 1913
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

NAME	DATE
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
J. M. Willson, Jr.	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

NAME	DATE
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. McLelland	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
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

NAME	DATE
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
Douglas Renault Trevor	Consecrated Nov. 17, 1919
Walter Scott Raddin	Consecrated Feb. 9, 1920
Alexander B. Steuart	Consecrated Feb. 9, 1920
Fred E. Fletcher	Consecrated Feb. 9, 1920
Isaac Maas	Consecrated May 19, 1920
W. L. Marshall	Consecrated May 19, 1920
W. M. Bullard	Consecrated May 19, 1920
J. P. Cartin	Consecrated May 19, 1920
N. G. Forcheimer	Consecrated May 19, 1920
L. S. Thornton	Consecrated May 19, 1920
Lewis A. Smith	Consecrated May 19, 1920
Stephen E. Gregory	Consecrated May 19, 1920
H. J. Dame	Consecrated May 19, 1920
Charles S. Hill	Consecrated May 19, 1920
Frank Sanford	Consecrated May 19, 1920
C. D. Scroggs	Consecrated May 19, 1920

NAME	DATE
H. T. Davis	Consecrated May 19, 1920
F. M. Watson	Consecrated May 19, 1920
Joseph Wiggins	Consecrated May 19, 1920
Ben M. Caldwell	Consecrated May 19, 1920
W. M. Reck	Consecrated May 19, 1920
Henry M. Snow	Consecrated May 18, 1921
Roy C. Dubbs	Consecrated May 18, 1921
Frederick E. Weathers	Consecrated May 18, 1921
H. L. Ermatinger	Consecrated May 18, 1921
R. M. Holliday	Consecrated May 18, 1921
F. William Schultz	Consecrated May 18, 1921
Thomas S. Sanders	Consecrated May 18, 1921
Ralph B. Chapman	Consecrated May 18, 1921
Flavel McK. Campbell	Consecrated May 18, 1921
Richard L. Batchelor	Consecrated May 18, 1921
Mack Tyner	Consecrated May 18, 1921
Arthur I. Roe	Consecrated May 18, 1921
Walter E. Acosta	Consecrated May 18, 1921
B. W. Helvenston	Consecrated May 18, 1921
Ray A. Strout	Consecrated May 18, 1921
Herbert S. Chiles	Consecrated May 31, 1922
Robert Lee Smith	Consecrated May 31, 1922
Richard P. Buckmaster	Consecrated May 31, 1922
Frank D. Ruth	Consecrated May 31, 1922
Henry C. Harper	Consecrated May 31, 1922
Hugh Peters	Consecrated May 31, 1922
R. Erwin Williams	Consecrated May 31, 1922
Cyrus T. Neuner	Consecrated May 31, 1922
Percy J. Hampton	Consecrated May 31, 1922
Loyd C. Olive	Consecrated May 31, 1922
Thomas J. Watts	Consecrated May 31, 1922
Carl A. Lytle	Consecrated May 31, 1922
David G. Barden	Consecrated May 31, 1922
George I. Fullerton	Consecrated May 31, 1922

NAME	DATE
Lynn W. Bloom ----- Consecrated May	31, 1922
W. B. Greer ----- Consecrated May	31, 1922
Lester W. Lambert ----- Consecrated May	31, 1922
Fred Blank ----- Consecrated May	31, 1922
Ernest H. Wilkerson ----- Consecrated May	31, 1922
James L. Clary ----- Consecrated May	31, 1922
Charles H. Stewart ----- Consecrated May	31, 1922

Foreign Correspondence

BY

ELY P. HUBBELL

Chairman of Committee on Correspondence

Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence

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

For the sixth time your Committee on Foreign Correspondence esteems it a privilege to report our hypothetical Capitular journeyings which took us to nearly all of the American Grand Chapters as well as to several overseas. Differing from many pilgrimages, there have been no perilous adventures or hairbreadth escapes, and we have been deeply impressed with the general peace and harmony prevailing, and particularly since the General Grand Chapter Constitutional Amendments "bogy" has been indefinitely silenced.

In our reviews we generally refrained from referring to the various Grand Chapter actions relative to the proposed General Grand Chapter Constitutional Amendment controversy, because they became ancient history many moons before this appears in print.

There is a growing sentiment that Capitular Masonry should stand for something definite and specific; that it should give to the world at large some satisfactory reason for its existence as one of the necessary divisions of Freemasonry.

Some Grand Jurisdictions are enacting stringent regulations relative to the custom of soliciting petitions from Companions, in some cases, even before exaltation, for

advanced degrees not directly connected with Capitular Masonry.

Other encouraging signs are the stress being laid upon education and patriotism, and all appear to be endeavoring to apply Masonic principles to solve the great questions of the day.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

Unprecedented attendance as well as reported growth in Capitular membership, makes the Thirty-eighth Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States, which was held in Asheville, North Carolina, September 28-30, 1921, the most memorable in the history of the Royal Craft. Although the attendance was limited, yet there were representatives of over six hundred thousand brave men and true when the Grand Chapter of North Carolina met in special convocation for the purpose of receiving and welcoming the officers of the General Grand Chapter.

Following the formal opening, which included recognition of those entitled to such honors, M. E. Companion Frederick W. Craig presented a memorable address covering his official actions for the past Triennial period.

Life's journey was completed for Most Excellent Henry Banks, General Grand Captain of the Host, and Most Excellent Joseph E. Dyas, who was elected General Grand High Priest in 1906, and their passing the veils for the last time was given suitable recognition.

During the Triennial a subordinate Chapter at Canal Zone was constituted, and a dispensation issued for a new Chapter in Anchorage, Alaska.

Briefly the three decisions of the General Grand High Priest brought out no conditions that would not have been covered by Florida laws and customs.

Although the General Grand High Priest made a number of official visitations, there was not available time to extend the "glad hand" in all parts of the country, and Dixieland fared no differently than some other sections, which no doubt was as great a disappointment to the official head as to ourselves.

The matters uppermost in the minds of the greater part of those in attendance were what disposition would be made of the proposed revision of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, which for three years past had been thoroughly discussed by the various Grand Chapters. But this vexing question was settled for the present, at least, by the adoption of a motion made by Companion Francis E. White, Grand Secretary of Nebraska, that further action be indefinitely postponed, the vote standing 143 for and 94 against.

In this connection it may not be out of place to state that the Florida delegation stood as a unit in opposition to the proposed revision, and made it known to the committee, and were equally well prepared to bring it before the General Body had it been necessary.

Complaint of invasion of jurisdiction having been made by Luzon Chapter, it was made clear that no other Chapter anywhere located, had a right to receive petitions and confer degrees on any whose legal residence is in the Philippine Islands, without first securing a waiver of jurisdiction.

The matter of the complained invasion of jurisdiction in the Philippine Islands, by the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, is still an open question, but indications are more favorable for a final settlement. A Grand Chapter

of the Philippines is not an impossibility, and may prove the solution.

A feature of special interest was the exemplification of the Royal Arch Degree according to the New General Grand Chapter Ritual. Although Florida as well as some other Grand Jurisdictions are not using this new work, yet it has commendable features.

Hospitality, by whatever appellation it may be designated, Southern or otherwise, as shown by the Masons of Asheville and of North Carolina, was everywhere in evidence. It appeared not only in the cordial fraternal welcome, but also in the many receptions, entertainments and excursions arranged for their guests.

The Florida delegation consisted of Past Grand High Priests Marcus Endel, Silas B. Wright, E. E. Haskell, Dabney B. Palmer, Chas. H. Ketchum and H. O. Snow; the present Grand Officers, John J. Hall, Grand High Priest; R. J. Kishpaugh, Deputy Grand High Priest; Ely P. Hubbell, Grand King; E. L. Wirt, Grand Scribe; and also E. Companion Chester DeRocher, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters. Florida was recognized in the appointment of Ely P. Hubbell on the Credential committee.

Two new names appear in the official regime—M. E. Companion Mattison B. Jones, of California, General Grand Master of the Second Veil; and M. E. Companion John H. Anderson, of North Carolina, to whom as much or more than any other single individual was due the success of this Triennial, was quite appropriately elected Grand Master of the First Veil.

Six years ago the Triennial was held in the "Far West," and to even up matters, the "Far East" will now come into its own, for the next General Grand Chapter will be held in Portland, Maine. Radio flashes indicate that realization will next time even surpass anticipation.

ALABAMA—1921

Chapters, 83. Members, 12,456. Exalted, 2,056. Net Gain, 1,691.

WILLIAM L. LEE, Grand High Priest.

Following the custom recently adopted, the Ninety-fifth Annual Convocation was opened in Ample Form in Montgomery, December 5th, by the Deputy Grand High Priest, assisted by the full suite of officers and many Past Grands, after which the Grand High Priest was escorted to the Grand East and received with Grand Honors. The distinguished guests were M. E. Companion Wm. F. Kuhn, the General Grand High Priest, and M. E. Companion George F. Moore, Past Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, A. & A. S. R.; and of course Florida was conspicuously in the limelight in having the new Grand High Priest as its Representative.

Wise, polished and timely was the masterly address of Grand High Priest Lee, in which he considered matters of vital interest to the Royal Craft. He stands "four-square" for loyalty and patriotism and deplores the propaganda which seeks allegiance to outside or foreign powers.

Politically we owe no allegiance to anyone but our country.
Spiritually, our allegiance is only to our God.

His dispensations to meet existing needs included three to organize new Chapters, two to re-organize Chapters, and two others to set at work Chapters which had been dormant. All commissions of Grand Representatives expire with each Triennial, which he healed with commissions and recommendations; Deputy Grand High Priest R. J. Kishpaugh continues to represent the Grand

Chapter in Florida. All requests for fraternal courtesies received due attention.

Among his decisions was one that "A Master Mason who was suspended in his Lodge and afterwards re-instated was also automatically re-instated in Chapter." This differs from Florida law in that while suspension in Lodge is likewise in the Chapter, but re-instatement in the Lodge does not automatically re-instate in Chapter, ballot in latter case being also required. He decided that a Grand High Priest was without authority to grant a dispensation to a Chapter to confer the degrees upon a cripple, but that the Chapter was the sole judge of physical conditions. Also, that an ordained preacher, actually engaged in ministerial work, whether preaching regularly or occasionally, should be "allowed his initiation fees."

Action on a resolution to make it a Capitular offense to solicit a petition for the Capitular degrees from a Brother until he had been a Master Mason full three months, was postponed until the next Annual, and in the meantime each Chapter is to be furnished with a copy of the resolution.

In addition to the address of Brother Warren G. Harding, President of the United States, delivered at the laying of the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple at Birmingham and ordered printed in the Proceedings, is also the address of General Grand High Priest William F. Kuhn, before the Annual Convocation, in which he said:

In my journey through the Masonic vineyard, and by using a sort of mental measuring stick, on all Masons that I chanced to meet, they naturally divide themselves into three classes: the King Solomon Freemason, the Philosophical Freemason, and the intelligent practical Freemason.

By the "King Solomon Freemason" is meant that credulous man who swallows every fable, myth, tradition and Masonic gossip,

as actual facts and history. He believes that King Solomon was the first Grand Master, and that the two Saints John were Master Masons, and that the Fraternity of Freemasons was actually organized and founded by King Solomon, and that we are still using the ritual that he prepared. He fails utterly to grasp the symbolism and beauty that lies underneath it all. Freemasonry to such, is a mere secret society, with certain mysterious signs, grips and words. He is proud to be a member of this "great and ancient secret society" with its wonderful secrets of giving correctly certain words, taking certain steps, and passing through a gymnastic exercise called signs. His Masonic conception does not rise any higher than that of the primitive man who formed and to whose age belongs the "secret society." The conception that Freemasonry is not a "secret society," but a brotherhood has not dawned in his intelligence, and that signs, steps and grips are mere incidentals; perhaps, useless remnants of its evolution. It is fortunate that the "King Solomon Mason" is slowly, too slowly, disappearing from our Lodges. Happy will it be when we can exultantly say: "Requiescat in pace."

The philosophical Freemason is the one who is ever up in the clouds, whose feet never touch the ground, who is forever lost in a fog bank of metaphysical speculation; often erudite, scholarly and broad in his sympathies, but so interested in attempting to solve what he thinks is the riddle of the universe, that mother earth and the mortals who dwell thereon are forgotten. He chases the digits, three, five, seven and nine, around the world, becomes entangled in his triangles, cubes, and rectangles, until humanity is forgotten, and as it was said of the Greek philosophers, they were so interested in metaphysical abstractions that they overlooked the hungry that lay dying at their door.

It is said that the most dangerous man with a revolver, next to a bandit, is a policeman. It may also be said that the most dangerous man in the intellectual and moral universe, is a Freemason with a symbol. He can see in it and through it more things than were ever dreamed of by ordinary mortals. But the philosophical Freemason is useful, as it may set the "King Solomon Mason" to thinking—which is something he never did before.

The third class, and I rejoice that the number is increasing with wonderful strides, is the intellectual and practical Freemason. He is a reading, thinking, studious Freemason, who sees in it, above all things else, the doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man; who will use his knowledge, however meagre

or great, for practical ends. Who sees in Freemasonry a brotherhood, dependent and interdependent, who believes and practices that humanity needs less of abstract, philosophical cobwebs, and theological dogma, but more of cheer; less of Egyptian Rites, now mummified, but more of good will; less imaginary symbols, but more of love; less of "tithes of mint and anise and cumin," but more of mercy, faith, and charity; who will recognize, whatever his creed may be, more fully the beautiful life and teachings of Him, who "was set as a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel."

About the customary percentage of High Priests were admitted and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

Again we are favored with a Correspondence Report from the gifted Past Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Laurence H. Lee, who finds that the dominant note in the Grand Bodies is education, which he truly says, if kept up, "must do more than any other one thing for the future prosperity and safety of the Republic."

He is pleased to see that Florida "regards the physical defect rule as a matter addressed to the discretion of the Chapter petitioned." However, he is not so well satisfied with our recent action relative to change of residence, for in his opinion, "there ought never to be a hiatus in a jurisdiction so long as the Brother resides in the state."

Referring to the action requiring the Grand High Priest to file in advance five copies of his address for review by the Jurisprudence committee, he comments thusly:

Well! Suppose they don't like it, what are they going to do about it? Surprised at Past Grand High Priest Ketchum. Wonder what he would have said had any one attempted to delete his address, or add to it. Knowing Ketchum, we would not like to have been one of the deleters or additioners.

Next Annual in Montgomery, December 4, 1922.

Robert T. Ward, Dadeville, Grand High Priest.
George A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, Grand Secretary.
Lawrence H. Lee, Montgomery, Correspondent.

ALBERTA—1921

Chapters, 24. Members, 2,491. Admitted, 330. Net Gain, 246.

NORMAN T. MACLEOD, Grand Z.

Only two Chapters failed to respond to roll call when the Seventh Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter convened in Edmonton, March 9, 1921.

So smoothly did Capitular matters move along during the year that the Grand Z., in reviewing his actions for this term, feared there would be "More danger of causing trouble by interference than there would be of improving conditions by attempting to stimulate the movement."

He made nineteen official visitations, an excellent record, especially as traveling conditions are somewhat different there than in this Southland.

He granted one dispensation to receive application of a Master Mason of less than six months, and refused two others. The reason given for one request was so the Brother could receive the degrees before the summer vacation, but in view of the fact that this Chapter had not exalted a candidate during the past year, the Grand Z. believed an opportunity of this kind ought to be sufficient inducement to continue the meetings as long as there was work to be done, and quite properly did not comply with the request.

One request to confer the M. M. M., M. E. M. and R. A. degrees by courtesy was refused, the Grand Z. ruling that at least the M. M. M. degree must be conferred on a candidate in his own jurisdiction, and if we mistake not, some other Grand Chapters have a similar ruling. As Alberta does not recognize the P. M. degree, one wonders what would have been the status of that Companion, had the request been granted, and should he have returned to his home Chapter where the P. M. degree is required.

The Grand Z. recommended that at least one calendar month should elapse between the degrees. Grand Chapter believed a greater time should elapse between degrees, yet it failed to specify what that time should be, but insisted that candidates should pass satisfactory examination in a degree before being advanced.

Grand Chapter wished three things on the incoming administration: Closer attention to the Book of Marks and the Historical Register; regulating size of classes for degrees at one session; and increasing fees for initiation to not less than fifty dollars.

Action was again deferred on recognition of the Grand Chapter of Queensland.

There is no Order of High Priesthood.

M. E. Companion S. J. Taylor, chairman of the Fraternal Correspondence committee, and who is Florida's Grand Representative as well, submitted a concise and instructive report in topical form. He appears to find nothing in Florida worthy of perpetuation.

Next Annual in Calgary, May 8, 1922.
Hiram Darling, Edmonton, Grand Z.

John E. Johnson, Calgary, Grand Scribe.

S. J. Taylor, Calgary, Fraternal Correspondent.

ARIZONA—1921

Chapters, 11. Members, 1,119. Exalted, 124. Net Gain, 106.

Edwin A. HUGHES, Grand High Priest.

Only one vacant station was filled at the Thirty-first Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter held in Bisbee, February 9, 1921. Florida was without representation.

Grand High Priest Hughes, in the address reciting his official acts, stated that his term had been "one of negation." This seems to be confirmed, for his work was largely a record of necessary duties of little interest to outsiders. Perhaps the principal constructive measures brought to light was the amendment of a Chapter By-Law appropriating one dollar out of the annual dues of each member to be set aside and known as a Relief Fund, or to be used only to relieve distress among members of the "Fraternity and their families," and which met the approval of Grand Chapter. Mention was also made of the passing away of M. E. Companion James M. Swetnam, who was Grand High Priest in 1915.

There is no Report on Correspondence, and the only requirement of the Committee on Correspondence seems to have been to approve the appointments of Grand Representatives by the Grand High Priest.

No Companions were set apart at the Annual Convocation of the Order of High Priesthood. Companion Arioach Wentworth, who was elected Grand King of the Grand Chapter, was also elected President of the Order of High Priesthood. In the table giving the Grand Officers who have been elected and served since the organization of this Grand Chapter, is a reference mark indi-

cating that Companion Wentworth had died, but no other reference to this event is found.

Next Annual in Tucson, February 14, 1922.

Charles F. Philbrook, Bisbee, Grand High Priest.
George J. Roskruge, Tucson, Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS—1920

Chapters, 88. Members, 6,407. Exalted, 1,141. Net Gain, 981.

EDWARD A. McCULLOCH, Grand High Priest.

It is good to read "that all the Grand Officers and most of the faithful of the recent years who usually attend," were present at the Seventy-first Annual Convocation of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, which assembled in Little Rock, November 18, 1920; also that Florida was represented by R. E. Companion George H. Parsons, who was advanced to the station of Grand Captain of the Host.

Grand High Priest McCulloch, in his able and concise address, rejoiced because:

Many of the Chapters have enjoyed enthusiastic revivals of interest and activity, surpassing anything of the kind that has heretofore occurred in our history, and there is no reason to anticipate that it will not continue.

It is also safe to assert that no other single organization has contributed more than Masonry to the upbuilding of society or has led the way more directly to good citizenship. Membership in a Masonic Lodge is, indeed, a mark of honor in this State. And Capitular Masonry feeds the souls of those hungering for further light. It is an inspiration to the worthy Master Mason.

Companion McCulloch stated that it was his expectation to spend the summer vacation period in visiting Chapters and getting better acquainted, but when the time approached he was "compelled to spend almost the entire vacation period in attention to another matter of vital interest not unknown to you." Perhaps it was legal matters, for from another source it is learned that Companion McCulloch is Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

He seems to have had in mind the great Masonic principle of Charity, for he states he "pursued a very liberal policy in regard to granting special dispensations," because, he says, that "too often the emergency is caused by negligence or indifference," and his desire was to help build up Chapters, and he "deemed it wise to use all the means at command in aid of the movement."

He granted dispensations to organize two new Chapters which were given charters, and for another which was continued.

He arrested the charter of one Chapter, which had long been dormant, after the High Priest had frequently but without success endeavored to get a quorum together, although five members desired to retain the charter. This was evened up by granting a dispensation to resume work to the former officers and members of a Chapter whose charter had been destroyed by fire and later its powers arrested, which passed inspection of the Grand Chapter, and a duplicate charter was granted.

Among the courtesies acknowledged was the conferring of degrees by Eureka Chapter No. 7 of Orlando, on a Brother from Arkansas.

All of his decisions received the unqualified approval of the Grand Chapter, and briefly were:

1. Objection to a candidate cannot be made by a member of another Chapter.

2. A Chapter has no right to inquire what reasons a Companion may have for interposing objections to the conferring of degrees upon a candidate, nor has the Chapter the right to require an objecting Companion to prefer charges.

3. An objection to conferring degrees continues only three months, unless renewed, and may be sooner withdrawn.

4. A Chapter has the right to demand of an unaffiliated Royal Arch Mason residing in its territorial jurisdiction to surrender or destroy an alleged exposition or unauthorized ritual, and upon refusal may prefer charges for un-Masonic conduct.

5. Companions must wear Chapter aprons at all convocations, and Lodge aprons should not be worn in any of the degrees, except by candidates below the Royal Arch.

At the previous Annual Convocation the General Grand Chapter Ritual was rejected and a Ritual committee appointed to report at this time. No changes were recommended, except in the phraseology of the journey:

There are two routes that lead from Babylon to Jerusalem; one through the stony regions of Arabia Petrea; the other across and up the right bank of the River Euphrates. The latter route is preferable, because thereby the traveler, making a long circuit to the north, avoids passing through arid desert, wholly unsupplied with water. We will select this latter route and proceed by it, etc.

There is no report of a convention of the Order of High Priesthood.

A cordial welcome is extended the new occupant of the seat reserved for Arkansas at the Round Table, which is presumably filled by Past Grand High Priest Mark P. Olney, as this name is given as Fraternal Correspondent in the list of Grand Officers for 1920 and also for 1921. The report is concise, briefly touching upon some of the essential features.

Under Florida he notes that the gain in membership was twenty-five per cent, "one of the largest, if not the largest per cent of gain in the United States."

His first work passes inspection at this station, and it is hoped his next specimen will be fashioned on a larger scale.

Next Annual in Little Rock, November 17, 1921.

N. C. McCrary, Ashdown, Grand High Priest.

John C. Bone, Batesville, Grand Secretary.

Mark P. Olney, Mena, Fraternal Correspondent.

ARKANSAS—1921

Chapters, 92. Members, 6,955. Exalted, 823. Net Gain, 548.

N. C. McCRARY, Grand High Priest.

One of the patriarchs of Masonry in Arkansas, R. E. Companion Thos. M. Horsfall, the Deputy Grand High Priest, responded to the call of the Dread Messenger during the year, and his station was filled by Past Grand High Priest Mark P. Olney at the Seventy-second Annual Convocation held in Little Rock, on November 17th. Florida was represented by the present Grand King, R. E. Companion Geo. H. Parsons. Appreciating the high honors conferred upon this Grand Jurisdiction at the last Triennial of the General Grand Chapter and the General Grand Council, Deputy General Grand High Priest Charles N. Rix and General Grand Master Fay Hempstead were received with Grand Honors, as was also Grand Master Leonidas Kirby of the Grand Lodge, after which all the Past Grand High Priests were received at the altar with Grand Honors, suitable recognition also being accorded Grand Representatives.

The Grand High Priest prefaced his report by calling attention to some of the growing evils of the day and used

that opportunity to urge a closer devotion to the tenets of the Order.

In one of the official visitations of the Grand High Priest he found it advisable to take up one charter, and gave this as the primary cause:

The demise of this Chapter can be traced directly to the over-indulgence in levity, undignified conduct and "horse play" in conferring the degrees.

Referring to another visitation the Grand High Priest stated that he was one of the three surviving charter members, and as High Priest had conferred the degrees on most of the members; and one other visit was to the Chapter in which he was exalted in 1885.

Quite a portion of the address consists of communications which in some instances are made addendas. In a comprehensive report of the last General Grand Chapter, referring to the conferring of the Royal Arch degree according to the New General Grand Chapter's ritual on "seventeen at one time," stated that did not suit Arkansas, continuing:

We in Arkansas adhere to the time-honored custom and landmark of only three at once and the same time, and as we could not conscientiously sit by and see the work "staged" in such a way, we very cautiously and quietly retired, each giving expression to the thought that "The Arkansas way is good enough for me."

Although quite a large number of Chapters, according to the records, have found a final resting place in the Capitular "God's Acre," yet "Hope springs eternal in the human breast," and with optimistic willingness dispensations to form three new Chapters were granted.

Apparently the commissions of Grand Representatives expire with each Triennial, for his recommendations for

these appointments cover all Grand Jurisdictions in fraternal relations.

His four decisions, which were in accord with General Capitular law, and would, I believe, hold good in Florida, were approved, as were the reports of the several committees.

The request for recognition by Grand Chapter of Queensland was not granted.

Fraternal greetings were extended to the Past Grand High Priest, Mark P. Olney, the new Committee on Correspondence. His work is four-square, passes inspection at this gate and entitles him to a seat at the Round Table. He says that the "opportunity to be in this work is quite an honor," to which the writer fully agrees. His reviews are brief, because the finances are not in shape to print a longer one. He truly says, "It is worth all that you get out of it."

Under Florida he refers to our law that when a Brother moves, his Chapter loses jurisdiction, adding, "A fellow had better do his petitioning before he moves to Florida." If we correctly interpret one of the rulings of Grand High Priest McCrary, he similarly ruled.

No, Companion, Arkansas or any other Grand Jurisdiction is ever forgotten, when the Proceedings reach us before the "last form goes to press."

Next Annual in Little Rock, November 16, 1922.

James W. Oglesby, Gravette, Grand High Priest.

John C. Bone, Batesville, Grand Secretary.

Mark P. Olney, Mena, Fraternal Correspondent.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—1921

Chapters, 19. Members, 2,038. Exalted, 270. Net Gain, 207.

EDWARD B. PAUL, Grand Z.

In order to properly celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, the date of the Third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter (the baby Chapter) of British Columbia was changed to June 21, 1921, and which was held in the city of Victoria. In commemoration of this important event a medal was struck, having on one side an effigy of Most Excellent Companion Harry H. Watson, the founder of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia. With regret it is noticed that Florida's Grand Representative was not in evidence.

In his concise address, the Grand Z., in referring to the great activity and growth of Capitular Masonry, was convinced that "no arguments were required to prove the wisdom of the establishment of a Grand Chapter in British Columbia." He was also certain that "that revival occurring immediately after the foundation of this Grand Chapter is no coincidence, but is the result of its establishment."

During the year he issued two dispensations to form new Chapters. Among the other dispensations which he granted was one to install a Second Principal (Scribe H., comparable to our King), "the incumbent of that office having resigned owing to an impediment in his speech making it difficult for him to do justice to the ritual." Another was "to confer the M. M. and M. E. M. degrees on a Companion who had received the R. A. degree in England, but had not received the two lower degrees." Such a condition as the latter is not conceivable under American Constitutions.

Somewhat remarkable for so new a Chapter is the assertion that no questions for decision had been sent him, "the First Principals in this Grand Jurisdiction being evidently well versed in the Constitution." We wonder if other Grand High Priests could say as much.

Formal addresses were also read from the Grand H. and Grand J., both indicating they had done what they could to advance Capitular Masonry. This Grand Jurisdiction is divided into four districts, presided over by Grand Superintendents, each of whom also presented detailed reports of their visitations.

With a view of laying a foundation for an historical record of this Grand Chapter, a blank asking for information was sent to each constituent Chapter, and while the results were not altogether satisfactory, much valuable information relative to the formation of Chapters as well as other essential matters of interest, were obtained. This is a subject which any constituent Chapter could with propriety inaugurate and which in later years would be of incalculable value.

After due consideration by the Ritual committee, it was deemed advisable for the present to continue to use in its work the ritual of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

As showing the present intimate conditions and the desire for closer relationship with American Capitular Masonry, the following sections taken from the report of the Ritual committee were adopted:

We also recommend that each Chapter in the Jurisdiction be permitted to communicate the P. M. degree; as, owing to the fraternal relations with the Chapters of the Grand Jurisdiction of Washington, it is very embarrassing to a Companion, owing allegiance to the Grand Chapter of British Columbia, when visiting, to have to retire or to have the degree communicated to him should such Chapter be working the P. M. degree.

Inasmuch as the Ritual recommended for the present, viz: that of the Grand Chapter of Canada, does not include the P. M. degree, we recommend that the Committee on Ritual be authorized to prepare a suitable ritual for this degree, and communicate the same to Grand Superintendents of Districts as outlined in Clause 3 of the Ritual Committee's Report.

Conferring Past First Principal honors, without actual service, does not find favor in this Grand Jurisdiction. Such a request was made, but the committee to whom the request was referred and which Grand Chapter approved, with Solomonic wisdom, suggested requesting a dispensation to elect him First Principal without having served in preceding stations.

In the report of the Committee on Estimates is one item reading "Porch Book, \$50.00." That is something new to us and we wonder what it is.

There seems to be no Order of High Priesthood, owing, we presume, to the difference in the title and significance of the first three elective officers. The Order of High Priesthood, however, is essential in but few Grand Jurisdictions.

Without head or tail, apology or regret, R. E. Companion J. W. Prescott, Grand Scribe E. (Grand Secretary), presents a most readable and commendable report on correspondence "covering" all Proceedings received by him. Whether or not this be his "first offense," he has made good and his work passes inspection, which entitles him in our opinion to a seat at the Round Table.

He finds much to commend and nothing to criticise under Florida, and is appreciative of our good will and approbation. We wish to assure him that our friendship and fraternal interests are mutual.

His conclusions appear to harmonize with ours and heartily do we agree with him that the two essays or treat-

ises of Companion Conover of Michigan relative to Masons' Marks and King Solomon's Temple in lieu of Correspondence Reports, should be incorporated into book for publication. Since the foregoing was written this has been done, and can be obtained through Grand Secretary Conover of Michigan.

Next Annual in the City of Prince Rupert, June 21, 1922.

D. H. Morrison, Prince Rupert, Grand Z.

J. W. Prescott, Vancouver, Grand Scribe E. and Correspondent.

CANADA—1921

Chapters, 163. Members, 23,525. Registrations, 3,180. Net Gain, 2,901.

W. N. PONTON, Grand Z.

There is no "closed season" in the labor of love of the fraternal correspondent; it is like the terse report, "Off again, on again, etc." for before receiving the final proofs of our 1921 Report, along comes the Proceedings of the Sixty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada, held in the city of London, Ontario, February 23, 1921, with nearly all of the appointive officers absent, as well as a few of the Grand Superintendents; but three-quarters of the Subordinate Chapters, as well as the Grand Chapter of Florida were represented.

Affairs in general and Masonry in particular are delightfully portrayed in the eloquent address of the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, in which he finds good in everything; and his devotion to duty will probably not soon be forgotten.

He called attention to the unexampled progress of the year which showed an increase of nearly 3,000 members and fourteen Chapters under dispensation, yet with its great area he sees still greater potentialities, and advocates increasing the minimum admission fee, because "it is the *value*, not the *price*, that we are putting on Royal Arch Masonry."

Not content with spreading the gospel of inspiration and enthusiasm at home, he made fraternal visits to several Grand Jurisdictions this side the line. He well says:

These international visits lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes and the cable tow, enlarge our horizon and are a benediction to both those who give and those who receive. Royal Arch Masonry has no latitude and no longitude and we, especially the English-speaking peoples, while loyal each to our own flag and form of government, can clasp hands warmly over thousands of miles of boundary line in perfect amity and understanding. If we Masons do not maintain that concord so necessary for the peace, security and co-operative unity of the world, who will? The best elements in each land respond to the best elements in the other, and we are, we trust, the centre pier of the bridge by which mutual confidence will be restored and maintained, the keystone of the arch of abiding peace—and peace spells prosperity.

He urged strongly the obligations resting upon Grand Representatives of this Grand Jurisdiction, of keeping in touch with the Grand Chapter to which they are accredited; as well as commending to the earnest contemplation and perusal of every Companion the Fraternal Correspondence, because, "There it not merely a versatile ability revealed, but also, the diverse points of view from which Masonic problems are treated, make these reports a liberal education, a vivid composite photograph."

One of his rulings was that the seal of the Grand Chapter as well as of the Grand Scribe E., could not be used on a "visiting card," as the Constitution limits the

use of this seal. Florida as well as many other Grand Chapters uses the fac simile of the seal and the Grand Secretary's signature on the back of official receipts in lieu of more cumbersome certificates.

Because a First Principal permitted "the passing of a ballot on a Brother, and conferring a degree upon him, before he had been a Master Mason three months," the Grand Z. ruled that it was a departing from the Constitution and "directed that the work should be done over, with an admonition for greater care in the future."

He is opposed to balloting at an emergent convocation, believing that the framers of the Constitution did not contemplate such action, and he positively refused to confirm By-Laws containing this provision. Neither does he approve of "splitting up a year's dues for the benefit of candidates."

As the Mark Degree in Scotland is conferred in connection with a Lodge and not a Chapter, he ruled it would be necessary for an applicant to take the Mark Degree in the regular way.

The one hundred sixty-three subordinate Chapters are divided into twenty-four districts and nearly every Chapter was visited by one of the Grand Superintendents, which often called for the sacrifice of both time and personal convenience. The Grand Superintendent of New Ontario District traveled 2,650 miles. It is apparently only a question of time when others of the more distant provinces will be disposed to form Grand Chapters, as have already Alberta and British Columbia.

Grand Chapter did not approve of increasing the minimum fee for exaltation to forty dollars.

For the sixth time, Excellent Companion Edward B. Brown presented a Report on Foreign Correspondence, and the value of these increases as the years roll by. His

great problem, as it is to the writer of this review and possibly others, is: "How to communicate to others the impressions made upon us by what we read in such a way as to inform and interest them."

While he found much of the Proceedings of Florida of purely local interest, he considered the references to the ritual and the proposed new Constitution of the General Grand Chapter the most interesting from which he quoted at length, but as they are now of the past, further comment is not required.

The writer certainly appreciates his complimentary reference to our work and thank him for it, particularly as many of our views are so similar. We take pleasure in reproducing two paragraphs:

We remark again upon the numerical preponderance of the reports of the State Grand Chapters of the United States over those of the British Empire; and, while we do not seek to disparage the reports which come to us from other parts of the British Empire, it must be said that it is only in the reports from the United States and in those of the Grand Chapters of the Provinces of Canada—Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Alberta and British Columbia—that we find much matter for review. What we receive from Scotland, Ireland, and the Australasian Dominions, is so meagre that it does not afford much opportunity for quotation or comment. This explanation will suffice perhaps to show why, in the few disjointed observations now to be made, our concern is chiefly with the Grand Chapters of the United States.

The "friendliness of Masonry to Protestantism" is assigned by General Grand High Priest Frederick W. Craig, as one of the causes of the increasing popularity of our institution among Protestants. There was a time when we had Roman Catholic members; and that we have them no longer is due chiefly to a misunderstanding. Members of the Church of England and of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States who hold "Catholic" opinions, popularly called "High Churchmen," which is really so indefinite a term as to have little meaning in these days, are by no means adverse to Masonry. That patriotism and loyalty have ever

been advocated in Masonic Lodges is pretty well known to outsiders; and that knowledge, too, is a factor in the popularity of Masonry today.

Next Annual at Hamilton, February 22, 1922.

Herbert S. Griffin, Hamilton, Grand Z.

Henry T. Smith, Toronto, Grand Scribe E.

Edward B. Brown, Toronto, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

COLORADO—1921

Chapters, 50. Members, 7,580. Exalted, 490. Net Gain, 388.

MARK B. GILL, Grand High Priest.

During the year Colorado Masonry suffered a great loss, particularly the York Rite Bodies, in the sudden passing to the Great Beyond, February 20, 1921, of R. E. Companion Charles H. Jacobson, who for many years had held the responsible office of Grand Secretary and Recorder.

Two special Convocations for the purpose of constituting and dedicating subordinate Chapters preceded the Forty-seventh Annual held in Denver, September 22d, Florida being satisfactorily represented by Past Grand High Priest George W. Roe, who no doubt has informed our Grand High Priest of the good wishes of that Grand Body.

Nothing out of the ordinary is revealed in the address of the Grand High Priest, although it shows a conscientious attention to details for which he received the hearty approbation of the Royal Craft.

Among the dispensations granted was one to Past High Priest Charles F. Painter to preside over the Tellu-

ride Chapter in the absence of all the council officers until next election. In Florida this would, by constitutional enactment, devolve upon the Junior Past High Priest present, and until a dispensation could be procured to fill these stations. Past High Priest Painter is also a Past Grand Master. This recalls remarks made by Grand Master Painter before his Lodge in Telluride the night the writer of this happened to pay a visit to the Telluride Lodge. If our memory serves us rightly, Brother Painter had just returned from an eastern trip, and at one Lodge visitation a communication was read from the Grand Lodge of that state requiring visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions to show a Grand Lodge Certificate. He considered himself fortunate in being in the Lodge room previous to opening, otherwise he would have been denied admittance, as at that time he had no such document with him.

As Colorado was the first Grand Lodge to make it a Masonic offense to petition another Body under a year for other degrees, this comment by Grand High Priest Gill will answer some of the questions this action raised:

The law compelling an applicant to be a Master Mason one year before applying for the Capitular degrees, has in some instances worked a hardship on the Chapters, but in the long run, I think the law should be observed and complied with.

Particular attention is called to this timely admonition:

The preparation room should be as sacred as one's own home, and no levity permitted, so that in the end, lessons taught should have a deep and lasting impression upon our minds and conscience.

Among the telegrams to absent members was one to Companion Henry T. West, now a resident of another state, and in years is one of the oldest Companions in

Colorado Masonry. Particular interest attaches to Companion West, not because he was an acquaintance of the writer, but because he was one of the original members of the famous Greeley Colony which settled the city of that name in Northern Colorado, being sponsored largely by the late Horace Greeley, and it was the specific place meant in that well known expression, "Go West, young man, go West."

An invitation was received from Rocky Mountain Consistory, A. & A. S. R., to participate in the laying of the corner stone of the new Scottish Rite Cathedral in that city. However, Jurisprudence committee ruled, and Grand Chapter concurred:

Inasmuch as the ceremony of laying a cornerstone is the prerogative of the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge, and there is no provision in the ritual of the Grand Chapter whereby it may participate in such a ceremony as a Grand Chapter, your committee is of the opinion that it is not advisable to accept this invitation.

Among the practical activities being sponsored by Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery, is the work of the Masonic Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare committee, and the joint report indicates that pleasure and comfort are being brought to many sons of Masons or sisters and daughters of Masons who are patients at two particular hospitals.

The Order of High Priesthood was conferred upon all who appreciated the privilege and properly petitioned.

From the preliminary report of M. E. Companion Ernest LeNeve Foster it is learned that he was appointed chairman of the Committee on Correspondence thirty-eight years ago, and that he has made thirty-four reports to the Grand Chapter of Colorado. His length of service is only exceeded by the late Companion Drummond of

Maine, with thirty-six reports to his credit, and the late Companion Schultz of Maryland, with thirty-five reports; while Companion E. D. T. Chambers of Quebec has also submitted his thirty-fourth report. These veterans form a class by themselves, while we youngsters of the present day are only entered apprentices; and the fact that these veterans have made good all these years should be and is an inspiration to us novices to redouble our efforts to make our work of real value. One of the pleasures of the Asheville gathering was the personal contact with Companion Foster.

About the only thing in the Florida Proceedings not approved by Companion Foster, was the granting of a dispensation for a public installation. The writer sometimes wonders what good is thereby accomplished.

His report contains many matters of interest to the Craft which are omitted, not the least of which is a "Digest of Decisions of Jurisdictions Reviewed," which he carefully prepares each year.

Next Annual in Denver, September 21, 1922.

Samuel J. Sweet, Denver, Grand High Priest.

William W. Cooper, Denver, Grand Secretary.

Ernest LeNeve Foster, Denver, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

CONNECTICUT—1921

Chapters, 40. Members, 12,953. Exalted, 1,649. Net Gain, 1,363.

HENRY R. TISDALE, Grand High Priest.

What a love feast the One Hundred and Twenty-third Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, which con-

vened in Hartford, May 10th, much have been, for there were present Most Excellents and Right Excellents galore, New Jersey, Massachusetts, New York, Rhode Island, Canada, and the General Grand as well being represented, besides all the immediate official family. But Florida being so far South, its representative failed to materialize.

Unexpectedly the final summons came to M. E. Companion Gilbert H. Hewitt, who was Grand High Priest in 1890.

Grand High Priest Tisdale reported a phenomenal growth in Capitular Masonry. He made fifteen official visitations, and in the four years he was a Grand Council officer all but three of the subordinate Chapters were visited by him. For the purpose of comparison, the Mark Master degree was worked at every official visitation. In one Chapter where most of the regular officers were absent, he notes that "the work was not what the candidate had the right to expect. It is unfortunate that men will assume office and then totally disregard their duties." In another instance he found that the Chapter had recently elected "a new High Priest for the first time in thirty years."

Replying to a number of requests for a method whereby more than one class of candidates could be worked in the R. A. degree on the same evening, he made this ruling:

Open a convocation at 7 o'clock, exemplify the work to the communicating of the G. and S. N. arising and Bal. after which the candidates are conducted out of the room and the Chapter closed and another convocation opened, following the same method with the second class when the same section of the work is reached as with the first class. The remaining sections may be exemplified with both classes present.

And the Committee on Jurisprudence made this report which the Grand Chapter adopted:

However, we are of the opinion that the opening of two separate convocations, and the withdrawal of the candidates is unnecessary, unless it be a Stated Convocation, and to avoid the necessity of asking for a dispensation to open at an hour earlier than that specified in the By-Laws, in which event the special convocation should be called sufficiently early to perform the work, and the special closed in ample time to permit the Stated Convocation to be opened promptly at the hour designated in the By-Laws.

The report of the visiting officers indicate a material lack of uniformity in ritualistic work, and the incoming High Priest was instructed to appoint a Committee on Uniformity, including himself, to report a year hence.

Two well attended conventions of the Order of High Priesthood were held. In the Order of High Priesthood, Past and Present High Priests, if we read rightly, are designated as Most Excellent Companions, but in the Grand Chapter proper Proceedings these same Companions seem to be "Excellent Companions" only. We are wondering if these different appellations are of intent, and if so, why?

As good things are said to improve with age, so do the Correspondence Reports of Past Grand High Priest Kies seem a little more illuminating and captivating each year, and we hasten to assure him to remain steadfast "in the full belief that this reputed ominous number [annual review] will have no deleterious influence in the long run."

He appears to find nothing objectionable under Florida, and especially approves the lunch given to Grand Chapter and hopes Hartford Companions will take notice. He also quotes with approval from our 1920 report. His "Conclusion" pertains to the G. G. C. Constitutional

Amendments which will be ancient history long before this appears in print.

Next Annual in Hartford, May 9, 1922.

Edgar B. Ellis, Bridgeport, Grand High Priest.

George A. Kies, Hartford, Grand Secretary and Fraternal Correspondent.

DELAWARE—1921

Chapters, 8. Members, 1,910. Exalted, 164. Net gain, 164.

GEORGE L. DICKERSON, Grand High Priest.

One new Chapter and a gain in membership of nearly ten per cent are two good reasons why this Grand Chapter, geographically as well as numerically small, which held its Fifty-third Annual Convocation in Wilmington, January 19th, had many reasons for being pleased with the year's record, although two of its permanent members had responded to the last official summons: R. E. Companion Wm. J. Fisher, its Grand Principal Sojourner, passed away in the early part of the year; and M. E. Companion A. Henry Berlin, who was Grand High Priest in 1909, near the close of the year.

The address of Grand High Priest Dickerson showed that the volume of business coming to his attention was small, being confined almost exclusively to the customary routine of minor matters.

We are glad to note that he recommended the appointment of Ex. Com. Leslie W. Stout, of Wilmington, to represent the Grand Chapter of Florida, and as his home is in the same city in which the Annual is held, it is reasonable to expect that hereafter Florida will have a spokesman, should necessity require.

It gave the Grand High Priest the most profound satisfaction "to report he had not been called upon to render any decisions." He also made official visitations to each of the subordinate Chapters.

It appearing that some of the subordinate Chapters were not properly instructing the candidates, he recommended the following resolution, which Grand Chapter adopted:

That a period of one lunar month shall elapse between the conferring of each Capitular degree upon each candidate, with the exception of the Past Master Degree, which may be conferred in conjunction with either the Mark Master or Most Excellent Master Degrees.

Although a committee recommended the adoption of both the General Grand Chapter Constitution and Ritual, yet Grand Chapter was contrary-minded.

Four High Priests petitioned for and received the Order of High Priesthood, and four Companions were cut down by the scythe of time.

So well do the Companions of the Grand Chapter appreciate the valuable services of Past Deputy Grand High Priest Thomas J. Day, that they increased his stipend by one-half, probably all the finances of this Body will allow, but far from commensurate with the real merits of his annual reports. Although we greatly missed Companion Day at Asheville, we were honored by a call from him while sojourning in this favored land of winter fruits and flowers. Come again, Companion.

Florida receives discriminating attention and no criticism, from which we assume this Grand Jurisdiction is in the "A" class.

Among his comments we find this from a decision under British Columbia, which escaped our notice, and as it

seems to be somewhat in line with the actions in some of the American Grand Bodies, we reproduce it entire:

I received a communication through the Grand Scribe E. from Camosun Chapter No. 15 to say that they had received a letter from one of the local bodies in Victoria inviting them, amongst others, to wait upon the Provincial Government and ask for assistance in financing a public hospital.

Ruled as follows: Freemasonry from its antiquity and high standards rightly maintains a position by itself. As a secret association, it has lived unchanged for centuries; never boasting, without publicity and in its own quiet way, it is constantly working for the amelioration of the conditions of mankind, therefore I rule: That Chapters are not allowed to make arrangements, either by delegates or as a whole, for meetings or conferences with any other society.

Next Annual in Wilmington, January 20, 1922.
W. Harry Lewis, Wilmington, Grand High Priest.
Stuart J. Horn, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.
Thomas J. Day, Wilmington, Fraternal Correspondent.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—1921

Chapters, 13. Members, 5,259. Exalted, 926. Net Gain, 803.

FRANK F. MAJOR, Grand High Priest.

Only two of the Past Grand High Priests were absent, and all Grand Chapter officers and Chapter representatives, besides Past High Priests galore, were in attendance at the Fifty-fourth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, held in Washington, February 9th; but alas, Florida was again without representation. How long, oh, how long, is this condition to continue?

After the opening ceremonies, Grand High Priest Major announced that owing to an indisposition he was unable to preside and Deputy Grand High Priest Milans occupied the Grand East for the remainder of the Convocation, which is restricted to one evening session only.

The address was read by the Grand Scribe, R. E. Roe Fulkerson, which indicated continued prosperity in the Royal Craft, and which was stated to be the greatest in the history of this Grand Chapter.

The year was brought to a close with a Grand Royal Arch night in which the Grand Chapter Officers conferred the Royal Arch degree. This was followed by social festivities in which the better-halves and prospective better-halves participated. A particular guest of honor on this occasion was the Grand Z. of Canada, M. E. Companion W. N. Ponton.

During the year two permanent members "Crossed the Bar"—M. E. Companion George C. Ober, who was Grand High Priest in 1904, and M. E. Companion Walter B. Pettus, who was Grand High Priest in 1914.

Two decisions were made during the year by the Grand High Priest, one of which pertained to jurisdiction and the other to a demit and reinstatement. Peculiar conditions pertained to each, some of which would not obtain under Florida laws, and the particulars would not be of special interest to Florida Companions. Both, however, were approved by the powers that be.

Owing to the great amount of time consumed in balloting, the Grand Lodge in 1919 authorized the taking of a collective test ballot, which worked so well that the Grand High Priest recommended a similar action by the Grand Chapter, which was authorized. This plan is followed in Florida Grand Chapters. In the Lodge, however, a separate ballot is required on petitions, but collective balloting may be used for advancements.

He not only made a Grand visitation to each of the constituent Chapters, but it was his pleasure to make a total of 232 official visits to the several Chapters during the year, a remarkable record; even though most of the Chapters are inside the city limits and several meet in the same temple.

One dispensation was issued for a new Chapter, which presented satisfactory specimens of work and it was granted a charter.

A movement is under way to build a new temple in the City of Washington which will house every Masonic Body in both the York and Scottish Rites as well as the Shrine, Grotto, Masonic clubs and Eastern Star, and each body has been invited to submit plans calling for such space as may be needed, which as far as possible is to be given consideration.

Two conventions of the Order of Anointed High Priesthood were held, fourteen Excellent Companions being consecrated at the first convention and nine at the second. An amendment was offered to confer the Order without fee, but was rejected.

Past Grand High Priest W. W. Jermene submits his first report on the doings of the various Grand Chapters. Companion Jermene is a newspaper man of ability and versatility, and his work throughout reveals his true conception of the duties he so pleasingly portrays. It is replete with human interest and holds the attention of the reader. District of Columbia is to be congratulated on having secured so worthy a successor to the inimitable Roe Fulkerson, who, Companion Jermene informs us, two years hence, will, unless the unforeseen happens, be Grand High Priest, and a little later be Grand Master as well. Companion Fulkerson is also the District of Columbia Deputy for the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite,

Southern Jurisdiction, and which are obvious reasons why he could not longer occupy an active seat with the Knights of the Round Table.

In the course of his "Foreword" leading up to the report, Companion Jermane places the work of the correspondent so clearly before his readers that we reproduce it. It contains much that Grand Chapters may profitably consider:

It was Artemus Ward who said of George Washington that "he was a human angel without wings, in knee breeches and a three-cornered hat, and we never shall look upon his like again." That isn't Companion Fulkerson, but it may be some time before his like appears among the company of foreign correspondents of Grand Chapters.

All of this goes straight to the question of whether the reports of foreign correspondents are worth while. In too many cases they are not—in Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery fields. The theory upon which that work is founded, however, is sound. It is worth while to carry to Masons in every jurisdiction some account of what is going on masonically in other jurisdictions. The human animal is so constituted that his interests are narrowly confined to those things with regard to which he is informed. Things about which he knows little, or nothing, make no appeal to him. In the interest of unity of thought and that solidarity of purpose which are so essentially necessary in the carrying on of Masonic, as well as of all other, undertakings, it is highly desirable to have this work of correspondence done. But, in order to be successful, it must be well done. In numerous cases it is not well done, and therein lies all the difficulty.

If foreign correspondents were always selected with special reference to their fitness for the work in hand, the trouble would begin to disappear. But that, I am sorry to say, isn't always the case.

If these reports are well written, and present only important and interesting information, omitting matters of obvious routine, and if, in addition, they are accompanied by proper interpretative comment, they will be read; if not, they will not be read. It is highly desirable, of course, to have the work "built up" by the dis-

play of a sense of humor; but that, desirable as it is, is not essential. Good work, true work, square work will carry without it. That is the situation in a nutshell. I have had much difficulty in forcing myself to read a good many of the reports of foreign correspondents for 1920; how much greater that difficulty is in the case of Companions who do not read as a matter of duty, but to be entertained, may easily be imagined.

Not for anything that could be given me would I name the jurisdictions in which this work, in my opinion, is not well done. I do feel, however, that I am warranted in saying that the number is entirely too large. The attention which has been given the reviews of Companion Fulkerson proves all that I say. There is in every Grand Jurisdiction some capitular Mason, well equipped in every way, whose services as correspondent might be secured for the asking. Many of them are already at work; if forty-nine of them could be enlisted, the question would no longer be raised as to whether the reports of the foreign correspondents were being read; they would be read, and with interest, and the theory upon which this work is done would be fully sustained.

Florida receives favorable consideration, particularly its action relative to the General Grand Chapter Constitution in which he draws comparisons not hitherto brought out, but as the subject will be ancient history before this is in print further comment is unnecessary.

For some reason, known to himself at least, he refrains from referring in any way to the view of the various correspondents. He is certain, however, to receive a cordial welcome to a seat at the Round Table.

Next Annual in Washington, February 8, 1922.

Joseph H. Milans, Washington, Grand High Priest.

Arvire W. Johnston, Washington, Grand Secretary.

Wm. W. Jermane, Washington, Fraternal Correspondent.

ENGLAND AND WALES—1921

But little information is found in the Proceedings of the Quarterly Convocations of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, most of the business being transacted by the Committee on General Purposes, which is not made public. Seldom does the Most Excellent First Grand Principal attend these convocations, and whatever he specially wishes to present comes in the form of a "Message From the Throne," one of which was to

Empower the Grand Superintendents of Provinces to confer on Companions of ability who have rendered service to the Order the rank of Past Provincial or District Grand Officers, and entitle them to wear their proper official clothing at all Royal Arch meetings.

Fifteen petitions for charters for new Chapters were granted, one being in India and one in Hong Kong. Among the petitions for Chapter removals was one to a political club. For this reason the propriety was questioned, but it was brought out that owing to scarcity of rental conditions this was a necessary exception and was not to be regarded as a precedent; also that there should be a separate entrance for the club for Masonic purposes.

According to the regulations of the Order the offices of First and Second Grand Principal, Grand Scribe E., Grand Scribe N., Grand Treasurer and Grand Registrar devolve upon Companions holding corresponding positions in Grand Lodge.

It apparently takes money to properly run this Supreme Body. If we correctly understand the statement of accounts, the gross receipts for the year from registrations, charters and other sources, were 6,756 pounds sterling, and the expenses were 4,120 pounds sterling, of

which 3,246 pounds sterling were to the United Grand Lodge for one-fourth salaries, etc., of the Grand Scribe E., Clerks and Grand Janitor.

This Grand Body appropriated two hundred guineas for a wedding present for "Her Royal Highness The Princess Mary," leaving it to her to say what form it should take, which proved to be a French sofa and a table. Of course this gave great satisfaction to the entire body of Mark Master Masons.

Our Brethren across the big pond do not want the general public to be informed, for the Board of General Purposes insists that in no case should reports be issued to the press dealing with resolutions passed or proceedings held in Provincial or Private Lodges.

The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales is a distinct and separate branch, with officers holding relatively similar stations to those in our Mark degree. But it gives an opportunity to confer many Past official titles. This Grand Body gives special attention to the charitable features of the fraternity; it is divided into Benevolent, Annuity, and Educational Branches. Increased allowances were asked for boys at school between the ages of ten and twelve; and for girls of seven years and upwards.

Reference was made of an official visit to the District Grand Lodge of North Africa held in Cairo by the Grand Secretary for the purpose of installing R. W. Brother John Langley, as District Grand Master on both the Craft and Mark degrees, for Egypt and the Soudan. It was the first recorded instance in which the installation of a District Grand Master had taken place in both degrees by Grand Secretary sent out for that special purpose.

Royal Ark Mariners is a side degree conferred upon Royal Arch Masons in England, and seems to be in some way attached to Mark Master Masons. As we understand it this degree was invented in England something over a century ago, but is useless for any light it sheds on Masonry. Its references are nautical and allude to the deluge and the Ark of Noah. It appears to be largely a social order, for from another source a verse from one of their songs on festive occasions reads:

They entered safe—lo! the deluge came
And none were protected but Masons and wives;
The crafty and knavish came floating along,
The rich and the beggar of profligate lives;

It was now in woe
For mercy they call
To Old Father Noah,
And loudly did bawl.
But Heaven shut the door and the ark was afloat
To perish they must, for they were found out.

GEORGIA—1921

WELBY C. JORDAN, Acting Grand High Priest.

Due search was made from "kiver to kiver" for a summary of membership, or some reference to what had been accomplished as a whole during the year, but without success, although two new Chapters exalted about two hundred Companions during the year, and affiliated and re-instated over one hundred more.

The Ninety-ninth Annual Convocation was held in Macon, April 27th and 28th, and was presided over by Welby C. Jordan, Acting Grand High Priest, assisted by

all the other members of the official family, and with Florida in evidence.

On December 20th previous, this Grand Chapter suffered a great loss, when its Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Joseph C. Greenfield, was summoned to the Supreme Chapter on High. Companion Greenfield was widely known and held in high esteem in both the York Rite and Scottish Rite Bodies, being at the time of his death General Grand Principal Conductor of Work in the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters.

On June 3d, previous, the last call came to M. E. Companion Henry Banks, Past Grand High Priest and General Grand Captain of the Host in the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

Both these Most Excellent Companions gave to Masonry their life-work and their memories will long be revered not only by Georgia Craftsmen but by the fraternity generally.

During the short time Acting General High Priest Jordan filled the Grand East, he displayed executive ability by well and satisfactorily performing necessary duties.

Physical perfection is much in evidence, for he ruled that a candidate with an artificial right foot could not receive the Capitular degrees, because he "could not conform literally to the work of the several degrees."

Another decision was that as the war was practically over, Chapters were not justified in further remitting dues of enlisted members of the army and navy.

In 1922 will occur the centennial of the formation of this Grand Chapter, which will be appropriately observed, and the tentative program calls for a reception of the General Grand Officers and an address by M. E. Companion James W. Taylor of that State and a Past General Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion E. A. McHan combines the double offices of Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer, and his is a busy life, for in addition to his secretarial duties he consumed one hundred and eighty-six days visiting subordinate Chapters, besides spending forty-one days at other Masonic meetings. His work shows that he participated in three hundred twenty-three Mark Master degrees, three hundred forty-four Past Master, four hundred fifty Most Excellent Master, and four hundred ninety-six Royal Arch Degrees, as well as assisting in conferring the Council degrees on three hundred forty-one candidates. He states that with few exceptions the work was "done at regular Chapter meetings." He further stated that "several meetings were attended in Macon that are not counted."

The Jurisprudence committee made a special report, which Grand Chapter adopted, that "the title of Past Grand High Priest be conferred only on one who has been regularly elected and installed as such."

Here is something new, to the writer at least. In the election of officers, when the election of Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary was reached it was "recommended that the *rules be suspended*, and that each cast the ballot for the other," and it was so ordered. This appears to us to be a liberal interpretation of Masonic parliamentary law, to say the least, and while it seems to "get by" in Grand Lodge, we wonder what would have been said if a similar action had occurred in a subordinate Lodge, for it would amount substantially to a suspension of a By-Law. And Mackey, in his Masonic Parliamentary Law, declares "it is not competent for a subordinate Lodge, even by unanimous consent, to suspend any of its By-Laws."

Complaints being made of the "unseemly manner in which some of the work is done," Grand Chapter ordered that this shall cease, and "that upon proper proof of its allowance by any High Priest" he shall be reprimanded by the Grand High Priest. Gradually Chapters and Companions as well are appreciating that "rough work" has no place in Capitular Masonry.

In this Grand Jurisdiction the Order of High Priesthood is an honorary degree, and is conferred without price or application on all who have been elected High Priests, yet, less than half of the High Priests present availed themselves of one of the very impressive as well as select degrees of Masonry.

Excellent Companion Chas. L. Bass submits a well edited Report on Correspondence in which comment and clippings are comprehensively compounded. Apparently Florida Proceedings did not reach him.

Next Annual in Macon, April 22, 1922.

Welby C. Jordan, Athens, Grand High Priest.

Edgar A. McHan, Macon, Grand Secretary.

Chas. L. Bass, Atlanta, Correspondent.

IDAHO—1921

Chapters, 22. Members, 2,196. Exalted, 397. Net Gain, 385.

LEWIS W. ENSIGN, Grand High Priest.

Seldom under present day conditions is a person advanced to the head of a Grand Body without first serving in some of the lesser stations, yet this is the honor conferred upon M. E. Companion Lewis W. Ensign, who presided over the Thirteenth Annual Convocation of the

Grand Royal Arch Chapter, which convened in Coeur d' Alene May 19, 1921, he having for many years been its very efficient Grand Secretary, and who the year previous was elevated to the Grand East, a most worthy recognition of services efficiently rendered.

Another proceeding out of the ordinary in this Convocation was the reception of Grand Representatives by the Grand High Priest, after he had delivered the well worded introduction to his formal address to the Grand Chapter, and which was responded to by the Grand Scribe, representing Wisconsin. The only regret is that Florida was not in evidence—its spokesman, like one of old, perchance, was not awake to the requirements of duty.

The Grand High Priest was profoundly impressed with the growth of the Royal Craft during the year, and he well says:

We learn our principles and ideals in the Chapter room. We practice them in the world at large. Let us continue not only to be leaders, but workers, also. There should be an inspiration in our work to arouse our members to greater efforts in community affairs. We should ever be seeking opportunities for service in helping the less fortunate in ministering to the sick and in building our communities, our State and our Nation.

He granted one dispensation to form a new Chapter at Mountain Home, and later assisted by several officers of the Grand Chapter and other Companions he instituted the Chapter, and assisted in starting them to work. Later he received requests for dispensations to form two other Chapters, but the time being so near Grand Chapter action was deferred. Another request for a dispensation was to waive statutory time over two petitions which the particular Chapter desired for officers for the coming year. Being contrary to Grand Chapter provisions he quite properly refused, but advised that the election of officers

could be delayed and he would grant necessary dispensations for installation. He rendered two decisions relative to petitions which conformed to Idaho law.

Companion Leimberger, the Grand Lecturer, found one weak spot in his official visitations—in only three Chapters were the stations of Master of the Veils properly filled. In this connection he quite properly observed:

He who does not fill a minor part well is not worthy of further advancement and should be relegated to a seat on the side lines and a Companion who recognizes his obligation appointed to fill the station thus made vacant.

There had been many decisions and amendments since the adoption of the original Constitution and By-Laws and the committee appointed the previous years made an exhaustive report, which appears to conform to general Capitular Law, with perhaps some amplifications. Notice this in the matter of official advancement:

That the Constituent Chapters be instructed that while succession in the chairs is very commendable, still it is not incumbent upon the Chapters to advance an officer to the hurt of the Chapter, and that unless a member of the Grand Council shall have attended one-half of the meetings during the year, and shall have conferred at least one of the degrees, he shall have no claim by custom to advancement.

The only incident that appeared to disturb the harmony of the Grand Convocation was the discussion over the adoption of that part of the report of the Jurisprudence committee which "regretted the action of the Grand High Priest in granting a dispensation to receive, ballot and confer Capitular degrees to Mountain Home Chapter, U. D., out of time;" however, it was held that the Companions so created be declared regularly made. This was when he constituted that Chapter. To defend his actions,

the Grand High Priest called the Deputy Grand High Priest to the chair. Briefly his line of argument was:

That at the institution of a Chapter, it was very important to give every assistance possible to the new group. That the advantage to the officers of the new Chapter of being able to actually confer the degrees at the time the Chapter started, should be seriously considered. That the presence of all the members of the new Chapter, several of the Grand Officers and many other Companions, made this a most opportune time to exemplify the work. That the petitioners elected had been before the new group at their informal meetings for many weeks and were all well and favorably known.

That the custom prevailed in other Grand Chapters of granting dispensations to ballot out of statutory time under such circumstances, and that the Grand Chapter of Idaho is an independent Grand Chapter, with complete authority to decide for itself if conditions such as those presented in this case warranted the Grand High Priest to exercise his prerogative in granting the dispensation.

There seems to be no Order of High Priesthood.

Excellent Companion George E. Knepper again presents a creditable and interesting review of the Proceedings of the several Grand Chapters, in which he quotes freely accompanied by pertinent comments, not always laudatory. As under Florida, for instance, he takes exceptions to our action relative to the General Grand Chapter Ritual, which Idaho has adopted and which he considers a "superior document," because it "brings about uniformity—a consummation devoutly to be wished." He then proceeds to refer to the delegation which attended the Baltimore Triennial in not exactly complimentary terms. With all due respect to the viewpoint of Companion Knepper, permit us to suggest that others may have quite diverse opinions for equally good reasons, and still not consider themselves as "being possessed of far greater wisdom than the General Grand Chapter."

Next Annual in Payette, May 25-26, 1922.

Ernest J. Ostrander, Twin Falls, Grand High Priest.
Perry C. Marshall, Boise, Grand Secretary.
George E. Knepper, Boise, Correspondent.

KANSAS—1922

Chapters, 91. Members, 18,688. Exalted, 2,686. Net Gain, 2,419.

CHARLES C. WEST, Grand High Priest.

Many distinguished Craftsmen, from inside as well as outside the state, attended the Fifty-seventh Annual, which was held in Topeka, February 12th-14th, and is the first Proceeding of a 1922 Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons to reach the reviewer—some quick work. As long as Past Grand High Priest Aaron H. Comett is Grand Treasurer, Florida is certain of representation.

Graciousness and efficiency are distinguishing features of the well prepared address of Grand High Priest West, which enumerates his official acts, many of which pertain to matters of no interest to outsiders.

Among the special dispensations granted were several to confer degrees upon a class, and his first official visitation was to Wyandotte Chapter at Kansas City, where a class of 122 received all the degrees in one day. He witnessed the work in the Most Excellent and Royal Arch degrees, which he says was of a high order, and in accord with the ritual which provides that the work shall be completed on each and every team.

Being appreciative of the excellent work of Grand Secretary Albert K. Wilson, he recommended that he be given an honorarium of \$600 per year, which Grand Chapter ordered to be continued annually as long as he remains in office.

Not wishing to take the responsibility of passing on the inquiries relative to the DeMolay movement, he turned the matter over to the Jurisprudence committee, who passed it along to a special committee, which gave it this sugar coating, and Grand Chapter endorsed:

That we are in hearty accord with the aims and efforts of every organization having for its object the furtherance of good citizenship and the upbuilding of the youth of our common country; yet we do not deem it our duty to sponsor any particular Order in the conduct of its own affairs.

Out of the ninety-one subordinate Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction, less than one-third and only thirty Chapters, had correct and complete reports. What possibilities for real work in a school of instruction for secretaries!

Past Grand High Priest Albert K. Wilson, who is also Grand Secretary, again presents a Report on Correspondence, which he plainly states is intended for the information of the members of that jurisdiction, but "not for the purpose of suggesting or recommending to any other Grand Chapter what it shall or shall not do."

His comments under Florida indicate a general similarity with Kansas laws. If conferring the first three degrees on eleven candidates in one afternoon in Florida indicates to him "doubling up," we wonder how Kansas manages to take forty-two teams through all four degrees before 10:30 p. m. with "complete work on each and every team."

We agree with him that there are so many reports of proceedings in regular form that life is too short to attempt to enlighten ourselves on a report prepared in topical form. Such a report he thinks may be of interest to its own members, but is of no value to a busy correspond-

ent. He also believes that Grand Secretaries should prepare a summary of returns so that correspondents can get this information without having to "dig" through entire Proceedings, and even then the information is not obtainable. Grand Secretaries are urged to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Next Annual in Wichita, February 23, 1923.

Owen J. Wood, Topeka, Grand High Priest.

Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, Grand Secretary and Committee on Correspondence.

ILLINOIS—1921

Chapters, 225. Members, 73,067. Exalted, 11,960. Net Gain, 10,893.

ANDREW D. WEBB, Grand High Priest.

It may be difficult for Companions in jurisdictions where net gain in membership is counted by hundreds to appreciate what it means to speak of gains in terms of thousands, and it took five figures to express that condition at the Seventy-second Annual of this Grand Chapter held in Chicago, October 27-28, 1921. Quite properly every Grand Officer was in his proper place. Seventeen Past Grands occupied the "Amen" corner, besides other lesser lights too numerous to mention.

This Grand Body being honored by having had one of its revered members advanced at the last General Grand Chapter, it was a pleasure to accord Grand Honors to M. E. Companion Chas. E. Davis, General Grand Captain of the Host, after which the Grand Representatives, including M. E. Companion W. B. Carlock for Florida,

were officially received, the response being given by Past Grand High Priest George M. Moulton.

The preliminaries being over, Grand Chapter got down to business when Grand High Priest Webb, in a thorough and business-like address, reported his doings for the year, and quite properly did Grand Chapter adopt the report of the committee highly approving the able manner in which he conducted its affairs.

He was profoundly thankful that the Angel of Death had "passed over" the official family.

Such excellent results came from the twenty-seven District Inspectors and their work in their respective districts, together with the Grand Chapter schools of instruction that the Grand High Priest modestly says:

I am a firm believer in our system of instruction in the ritual and floor improvements, as given by the Board of Grand Examiners and Grand Lecturers, and believe it to be in advance of that employed by any other Grand Chapter in the United States.

He held that a Companion must be a resident of the state a year before he can petition for degrees, which conforms to Florida law.

He ordered a duplicate charter to be issued to a Chapter because the original was lost and could not be found, "The High Priest of said Chapter having suddenly died without disclosing its place."

He regretted that he could visit "only about one of every thirteen Chapters in the State," but he hoped that his "young and sprightly successor" would do better.

During the year ten Chapters were constituted, eight of which received charters, the other two being continued by reason of shortness of time before Grand Chapter. Another request for a dispensation for a new Chapter was referred to Grand Chapter because one of the three Chap-

ters affected objected, but on investigation and recommendation by the Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter granted the request.

Grand Chapter by decisive vote rejected a resolution looking to the adoption of the New Grand Chapter Ritual. Also an amendment for collective balloting, as being a deviation from the original plan of as taught and practiced in the Symbolic degrees, on which system Capitular Masonry is based. Florida looks at it differently and permits collective balloting in the Capitular degrees but not in the Symbolic.

An excellent oration which must have deeply impressed the hearers was given by the Grand Chaplain, Companion George H. Yule.

Only fifty-two Companions petitioned for the Order of High Priesthood. Somewhat below the average in proportion to the number of subordinate Chapters in that Grand Jurisdiction.

Past Grand High Priest Everett R. Turnbull again submits a highly instructive report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations, covering all the Proceedings received by him. The comments are terse and to the point and there are just enough quotations to add emphasis to his conclusions, which are not always exactly complimentary. But his reasons for objecting are well founded and based on his conception of Capitular law and customs.

Such references as he makes under Florida indicate much similarity in laws and usages, excepting that all re-elected officers are installed in Illinois.

He believes that "Fraternal Relations" is a better term than "Fraternal Correspondence," and we are not sure but that we agree with him. But Florida designates it as Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

Next Annual in Chicago, October 26, 1922.

W. C. Hadley, Collinsville, Grand High Priest.
 Jas. E. Jeffers, Springfield, Grand Secretary.
 Everett R. Turnbull, Carlinville, Correspondent.

INDIANA—1921

Chapters, 127. Members, 30,078. Exalted, 4,699. Net Gain, 4,222.

THOMAS F. SPINK, Grand High Priest.

It is well, sometimes, to go visiting. The Grand Chapter of Indiana departed from its usual custom and held its Seventy-sixth Annual Convocation in Fort Wayne, October 19th, which the "Proemial" states, "was unsurpassed in interest, entertainment, work accomplished, and Capitular spirit, by any in the history of the Order in Indiana. Those present will remember the occasion with pleasure the balance of their days." However, Grand Chapter thought it better not to have these "break-aways" too often.

This Grand Chapter is specially honored in having one member an officer in the General Grand Chapter and two members in the General Grand Council, who of course were present and were received with due honors. More distinguished visitors were the General Grand High Priest and General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, also the General Grand Master of the General Grand Council. With such an array it is pleasing to note that Florida was represented by the Senior Past Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Elmer Crockett, who is also the chairman of the Committee on Our Fraternal Dead.

One of the distinctive features of the comprehensive address of Grand High Priest Spink, was the relegating to an addenda many of the minor acts as well as a circular letter to the Craft. While he deemed it advisable as a rule to meet annually in Indianapolis, by reason of its central location, yet it stimulated interest and enthusiasm to meet occasionally in other sections of the state. He was greatly gratified because the past year had been one unprecedented both in numbers and quality of membership as well.

Because some of the secretaries failed to comply with the General Regulations in not filing their reports in the required time, the Grand High Priest exercised his constitutional rights and suspended the offending Chapters until the report was filed. He was gratified that all irregularities reported by the Grand Inspector had been corrected, as well as by a revival of interest in those Chapters which had been apparently dormant.

His recommendation abolishing the office of Deputy Grand High Priest and the election of all officers was not favorably received by Grand Chapter. Neither was his decision that at a regular convocation a Chapter could call from labor to refreshment, open a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters, confer that degree, and then finish business in the Royal Arch, it being contrary to the General Regulations. All other acts and decisions were approved. Most of the decisions of the Grand High Priest conform to Florida law.

He held that there was nothing to prevent returning the fee to one who had been elected but removed from the jurisdiction before receiving the Mark Master degree. However, it would be better, he stated, to have the degree conferred by some Chapter at the petitioner's new residence. Under Florida law the petitioner would still be

under its jurisdiction and the conferring of the degrees would be considered courtesy work.

That it was unwise for a Chapter to donate funds to a Lodge unless all Lodges whose members made up the Chapter were given equal consideration.

Another decision, which presents conditions new to us but that might occur in any Chapter, seems so just that we give it entire:

A Brother who had been regularly elected and had received the Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master degrees was stricken with apoplexy but later recovered sufficiently to be able to walk. He was, however, unable to undergo any exertion and could not speak. He was anxious to receive the Royal Arch degree, but not able to pass through the ceremonies, although perfectly willing to do so. Believing him to be entitled to the Royal Arch degree, I authorized the High Priest of his Chapter to permit him to witness the ceremony, assenting to the obligation and to make him a Royal Arch Mason in so far as his physical condition permitted.

He was favorably impressed with the ritualistic work of the Order of DeMolay for sons of Masons, and believed it was destined to do a great work. Yet under Indiana laws he could not allow an initiation to be held in any Chapter room. We wonder what those laws might be.

Grand Inspector Glendening has very decided ideas relative to exaltations, as this from his report indicates:

The examination of the records of two Chapters disclosed the fact that they were exalting a number of candidates at one and the same time; one of them had commenced work at 7:30 p. m., on one occasion, and exalted thirteen (13). When I asked the secretary what time they got through the next morning, he smiled, and told me, frankly, they were all taken at once. These Chapters were promptly reported by me to the Grand High Priest. I believe it to be a land mark of Royal Arch Masonry that no more or less than three

candidates shall be exalted at one and the same time, and the exaltation consists of the full ceremonial of the Royal Arch degree up to the lecture.

M. E. Companion Glendening began his work of inspection in 1908. In 1920 he was made Grand Inspector Emeritus and now at his request, his resignation has been accepted.

Hereafter no charter will be granted to a Chapter U. D. until it has provided all necessary robes and other equipment, which must be approved by the Grand Inspector.

Two sessions of the Council of High Priests were held, during which fifty-seven Companions were elected and consecrated.

Eleven times has Past Grand High Priest Robert A. Woods journeyed through the Capitular world, and each time he finds new points of interest which he entertainingly and instructively portrays.

With exceptions he designates the address of Grand High Priest Snow a comprehensive and concise account of good stewardship.

Heretofore Companion Woods has objected to the Committee on Work conferring the degrees before Florida Grand Chapter, but "now the record reads straight, and doubts of former years are dispelled," because the work was done by Jacksonville Grand Chapter, and it "absolves Grand Chapter from a taint of suspicion of conferring degrees." He informs us that "degrees are conferred on actual candidates, and exemplified on dummy ones."

He further enlightens us regarding the Indiana Council of Deliberation, which he states is a Scottish Rite assembly, "something you do not have in the Southern Ma-

sonic Jurisdiction;" also that "Its present Grand Secretary is your humble servant and friend."

This is only one of the many high Masonic titles which belong to this distinguished Companion. "Some acquire honors and some have them thrust upon them." In this case both seem to apply and are worthily worn. Congratulations, my esteemed Knight of the Round Table!

Next Annual in Indianapolis, October 18, 1922.
 Edward H. Raub, Indianapolis, Grand High Priest.
 Robert A. Woods, Princeton, Grand Secretary and
 Fraternal Correspondent.

IOWA—1921

Chapters, 127. Members, 20,778. Exalted, 2,963. Net Gain, 2,549.

CHARLES C. SCHRADER, Grand High Priest.

This is the Grand Bailiwick of retiring General Grand High Priest Frederick W. Craig, who so ably presided over the last General Grand Chapter, and which was followed by the Sixty-eighth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, in Muscatine, October 13th-14th, where a feeling of fellowship and good will seemed to prevail, for every officer responded to roll call, and other members galore were in evidence. The distinguished visitors were self-contained, that is, of their own members, and Florida ranked high in being represented by Ex. Comp. Arthur D. Meeker, who is not only chairman of the Board of Custodians, but also Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Iowa.

Accuracy and efficiency, to our mind, best describe the address of Grand High Priest Shrader, who relegates to addenda matters of lesser importance.

One member of the Past Grand Family, Companion Frank N. Fowler, Grand High Priest 1915-1916, received his final summons during the year.

Two Chapters were constituted and two dispensations for U. D. Chapters were granted, while four other requests were refused, largely because the petitioner failed to secure the consent of adjoining Chapters which would be affected, and a further requirement seems to be that the three principal officers selected must also secure a statement from their Chapter that they "had appeared in open Chapter and exemplified the work in all four degrees." Wonder if all petitioners elsewhere can meet these requirements.

In his decisions he held that "no objection can be entertained to the advancement of a candidate after he has received the Mark Master degree, provided he presented himself when notified."

Another was that it was not necessary to have passed an examination in the Master Degree before petitioning for the Chapter degrees. However, this is now changed to conform to a Grand Lodge law to the effect that a Master Mason who has not been declared to be proficient in the third degree is not in the good standing required of petitioners for the Chapter degrees. While not exactly requiring a specified time to elapse, as some Grand Chapters are now doing, yet it will make it obligatory upon Master Masons to have a rudimentary knowledge at least of Symbolic Masonry before they further advance. Now if the succeeding bodies enact similar requirements the right to wear certain much sought emblems will mean something.

This is the way Grand High Priest Shrader refers to the new General Grand Ritual which Iowa has adopted:

After another year's trial of the new ritual, I think it can be truthfully said that more than seventy-five per cent of the Companions are heartily in favor. That while many of those who formerly attended meetings solely to jeer and scoff at the candidates still remain away, on the other hand there is a large increase of attendance from those who refused to come for other reasons and it is my firm belief that this ritual has come to stay and will find greater and greater favor as we grow more accustomed to it.

One of the most comprehensive committee reports of the Triennial Convocation is made by Past Grand High Priest C. C. Hunt of this Grand Chapter. And additional interest attaches to it by reason that most of the Iowa delegation were stopping at the same place as the Florida delegation, The Manors, and certainly a more congenial delegation would be an impossibility, and the pleasant acquaintances there formed will not soon be forgotten. Many were the wishes made to meet again at Portland three years hence.

Comprehensive, interesting and instructive are the committee reports, characteristic of Iowa, as are also those of the Grand Officers, each and all of which were approved and they were given a clean bill of health by Grand Chapter.

One evening was set apart for the Order of High Priesthood when all desiring were consecrated and set apart to this Holy Order.

Past Grand High Priest Edward M. Willard preceded his excellent Report on Correspondence by urging all Companions to have all the force and energy of Master Masons, and the officers to be proficient in their work. His comments of the several Proceedings are pertinent and the reproductions timely.

He was particularly impressed with the report of the Committee on Memorials for Florida, reprinting several paragraphs. His commendation of our work is also ap-

preciated. There are many things in his report that would be instructive to Florida Companions, were pages instead of paragraphs allotted to this work.

Next Annual in Mason City, October 12-13, 1922.
Charles B. Whelpley, Cedar Rapids, Grand High Priest.

Orvis F. Graves, Harlan, Grand Secretary.
Edward M. Willard, Atlantic, Committee on Correspondence.

KENTUCKY—1921

Chapters, 121. Members, 16,574. Exalted, 3,393. Net Gain, 3,166.

JAMES F. WINN, Grand High Priest.

With one exception, every living Past Grand High Priest, as well as all the Grand Officers and a vast array of Past High Priests, participated in the opening of the One Hundred and Fourth Annual Convocation in Louisville, October 18, 1921.

Brotherhood is the central thought in the preliminary portion of the somewhat voluminous address of Grand High Priest Winn, made more so by the necessary correspondence pertaining to somewhat peculiar conditions. The High Priest-elect of a U. D. Chapter permanently left the Chapter's jurisdiction just previous to installation. Upon receiving this information the Grand High Priest instructed his deputy to install the King and Scribe and hold an election to fill any vacancies. In the meantime the King-elect was taken ill and unable to be present at time of installation. The Scribe was duly installed, an election held and the Scribe was elected High Priest, installed into that station. Other vacancies were then filled

by election, appointments were made, all were properly installed and the Chapter set to work. Possibly somewhat irregular but Grand Chapter approved.

Only one request for dispensation was denied, which was for fraternal courtesy, made necessary by reason of Pennsylvania's laws governing courtesy work. A letter of inquiry by the Grand High Priest to the Grand Secretary of Pennsylvania brought this courteous but positive statement:

The Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania forbids any subordinate Chapter in this jurisdiction to confer the Capitular degrees upon any but members of the Chapter in which the degrees are conferred. Under our law the subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction are not permitted to extend this courtesy one to the other, and that of course makes it impossible for us to extend this fraternal courtesy to other jurisdictions, however much we would like to do so.

Relying to a request from the Grand High Priest of Tennessee suggesting uniformity of fees for degrees in border Chapters, Grand High Priest Winn advised that minimum fees were fixed by the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, and that he was not authorized nor had the power to enter into such negotiations. Grand Chapter approved this action and deemed it inadvisable to undertake to arrange uniformity of fees without Grand Jurisdiction's consent.

It was reported that a Companion was present representing a Chapter which had held no convocation in over a year, and which, under the laws, if true, there could have been no legitimate election of representatives. Grand Chapter referred this reported innovation to the incoming Grand High Priest for investigation and correction.

An exhaustive detailed report from the Educational committee of the Grand Lodge was presented, the Grand Chapter as well as other York Rite Bodies being contributors. Nearly fifty children were assisted educationally during the year. Other important evidences of Masonic relief work is the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, and the Old Masons' Home, each of which also have the moral and financial support of Grand Chapter.

No reference is made to the Order of High Priesthood, for in this jurisdiction it is understood that is an independent organization separately managed.

Excellent Companion William W. Clarke again submits a well prepared report on the doings of other Grand Chapters. He hits the high spots and some not so high. He furnishes Kentucky Companions with much valuable information not otherwise obtainable, and equally instructive to outsiders.

Florida receives due consideration, quoting from Grand High Priest Snow's address and from the report of Grand Secretary Webster. He also has encouraging words for ye scribe and his work.

Next Annual in Louisville, October 17, 1922.
Hanson Peterson, Cynthiana, Grand High Priest.
G. Allison Holland, Lexington, Grand Secretary.
W. W. Clark, Owensboro, Correspondent.

LOUISIANA—1922

Chapters, 51. Members, 6,781. Exalted, 1,173. Net Gain, 966.

B. B. PURSER, Grand High Priest.

Dispensing with much of the customary ceremony the Seventy-fifth Annual of this Grand Chapter was declared

open in New Orleans, February 7, 1922, with only one vacancy in the ranks and enough Past Grands to give dignity to the occasion, but no one to speak for Florida.

Avoiding all forensic fireworks Grand High Priest Purser gave a brief account of his stewardship for the year. The peace and harmony prevailing "took away all necessity for official visits," although during the year he made several Chapter visitations. The constituting of three new Chapters and the instituting of another demonstrate that Capitular Masonry is very much alive and steadily growing.

The decisions of the Grand High Priest indicate that physical perfection is a prime necessity in this Grand Jurisdiction; also that collective balloting is permissible, when the applications do not exceed five at a time. Florida does not limit the number.

He ruled that a member of a U. D. Lodge could petition a Chapter for membership, but the Jurisprudence committee advised that petitions could only come from "affiliated Master Masons holding membership in regular chartered Lodges."

He further ruled that Companions who petitioned to become charter members of a new Chapter in 1921, and who were in arrears for 1919 and 1920, to obtain demits must pay original Chapter dues for 1919, 1920 and first quarter of 1921; the new Chapter could collect only for the last three quarters, and must also pay Grand Chapter dues for 1921. Under Florida laws the original Chapter would be obliged to pay Grand Chapter dues.

"Will he still be entitled to the title of Past High Priest?" was asked, referring to a High Priest who had to enter a sanitarium for treatment of the nerves; and the ruling was:

That only death or removal from office could deprive one who had been elected and installed as High Priest, and whose year of service had been completed, of the title of Past High Priest.

And the wonder is—not the reply, but the query. "No dispensations were asked for," says the Grand High Priest, a condition considerably out of the ordinary. And another not common comment is by Grand Secretary Davilla, that all Chapters made returns before the last day of grace, so that "compilations were completed at an earlier date than ever before during my incumbency of the office of Grand Secretary."

Grand Chapter appropriated nearly three thousand dollars towards the entertainment of the Triennial Grand Encampment Knights Templar. Next year Grand Chapter will act upon a constitutional amendment providing for the election of all its Grand Officers except the Grand Sentinel. Somehow we fail to understand why this custom should not generally prevail.

For the second time Grand Secretary Davilla, who also has the honor of being chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presents a compact review. He finds it refreshing to note that:

Freemasonry is putting its teachings into practice and has joined hands in entering into enterprises for the betterment of mankind.

Florida receives consideration, and presumably approval, by reason of absence of criticism.

Next Annual in New Orleans, February 6, 1923.

Joseph Sinai, New Orleans, Grand High Priest.

John A. Davilla, New Orleans, Grand Secretary and Fraternal Correspondent.

MAINE—1920

Chapters, 65. Members, 12,660. Exalted, 1,449. Net Gain, 1,214.

SAMUEL B. FURBISH, Grand High Priest,

Well attended was the Ninety-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine, which convened in Portland, Tuesday, May 4, 1920, with seemingly every station filled by its rightful occupant, besides more than a quarter of a hundred permanent members and nearly every Grand Jurisdiction represented.

Under the successful guidance of Grand High Priest Furbish, the Grand Secretary reported an unprecedented number of exaltations, and both these officials received the merited congratulations of the Craft.

Briefly the Grand High Priest referred to the passing to the Great Beyond of Past Grand High Priest Clifford J. Pattee, his immediate predecessor, and Past Grand High Priest Manly G. Frank, as well as four other prominent members of this Grand Body. A pleasing custom prevails in this Grand Jurisdiction of conferring Past Grand Honor on all four officers in the Grand Council, even though they do not reach the Grand East proper.

It was a source of much gratification to know that many of the Chapters had conferred more degrees than ever before in their history, and that some of the depressed Chapters have seemingly awakened from their lethargic state and taken on a new lease of life. Also that the percentage of membership in the Chapter with relation to the other Bodies is increasing.

In days of old when there were not so many branches of Masonry the Brethren were wont to regulate their meetings by the light of the moon, and some even in these modern times continue to do so. Sometimes this anti-

quated calendar method of reckoning brings about peculiar conditions. One instance was reported where the lack of a candidate:

Was ascribed to the fact that the Blue Lodge communications was governed by the moon, while the Chapter convocation was a set calendar date, and that on that particular night both bodies were holding meetings.

No doubt one reason for the phenomenal increase in membership was due to the half-dozen "pilgrimage" dispensations issued to hold special convocations in other Masonic halls, but in their respective jurisdictions, and to confer one or more of the first three degrees. Among the dispensations refused was quite rightly one to open a stated communication at a different hour than given in the By-Laws, the Grand High Priest holding that he had no such authority. The other dispensation refused referred to conditions which do not exist under Florida laws.

Among the recommendations for Representatives to other Grand Chapters was that of R. E. Companion Harry E. Larrabee, who was their Grand King, to represent Florida, and we are pleased to note he was present.

With the nine officially assigned visitations, besides twelve others in which he was officially present, he reported that he had the pleasure of visiting every Chapter in the jurisdiction, sixty-five in all. This we presume covers the years in which he has held an elective office and gives him a distinction held by a comparatively few of his predecessors. From the instructive and helpful reports of other inspecting officers, it appears that with a very few exceptions which seem to have been largely confined to one official, nearly every subordinate Chapter in the "Pine Tree Shilling" State was officially visited.

While no doubt all Grand High Priests reach similar conclusions, yet all do not express their real feelings as forcibly as did M. E. Companion Furbish:

Impressions have been made in this series of visitations that cause me to wonder how some men will take upon themselves the custody of Royal Arch Masonry in their community and then drag it along carelessly to the detriment of the organization and its members. Do you believe that a secretary who asks for a dispensation to confer degrees in less time than the law requires, and states that the candidates had presented their petitions in due form at a previous stated convocation, and were leaving the state shortly, is in his proper position when it is found that the candidates had not even considered applying for the degrees? Or again, do you believe a secretary's duties are well done when he never mentions more than the constitutional number of names on the records, even if there are hundreds present?

Upon the favorable report of Companion Bodge, Correspondent, recognition was granted the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and exchange of representatives recommended.

After a thorough investigation of existing conditions, the special committee appointed at the former Grand Convocation to consider the petition for a new Chapter at Lubec, "felt they must recommend that the petitioners be given leave to withdraw."

The Order of High Priesthood must mean something to the qualified Companions of Maine, for thirty-eight who reached the East petitioned and were received and anointed.

Without prelude or postlude Past Grand High Priest Thomas H. Bodge again presented one of his inimitable Reports on Correspondence. To those who have a personal acquaintance with Companion Bodge there is no surprise that so much can be contained in the restricted space allotted him.

Florida is carefully and skillfully dissected and inspected and brings out some comments and queries. He is puzzled over a certain dispensation issued to confer degrees on a class, and wishes to know why necessary. We confess our ignorance, unless it be by a reason of existing conditions not specified; or possibly the Grand High Priest had in mind a sort of precedent established by a predecessor who in granting what was really an unnecessary dispensation excused himself by stating that "it was easier to grant the dispensation than to write a letter explaining why such action was not required."

Next Annual in Portland, May 3, 1921.

Fred C. Chalmers, Bangor, Grand High Priest.

Charles B. Davis, Portland, Grand Secretary.

Thomas H. Bodge, Augusta, Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

MAINE—1921

Chapters, 68. Members, 14,302. Exalted, 1,921. Net Gain, 1,642.

FRED C. CHALMERS, Grand High Priest.

Although but little attention is paid to statistics, yet such as are given ought to be up to date, which in the above instance, if our understanding is correct, represents the membership standing on April 1, 1919.

There was certainly a good attendance at the Ninety-sixth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, which was held in Portland, May 3, 1921, for fifty-six Chapters were represented and fourteen of the living Past Grand High Priests, as well as twenty other permanent members were present, and all the active official family, with one exception, Ex. Companion Levi D. French, Grand Royal

Arch Captain, who passed the veils for the last time the December previous; also one permanent member, Past Grand High Priest William N. Howe, who wore the purple of the fraternity in 1904 and 1905.

Florida was represented by Past Grand King Harry E. Larrabee.

The Grand High Priest in his address calls attention to the fact that while this was the Ninety-sixth Convocation, it was in reality its One Hundredth Anniversary, four annual meetings having been omitted and three of these were at the time of the so-called Morgan excitement.

So well adjusted are the conditions and so smoothly do the Royal Craft matters run in this prosperous and active Grand Jurisdiction that there is little of interest to the general seeker after Capitular information.

Believing that advantages accrue by so doing, he issued several dispensations for Chapters to hold special convocations in other Lodge halls, but in their own particular jurisdiction, to confer the Mark, Past and Most Excellent Master degrees. The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers recognized such permission as a prerogative of the Grand High Priest, but advised against the extension of such practice. The reason for this objection has never been quite clear to the mind of the writer of this review.

So fully are matters anticipated that all questions coming to the Grand High Priest were answered by reference to the Constitution and regulations, and no new decisions on Masonic law were required.

Much information relative to the workings of the Royal Craft throughout this Grand Jurisdiction are gleaned from the detailed reports of the inspecting officers which includes all the Grand Council Officers as well as the District Deputy and Grand High Priests. Although Florida Grand Lodge has District Deputies, they

have not yet been recognized as a necessity in Grand Chapter. However, if all District Deputies were as conscientious and faithful in the discharge of their duties as are the official visitors in Maine, additional information relative to the Craft generally would obtain. Evidently there is an abundance of exuberance in some localities, for one inspecting officer notes that, "Applying the same proportion of enthusiasm to the ritual as exhibited in some parts of the floor work, would, I believe, bring this Chapter second to none in the district."

There surely is some hustle to the Maine Companions for Grand Secretary Charles B. Davis states that the Proceedings of the 1920 Convocation were in the mail in "only sixteen days after the close of the session." Grand Secretary Webster will have to look after his laurels by injecting a little "hurry-up" into the official printers.

Twenty-six candidates were elected to receive the Order of High Priesthood, but only twenty-five anointed. According to the regulations, if this candidate does not present himself a year hence his election lapses.

We now turn with added pleasure to the excellent Report on Correspondence by Past Grand High Priest Thomas H. Bodge, whose annual reviews are a liberal education in themselves. Therefore, in the report of the inspecting officer to Companion Bodge's home Chapter, Cushnoc No. 43, at Augusta, we read just what would naturally be expected, "that the presentation of the M. E. M. degree was extremely beautiful and impressive; there was unusual floor work, and accuracy in the ritual." The same degree of efficiency is always to be found in Companion Bodge's reviews.

Under Florida he notes one dispensation which he terms "out of the ordinary," but as the Jurisprudence Committee found no fault, neither would he, but however, he thought a similar one "would not get by in Maine."

He says some very nice things regarding the work of the writer of this, which we appreciate and thank him for. Referring to our custom of receiving, referring and balloting on petitions at any regular convocation, he queries: "Why be in such a hurry? We owe the petitioner no especial favor."

Next Annual in Portland, May 22, 1921.
 L. Elwood Jones, Winthrop, Grand High Priest.
 Charles B. Davis, Portland, Grand Secretary.
 Thomas H. Bodge, Augusta, Correspondent.

MARYLAND—1919

Chapters, 24. Members, 5,590. Exalted, 924. Net Gain, 823.

OLIVER C. WAREHIME, Grand High Priest.

Exaltations during the year equivalent to almost twenty per cent of membership is the magnificent record of Capitular Masonry as reported at the One Hundred and Twenty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Maryland held in Baltimore, November 20, 1919. Florida was represented as usual by Companion L. Dorsey Gassaway, the present Deputy Grand High Priest. Grand High Priest Warehime emphasizes the splendid conditions in the account of his stewardship by declaring that never before since the founding of this jurisdiction, have the Royal Arch Masons assembled "with a more promising outlook for the Craft."

But the rejoicings of the Craft were tinged with sorrow and regret because of the absence of familiar faces. Early in the year the first to respond to the call of the Supreme Grand Chapter above was Companion John H.

Miller, who for eighteen years had faithfully served that Body as its Grand Secretary. He was followed by similar imperative summons issued to Past Grand High Priests William H. Martin, James F. Allen and Edward R. Trippé.

He commissioned a number of Grand Representatives including Companion Henry O. Snow, now Grand High Priest of Florida, to represent Maryland to succeed our beloved late M. E. Companion James Carnell.

At the request of two different Chapters the Grand High Priest anticipated each Chapter's inability to hold its stated convocation on a regular date by issuing a dispensation to meet at a later date.

Among the amendments to Chapter By-Laws approved was one to confer on the Council the power to appropriate not in excess of \$10 in any one case during the recess of the Chapter.

He reports that all requests from sister jurisdictions to confer the Capitular degrees by courtesy were acceded to, and with two exceptions the requests he likewise made. One was by Pennsylvania because its Constitution "Forbids any Chapter conferring the degrees on any but its own members;" however, the same state courteously granted a waiver of jurisdiction over a Brother residing in that state but employed in Maryland. The other request not granted was by the M. E. Grand High Priest of South Carolina because he "did not consider the reasons sufficient under the law of his Grand Chapter."

Near the close of the year the Grand High Priest received the resignation of Companion Warren S. Seipp as Grand Lecturer, a position he had very acceptably filled for eight years, the reason assigned was that he had accepted a position which would require all his time.

All those who came in contact with Companion Seipp at the General Grand Chapter at Baltimore, and witnessed

his efficient services on that occasion, will congratulate the Maryland Companions that he in some way arranged to continue the work the coming year.

Every Chapter was officially visited by the Grand High Priest during the year, accompanied by Grand Lecturer Seipp besides other Grand Officers, and in one instance these dignitaries filled all the stations and conferred the Royal Arch degree. Wonder in how many other Grand Jurisdictions this could be duplicated.

By reason of the rapid growth in membership of some of the Baltimore Chapters, three of these Chapters during the year having exalted 462 Companions, the Grand High Priest felt some steps should be taken to abridge the degree work, providing it could be done without interfering with their beauty and impressiveness. This apparently did not impress with particular favor the powers that be for the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers made this report:

Your committee are of the opinion that the emasculation of the time honored customs employed in capitolar work would irreparably injure the dignity and effectiveness of the degrees, and pray if there be a change made in any of the degrees, particular care be exercised in their curtailment.

And whether the following resolution which was adopted referred to the above or to adopting the new ritual of the General Grand Chapter or both, the Proceedings do not further disclose:

That this Grand Chapter express its firm determination to adhere to the ritual which has been in use in the jurisdiction of Maryland for so many years.

Quite properly Grand Chapter expressed its approval that it should be represented at all future conventions of

the George Washington National Memorial Association as well as contributing to the support of the movement.

Somewhat of an innovation was the adoption of a standing resolution permitting collective balloting, although in the event of a negative ballot each candidate is to be voted upon separately.

The Grand High Priest considered the printing of the Report on Correspondence ahead of the Annual Convocation unnecessary and a waste of money but recommended that it be submitted in manuscript form at that time, that it be limited to seventy-five pages of the printed Proceedings, and that the reporter's compensation be \$200. This was disapproved by the committee and concurred in by Grand Chapter. We fail to find anything referring to the reporter's allowance.

Wishing to perpetuate and honor the memory of one of its late Companions, Past Grand High Priest James F. Allen, Montgomery Chapter was authorized to change the name on its charter to James F. Allen Chapter.

In order to facilitate roll call at Grand Chapter a new standing resolution requires each member or representative to register his name, rank, Chapter number and location on a card provided for that purpose.

Recognition of the new Grand Chapter of British Columbia was accorded and exchange of representatives recommended.

Falling in line with Florida and most other Grand Jurisdictions, Maryland will hereafter furnish a uniform official receipt, but differing from some, in that it will be of a different color each year and furnished at actual cost to subordinate Chapters. Florida furnishes them in book form with stub and makes no charge to Chapter.

As many Grand Chapter Jurisdictions consider a Chapter receipt for dues not valid without the Chapter

seal attached, this Grand Chapter repealed the resolution prohibiting the placing of the seal upon Chapter receipts.

Realizing that a single evening session was inadequate time for a proper disposal of the business of this Grand Chapter the Grand High Priest recommended an afternoon as well as an evening session and Grand Chapter wisely concurred. This will necessitate an earlier hour for the session of the Council of High Priests, which heretofore has been in the habit of convening in the afternoon preceding Grand Chapter.

Nearly one hundred were present at this Annual Convocation of the Council of High Priests when fourteen candidates were received and greeted. A feature commendable in connection seldom noticed was the passing of the box for fraternal assistance.

Covering about seventy printed pages is the Report on Correspondence by Rev. Henry Branch, D. D., chairman, which comprises one or more salient extracts from the address of the Grand High Priest, and a few lines of comprehensive comment. For some reason Florida was not mentioned.

Next Annual in Baltimore, November 18, 1920.
Chas. C. Homer, Jr., Baltimore, Grand High Priest.
Gustav A. Eitel, Baltimore, Grand Secretary.
Rev. Henry R. Branch, D. D., Baltimore, Chairman
Committee on Correspondence.

MARYLAND—1920

Chapters, 24. Members, 6,979. Exalted, 1,458. Net Gain, ----
CHARLES C. HOMER, JR., Grand High Priest.

Labor troubles in the printing trades was responsible for failure a year ago to receive the 1920 Proceedings of

the One Hundred and Twenty-third Annual, which convened in Baltimore November 18, 1920, with all the official family, many Past Grands and Representatives of all but one of the Subordinate Chapters present; besides several distinguished guests, Florida's interests being looked after by R. E. Companion Dorsey Gassaway, the Deputy Grand High Priest.

Being a participant of the hospitality extended the visiting Companions at the Baltimore Triennial, in which the present Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Homer was so active, good work and true was expected and his year of stewardship justified expectations. However, his address reveals but little of interest to outsiders, his labors being confined principally to the careful supervision necessary to the wonderful activity of the Royal Craft during the year. He recited a large number of jurisdictional courtesies both requested and granted. The requests for dispensations were also numerous, most of which were granted. All conformed to Maryland law, some of which were for conferring degrees outside regular Chapter hall, but all with the respective jurisdictions.

A little out of the ordinary was the granting of a dispensation to reopen a ballot in the case of the application of a Brother who had been elected to receive the Capitular degrees, but against whose admission objection was filed after election, the charge being flagrant un-Masonic conduct, which resulted in the rejection of the petition. In approving this action the committee to whom the address was referred, suggested to the Companions of that Chapter:

That their duty will not be complete until charges against the unworthy Brother are preferred in the Blue Lodge; for in our estimation, the honor and dignity of Masonry demand this action.

A constitutional amendment "which had the unqualified approval of the Grand High Priest," was adopted which provides for the appointment of a Grand Inspector for each Chapter, whose duty will be to see that the Chapter under his charge strictly conforms to and abides by the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Chapter.

The Annual Convocation of the Council of High Priests was well attended when fifteen Companions were set apart to this Holy Order.

Once again are the readers privileged to peruse a well worded Report on Correspondence by Rev. Henry Branch, D. D., which is a comprehensive blending of clipping and comment.

For some reason Florida Proceedings were not received, and we are the losers. That his work passes inspection is evidenced by his reappointment.

Next Annual in Baltimore, November 17, 1921.
L. Dorsey Gassaway, Annapolis, Grand High Priest.
Gustav A. Eitel, Baltimore, Grand Secretary.
Rev. Henry Branch, D. D., Baltimore, Correspondent.

MARYLAND—1921

Chapters, 24. Members, 8,230. Exalted, 1,340. Net Gain, 1,251.

L. DORSEY GASSAWAY, Grand High Priest.

Peace and prosperity, as a result of the great increase in membership, appear to be the keynote of the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, which occupied the afternoon and evening of November 17, 1921. Every Grand Officer filled his station and Florida was ably and properly represented

by the Grand High Priest, himself, an honor which we Floridians appreciate. Two distinguished guests were M. E. Companion Wesley C. Stone, Past Grand High Priest of the State of Washington, and our beloved General Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion William F. Kuhn, besides Maryland's Grand Old Mason, Gustav A. Eitel, the General Grand Treasurer.

Particularly gratified was Grand High Priest Gassaway that the body of officers were unbroken and the membership had been only lightly touched by the Death Angel.

Largely routine was the work of the Grand High Priest for the year, which he concisely reported. His official communications and reports received being included in an addenda following. Nearly all of his dispensations pertained to receiving, balloting and conferring degrees, made necessary by their laws, which seem to require two weeks to elapse between periods.

As illustrating existing differences, the reasons for two dispensations are given:

To advance the hour for their regular convocation from 7:30 to 3 o'clock, p. m., to enable them to ballot on two petitions then in the hands of committees, and, if elected, to proceed with the conferring of the Capitular degrees on a class of twenty-four candidates.

To confer all four Capitular degrees on a class of candidates on the 27th of June, a sufficient interval being provided after the Most Excellent degree for properly instructing the candidates.

These seemed to us a somewhat liberal interpretation of Capitular laws and customs, and we were not surprised to find that the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers entertained similar ideas:

The dispensations granted by the Grand High Priest were undoubtedly issued with the sole idea of facilitating the work of the

Chapters affected; but we can not agree upon the advisability of authorizing a Chapter to violate its By-Laws, unless there be compelling reasons; nor can we believe that a sufficient interval for instruction, to the ordinary class of candidates can be provided when all four degrees are conferred at one convocation.

So general is the intelligent understanding by Maryland Companions of their laws that the Grand High Priest found it necessary to render only three decisions, and they pertained to jurisdiction, of no interest to outsiders.

Recognizing the almost phenomenal development and growth of the new "Order of DeMolay for Boys," whose local Chapters are expected to be sponsored and under the supervision of a Royal Arch Chapter or a Body of the Scottish Rite, he asked for the appointment of a special committee to consider the subject and make recommendations. Later it was agreed:

That the Grand Chapter gives assent to the organizing of Chapters of the Order of DeMolay and recommends that its subordinate Chapters assume the supervision of such DeMolay Chapters in their respective territories.

Another matter of more than local importance, which met the approval of Grand Chapter, was that a suitable recognition of the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the Grand Chapter of Maryland should be observed:

On the 24th of June, 1797, the Grand Chapter of Maryland, was organized; so that the 24th of June, 1922, will mark the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of that event. From a table of statistics included in the 1921 Report of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, wherein all the Grand Chapters of the United States are listed and the dates of their respective organization recorded, I find that only the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania is older than ourselves, it having been organized on the 29th of November, 1795. As the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania is not a

member of the General Grand Chapter, these figures appear to justify the claim by us that ours is the Senior or oldest Grand Chapter holding membership in the General Grand Body.

Distinguishing characteristics of this Grand Jurisdiction are that the Committee on Work examine and certify to the High Priests-elect who are to be set apart to the Order of High Priesthood; also that the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter are attested by the Grand Secretary only.

A notable event was the address of General Grand High Priest Kuhn on "The Dignity of Royal Arch Masonry," and the regrettable part is that the official stenographer did not arrive to take it.

One of the appropriations at the Annual Convocation of the Order of High Priesthood was for "the new communion service," and we have been trying to visualize the use of it. A commendable feature in connection was the passing of the box for fraternal assistance; an expression, however, which sounds like an interpolation.

We always turn with pleasure to the comprehensive report of the chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, by Rev. Henry Branch, D. D.

Under Florida, after quoting that part of the address of Grand High Priest Snow relative to becoming Royal Arch Masons, Companion Branch adds, "Ask him about the long lost word." Referring particularly to the meeting of the "Round Table" correspondents at the Baltimore Convention, he pertinently adds:

This opens the way for a single remark by this correspondent. When the General Grand Chapter met in Baltimore, having been shifted from Washington, the place selected before the "flu" changed our plans, we made hurried arrangements to entertain the General Grand Chapter. It was planned to have one of the Companions from Washington to preside at the table when the

Grand Correspondents could enjoy themselves without restraint. At the last moment I was roped in to fill the vacancy, as the Washington Companion did not turn up. I had never met the Companions before, did not know the etiquette of such formal functions, and so I simply acted as a dummy—some kind Companion at my side telling me what to do and when. I never felt so awkward in my life. The Companion at my right assisted me by kind suggestions, but it has hung over me as a nightmare ever since, that "Round Table" at the Grand Convocation in Baltimore. I join in the plea for more consideration to Grand Correspondents.

We were quite disappointed in not meeting Companion Branch at Asheville, and hope that he will be at Portland in 1924.

Next Annual in Baltimore, November 23, 1922.
 LePage Cronmiller, Laurel, Grand High Priest.
 Gustav A. Eitel, Baltimore, Grand Secretary.
 Rev. Henry Branch, D. D., Baltimore, Fraternal Correspondent.

MASSACHUSETTS—1921

Chapters, 94. Members, 35,003. Exalted, 4,051. Net Gain, 3,525.

JOHN J. VAN VALKENBURG, Grand High Priest.

In addition to the Quarterly Convocations, four special convocations were held for the purpose of constituting and setting at work four U. D. Chapters. The first three Quarterlies are given over largely to committee reports, especially on charters and by-laws, which indicates that Massachusetts Grand Chapter exercises close supervision over its subordinate constituents, and also brings out conditions, notably life membership, which Florida does not encourage.

commendable, indeed, is the positive manner with which this Grand Chapter deals with its subordinate Chapters which introduce "irrelevant" proceedings in the Past Master and Royal Arch degrees not provided for in the ritual, even to the suspending of the charter of a Chapter.

An address by some distinguished Companion and usually a banquet follow the business of the stated Quarterlies. Fortunate, indeed, were those who heard the able address on "Liberty's Appeal to American Masons" by Rev. R. Perry Bush, D. D., Grand Chaplain, and we deeply regret that space will not admit of a reproduction here. It was quite a disappointment not to meet Companion Bush at Asheville, and it is hoped that we will all be at Portland in 1924.

At the June Quarterly, Grand High Priest Van Valkenburg referred to the new system adopted for the district exemplifications in which the Chapters are not informed regarding the work they will be required to perform until after the District Chapter has been opened. So thorough is the preparation that one Chapter has scored 100% for several times, and a number of others were nearly as high.

While the Grand High Priest realized that the large number of accessions to membership caused excessive work for the officers, yet he insisted that he should at all times require strict adherence to the regulations of the Grand Chapter and dignified and impressive work.

The Annual Convocation held December 13, 1921, closed the third year of service of Grand High Priest Van Valkenburg. There is no advancement of officers from one station to another in the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts. By custom the Grand High Priest serves three years, but the other officers are changed annually, and

they acquire Past Grand Honors. Florida was not in evidence at either of the Quarterlies.

Evidently the suspension of a charter because the members indulged in forbidden practices during the work of certain degrees did not produce desired results, for the Grand High Priest issued this positive order:

Irregular practices in Chapters must cease. If the officers of Chapters cannot conduct their work in the paths made clear to them by the Grand Lecturers at the exemplifications, then other means must be adopted to accomplish the desired end. The Deputy in each District will therefore see that each Chapter in his District obeys the laws of the Order. It will be his duty to be present when the Past and Royal Arch degrees are worked, and report at once to the Grand High Priest any irregularities which may be presented or permitted by the officers. If the District Deputy cannot be present on said occasions, then he shall appoint his Deputy Grand Captain of the Host, or a Past High Priest not a member of the Chapter to be visited, to represent him and to report any work performed not in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter.

He freely acceded to requests from other Grand Jurisdictions for courtesy work, but he insisted that in granting dispensations for courtesy work in his jurisdiction it should be made perfectly clear to the petitioner that "the Royal Arch degree must be conferred upon the candidate by his home Chapter." And he is further convinced "That it is not conducive to the best interests of the Chapter to confer the last three degrees in any place other than its own apartments."

Twenty-nine eligible Companions were set apart as High Priests of the Order of Melchizedek, after which the Companions repaired to the banquet hall, where the "customary dinner" was served. Wonder if this is the "one" jurisdiction referred to by Companion Michie of

South Carolina as having "eats" in connection with the Order of High Priesthood.

Years of study and familiarity with Capitular as well as other forms of Masonic laws and customs eminently fit Past Grand High Priest Frederick T. Comee, who is also the Grand Secretary, to prepare a Capitular review. He knows just what he wants to say—and says it.

Florida receives discriminating attention but Companion Comee is disposed to query some of our practices. Noting that two new Chapters were given Nos. 36 and 43 respectively, he wonders what advantage is gained by numbering Chapters "when the number does not indicate priority." We will not attempt to answer these and other queries, but refer you to our regulations, which provide that "New charters shall respectively bear the smallest unappropriated or vacant number." Another Florida law is that "The term of office begins with installation and terminates only by regular succession, death, etc." Also, "It is not necessary for an officer re-elected to be re-installed unless a term has intervened."

He further notes that our review of Massachusetts "covers four pages without unfavorable comment." There are so many meritorious and helpful features in the Massachusetts Proceedings that we can mention only portions of them, and there is no space left for criticism. Besides, ye scribe does not understand that he is expected to be judge and jury over matters beyond his control.

Next Annual in Boston, December, 1922.

Curtis Chipman, Boston, Grand High Priest.
Frederick T. Comee, Boston, Grand Secretary and
Fraternal Correspondent.

MICHIGAN—1921

Chapters, 158. Members, 36,146. Exalted, 3,814. Net Gain, 3,217.

CHARLES J. GRAY, Grand High Priest.

Previous to opening in ample form the Seventy-third Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter in Lansing, May 17, 1921, distinguished guests were presented representing the Grand Commandery, Grand Chapters of Canada and Missouri, also the Order of DeMolay for Boys.

The fraternal spirit, vim and energy displayed by the Wolverine Companions during the year was a constant source of satisfaction. Grand High Priest Gay, as stressed in his address, made appropriate reference to Past Grand High Priests George Hill and David Woodward, who during the year had been called from their earthly labors. In speaking of the forty-seven occasions when Michigan had conferred degrees for other jurisdictions, and the forty-four similar requests made, he wished all Companions to know that their efforts were appreciated, also that it was a pleasure to be of service to others.

With four exceptions, requests for special dispensations were granted. Four new Chapters were constituted and three were granted charters, one being kept under dispensation another year. Early in the year four Chapters were put under probation, but later all were doing well and showing new life and the ban was lifted.

All the twenty-five queries on matters of law were answered by reference to the Red Book.

Early in the year the line officers, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Lecturer held a conference and mapped out the field work for the year. The gains the past two years, in the Grand High Priest's opinion, ought to

convince the most ardent opponents that this field work has been an instrument of much good.

Believing that the education of orphan children and a general broadening of the viewpoint on benevolences are needed at this time, he recommended that the incoming administration give it special attention.

Transfer of membership from one Chapter in the state to another, and thus doing away with demits, is causing Grand Secretary Conover some trouble. Florida has not yet reached that state of progress. Another cause of worry to this genial Companion is the carelessness of some Chapter secretaries in making returns; and we thoroughly agree with him that those who are pressed into office against their will or for the "pay" are misfits and a detriment and ought not to be continued.

No movement in recent times in connection with Masonry has touched the great heart of this lovable Companion as has the Order of DeMolay for Boys. This Order is for boys from 16 to 21, and teaches in a concrete way those great Masonic principles of clean living, patriotism, the public school as a bulwark of liberty, and many other attributes. The Order is fast growing in favor among the Craft generally.

Evidently proper attention is not given the Book of Marks, for one section from the report of the Resolutions committee is that all Mark Master Masons be urged to choose their mark and place it on record before being advanced to a higher degree.

About one-third of the High Priests petitioned for the Order of High Priesthood and were solemnly consecrated and set apart.

Many expressions of appreciation were tendered Grand Secretary Conover for the valuable treatise relative to Masonic Marks prepared and presented by him last year, as a partial substitute for the excellent and compe-

hensive Reports on Correspondence of previous years, and which prompted him this year to "let the good work go on," with "A Treatise on the Construction, Completion and Dedication of King Solomon's Temple." It is of much value to the inquiring Capitular student as well as general reader, but I opine if his ear had been close to the ground he would have heard other sounds, expressive of regret, to put it mildly, of this continued departure from the established line of work followed by most of the Knights of the Round Table. Here's hoping you may have a change of heart and again return to your original designs.

Next Annual in Grand Rapids, May 16, 1922.
 Frank P. Wilcox, Detroit, Grand High Priest.
 Charles A. Conover, Coldwater, Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA—1921

Chapters, 79. Members, 13,546. Exalted, 1,765. Net Gain, 1,465.

JOHN W. HAYS, Grand High Priest.

Exceeding that of a year ago, the banner year, with a net gain of thirty per cent in membership, is the gratifying report made at the Sixtieth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, held in St. Paul, October 11. All officers were present, but Florida not represented.

Notwithstanding the wonderful growth in the Order, Grand High Priest Hays says: "The field is broad, as only forty per cent of the Masons have attained the Royal Arch degree." He confined his official visits to the sixteen Chapters he "could reach with the least expense of time and money." He found their material conditions

quite satisfactory, but he also "found a lack of uniformity of work, no two alike," and those using the new work "under protest."

Realizing that the drive to raise funds to build a Masonic Home was meeting with indifferent success, he recommended an appropriation of two thousand dollars, which the Finance committee reduced to one thousand dollars.

One new Chapter was constituted and three dispensations were issued to form three U. D. Chapters, two of which were granted charters and one continued.

He decided that when a Companion resigns from his Lodge he is no longer a member of the Chapter, and that Body should return all dues received from him after that time. A condition heretofore unheard of by the writer. Also that a Chapter, by a majority vote, could not donate funds to the Boy Scouts. With the exception of this last decision, all his other official acts were approved.

The Committee on Distribution believed the lack of uniformity of work of sufficient importance to warrant consideration, and recommended its reference to a special committee. Although the report was adopted, we find nothing to indicate further action being taken.

In the interim between the morning and afternoon sessions of Grand Chapter, thirty High Priests were set apart to the Holy Order of Priesthood. Past Grand High Priest Henry M. Tressler, was re-elected president, "with power to select his own associates."

During the year past we received a newspaper notice of the death of Companion Irving Todd, for many years chairman of Committee on Correspondence, Grand Chapter of Minnesota, as well as other York Rite Bodies. We find no reference to Companion Todd in the Proceedings, but the report was evidently his work, although Florida is missing. Having been a newspaper man for many

years he had the art of condensation reduced to a science. He was a conscientious Craftsman in the quarries, whose work always passed inspection. He will be greatly missed. His successor is Companion Chas. S. Schurman. We extend him a cordial welcome to the ranks and look forward with pleasure to next year's report.

Next Annual in St. Paul, October 10, 1922.
 John W. Anderson, Austin, Grand High Priest.
 John Fishel, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.
 Chas. S. Schurman, St. Paul, Correspondent.

MISSOURI—1921

Chapters, 109. Members, 25,814. Exalted, 5,118. Net Gain, 4,717.

HERBERT W. POWERS, Grand High Priest.

Preceded by a concert "entitling it to symphony rank," and at the hour fixed by rule the officers, led in procession by the Grand High Priest, opened the Seventy-fifth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter in Sedalia, April 26th, using the ceremonies prescribed by the General Grand Chapter. There were no vacancies in the several stations, and the distinguished visitors in attendance included the General Deputy and now General Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion William F. Kuhn, and the General Grand Secretary, R. E. Companion Charles A. Conover.

Both wit and wisdom, seasoned with appropriate advice and garnished with pertinent suggestions, characterized the prelude to the carefully prepared address of Grand High Priest Powers, who while handing out "verbal garland," did not "hesitate to criticise where cen-

sure was due or withhold approval which would tend to encourage the efforts of those who had earned such a measure." And although his address covers over sixty pages, yet nowhere is it "padded" with circular letters or other correspondence.

Requests for courtesy work number nearly four score. About a third as many dispensations were granted for conferring degrees in other Lodge halls. The only dispensation refused was to form a new charter because the time before Grand Chapter was too short to keep within the law. A dispensation, however, was granted direct by the Grand Chapter and the incoming Grand High Priest was directed to set it at work.

Notwithstanding a "restricted expense account," the Grand High Priest took time to make some sixty official visitations extending, he tells us, from "the Orient to the Occident," which gave him an opportunity to view the "Capitular field through a personal lens and to satisfy a longing to meet and greet old friends and solicit the acquaintance of new ones." His detailed report furnishes illuminating inner views of the real condition of the Royal Craft in that broad domain which with two or three isolated exceptions were quite encouraging and demonstrates the effective work of the Grand Lecturer, Companion Geo. C. Marquis.

Very appreciative was the Grand High Priest of the work of the gifted Fraternal Correspondent, Rev. Companion John H. Miller, which, he truly says, compares most favorably with the best efforts of any of the members of the Round Table.

Although that Grand Chapter has adopted the New General Grand Chapter Ritual, yet it was decided that it had some faults, which were referred to a committee to report a year hence.

Referring to a suggestion from the Grand High Priest of Tennessee relative to establishing uniform fees for conferring degrees in towns near the state line, Grand Chapter decided that such legislation would be unconstitutional.

A constitutional amendment provides for partial concurrent jurisdiction. Now a candidate may petition anywhere in the state for degrees, except where the petitioner resides in a city or town where there is an established Chapter.

Fifty-one candidates were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

We always turn with pleasure to the well prepared Report on Fraternal Correspondence by Companion (Rev.) John Henderson Miller, and we likewise receive inspiration, this time being no exception.

Florida receives much attention, and seeming commendation, for there are several quotations from the 1920 Proceedings, and no adverse comment.

Next Annual in St. Joseph, April 11, 1922.
Bert S. Lee, Springfield, Grand High Priest.
Robert F. Stevenson, St. Louis, Grand Secretary.
Rev. John H. Miller, Kansas City, Correspondent.

NEBRASKA—1921

Chapters, 54. Members, 7,566. Exalted, 847. Net Gain, 676.

LEWIS E. SMITH, Grand High Priest.

Business from start to finish seemed to characterize the Fifty-fifth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, which transacted all its business in two sessions, De-

cember 14th and 15th, with every official in his proper place. Florida was represented by the Grand King, R. E. Walter L. Spear, and now the Deputy Grand High Priest. No outside dignitaries graced this occasion.

Instructive was the carefully prepared address of Grand High Priest Smith. He noted that the growth had not been so large as the year previous, but if quality and not quantity had guided the Chapter in the selection of their members, it was ample, adding:

Royal Arch Masonry was never intended for everyone, but rather for those who fully realize their duty in rebuilding the Temple and living lives exemplifying their faith in the Author of Eternal Life.

Following the action taken by the Grand Lodge of Colorado, making it a Masonic offense for any Brother to apply to any Scottish or York Body for degrees until after the lapse of one year, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska enacted a similar statute, and goes one better by further requiring that the petitioner should attend "at least twelve regular meetings of a Master Mason's Lodge," and also comply with the law relating to proficiency. The Grand High Priest advised every Chapter to receive no petitions that did not meet these requirements. However, Grand Chapter thought it would be "inconvenient for many Brothers to attend twelve regular meetings," and respectfully recommended to Grand Lodge that the attendance clause be eliminated or modified.

Special attention is given to the number of delinquent members and the Grand High Priest was pleased to report that both the number and amount of unpaid dues had decreased about one-third. As an old acquaintance of the writer was wont to say, "Let the good work go on."

One Chapter, having made a special assessment against its members for a purpose not Masonic, according

to Nebraska law, the Grand High Priest declared the action null and void.

Only one request for a dispensation to form a new Chapter was made. Concluding that it was not a proper place, under existing conditions, for a new Chapter, the Grand High Priest decided adversely, and from the writer's personal acquaintance of this particular locality some years ago, the action is not surprising.

One new Chapter was constituted in Omaha, which will no doubt help to relieve the congested condition there existing.

Referring to a seeming disposition on the part of Chapters to consider Royal Arch Masonry a stepping stone to so-called higher degrees, he adds that perhaps they "do not appreciate that they have within their keeping the one Masonic degree conferred in any of the so-called higher Masonic Bodies."

Further investigation into Royal Arch Masonry in Queensland by the Committee on Correspondence, indicates that there are two groups of Chapters, one working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of England and Scotland, and by far the greater number, and the other composed of only a few independent Chapters endeavoring to organize the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland, and until these differences are settled, the committee recommended no recognition to be given any Grand Chapter formed in Queensland.

An evening was given to the Order of High Priesthood.

For reasons best known to the Grand Chapter there is no Report on Correspondence. If the Knights of the Round Table miss this report, and they do, it is also reasonable to suppose that some of the Nebraska Royal Craftsmen must feel that they are being deprived of Capitular information to which they are entitled.

Next Annual in Omaha, December 13, 1922.
William W. Metz, Nebraska City, Grand High Priest.
Francis E. White, Omaha, Grand Secretary.

NEVADA—1921

Chapters, 9. Members, 579. Exalted, 49. Net Gain, 17.

GEORGE W. ROBINSON, Grand High Priest.

Widely scattered and in a sparsely settled state, yet Capitular interest was such that every Chapter was represented at the Forty-eighth Annual Convocation held in Reno, June 7, 1921. Unfortunately Florida's Grand Representative was not present to hear the gracious response of Past Grand High Priest Miles, representing Arizona and speaking for his co-laborers.

Appreciating the honor of entertaining the Grand Chapter, the Companions of Reno Chapter entertained their distinguished guests at luncheon, following which Grand High Priest submitted his report of the progress of the Craft during the past year. Attention was called to the passing to the Great Beyond of Past Grand High Priest Robert L. Fulton. Owing to the limited membership the duties of the Grand High Priest were not particularly onerous. Among the legacies left him by the previous administration was the contemplated removal of Keystone Chapter from Pioche to Las Vegas, but Capitular Masonry in the latter place appearing to lack force, nothing was done except to "pass the buck" to his successor.

Critical illness in his family interfered with contemplated official visitations, which were confined to two,

one of which being his home Chapter. Some of the addresses on this occasion being of a historical and reminiscent nature, revealing that establishing statehood and Masonry in the Western forefront of this country were substantially synonymous, he recommended that steps be taken toward the collection of the historical facts concerning the Royal Craft in the Sagebush State, and their preservation. Here is a suggestion other Grand Jurisdictions could apply with equal force to themselves.

Another recommendation was that Chapters as well as Lodges should adopt some definite plan of public service, to counteract the insidious propaganda being so industriously circulated throughout the country.

He was not called upon to make any decisions, all questions raised being covered by the Code.

Sixty days were allowed Keystone Chapter at Pioche in which to hold a meeting. Failing to do so the charter is to be taken up, the real property deeded to the Lodge in that city and the personal effects to be turned over to a new Chapter, should one be formed at Las Vegas.

Three Excellent Companions received the Order of High Priesthood, and the fees were donated to Grand Chapter.

Grand Secretary Edward D. Vanderleith again presents a well-balanced Correspondence Report in which Florida receives discriminating attention, in which he notes that Grand High Priest Carter "shunned rhetorical flourishes" in his address, which he characterizes "along business lines." Agreeing with Florida's Proceedings in the main, he seems to take exceptions to Florida's actions in refusing to name a Chapter after a living person, as do many other Grand Bodies, his contention being that flowers should be bestowed upon the living as well as upon those gone from us.

A group of Craftsmen sufficiently interested to form a Chapter should be permitted to select the Chapter's name, be it of a Mason, living or dead. While we believe in honoring the lost, it makes remembrance dear, yet to the living honor is doubly sweet, for it can be appreciated.

Quite proper, but it could be possible for conditions later to arise which would be embarrassing to say the least to a Chapter bearing the name of a living person. On the whole we believe the precaution a wise one.

Next Annual in Reno, June 13, 1922.

Hosea E. Reid, Reno, Grand High Priest.

Edward D. Vanderleith, Reno, Grand Secretary and Fraternal Correspondent.

NEW BRUNSWICK—1919-1920

Chapters, 8. Members, 949. Exalted, 105. Net Gain, 86.

HORACE A. PORTER, Grand High Priest.

For some reason not explained the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter for the year 1919 and the year 1920 did not reach ye reviewer until a short time ago, and both years are being considered together.

A somewhat peculiar feature of the 1919 year was that the losses in membership exactly equalled the gains. Most Excellent Companion Porter presided as Grand High Priest both years. Little of interest to outsiders is brought out in his first address.

It was his opinion that Royal Arch Masonry should administer its own charities to its dependent members, instead of through the Board of General Purposes of the

Grand Lodge, for he said, "As others are apt to take us at our own valuation, let us look well to ourselves."

During his first year of office he officially visited all but one of the Chapters, and the second year he evened it up by making this particular Chapter two visits.

Especially grateful was he that during these two years grim death had taken no toll from the official family.

Not being satisfied with the existing regulations that no Master Mason could be exalted until he had been a Master Mason at least three calendar months, he recommended that no petition should be received for three months, and that thirty days should elapse between the Mark and the Royal Arch degrees; also that examinations on the work of the previous degrees should be insisted upon previous to conferring the Royal Arch degree. Grand Chapter heartily approved.

Believing that the best is none too good, he examined the rituals of the Grand Chapter of Canada, the General Grand Chapter, and also of the Grand Chapter of New York. As a result he suggested certain changes, which were referred to the Ritual committee, and some of which evidently were approved.

He also recommended the recognition of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia; but efforts to organize a new Grand Chapter in Queensland were not so satisfactory, and Grand Chapter legislated accordingly.

He tried to camouflage his appearance in a visit to a Chapter in New York as a mere Past High Priest, but not being successful in this deception, he was received with appropriate Grand Honors.

An effort was made to adopt a uniform scale of fees for Chapter degrees, but no action was taken, the subject being, in our opinion, properly left to the individual Chapter By-Laws. Being formed originally largely from Companions from the states, this Grand Chapter, as well

as that of Nova Scotia, partake to quite an extent of the Capitular titles and customs this side of the line.

An Order of High Priesthood exists, and each year several qualified Companions are consecrated High Priest after the Order of Melchizedec, and as a further reward for their services, possibly, the minor stations are filled by the novices.

There appear to be no standing committees and there is no Report on Correspondence.

Next Annual in St. John, April 25, 1921.

Daniel W. Kyle, Moncton, Grand High Priest.

J. Twining Hartt, Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1921

Chapters, 20. Members, 5,389. Exalted, 544. Net Gain, 433.

BERT L. STEBBINS, Grand High Priest.

Nothing out of the ordinary marked the One Hundred and Second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter held in Concord, May 17, 1921, which was attended by practically all the Grand Officers as well as Past Grand and many Past High Priests; but unfortunately, Florida was not represented by Ex. Comp. Chas. L. Wentworth.

Faithfully and systematically did Grand High Priest Stebbins present an account of his official acts, which were approved by Grand Chapter.

His report on Necrology includes the "going west" of M. E. Companion John F. Webster, who was Grand High Priest in 1886-1887, and whose Masonic career was notable, he being one of two men in that Grand Jurisdiction who have ever been honored with the holding of

every Grand Office in both York and Scottish Rite Bodies.

The several dispensations which the Grand High Priest issued for holding special convocations would not have been necessary under Florida laws.

Apparently he was not quite satisfied with the observance of the regulations pertaining to the "Mark," which not only requires the candidate to select the mark, but also to exhibit it to the Chapter, "and if elected have the same recorded before signing the By-Laws." It seems some of the Chapters have been in the habit of "merely putting the candidates names and date of advancement in the book and never putting in the mark."

He urged Grand Representatives to appreciate their privilege and obligation of keeping in touch with the Grand Chapter to which they are accredited. He also urged all Companions to read the Fraternal Correspondence:

Which covers the broad field of our endeavor, and acquaint themselves with the diverse points of view of Masonic problems which are there presented. The study of these reports makes the well-informed Mason, in fact it is a liberal education.

Although the new General Grand Chapter Ritual has been adopted and is in general use, yet it does not appear to meet with general approval, and the incoming Grand High Priest was instructed to appoint a Companion from each Chapter to report at the next Annual what changes, if any, should be made.

A notable addition to the meager light we have concerning the Order of High Priesthood is an "Historical Sketch of the Order of New Hampshire," by Ex. Comp. Charles B. Spofford, who also prepared the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

For good reasons he "guesses" that the order of High Priesthood was established by Webb "at the time he gave the Prestonian Lectures and ceremonies of the inferior degrees." This little incident relative to Webb's Masonic record is somewhat new to us:

Webb was born in Boston, October 30, 1771, removing to Keene, N. H., where he was a printer. He was made a Master Mason in Rising Sun Lodge, December 15, 1790 (obviously not of Masonic age). The charter of this Lodge was subsequently arrested September 19, 1805, at a meeting held in the Lodge room, and at a meeting held in Portsmouth, October 23, 1805, was mutilated and destroyed, the reason for such action being their disobedience in the conferring upon candidates under age, one of whom presumably had been Webb. Webb died in Cleveland, Ohio, July 6, 1819, and was subsequently buried in Providence, Rhode Island.

Florida Proceedings are given brief attention, with nothing particularly commendable or otherwise. Somehow, we do not quite understand his reference to our fourth review: "He admits it is no easy task to review fifty or more volumes, with justice to the space, which might be used for more instructive purposes." Unless it be that we have outlived our usefulness as a reviewer and it is time to quit. Another statement is that the Florida 1920 Proceedings were not received until February, 1921, and consequently was "a back number for a last minute review." Grand Secretary Webster is ever punctual and Florida Proceedings are sent out inside of sixty days after the Grand Bodies meet.

Next Annual in Concord, May 16, 1922.
William D. Chandler, Concord, Grand High Priest.
Harry M. Cheney, Concord, Grand Secretary.
Charles B. Spofford, Claremont, Correspondent.

NEW YORK—1922

Chapters, 219. Members, 60,793. Exalted, 6,632. Net Gain, 5,498.

WILLARD T. CHEVALIER, Grand High Priest.

As we open the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter the first thing to attract our attention is that the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Annual (a century and a quarter) was held in Albany, February 7-8, of the present year. All the Grand Officers were present and nearly a dozen and a half of Past Grand Priests, besides distinguished visitors from Canada, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and the General Grand Chapter, as well as the heads of the other York Rite Bodies within the state. And with all this array of Craftsmen Florida's representative was not.

Eschewing all rhetorical display, Grand High Priest Chevalier presented a statement of his official acts, together with such recommendations and other matters as he deemed expedient; and even then over fifty pages are required, much of which is in small type. This gives only a partial indication of the multitudinous matters requiring attention, every one of which appears to have been given proper consideration.

During the year past, M. E. Companion William Sherer, who was Grand High Priest in 1887-1888, entered into rest, as well as several other Past Grand Masters of Veils and Past Grand Representatives.

Dispensations were granted two U. D. Chapters; and the number of Grand Representatives appointed and accredited and the record of courtesy work run into three figures. New York practices "open communion," for eight special dispensations were issued to confer the Lodge degrees in other than the Chapter rooms. How-

ever the Grand High Priest knows when to say "nay," for several requests for dispensations were refused because they "were beyond the power of the Grand High Priest to grant."

No doubt one reason for the great gain in membership is the efficient work of the Assistant Grand Lecturers, who are to visit each Chapter officially at least once each year; and to bring this about, a carefully prepared letter of instruction is sent to each one by the Grand Lecturer, and not content with this, the several Chapters are also assigned for the purpose of visitation to the Grand Officers and Past Grand High Priests. To make these visits all the more effective, the Grand High Priest outlined a policy for guidance in the visitations, the principal objects of which are:

1. To educate the Royal Arch Mason as to the true significance and position of Royal Arch Masonry.
2. To advise those charged with the administration of subordinate Chapters, and to encourage a sound and healthy development of the Capitular bodies.
3. To help Royal Arch Masonry to apply Masonic teachings in the practical affairs of life; in other words, to teach a higher standard of American citizenship based on Masonic principles, thereby promoting the work of this nature now being carried on by the Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction.
4. To report to the Grand High Priest as to the conditions under which each Chapter is working.

The Grand High Priest regretted that it was not possible to accept all the invitations tendered him, but he did find time to make fifty-seven Chapter visitations, twenty of which he designated as "official," besides several to out-of-state and other Grand Bodies, which are classified under the more dignified heading of "Foreign Relations." He does not state whether Freemasonry is his vocation or his avocation.

He found it necessary to enforce disciplinary action on two Chapters who had violated the Constitution which provides that "at least two weeks must elapse between conferring the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch degrees;" and in each case on proper profession of penitence and promise of future good behavior the penalty was mitigated.

Special emphasis was attached to the responsibility of High Priests, and his admonition to those of the Empire State is just as applicable to those of Florida or any other state and is well worth their careful perusal:

I wish to remind the High Priests of Chapters that they are individually responsible for the manner in which the business of their Chapters is conducted. They have it in special charge to see that the By-Laws of their Chapters and the Constitution and General Regulations of the Grand Chapter are duly observed and that all the officers of their Chapters perform their duties faithfully.

It sometimes happens that through inefficiency or carelessness on the part of a secretary the standing of his Chapter may become seriously compromised. Such a condition is a direct reflection on the High Priest for the time being, who should exercise such supervision over that officer and over all the other officers of the Chapter as to insure the proper performance of their duties in accordance with the Constitution of the Grand Chapter.

This is not an academic reflection. It has been prompted by several experiences during the past year, some of which appeared for a time to offer possibilities of grave consequences.

After two years of wrestling with jurisdictional lines, the new Standing Committee on Jurisdiction solemnly scale;" this time relief was granted to only one Chapter, other complaining Chapters being kept on the "anxious seat."

The Order of High Priesthood being an essential qualification, it became necessary to hold special convocations of the Order in addition to the constitutional number.

We now turn with pleasure as well as profit to the well prepared and educational report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence by Past Grand High Priest Arthur Warren. Having formed his acquaintance at Asheville, we can all the more appreciate his work, and regret we cannot present it more at length to our readers.

Courteous and fraternal is his review of Florida, nothing of importance escaping his attention. Replying to his comment on the dispensation for the election of a High Priest to fill a vacancy: Under Florida law a King or Scribe does not automatically succeed to that vacancy, only presiding in his absence, but to permanently fill a vacancy an election must be held; but there is nothing to prevent the station being filled by any one "in line."

He quite approvingly quotes from the Committee on Memorials as well as from some of the work of the writer of this review. Companion Warren will please accept our thanks for his words of appreciation.

Next Annual in Albany, February 6, 1923.

C. Tracy Stagg, Ithaca, Grand High Priest.

Charles C. Hunt, New York, Grand Secretary.

Arthur Warren, Rochester, Fraternal Correspondent.

NEW JERSEY—1921

Chapters, 51. Members, 13,146. Exalted, 2,679. Net Gain, 2,543.

J. VREELAND HARING, Grand High Priest.

So great is the Capitular enthusiasm in this Grand Jurisdiction that every official was in his rightful place

when the Sixty-fifth Annual Convocation convened in Trenton, May 11, 1921, and a goodly number of Past Grands, including M. E. Companion Wm. H. Lowe, who looked after Florida's interests; besides distinguished visitors from Massachusetts, New York and the Grand Chapter of Canada. After the customary presentations and felicitations, Grand High Priest Haring delivered his address.

After assuring his hearers that in future years this will be considered "as the demonstration of a short address," he further informs that:

That the Royal Craft in New Jersey is now at its high water mark; at no time in its history has the general condition of our Chapters equalled the present high standard of excellence.

Five new Chapters under Dispensations are now strong and vigorous; others are still in the formative stage and will appeal for recognition in the very near future.

This activity is not sporadic, but is a steady natural growth; the result of a forward movement, and an unrestrained desire for an acceptance of the philosophy and principles of Freemasonry, and the beautiful teachings embodied in our Royal Art.

He esteemed it a privilege to visit every Chapter in the state, and not out of curiosity but that he might "greet the Companions in their own homes." He found the ritual work uniform and the attendance as well as the paraphernalia in keeping. With such spirit prevailing it is no wonder that the gain in membership in the year was about twenty-five per cent.

A notable event during the year, as well as out of the ordinary, was a reception given to Past Grand Priest Marcus Higginbottom on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of his election to the office of Grand High Priest, and the presentation to him at that time of a "Marble Perfect Ashler with Gold Mountings," by that silver-

tongued orator, Most Excellent Companion Henry S. Haines.

The activities of the Grand High Priest were many and varied. Answers to the perplexing questions, he states, were all found in the Rules and Regulations.

Unqualified approval were the wages awarded Grand High Priest Haring by the committee as well as Grand Chapter, whose administration was characterized by diligence and discretion.

A new constitutional amendment which will come up for action a year hence, was proposed, which if enacted will permit a more equitable and just compensation for official duties. All other business was routine.

An entire evening was set apart for the Grand Convention of High Priesthood, at which time thirty Excellent Companions were anointed. An address on the "Symbolism and Meaning of the Order," was given by the president, M. E. Companion Henry S. Haines, who was re-elected.

Always interesting and inspiring is the Report on Foreign Correspondence by the inimitable and gifted Companion, Past Grand High Priest Henry S. Haines, who finds a welcome message from Florida, "the land of sunshine and flowers." He likewise commends the thorough and concise account of stewardship rendered by Grand High Priest W. V. Carter. But he is not quite in accord with the Florida practice of not installing a re-elected officer, which he believes should be done as a renewal of fealty and faithfulness, if for no other reason.

If a Mason's word is as good as his bond, why should it be necessary to require a re-affirmation?

We appreciate his commendation of our work, and it was a still greater pleasure to renew his acquaintance last September at Asheville.

Next Annual in Trenton, May 10, 1922.
 Albert Leon, Perth Amboy, Grand High Priest.
 Peter McGill, Bound Brook, Grand Secretary.
 Henry S. Haines, Burlington, Fraternal Correspondent.

NEW MEXICO—1921

Chapters, 17. Members, 1,538. Exalted, 229. Net Gain, 194.

REUBEN PERRY, Grand High Priest.

Only one Chapter was without representation at the Twenty-third Annual Convocation of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter held in Albuquerque, February 24, and only two of the Grand Stations were filled by appointment, an excellent showing, especially as the membership is widely scattered and cross country traveling facilities are not exactly ideal. Deeming Grand representation non-essential, time is conserved and empty honors obviated by recognizing "no such animals."

Civil and economic conditions were considered and due consideration given to the fraternal Companions who had passed the vails to the Great Beyond, by Grand High Priest Perry, which numbered none of the Grand Family, although there were vacant stations in many of the quarries.

Most of his official acts pertained to local requirements and were entirely within his prerogatives, therefore not subject to review.

Apparently efficient services are recognized in that domain, for this local by-law amendment was approved:

The secretary shall receive the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for his services and such further sums for the proper discharge of his duties as the Chapter may from time to time judge to be proper.

Replying to the request of a High Priest for permission to reduce the Chapter fees for degrees to thirty dollars, he ruled:

The Grand High Priest had no authority to suspend or change By-Laws of the Grand Chapter, with reference to minimum fee to be charged.

Only one case of invasion of jurisdiction was reported, to the effect that a Chapter had accepted four petitions from Brothers residing in another jurisdiction which had held only one convocation in 1919 and none up to that time, 1920, because some of the members "thought no Chapter by its inactivity should have the right to deprive eligible Brothers from receiving the Chapter degrees." And while the Grand High Priest held the same opinion, he "healed" the complaint by turning the petition over to the complaining Chapter and then personally and with the assistance of the Companions of the offending Chapter, rendered necessary assistance in securing additional members and conferring the degrees.

In addition to attending his home Chapter he made three other official visitations, which were to the two Chapters mentioned and one other whose quarry work was suffering from inactivity, and these he reports are now prosperous, as is Capitular Masonry throughout the state.

He attributes much of the prosperity of Capitular Masonry in the state to the efficient services of the District Deputies. He deputized representatives to the George Washington Memorial Association. His only

recommendation was that Grand Chapter authorize constituent Chapters to issue life memberships, and that the fee be not less than fifty dollars.

Companions from four subordinate Chapters presented this significant Grand Chapter By-Law Amendment, which the Jurisprudence committee approved and which was adopted:

Electioneering for office in this jurisdiction is prohibited and shall be deemed a Masonic offense.

Although Grand Chapter formally adopted the revised General Grand Chapter Ritual, yet a special committee was appointed and authorized to prepare a detailed report of "objections and exceptions," to be submitted for consideration at the next Triennial, but no provision seemed to have been made for representation there.

Perhaps questioning its necessity, no Order of High Priesthood is in evidence. And for reasons satisfactory to itself at the time, a Report on Correspondence was eliminated. This condition may be satisfactory to the Companions of that Grand Jurisdiction, but the Round Table contingent sadly miss the illuminating work of Companion Wroth, and the hope is expressed that Grand Chapter may in its wisdom again set this committee at work.

J. Smith Lea, Roswell, Grand High Priest.
Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA—1921

Chapters, 57. Members, 6,536. Exalted, 855. Net Gain, 729.

J. M. OLDHAM, Grand High Priest.

Distinguished Craftsmen from neighboring states were in attendance at the Seventy-third Annual Convocation of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, held in Asheville, that city in the "Land of the Sky," on May 10-11, 1921. It being preliminary in a way to the coming Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, the attendance was gratifying.

It seemed particularly appropriate to Grand High Priest Oldham that his administration should terminate in the same city in which he began his official duties some years previous, and he was pleased to report, in his address, that the past year had been very successful, as to gains both in members and income. He was also grateful that this official family was intact.

His official acts, while numerous, were confined chiefly to minor matters of no outside interest, and for the good of the Craft. His only refusal to a request was to act on a petition at a called meeting, because he says he did not have the right. Good reason.

He made several pertinent suggestions which really amounted to recommendations, but seemingly they were not taken seriously, for we fail to find any further references to them.

Although he had numerous inquiries, he considered none of them of a serious nature and all were covered by the law. One example, however, is cited, the answer to which is not quite clear to the writer, but it may be to the reader:

A Brother had been elected but had moved away before the degrees could be conferred; after he was back the secretary called me over 'phone and asked me what to do. I advised him to notify all his members and spread the ballot and be governed by it.

He was also in doubt as to the advisability of "group balloting," the Grand Master of North Carolina having ruled against it. So has the Grand Lodge in Florida, but the status to advancement to the Capitular degrees being somewhat different, "collective balloting" is permitted in subordinate Chapters; but should dark ballot appear, then individual balloting becomes necessary.

Grand Chapter split fifty-fifty on the two petitions for new Chapters, one being recommended and the other failed by reason of neglect of petitioners.

Florida's Grand Representative did not share in the cordial words of welcome extended to these more or less honorary titles.

North Carolina's Royal Craftsmen are educating both a boy and a girl in the State Educational institutions, and they are both making good, the girl's standing being equal to her predecessor, who four years previous "held every honor at the North Carolina College for Women that any girl could hold." This is an application of Masonry in which many Grand Bodies are now engaged, and others might follow to advantage.

The Grand Chapter in connection with the Grand Council and Grand Commandery will hereafter employ a whole-time Grand Secretary and Recorder at an aggregate salary of two thousand dollars, with an additional appropriation of fifteen hundred dollars for other expenses. A wise move, and the re-election of M. E. Companion John B. Griggs indicates they know and appreciate a good man. Congratulations, Companion Griggs!

At the convention of Anointed High Priesthood, twenty-six Companions petitioned and twenty-one appeared and were consecrated to this holy Order. Some changes were made in the official stations.

Past Grand High Priest John H. Anderson, who did so much towards making the Triennial Convocations at Asheville later in the season a magnificent success, presented a somewhat concise Report on Correspondence. He admitted that it was his "first literary effort," and against his will, "but never having learned to say no, when an effort to promote the interests of Masonry was concerned," he accepted the assignment and it is a credit to him as well as to the Grand Body he represented.

He found little in Florida worthy of reproduction, about the only action attracting his notice was that condemning those Chapters making innovations in ritualistic work. Another Companion was appointed to carry on the work the coming year. But Companion Anderson's special abilities running in other channels, he was signally honored at the Triennial by being elected General Grand Master of the First Veil of the General Grand Chapter.

Next Annual in Winston-Salem, May 9-10, 1922.

John J. Phoenix, Greensboro, Grand High Priest.

John B. Griggs, Elizabeth City, Grand Secretary.

J. Edward Allen, Warrenton, Correspondence Committee.

NORTH DAKOTA—1921

Chapters, 27. Members, 3,844. Exalted, 420. Net Gain, 396.

JOHN H. G. TURNER, Grand High Priest.

Following the formal opening of the Thirty-second Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter in Grand

Forks, January 25th, with the Grand Scribe absent, who is now Major Bitzing, U. S. A., stationed at Camp Funston, also Florida's Grand Representative, and with letters of greetings from several Past Grand High Priests, one of whom, M. E. Companion Laurence G. Moultrie, is in the Near East Relief Work near Beyroot, Grand High Priest Turner presented an account of his official stewardship.

The address showed that he had served the Grand Chapter diligently and well, had visited all save five or six constituent Chapters, and that his work was greatly appreciated. While the Scythe of Time had cut the brittle thread of life of numerous Companions within this Grand Jurisdiction there was no vacancy in any of the Present or Past Officers.

Little or nothing appears to have disturbed the Capitular life, and his acts pertained almost solely to internal requirements of little interest to outsiders. He granted two dispensations to form new Chapters as well as several others pertaining to the presumed needs of constituent Chapters. All of these were approved, but with the admonition from the Jurisprudence committee "that much care should be maintained in granting such requests, and only in cases of special emergency." Unquestionably many requests for dispensations are unnecessary and would not be granted were the Grand High Priest better informed, but later he realizes his error and thus invites the critical censure of those who are appointed to safeguard the Craft.

Concurrent jurisdiction was granted two Chapters over candidates living in two towns on account of train service, both Chapters joining in the request. Wonder why similar action would not in many cases help solve the vexing questions of jurisdictional invasion?

He recommended that every constituent Chapter be officially visited at least once a year, also that the Grand Officers be prepared to give ritualistic and other instructions, and seemingly as a second thought adds this "joker":

That the constituent Chapters visited by a Grand Officer be required to pay the sum of five dollars to the Grand Officer who may visit their Chapter, not to exceed once a year, in addition to the actual expenses paid by the Grand Chapter, for surely one should not be expected to leave his business in other hands without being reimbursed.

When M. E. Companion E. George Guthrie presented his formal Report on Correspondence, which was received and made a part of the Proceedings, he accompanied it with a supplementary report in which he strongly urged the discontinuance of the office of Deputy Grand High Priest as being a useless appendage, as this official has no place in the ritual, is not mentioned in the installation ceremonies, and is not inducted into office by any pledge. Later Companion Guthrie offered a resolution calling for a general convention of the constituent Chapters for the purpose of amending the Constitution. All Chapters being represented, Grand Chapter was declared open, at which time a revisional constitutional amendment was presented eliminating the station of Deputy Grand High Priest. And although its formal approval will have to be sanctioned by the constituent Chapters previous to the next Annual Convocation, yet so certain apparently was its adoption that at the election of officers no provision was made for that station. If it is a good move, why not pass it along?

There is a growing disposition throughout the Craft generally to curb the "hurry up" ambitions to quickly ac-

quire the so-called "higher degrees." In this Grand Body the following constitutional amendment was adopted:

Qualifications for Membership.—No Royal Arch Mason shall be admitted a member of any Chapter under this jurisdiction unless he shall have regularly received the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason, Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason, nor without a petition and unanimous vote, and the subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction are forbidden to receive the petition for degrees of any Mason raised since July 1st, 1920, unless he shall present proper evidence that he has passed a satisfactory examination in the lecture of the Master Mason degree; or petitions for degrees or membership of Masons who are not affiliated with some Lodge, provided such non-affiliation is voluntary: i. e., that more than six months have elapsed since his rejection in a Lodge of Master Masons.

Provided, however, that this amendment shall not become effective unless a similar requirement be enacted by the proper authorities of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction in North Dakota.

Believing that the forming of districts and the holding of joint convocations was of prime importance and essentially necessary in the promotion of Royal Arch Masonry, the state was divided into five districts. It does not seem quite clear how these gatherings are to be conducted.

An invitation was received and accepted from the Grand Lodge to participate in an International Masonic celebration to be held at Pembina, in connection with the dedication of a marker and tablet to be placed on the site where the first organized Masonic Lodge in the present state of North Dakota held its meetings in the winter of 1863-1864. Delegations were expected from Minnesota and Manitoba.

An even dozen Excellent Companions were received into membership in the Order of High Priesthood, and

M. E. Companion E. George Guthrie was re-elected president.

Without further fuss or feathers Past Grand High Priest Guthrie, "Our George," as he is affectionately called by his Companions, again presents a Fraternal Correspondence Report, which combines the much desired qualities and eliminates the chaff.

Under Florida he quotes from the address of Grand High Priest Carter relative to the state of uncertainty and unrest, and notes that the Dean of Past Guards, Marcus Endel, appears for North Dakota.

Noting that the writer of this review was then Grand Scribe, he adds:

He can keep on reviewing for a few years, but he will not become thoroughly conscious of his short-comings until he becomes Grand High Priest and has to review his own work. That will be the test to make him flinch.

It is to be regretted if the craftsmen of Florida do not read this report with extreme pleasure and enjoyment, as Ely puts up one of those clean, clear, concise reviews that is a joy and a delight to read. His 150 pages are a carefully compiled synopsis of happenings in the Capitular world, that is a worth while review.

Next Annual in Fargo, January 24-25, 1922.
George E. Davis, Grand Fork, Grand High Priest.
Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo, Grand Secretary.
E. George Guthrie, Fargo, Correspondent.

NORTH DAKOTA—1922

Chapters, 27. Members, 4,009. Exalted, 296. Net Gain, 165.
GEORGE E. DUIS, Grand High Priest.

Although reaching us the eleventh hour, after the copy for the reports had been sent to the printer, yet none

the less welcome, is the Proceedings of the Thirty-third Annual, held in Fargo, January 24-25, 1922, with every Grand Officer filling his proper station, besides other greater and lesser lights. Letters of regret included one from Past Grand High Priest Ingalls who had not previously missed an Annual Convocation since the organization of the Grand Chapter of Dakota Territory in 1885, an enviable record.

Following a custom prevailing in many Grand Jurisdictions, the presiding officers of the other York Rite Bodies as well as the Grand Patron of the O. E. S., were welcomed and given the Grand Honors of Masonry.

Abounding in facts, well arranged, was the concise business-like address of Grand High Priest Duis, who rejoiced that notwithstanding disturbed financial conditions, the Royal Craft had made substantial gains in membership. During the year M. E. Companion John Holmes, who was Grand High Priest in 1903, "Crossed the Bar."

All of the special dispensations reported by the Grand High Priest would not have been necessary under Florida Constitution. He reported very satisfactory results in a constructive way from the formation of districts and the appointment of District Deputy Grand High Priests. During the year charters were delivered to three newly constituted Chapters.

We are pleased to note that Florida now has a real Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of North Dakota—that he was present, and better still, that he can be depended upon for some time to come, for Ex. Companion Otto F. Hennings is now Grand Master of the Third Veil, and in this Grand Jurisdiction the elective offices begin with Grand Royal Arch Captain.

Certainly the leaven of less speed in petitioning for the so-called "higher degrees" is working, for during the year this joint agreement was entered into between the Inspector General of North Dakota, A. & S. S. Rite, and the Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter R. A. M. of North Dakota:

Now, therefore, It is hereby ordered that on and after January 1, 1922, no petition shall be received from any Master Mason raised since July 1, 1920, by any Chapter of Royal Arch Masons or Lodge of Perfection in North Dakota, unless the same is accompanied by a certificate of proficiency in the lecture of the Master Mason's degree.

About the only minor note discovered in the address of the Grand High Priest arose from the indefinite postponement of the report of the Committee on New Constitution at General Grand Chapter, which he says, "did not appear to the North Dakota representatives as a truly Masonic way of handling such a proposition."

While many members of the Craft have discussed among themselves the matter referred to in the one recommendation of Grand High Priest Duis, this is the first time, to our remembrance, it has been brought to the attention of any Grand Body:

I desire to recommend that some steps be taken to require attendance at not less than 25 per cent of the regular stated convocations before a member is eligible to vote for the election of officers at the regular election. It has been my observation that there is an unusually large attendance at some of the Chapter elections and it would seem unfair that a Companion who has taken no part the entire year in the work of the Chapter or in its affairs, should be present to vote on the officers for the ensuing year about whose qualifications he has had no opportunity to judge for himself, and thereby be enabled to vote intelligently. I think that the time has

come when the members of our Order should be held responsible for a reasonable attendance so that they may become familiar with its great principles and purposes.

This brought out in Grand Chapter a constitutional amendment making it necessary for a member of a Chapter "living within three miles of his Chapter to attend 25% of its stated convocations unless detained by pure necessity." A spirited debate followed, but resulted in Grand Chapter adopting by a vote of two to one.

According to the Proceedings the Committee on Addresses and Reports presented its findings before the Grand High Priest had announced the appointment of this committee.

We also note that the presiding officer of a Mark Master's Lodge is mentioned as Worshipful Master. In Florida he is designated as Right Worshipful Master.

Real merit and ability were quite properly recognized by the Grand High Priest in the excellent work of the Grand Secretary, R. E. Companion Walter L. Stockwell, and also of the Fraternal Correspondent, M. E. Companion E. George Guthrie, and Grand Chapter heartily approved.

Only six Excellent Companions sought the honors and title of Anointed High Priesthood.

For the eighth time Past Grand High Priest E. George Guthrie presented a report on Fraternal Correspondence. It was true to type and form from start to finish and reveals a Master workman "who needeth not to be ashamed." His introduction takes the title of "Pick-ups Along the Trail," combining both wisdom and sentiment.

Under Florida he notes with satisfaction that the dean of Past Grand High Priests, Marcus Endel, was the "Ambassador for North Dakota." He refers to the "busi-

ness document" of Grand High Priest Snow, and to the efficient executive work of Grand Secretary Webster in getting all reports "under the wire within the designated time limit."

We appreciate the complimentary words in which he refers to our work, classing the writer with Roe Fulker-son of the District of Columbia, "who has almost climbed the mountain, now holding the purple honors of Grand King."

It was a great pleasure to renew our acquaintance at Asheville, and we are looking forward to the next re-union in Portland, when Companions Bodge and Davis have volunteered to instruct us into the correct methods of eating sea foods.

Next Annual in Grand Forks, January 22-23, 1923.

Walter H. Murfiss, Fargo, Grand High Priest.

Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo, Grand Secretary.

E. George Guthrie, Fargo, Fraternal Correspondent.

NOVA SCOTIA—1921

Chapters, 20. Members, 2,471. Exalted, 346. Net Gain, 263.

WILBERT A. CREELMAN, Grand High Priest.

During the year two special convocations of this Grand Chapter were held; one for the purpose of constituting Mount Akron Chapter, and the other to constitute Renown Chapter.

Annapolis Basin, famed in both history and romance, formed the setting for the Fifty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, which was held in the town of Digby, June 7, 1921. Although two

of the official family were absent, as also was Florida's Grand Representative, yet there was a generous attendance of Past Grand High Priests, Kings and Scribes.

"Most satisfactory," is what Grand High Priest Creelman termed the great growth in Capitular membership in Nova Scotia, in his address reviewing the work of the year, in which especial reference is made of Most Excellent Companion Joseph R. Bennett, who passed to rest one year previous on the night of the former Annual Convocation. Companion Bennett was Grand High Priest in 1917. Particularly appropriate was the reference to our late M. E. Companion W. C. Andress: "His great desire and highest ambition were to be useful to the Order."

Several of the Grand Representatives near other Grand Chapters sent fraternal greetings, which were much appreciated by Grand High Priest Creelman. It would not be out of place for others holding similar appointments to do likewise.

Among the questions asked the Grand High Priest was, "When all three of the Council Officers were absent what was to be done?" and he replied that a special dispensation was necessary. Both Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter in Florida have regulations providing that when the three elective officers are absent the Junior Past Master or High Priest present can open and preside.

A dispensation was granted to wear Royal Arch clothing while attending divine service. The writer has no recollection of ever seeing Royal Arch clothing worn in public procession.

With the exception of Sherman Chapter in the island of New Foundland, every other subordinate Chapter was visited by the Grand High Priest. And he expressed the hope that ere long Grand Chapter would find it possible to hold an Annual Convocation in that island country.

Grand Chapter thought so well of this suggestion that a committee will report next year on its feasibility.

Among his visitations was one to the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of Keith Chapter No. 4, at Truro, and especially memorable because:

The sole remaining member of those who as charter members first raised the Royal Arch in Keith Chapter, the Rev. W. T. Wilkins, now of Trenton, Ont., was the honored guest of the Chapter, and when responding to the toast of "Keith Chapter" wore the same regalia he had worn at its organization fifty years ago.

Acting on the recommendation of the Grand High Priest, the Grand Chapter was divided into six districts with a Grand Superintendent over each, and two years' satisfactory service entitles the appointee to the rank of Right Excellent Past Grand Superintendent. But an additional action requiring them to pass an examination in the authorized work was not deemed necessary.

The report of the Grand Representative for New Foundland indicated that Capitular Masonry was sure enough alive in Shannon Chapter, for during the year it held twelve regular and eight emergent convocations, and there were twenty-three exaltations. Some of this interest is no doubt due to the faithfulness of its worthy secretary, who in twenty-five years of continuous service was only absent on two occasions, and well did he deserve the silver piece presented him.

One regular and three special convocations of the Order of High Priesthood were held during the year for the admission and consecration of petitioners.

Right Excellent Companion Brenton F. Porter, the very efficient Grand Secretary as well, prepared a comprehensive Report on Foreign Correspondence, in which Florida receives careful attention. Noting the action Florida took relative to the work as put on by a visiting

Chapter, in which the resolutions of the Florida Grand Chapter were reproduced, Companion Porter adds:

And we judge from what we have read of Florida's Proceedings it will be enforced, too. This ruining of the sublime teachings of the Royal Arch degree can never produce earnest Chapter members. It hurts both the candidates and the offending Companions. In truth 'the bargain's bad in every part.'

He also thus refers to the flowers sent to the wife of Grand High Priest Carter, who was ill in a city hospital at the time: "We like these expressions of kindly thought." For Companion Porter's information permit us to add that not long afterwards Mrs. Carter joined the silent great white throng on the other shore.

Next Annual in Lunenburg, June 13, 1922.

Edgar N. Clements, K. C. Yarmouth, Grand High Priest.

Brenton F. Porter, Truro, Grand Secretary and Fraternal Correspondent.

OHIO—1921

Chapters, 196. Members, 68,054. Exalted, 8,178. Net Gain, 7,297.

S. RUFUS JONES, Grand High Priest.

Not many moons previous to the holding of the One Hundred and Fifth Annual in Dayton, October 5-6, 1921, eight and ten feet of flood water covered the streets of that city. To prevent a recurrence of such a catastrophe what is said to be one of the biggest pieces of flood prevention engineering in the world was going on at that time, involving an outlay of some thirty-five million dollars, was brought out in the address of welcome of the

city's mayor; and the response was by the present Grand King, R. E. Companion B. F. Perry, the one-time Buckeye neighbor and Companion of the writer.

Notwithstanding the increase in membership was 1,612 less than the year previous, Grand High Priest Jones in his address opines that "perhaps it is not a matter for serious regret," because during the past few years the applicants "have been so numerous that it has been hard to sift them as they should be." Commenting on the coming international conference at the nation's capital, he well adds:

There is demand today for careful and painstaking service on the part of every man who has the interest of humanity at heart, and every organization that seems to elevate mankind by its teachings.

During the year, two Past Grand High Priests, M. E. Companion Lewis P. Schaus and M. E. Companion Jas. W. Iredell, laid aside their burdens and answered the final summons.

So thorough and efficient is the Capitular machinery in the Buckeye State that every Chapter was inspected and every High Priest received a letter, "either complimenting or criticising, as the report seemed to require." As a result, the Grand High Priest stated that only a very few Chapters "fail to appreciate that levity has no place in conferring Chapter degrees."

During the year five Chapters were constituted and three U. D. Chapters formed.

Grand Chapter has amended its Code so that one ballot is sufficient for all the degrees. He ruled that where a candidate had been elected previous to revision to receive the Mark Master's degree, and was black-balled for the Past Master's degree after the adoption of the revi-

sion, was rejected and had no chance to receive further degrees except under the regulations of the Code as revised. He also ruled that it would be necessary for the applicant to apply for all the degrees in one petition, accompanied by the full amount of all the degrees.

He refused to grant a dispensation to authorize some High Priest to open a Chapter, because the three council officers would be in attendance at Grand Chapter. In Florida we have a regulation permitting the Junior Past High Priest present to officiate in the absence of the regular officer without a dispensation.

Recently the Grand Council of Ohio acquired a piece of property adjoining and presented it to the Masonic Home. On it was an old mill site, and Grand Chapter wanted to make an appropriation for the purpose of converting the water power into an electrical generating station for Home purposes, but the work of development will not be done until a Committee reports back to the next Grand Chapter.

Recognition was granted the new Grand Chapter of British Columbia. But a similar request from the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland was held in abeyance pending the settlement of the Philippine question.

An amendment to the Constitution, which apparently was to make all Past High Priests of Ohio Chapters members of the Grand Chapter, was rejected. Probably necessary in Ohio because of the large membership, but it is Florida law in all the York Rite Bodies.

There being a growing desire on the part of subordinate Chapters to inject extraneous and unnecessary features into Chapter By-Laws, the Committee on Charters and Dispensations deemed it advisable to make this recommendation, which Grand Chapter adopted:

And we do further recommend that in all cases of amendments to or adoption of new By-Laws by a subordinate Chapter, that, unless same are strictly in the form of the Uniform Code, recommended by this Grand Chapter, same be referred to this Grand Chapter for approval, and that the power of the Grand High Priest to approve By-Laws of subordinate Chapters be limited strictly to the Uniform Code, when presented.

We are pleased to note that Ex. Companion Ernest B. Brown was present to represent Florida.

Most Excellent Companion Nelson B. Williams, who has so many friends and admirers in Florida, again presided over the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests, and consecrated and set apart one hundred and thirty-one Excellent Companions.

Most Excellent Companion Orion P. Sperra again presents an optimistic and instructive survey and analysis of Grand Chapter Proceedings, in which he states:

Reports from the various jurisdictions, almost without exception, indicate great growth in the Capitular Bodies, together with the further fact that the Officers and Companions are measuring up to zealous work and duty; to the end that Capitularism is now standing stronger and more influential than ever before. The lessons taught are closer heeded and their high character permanently effective. Such a condition to Royal Arch Masons is surely a cause for congratulation.

Referring to the efforts of Grand High Priest Snow of Florida to build up and enlarge Capitular interest in this Grand Jurisdiction, and which by the way, other Grand Jurisdictions are doing to a much greater extent, seems to strike a minor chord in Companion Sperra's nature and brings forth this comment:

We cannot avoid the conclusion that his advising proselyting among Master Masons to increase the membership of the Royal Craft as being somewhat inadvisable, if wholly Masonic.

Next Annual in Springfield, October 4, 1922.
 Frank L. Beggs, Newark, Grand High Priest.
 Edwin Hagenbuck, Urbana, Grand Secretary.
 Orion P. Sperra, Ravenna, Foreign Correspondent.

OKLAHOMA—1921

Chapters, 77. Members, 9,961. Exalted, 2,145. Net Gain, 1,815.

HAROLD B. DOWNING, Grand High Priest.

General prosperity seems to have commanded the Capitular Craft during the year in this Grand Jurisdiction, whose Thirty-second Annual was held in Bartlesville, May 19-20, with one member of the Grand Council and Florida's Grand Representative absent. Deputy General Grand High Priest William F. Kuhn was a distinguished visitor.

Unquestionably the exceptional increase in membership during the year may be attributed to the untiring efforts and the ability to impart enthusiasm to others by Grand High Priest Downing. His detailed but not padded report indicates that he was both in season and out of season an indefatigable worker.

The one minor note in his address was the reference to the Companions who had ceased their labors during the year, which included Past Grand High Priests Isham H. G. Hulme, Jabez H. Mann, and Edmond H. Doyle.

Through his commissions three U. D. Chapters were constituted and four other dispensations were granted to form new U. D. Chapters. He divided the state into nine inspection districts in such a manner as to include the home Chapter of a Grand Officer in each district. He re-

ported a large number of interstate courtesy degrees, and was highly gratified with results obtained from the distribution of several thousand pamphlets on the "American System of Masonry."

In his opinion much of Chapter inactivity is chargeable to unworthy advancement. With this in mind he informed each Chapter just prior to the annual election that:

Any Companion in good standing is eligible to any office in his Chapter, whether or not he has filled any office in a Chapter. It is not incumbent upon Chapters to advance an officer to the detriment of the Chapter and unless the officer, especially a member of the Council, shall have filled his office in a creditable manner, he has no claim by custom or otherwise to advancement.

Also adding that the foregoing is equally applicable to a Grand Officer, and that advancement should be a reward for "faithful service."

The charters of four Chapters were arrested, as well as the gavels of two High Priests, one of which later was restored. "Arrest of gavels" is an expression new to the writer.

It is the opinion of the Grand High Priest that new Chapters should be formed in each county as well as in some of the larger cities. Undoubtedly this is wise advice, but the record of inactive Chapters and arrested charters in this Grand Jurisdiction would indicate "over-production" somewhere.

Much of the address of the Grand High Priest was of a constructive nature, the major parts of which were approved and conform substantially to Florida procedure, excepting that it continues membership in the Masonic Service Association.

Among the few committee disapprovals was a recommendation somewhat out of the ordinary, but as it contains suggestions worthy of consideration, is reproduced:

Brethren residing in the jurisdiction of inactive Chapters are many times thwarted in their desire to receive the Capitular degrees on account of residing in the territorial jurisdiction of such Chapters. I would recommend that our laws be amended in such a manner that a Brother desiring to receive the Capitular degrees may petition either of the two nearest Chapters.

Owing to oversight the previous year the time and place of this Annual was overlooked and later was fixed to follow the Grand Commandery, but apparently was not altogether satisfactory, for the next Annual was fixed a month earlier.

The Annual Convocation of the Order of High Priesthood was held the day preceding, when about the average percentage of High Priests became acquainted with an Order whose legends date back to the early days of Biblical history.

For the second time Excellent Companion William Noble presented a Report on Fraternal Correspondence which fully met expectations. He has that happy faculty of filling the measure but not slopping over.

Florida Proceedings appear to pass inspection and mention is made of the "very good address" of Grand High Priest Carter. He appreciated our tribute a year ago to Oklahoma's former Grand Representative, Companion Daniel M. Hailey, who has joined the Grand Chapter above. He also makes this appreciated reference to M. E. Companion Oliver L. Wright, our Grand Representative there:

We know Companion Wright personally, and like him very much. He is like Companion Hailey, a "Mason of the Old School."

Next Annual in Muskogee, April 5-6, 1922.
Eugene P. McMahon, Lawton, Grand High Priest.
James A. Scott, Muskogee, Grand Secretary.
William Noble, McAlester, Correspondent.

OREGON—1921

Chapters, 39. Members, 5,799. Exalted, 873. Net Gain, 820.

FRANK W. SETTELMIER, Grand High Priest.

One distinguished visiting Companion, Past Grand High Priest W. Irving Latimer, of Michigan, was present when the Sixty-first Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter convened in Portland, June 13th, with all stations properly filled, besides an even dozen of Past Grands, and Florida without representation.

So concise was the business-like address of the Grand High Priest that it almost escaped notice. His official acts included the constituting of Sunnyside Chapter; the establishing of Peninsular Chapter, which received a charter; but the other dispensation to establish Ray Chapter U. D. at Cloverdale was not apparently so successful. One Grand Representative was appointed.

Although he caused due and timely notice to be given each Grand and Past Grand Chapter Officer that General Grand High Priest Frederick W. Craig would arrive in Portland for a two-days' stay, yet only sixteen joined with the Grand High Priest in extending the courtesy that was due.

The Grand High Priest having visited every constituent Chapter, came to this conclusion:

More than ever do I see the need of a method of Masonic instruction and education throughout all of the constituent Chapters to the end that the ceremonies through which the candidate has passed may become and be intelligent to him and the Companions. Neglect of the young Mason and the entire absence of Masonic education facilities induces waning interest among members and small attendance in Chapters.

He further recommended that either the Grand High Priest or his proxy visit each Chapter each year for the purpose of instructing in both ritual and keeping of the records. He found that some Chapters had never been visited before by a Grand High Priest. Some Grand Chapters are just awakening to the advisability of Grand Official visitations. Only a year or so ago mention was made in one of our reviews of a Chapter nearly a century old which had for the first time been honored by a visit of a Grand High Priest.

Owing to the conditions under which the Grand Chapter of Oregon was formed, many of the Companions of that state have been of the opinion that the General Grand Chapter should issue a charter for the Grand Chapter of Oregon. This matter was presented at the Baltimore Triennial three years ago, but that General Grand Body did not view it in the same light, and the request was denied because it was not deemed necessary. Not being satisfied with the action of that General Grand Chapter, it was again brought up at the last General Grand Convocation, but resulted as before, in no action being taken. This probably permanently disposes of what had been a vexatious question.

A constitutional amendment was adopted which in addition to requiring the customary year's residence also provides that a person in Governmental service not qualified by residence, may petition through a dispensation of the Grand High Priest to the Chapter.

Suitable recognition was made of the labors of M. E. Companion E. E. Kiddle, Grand High Priest in 1909-1910, who was summoned to his eternal reward during the year.

"The Destruction of the First Temple" was the subject of a well prepared address by the Grand Orator, Ex. Companion George T. Cochran, in which he aptly compared the Solomonic Temple to our every-day lives.

At the regular and special convocations of the Order of High Priesthood, about the usual proportion of High Priests, less than one-half the number of Chapters, were consecrated and set apart.

After three years of quietude, due to the passing to the Great Beyond of Ex. Companion Henry B. Thielsen, Oregon is once more represented at the Round Table, the seat being well and satisfactorily filled by Ex. Companion Walter O. Haines. His review covers forty pages of the 1920 Proceedings, in which he condenses information of the doings of the Craft of great value to the student through which he believes "will come a broader understanding of the privileges and problems of our Grand Chapters."

Under Florida he refers to the "strictly business document" of Grand High Priest Carter, and notes that the "gain in membership of 1,139 is more than thirty-three and a third per cent and is the largest percentage in any of the Grand Chapters."

In our 1920 review mention was made of a decision relative to affiliation without visitation, to which Companion Haines replies:

Our law is * * * is that a non-affiliate shall have the privilege of visitation for one year, but he must petition for membership within one month of the end of that year or forfeit all rights except that of petitioning. If after that time he should petition he

must satisfy the Chapter that he is a R. A. Mason. This does not require a visit, as the usual committee can attend to it or he can appear for examination before his petition is acted upon.

Next Annual in Portland, June 12, 1922.
 Walter R. Bilyeu, Albany, Grand High Priest.
 James F. Robinson, Portland, Grand Secretary.
 Walter O. Haines, Portland, Correspondent.

PENNSYLVANIA—1920

DAVID J. DAVIS, Grand High Priest.

Eclipsing all other events of the year was the celebration of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania at a special communication held in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, November 29, 1920. There were present on this memorable occasion General Grand High Priest Frederick W. Craig, M. E. Companion W. N. Ponton, Grand Z. of Canada, and the Grand High Priests and other representatives of many neighboring states. Space will not permit even a brief summary of the many points of special interest in the several addresses, but this, however, was emphasized:

Whatever may be the darkness or uncertainty that surrounds the history of Royal Arch Masonry in the United States, there can be no question but that Pennsylvania was the cradle of Royal Arch Masonry here; and there also is no doubt that the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania was the first organized Grand Body in control of Royal Arch Masonry in this country, and that therefore all the other jurisdictions must look to Pennsylvania for light in Royal Arch Masonry.

One other fact brought out in one of the addresses was the defeat of a constitutional amendment offered in 1911, which if adopted was intended seemingly to provide for a Past Master's degree, for the Jurisprudence committee reported:

That the true intent and meaning of the proposed Amendments is an attempt to take away from the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania the authority to issue dispensations for, and the control of the Passing to the Chair, called by some the Past Master's Degree.

Your committee find that, beginning with June 24th, 1783, and continuously thereafter, there is record evidence that the Passing to the Chair has been under the control and direction of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the ceremonies connected therewith being done in the constituent subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction.

Your committee are of the opinion that these Amendments should not be adopted and so report.

From the report of the Grand Secretary it is learned that at the close of the year 1919 the membership was 44,049, a net gain during the year of 3,789.

The business transacted at the four Quarterly Communications (not convocations as in most or all other Grand Jurisdictions) was largely routine and of little interest to outsiders. During the year there were two petitions to form new Chapters, one of which was granted; the other was refused because it was within nine miles of a live Chapter which objected.

Among the many letters of regret from those unable to attend was one from Past Grand High Priest Louis C. Massey, Grand Representative of Pennsylvania, near the Grand Chapter of Florida.

Since 1912 this Grand Chapter has had four extraordinary communications for the purpose of conferring at sight the Mark Master, Most Excellent Master and the Royal Arch degrees, the last being upon the younger

brother of Grand High Priest Davis during his term of office. Replying to apparent outside criticisms the Grand High Priest makes this positive statement:

The right to make Royal Arch Masons at sight is vested in the Grand High Priest by the Constitution of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and was exercised at various times preceding the period covered by our history.

The address of the Grand High Priest (his second one, it being the custom in this Grand Jurisdiction to re-elect to a second term), pertained chiefly to internal affairs, about the only matters of general interest being his decisions, some of which would not arise under Florida laws:

Decided, that the use of a typewriter for recording the minutes of a Chapter is permitted, provided a bound book is used and the work is done by a Royal Arch Mason.

Decided that the use of a loose leaf mark book is permitted, provided that the kind used is one that can be securely locked and made practically as permanent as a bound book.

Decided, that inasmuch as the Passing of a Brother to the Chair is under the control of Grand Lodge, the only course in the case of a Brother resident in Pennsylvania who is a member of a Symbolic Lodge in another jurisdiction is to obtain a demit from his Lodge, affiliate in Pennsylvania, be Passed to the Chair in the Lodge with which he affiliates, then petition to the Chapter for degrees and membership.

Decided, that there is no objection to having recommenders notify candidates to be present to receive degrees, but the secretary of the Chapter must give official notice to the candidates when they are to appear for initiation.

Decided, that the use of postal cards for sending out notices of a Chapter meeting is prohibited.

Decided, that all Chapter notices containing the names of petitioners must be enclosed in sealed envelopes.

Decided, that the use of manuscript in any form in conferring a Capitular degree is prohibited.

Decided, that the use of Chapter funds for outside functions, such as entertainments, banquets, etc., to which others are invited who are not Free and Accepted Masons, is prohibited.

Decided, that the use of circular letters for soliciting members is prohibited.

Decided, that the use of circular letters in the interest of candidates for office in Grand Chapter or any subordinate Chapter in this jurisdiction is prohibited.

There seems to be no Order of High Priesthood. As usual, the Report of the Committee on Correspondence is divided among the five members, Florida being assigned to Ex. Companion H. Franklin Brassman, a new member who finds so much worthy of favorable mention, and nothing of importance seems to escape him, that he has no space left for the shadows. His criticisms, if there be any, are constructive rather than destructive. The same committee was re-appointed.

Joseph E. Quimby, Media, Grand High Priest.

George B. Wells, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA—1921

Chapters, 150. Members, 48,828. Marked, 5,519. Net Gain, 4,780.

JOSEPH E. QUINCY, Grand High Priest.

Four Quarterlies and one Annual Convocation were held during the year, and it is pleasing to note that the Grand High Priest and all other elective officers as well as nearly all the lesser lights were in attendance each time, but unfortunately Florida's Grand Representative was in evidence only one time.

At the March Quarterly the Mark Master degree was exemplified by the Instructors in Capitular Schools, East

and West. And at the two succeeding Quarterlies the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch degrees were conferred by the same instructors.

Hereafter High Priests of other Grand Jurisdictions with a full year's service and having received the Order of High Priesthood will be entitled to Past Honors.

Grand Chapter went on record that the salary of the secretary of a subordinate Chapter should be a fixed sum, not an elastic one based on the number of members.

This Grand Chapter does not recognize the Past Master's degree as conferred by nearly all other Grand Chapters, but instead makes the Order of High Priesthood obligatory. In one instance an elected High Priest was installed by Grand Chapter and then had the Order of High Priesthood conferred upon him, but before doing so all Companions present who had not received this Order, retired.

So scrutinizing should be the inspection of Chapters by the District Deputies that the Grand High Priest suggested that the Chapter secretaries send their minute books to the Deputies for closer supervision; whose attention was also directed to a decision by M. E. Grand Priest W. B. Meredith, in 1907, which might also be profitably considered by inspecting officers generally:

In the establishment of a subordinate Chapter one of the purposes is that those who apply for the Capitular degrees and are approved may be taught the Royal Art of Capitular Masonry. How can it be taught if those in authority do not themselves know the work which is to be taught? It seems to me that the moment those who have the warrant cease to be able to do the work, govern the body and confer the degrees, the warrant should become inoperative and revert to the Grand Chapter; hence a Companion who cannot do the work of the Chapter cannot be installed as Most Excellent High Priest. Opening and closing are part of the work of the Most Excellent High Priest.

Other imperative requirements of this Grand Chapter are that no Brother can be exalted until his mark has been recorded in the Book of Marks; also that after the opening prayer one or more stanzas of "Star Spangled Banner" shall be played or sung, "the Companions standing with heads uncovered."

The preparation of the Report on Correspondence is apportioned among five Companions, Florida being assigned to Companion H. Franklin Brassman, who makes his second appearance this year. We extend to him the right hand of fellowship and hope to hear from him again.

Joseph E. Quinby, Media, Grand High Priest.
George B. Wells, Philadelphia, Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC—1921

Chapters, 14. Members, 2,459. Exalted, 332. Net Gain, 283.

WALTER J. FRANCIS, Grand Z.

Particularly noticeable was the large number of Past Grand Officers as well as all the official family which were present at the Forty-fourth Annual of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, held in Montreal, March 23, 1921. But alas and alack! Florida was not represented.

Three Past Grand First Principals, Most Excellent Companions Edward O. Dyer, John McLean and Isaac H. Stearns and Right Excellent Companion Charles Knowles, Grand Second Principal H., were summoned to the Supreme Grand Chapter on High during the year. This in itself was a great shock to the Capitular Masonry of Quebec.

Notwithstanding a serious illness which incapacitated Most Excellent Companion Walter J. Francis, the Grand Z., from performing his duties for the first eight months of his official term, yet it gave him much pleasure to report in his official address the greatest gain in membership in the history of the Order.

Although it was a year of "anniversaries," yet the Grand Z. was able to attend but few, the most noteworthy being the centenary of St. Andrews Lodge in Quebec, which he states was attended by perhaps "the largest delegation of Grand Chapter Officers and Past Officers that ever gathered outside of the Annual Convocations." Another event of particular note was the annual church service of the Montreal District, the subject being, "The Loss and the Discovery."

Among the dispensations issued were: "To admit a Brother as a Serving Companion;" "to wear Royal Arch regalia at a social function;" while the others were to install as Principal a Companion who had not previously filled a lower chair.

One new Chapter was formed in the Montreal District which he calls a "much needed relief;" and he is further gratified by the "definite impression" he has received that "other dispensations will be asked for at an early date," because the formation of new Bodies "will reduce the present large classes of candidates" in some of the larger Chapters.

The Grand Z. made an analysis of the relative membership of the Grand Lodge and of the Grand Chapter during the past eleven years, and he found "that the membership of Grand Chapter had been practically 20% of that of Grand Lodge year by year," although the relative gain in each year was not constant, varying from 40% to 12%. He believed it would have been at least fifty-

fifty were it not for a "lack of information on the part of Master Masons," and he advocates "properly advising the Master Masons of the relation of the Chapter to the Lodge." While this doctrine seemed to find favor in Grand Chapter, yet we failed to notice any definite action being taken. This is his ideal:

An enthusiastic Chapter of about 150 members taking in fifteen or eighteen members a year, may render more real service to the Royal Craft and to the community than a larger one.

He also recommended and the Chapters are putting into practice the examination of candidates in the degrees taken before being advanced.

In this as in other Canadian Grand Jurisdictions, detailed and instructive reports are presented by the District Grand Superintendents, a feature which those nearer home might well consider.

Apparently in the past there has been criticism over the manner of conferring the Mark Master degree, for the Grand Z. is pleased over "the manner in which the Chapters have respected the suggestion of greater reverence in the Mark Master degree." Approving the foregoing, the Committee on the Grand Z.'s address well says:

While the observations of the M. E. the Grand Z. apply particularly to the Mark degree, your committee believes that a similar note of caution may well be sounded in regard to the Past Master's degree. It must be remembered that the Past Master's degree is a survival from former conditions which no longer exist, that to a large extent it is an anachronism, and that therefore its retention in our system must be justified by its continued usefulness. In view of the pronounced feeling among serious minded members of the Order that our series of degrees would be strengthened if the Past Master's degree were eliminated, it behoves us to take pains to ensure that insofar as possible it be made a stepping stone and not an obstacle to the degree of the Holy Royal Arch.

We find no reference to the Order of High Priesthood.

Most Excellent Companion E. T. D. Chambers, P. G. Z., again presents concisely those matters which are really worth while to the Royal Craft.

Commenting upon the unprecedented increase in membership during the last few years, which some have feared might be an element of danger to the institution, he is disposed to believe "the lessons taught in the degree figurative of the rebuilding of the Temple" are those which are essential to the reconstruction of society today. And he is further convinced that

There are no indications of the lowering of the necessary standards in the admission of new members, nor any departure from the usual dignity and solemnity in the conferring of the degrees.

Next Annual in Montreal, March 22, 1922.

Walter J. Francis, Montreal, Grand Z.

W. W. Williamson, Montreal, Grand Scribe E.

E. T. D. Chambers, Montreal, Fraternal Correspondent.

SCOTLAND—1921-1922

Capitular matters are conducted so differently by the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland that comparisons with American Chapters are not available. No reports of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland are made public in any of the regular Bodies in Scotland, but their condensed Proceedings indicate that Royal Arch Masonry is making substantial gains in membership.

The Proceedings of the Quarterly Convocation which come in unbound pamphlet form contain many illuminating references. Florida is honored in having as its Grand Representative near that Supreme Chapter, M. E. Companion G. Nasmyth Langlands, Grand Scribe N., and who is always present at the Quarterlies. Acknowledgment is made of the receipt of the Florida Proceedings of both Chapter and Cryptic Grand Bodies. While there was no objection raised by the General Purpose committee over a proposed Joint Masonic Board for benevolent purposes, yet the committee held that it could not be sanctioned as a body to deal with *all* matters of Masonic interest for it would give an opening for interference with Lodges and Chapters as separate and independent governing bodies. Another ruling was that a Companion could be nominated for office independent of his standing in Craft Lodge. Among the petitions for new Chapters was one to be called the Laird o' Cockpen. While the petition was granted the committee was doubtful if the name was suitable.

Clandestine or spurious Masonry appears to be gaining a foot-hold in Scotland, for the Grand Scribe E. sent out a special circular directing that each Companion be questioned "whether he is associated with the Grand Encampment, the Royal Order of Scotland, or the A. & A. S. Rite under an unrecognized body."

Of special historical and Capitular interest were the toasts and responses on the occasion of the installation of Office Bearers at the Annual Convocation held on the Festival of the Vernal Equinox, March 21, 1921; particularly in the response of The Earl of Cassillas who was installed into the office of Grand First Principal for the ninth time. At this time, following the usual custom, he made three Grand Honorary appointments. In his ad-

dress at the banquet which followed, the many matters of interest mentioned was this, the first phrase of which may be questioned by our General Grand Chapter:

We still remain the largest body in the world as regards Royal Arch, as regards Royal Ark Mariner, as regards Red Cross, and as regards Cryptic. With reference to the last there is a very interesting link with America, because the Edinburgh Cryptic Council, No. 1, received its first authority from Illinois and a warm friendship exists between that Constitution and ours at the present moment.

Also this from the address bears out the hopeful expressions at the last General Grand Chapter relative to the unfortunate Philippine affair:

Most of the Chapters in the United States are still on terms of friendship with us, and the only point of difficulty is with regard to our Chapter in the Philippine Islands which we can hardly afford to desert; but which will undoubtedly, in due time, be absorbed in a Grand Chapter within these Islands. I think if Supreme Grand Chapter had only known the full facts at the beginning of 1913, it would not have granted that charter there; but the facts were a bit confused, because although no American Blue Masonry Body claimed supremacy over the Philippines, at the same time this General Grand Chapter of America did, and apparently we were wrong in not recognizing its claims at the time.

At another Quarterly a joint special Mark sub-committee from the Supreme Grand Chapter and the Grand Lodge, both Bodies of which control the "Mark" under Scottish jurisdiction, unanimously agreed that in the future all Marks shall consist of points joined together by straight lines forming any figure that is decided upon, always excepting that of the equilateral triangle.

It now looks as though the efforts of Queensland and other states of the Far East to form Grand Chapters, were in a fair way to obtain recognition. The question

of recognition of these new Grand Chapters having come up, the committee suggests that the finding should be:

To recognize the Grand Chapters undernoted provided that it is understood we agree to establish no more Scottish Chapters in these territories except in connection with a Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

That it be understood that otherwise the Grand Chapter concerned is Supreme in its own district.

That all Chapters desiring still to adhere to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, and any Lodges and Councils, or Councils of Royal and Select Masters, which may also so desire, shall be at liberty to do so, and shall receive full recognition and fellowship from the new Grand Chapter.

That this resolution shall apply to Queensland, West Australia, New Zealand, and the Philippine Islands.

We are not quite sure what bearing this has on the vexatious Philippine question, but a ruling was requested and approved that the Grand Lodge of Scotland recognizes the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands as a Sovereign Grand Lodge, and consequently all members of Lodges under that Constitution are eligible to be exalted in any Chapter under Scottish Constitutions.

A strong protest was lodged in the Supreme Grand Chapter regarding spurious Masonic degrees said to come from the American Federation and the Order of Universal Freemasonry which this Supreme Grand Chapter says was "established by Freemasons expelled by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, being utterly repugnant to every recognized Body under Scottish jurisdiction." And any member of a Lodge who identifies himself with these spurious degrees must repudiate his connection with them or he is not entitled to be present or take part in any Masonic ceremony, and any M. E. Z. of a Chapter has the right to challenge any member who must make a satisfactory declaration upon his honor. In this connection

is found this bit of Scottish Masonic history, perhaps not generally known:

There were certain old bodies in Scotland which worked degrees which are not now recognized. In particular, there were Royal Arch Chapters not then part of the present Royal Arch system. There are none such now existing outside the present system. There were Temple Encampments not now part of the Temple system. There are none such now existing and genuine outside the present system. There were other degrees worked under various systems. No member of these is expected or asked to give up his old diplomas. He may retain these.

Were a more lengthy review permissible, much interesting information could be given relative to what is being done in districts of enormous extent, involving journeys of hundreds of miles to visit outlying Chapters, and the superintendents having these districts in charge, "must be men with not only considerable leisure and motoring facilities, but withal, each one must be a worker and not a figure-head."

It is found necessary to alter the constitutions and laws of Chapters south of the equator to be in accordance with the seasons of the Southern Hemisphere.

A tabular pamphlet of a hundred pages is required to record the office bearers, committees, roll of Chapters and roll of members of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland.

SOUTH CAROLINA—1921

Chapters, 39. Members, 5,687. Exalted, 974. Net Gain, 888.

SAMUEL T. LANHAM, Grand High Priest.

This being a movable Grand Body, the One Hundred and Tenth Annual was held in Newberry, April 12th.

Two of the officers were absent, but greetings were wired them and they were duly advanced to higher stations. Florida was also represented.

Grand High Priest Lanham, who is the fortieth Royal Arch Mason to have that distinguished honor in South Carolina, referred with pride to the Capitular heritage which had been transmitted through more than a century of honorable history, and which was today a strong factor in the making of moral manhood. While some profess to believe, he said, that the existing troubles of the present were merely psychological, men having lost confidence in men, others held that it is more of an economic crisis, which crises are controllable by the laws of political economy, but it was his opinion:

That we as a nation and as a people have lost our sense of values, and have come to think far too largely of material prosperity. We have become so engrossed in the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the pursuit of our favorite phantoms, that like Israel of old we have waxed fat, grown thick, and been covered with fatness; then we forsook God who made us, and lightly esteemed the Rock of our Salvation.

He was profoundly grateful that during the two years of his incumbency in office, death had not invaded the ranks of the official family; also that peace and harmony prevailed throughout the domain of the Palmetto State.

During the year two Chapters were constituted, and one dispensation for a U. D. Chapter granted. His four opinions pertained to local matters and were conformable to Capitular laws. All requests for dispensations for the "hurry-up" route were refused, the Grand High Priest being firm in the belief "that no dispensation should be granted except in cases where very strong and universal reason can be shown."

Believing that one strong, united Chapter was better than two weaker ones, a merger of Carolina and Zerubbabel Chapter No. 1, and Union No. 3, in Charleston was effected during the year, with the name of Carolina No. 1, this being the second merger in that city, Carolina Chapter No. 1 and Zerubbabel No. 11 having united in 1882, but retaining both names and the earlier number.

Recognition was granted the new Grand Chapter of Alberta and of British Columbia, and special commendation was given the excellent reports of the Foreign Correspondent, M. E. Companion James L. Michie.

So closely did the Grand High Priest adhere to the fundamentals of Royal Arch Masonry that all his official acts were unqualifiedly approved by Grand Chapter, and his recommendations were given careful consideration.

South Carolina put a crimp in the railroading of degrees by introducing a constitutional amendment that three months must elapse after a Master Mason received that degree before he can petition for the Capitular degrees.

Twenty-four Companions received the Order of High Priesthood, and a memorial to Benjamin Burr, a former president, was presented.

Past Grand High Priest James L. Michie made his eleventh report as Fraternal Correspondent. Nothing really worth while appeared to escape his notice and the readers got something besides mere words.

Under Florida he particularly commands the resolution condemning "scenes calculated to excite mirth and discomfort." He explained that South Carolina law requires all subordinate officers to be elected and installed on or before December 27th, and a dispensation is necessary for a Chapter failing to comply. For his information, Florida law is that officers are to be elected the first

regular meeting in December, but cannot be installed until December 27th, or later, and no dispensation is required.

Comparatively few of the Correspondents refer to the Order of High Priesthood; possibly because less attention is given to this branch of Masonic work, which by reason of its requirements can be conferred only on Present or Past High Priests. So far as we can recall, the only uncomplimentary reference coming to our notice was in a recent report by Companion Knepper of Idaho. Companion Michie, after quoting the above mentioned reference, makes reply, and those who know Companion Michie personally (as the writer of this has that pleasure), will all the more appreciate his courteous but none the less true and forceful rejoinder:

Companion Knepper, you never made a worse slip-up in your life. If you belong to the Commandery let me tell you that the initiation ceremonies of the Holy Order of High Priesthood are as solemn as the Fifth Libation of a Knight Templar. "Frivolities!" As well may you impute frivolities to the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. There is no social feature connected with it, and I have heard of only one jurisdiction where the members dine together after the ceremony. I do not know, nor can I imagine, a more solemn ceremony than the Anointing, Consecrating and Setting Apart of a Companion (who must be an elected High Priest of a Constituted Chapter of Royal Arch Masons) to the Holy Order of High Priesthood. In solemnity and moral teaching, and in inculcating reverence for and obedience to the will of Almighty God as revealed in the Holy Scriptures, it is second to no degree I have ever seen conferred by any Masonic Body. And I am both a Knight Templar and a thirty-two degree Scottish Rite Mason.

No doubt the Royal Craft in South Carolina appreciates the great "find" they have in Companion Michie, for he is continued in his educational work.

Next Annual in Florence, April 11, 1922.
Eustace P. Miller, Bennettsville, Grand High Priest.

O. Frank Hart, Columbia, Grand Secretary.
Jas. L. Michie, Darlington, Correspondent.

SOUTH DAKOTA—1921

Chapters, 37. Members, 5,603. Exalted, 908. Net Gain, 749.

ARTHUR B. McKEEL, Grand High Priest.

This being a perambulating Grand Chapter, its Thirty-second Annual was held in Watertown, June 16, 1921, with two of the appointive officers, as well as Florida's Grand Representative absent. However, there were enough Past Grands and Past High Priests present to more than overcome this minor discrepancy.

Comparatively few matters had come to the notice of the Grand High Priest during the year, and it did not require a long address to review the work. An examination of the records showed that none of the official family had received their final summons.

Black Hills Chapter, one of the five in that unique western part of the state, was given a dispensation "to take its charter" to a neighboring place and "there open a Chapter and confer all the degrees upon a number of candidates." Wonder how some of the Knights of the Round Table in older and more conservative Grand Jurisdictions will look at this action, which Grand Chapter approved. We have in mind one Grand Chapter at least where a Chapter cannot convene until the Grand High Priest or his representative has inspected and made a favorable report that the Chapter room can be properly guarded.

The Grand High Priest refused a dispensation to ballot on a petition out of time so that the petitioner "could petition for the Commandery and receive the Orders before the Shrine meeting;" and Grand Chapter heartily commended him.

Five U. D. Chapters were formed, three of which were granted charters, and two by reason of shortness of time, were continued, and one Chapter was constituted during the year.

Where a candidate had lost two joints of the index finger of the right hand, the Grand High Priest held that while this might bother the candidate in giving the token in the Mark Master degree, he did not consider it sufficient grounds for rejection. Referring to another inquiry, he held (and quite rightly we believe), that after a Brother had petitioned a Chapter he was within the jurisdiction of that Chapter as long as he remained in the state, although he had asked to withdraw his petition from that Chapter so that he could petition another Chapter.

Apparently Grand Representatives stand for something in South Dakota, for a new appointment was made where the former incumbent "had not attended Grand Chapter for several years."

Because there seemed "to be a lack of knowledge in regard to the connection between the Blue Lodge and the balance of the York Rite degrees," Grand Secretary Pettigrew recommended the appointment of a committee to act with similar committees from the other Grand Bodies "for the purpose of bringing to the attention of the Craft the claims of York Rite Masonry." While the Grand Secretary's report was approved by Grand Chapter yet we failed to find that action was taken on this matter.

Recognition of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia was accorded and exchange of representatives requested.

All the business of this Grand Chapter being accomplished in two sessions, the Order of High Priesthood followed, and nine Companions were solemnly consecrated in Ample Form.

Ex. Companion Chas. L. Brockway again submits a Correspondence Report, and in somewhat tabloid form; and whatever may be said in approval or disapproval, they are quickly read.

Next Annual in Huron, June 15, 1922.

Norris J. Hendrickson, Rapid City, Grand High Priest.

George A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, Grand Secretary.
Chas. L. Brockway, Sioux Falls, Correspondent.

TENNESSEE—1922

Chapters, 85. Members, 8,888. Exalted, 1,387. Net Gain, 1,112.

F. E. BARTLEY, Grand High Priest.

Seldom has any Grand Chapter Proceedings come to our notice in which real practical constructive work seemed to occupy such a prominent part as in that of the Ninety-third Annual of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Tennessee, which convened in Nashville, January 23d, and which was honored by the presence of the General Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion William F. Kuhn. Every Grand Officer was in his rightful place, besides a baker's dozen of Past Grands, representatives from eighty-two subordinate Chapters and Past High Priests galore. But with all this magnificent Capitular array, Florida was not in it. So fully did Most Excellent Companion Kuhn inoculate the Grand Body with his lovable and magnetic personality that the Proceedings states:

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

There is no doubt but if the matter were left to the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, Companion Kuhn would be elected Grand High Priest for life, or elected to anything else that the Grand Chapter of Tennessee could give him.

Grand High Priest Bartley consumes no time in his address in telling his hearers what most if not all of them already know, but immediately got down to business by referring to the great loss that Grand Chapter had sustained in the passing of M. E. Companion Andrew P. Trogdon, who was Grand High Priest in 1909, and M. E. Companion Philip N. Matlock, who was Grand High Priest in 1916. Both of these Companions were prominent in all good works, both Masonically and otherwise.

During the year the three charters granted by last Grand Chapter were signed and delivered, and five dispensations were issued for new U. D. Chapters. To offset this the charters of seven Chapters were arrested, but later one of these was set to work again as a U. D. Chapter. An incident out of the ordinary, to say the least, in connection with the arrest of one of the charters was the positive refusal of the Chapter secretary to turn over to the Grand Secretary, or to the Grand High Priest himself, the ledger of the defunct Chapter until a certain bill he held was paid. This act of contumacy and contempt of Grand Chapter is one of the legacies which the new administration inherits and will have to settle. It must have been a sort of house-cleaning occasion on the part of Grand Chapter, for on the recommendation of the Committee on Returns the charter of another Chapter was arrested because it "held no stated meeting during the year."

This Grand Chapter has undertaken an educational program, the scope of which is vast and the possibilities almost unlimited. The Grand High Priest was unstinted

in his approval of what has already been accomplished by the committee which has adopted a program of most extraordinary proportions and which contemplates an ultimate realization of three great objectives:

- (a) An equality of opportunity for every child in Tennessee.
- (b) Governmental support and recognition of education as a fundamental.
- (c) A translation of the symbolisms of Masonry into terms of service for the benefit of the individual member.

The Grand High Priest referred to the more than one hundred dead Chapters in Tennessee which, he says, "no doubt will make us the banner state for dead Chapters." But the Jurisprudence committee quite correctly believed that if proper precautions were taken when applications were made, "there would be less number of 'dead Chapters' to our discredit."

The Grand High Priest recommended the creation of a Labor Bureau, but Grand Chapter thought there were now enough such organizations in existence to properly care for Capitular interests.

Believing that the office of Grand Chapter should be separated from "Grand Chapter politics," whatever that may be, he thought the Grand High Priest should be permitted to name his own Grand Chaplain, but Grand Chapter decided to let well enough alone and therefore nonconcurred. It also took similar action on the recommendation to charge an affiliation fee of two dollars and fifty cents, as well as in one or two other minor matters.

There being seven states bordering on Tennessee, more than any other state in the Union, makes possible a variety of fees for degrees, and consequently invasions of territory follows, so much so that Grand Chapter protested the invasion of Tennessee territory and directed the

Grand High Priest to transmit its action to the offending Grand Bodies.

Hereafter Grand Chapter will have a text book of its own, having accepted the labor of love of Past Grand High Priest Charles H. Smart—a "Manual of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee"—which is to be printed under the direction of the Grand Secretary and the author.

As an addenda or rather taking the place of the usual conferring of the Royal Arch degree, the degree team of the Chapter of DeMolay for Boys at Memphis, put on its work in full ritualistic form, for the information and edification of Grand Chapter, which endorsed the work and recommended that constituent Chapters seriously consider inaugurating the movement.

We fail to find any reference to an Order of High Priesthood.

This year a new personage, Ex. Companion T. A. Hisey, occupies the seat assigned to Tennessee at the Capitular Round Table and presents a report differing in some respects from any that has come to our notice. He champions the General Grand Chapter by asking these questions:

Why the fear of conferring authority upon the General Grand Chapter when the identical men are members of three or more bodies affiliated with Masonry whose constitutions confer as great, or greater powers upon the supreme government of their organization? Can a reason be given why they are members of the Scottish Rite, the Mystic Shrine and the O. E. S. without apprehension and are fearful of adding anything to the authority of the General Grand Chapter? If the officers of the above named bodies act justly and administer the laws of their organizations righteously why fear that the officers of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons would fail to reach the same high standard?

For some time the writer of this review has been impressed that apparently there was a growing tendency to

wards a diversion of the ways (for want of a better term) in Freemasonry. Companion Hisey expresses a similar thought in his review of Florida, but from a considerably different view point to our somewhat chaotic thoughts:

There are two diverse tendencies apparent in Masonry in the United States. One is toward the centralizing of certain powers in a central executive body like the Masonic Service Association whose reason for existence is based upon the fact that there is no National Body in existence, save itself, competent to meet certain situations and conditions as they arise.

The other tendency is world wide, and is the movement to throw off the control of centralized authority and set up business, each one for himself, as regards law, usages, ritual, etc., etc.

That this last tendency is world wide is evidenced by the numerous independent governments set up in Europe, or attempting to be set up. Which trend of government is best for humanity can only be settled by time.

For some reason not apparent, Companion Hisey will not sit at the Round Table the coming year, but the vacant seat will again be filled by Past Grand High Priest C. H. Smart, of Nashville. We extend the old-time greeting of "Welcome the coming and speed the going."

Next Annual in Nashville, January 29, 1923.
John Wetzler, Somerville, Grand High Priest.
Stith M. Cain, Nashville, Grand Secretary.

TEXAS—1921

Chapters, 304. Members, 37,771. Exalted, 5,014. Net Gain, 4,458.

O. O. CHRISMAN, Grand High Priest.

Some conception of the magnitude of this Grand Jurisdiction may be gained from the fact that it required

over six hundred pages to record the official proceedings of its Seventy-second Annual, which convened in a three-day session in Waco, December 4th-6th, with an equal number of Grand Officers and Past Grands, and more Past High Priests than subordinate Chapter representatives present, including Past Grand High Priest William Jones, for Florida.

With a view possibly of preparing whatever might follow—good or bad—Grand High Priest Chrisman, in his address, after clothing some of the attributes of Capitular Masonry in a sparkling new dress, informs his hearers that the labors of the Grand High Priest for the year "have been very trying," because:

During our administration, we were also serving our constituency as County Judge of our county, and had, in addition to the presiding over the several courts under our jurisdiction, the responsibility of superintending the expenditure of very large sums of public money in highway construction of the very highest type in this state, and the overseeing of concrete and bridge construction staggering into the millions of dollars of the public funds.

With such a handicap what might he have accomplished had more time been at his disposal? For he tells us:

That during the year we have visited almost one hundred of the three hundred Royal Arch Chapters situated in almost every section of this great state and mammoth jurisdiction, and in addition have visited a number of Lodges, Councils, Commanderies and Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star, and Good Samaritan. We have conferred many degrees in each of the Bodies and said the Solemn Rites at the grave of a number of true friends.

I have received numerous invitations to deliver addresses, visit Chapters, attend Masonic picnics and celebrations, lay corner stones, confer degrees, and install officers, all of which was deeply appreciated, but many of these I was forced reluctantly to decline on account of press of official affairs.

He reported the passing to the Celestial Grand Chapter above of M. E. Companion G. W. Forter, the dean of Grand High Priests of Texas; R. E. Companion W. W. Peavy, Grand Treasurer, with many others. He personally constituted four new Chapters besides fourteen others by proxies; dispensations were granted for five new Chapters, besides instituting three himself and commissioning proxies for three others.

Something new to Florida Royal Craftsmen was the issuing of three dispensations to install officers at public Masonic picnics, one of which included a corner-stone laying of a new Masonic Temple; with an additional dispensation to join in a public procession with other Masonic Bodies at the laying of the corner-stone of the new Scottish Rite Cathedral at El Paso.

So impressed was the Grand High Priest of the supreme importance of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association that he issued a circular letter in which he called attention to several of the ancient charges and their application to this great national Masonic undertaking, which he termed "The Reconstruction Period and Masonry's Opportunity for Useful Service." So opportune was this circular considered that one of the leading dailies of the state came out with a leading editorial entitled, "Masonry and Ku Kluxism."

Notwithstanding the previous Annual Grand Chapter revoked the charter of Mexico City Chapter No. 225, yet it required the concerted action of the several York Rite Grand Bodies of Texas to compel Mexico City Chapter to turn over its effects and other properties to the Grand Chapter of Texas. This was followed by a recommendation that:

Grand Chapter refrain from further entanglements in Mexican Masonic affairs until the present consolidation agreement is established beyond all reasonable doubts.

He made eighteen decisions and rulings, several of which pertain to Texas laws, a more careful reading of which by the inquirers would not have been necessary; others grew out of the rivalry resulting from over-zealous soliciting campaigns for membership; one resulted in a constitutional enactment permitting collective balloting, but petitions for degrees and petitions for affiliation cannot be "bunched together."

On the occasion of several of his visits a Good Samaritan supper was given following which he was called upon to confer the degree of Good Samaritan upon Companions, their wives, widows, mothers, sisters and daughters, totaling in all over one thousand candidates, as a complimentary courtesy, and which brings out this statement:

Being a firm believer in the beautiful Biblical lessons inculcated therein I should be very glad to see our Royal Arch Chapters confer this degree more frequently and thus permit our families to learn more of Masonry and become more familiar with its benign teachings and its beneficent activities.

The address of the Grand High Priest, occupying over seventy-four pages, in small type, is a formidable document in itself, and the wonder is that so few of his acts were even questioned. While the granting of dispensations to appear in public and to publicly install officers are warranted, yet the committee suggests great caution in ascertaining conditions; also, that "it is not for the best interests of Masonry to hold any sort of public demonstration on Sunday." Florida is quite strict in this respect, public appearance being confined to funerals, and by Lodge and Commandery only, excepting St. John's Day when it falls on Sunday.

Only sixty-eight Companions received the Order of High Priesthood, possibly due to the Grand Council being held at 6 o'clock in the morning, a commendatory feature of which was that there were about the same number of members present as there were candidates.

Past Grand High Priest P. M. Riley, superintendent of the Home for Aged Masons, was the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence and both he and Past Grand High Priest John L. Terrell, being much of the time in poor health, the preparing of the major part of the report fell upon the third member, Companion William Jones, and in our opinion his work passes four-square inspection. He is also Florida's Grand Representative, and if our memory serves us rightly is always on the job, as is likewise the Texas Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Florida, our own Companion E. W. Bunker, and to complete the triangle, Companion Jones reviews Florida. He quotes with approval from the address of Grand High Priest Snow, as well as from our last report, to which he gives his "O. K." with this additional comment (for which we thank him):

Without flattery, just stating a fact, the Florida report is a fine Masonic reading. You start in on the first page, you rather doubt whether it will last, but the end of the last lap is as good as the first and so you conclude that this Florida Companion is no quarter horse, but has good wind for as long as the track lasts.

Next Annual in Waco, December 4, 1922.
 John A. Atchison, Gainesville, Grand High Priest.
 T. M. Bartley, Waco, Grand Secretary.
 P. M. Riley, Arlington, Chairman Correspondence Committee.

UTAH—1921

Chapters, 6. Members, 937. Exalted, 122. Net Gain, 119.

LEE B. WIGHT, Grand High Priest.

This Grand Chapter passed its tenth milestone when it assembled in Annual Convocation in Salt Lake City, May 4, 1921, with only two appointive officers absent. Unfortunately Florida's spokesman was not present to participate in the royal reception given the Grand Representatives, and to convey the fraternal message of the Grand High Priest; nor to note the response of M. E. Companion Kirtley, in which he rejoices that:

Utah leads in adopting concurrent jurisdiction. Two Grand Chapters have followed in our footsteps, and New York has appointed a Jurisdiction committee to consider the proposition.

Three topics stand out prominently in the concise address of Grand High Priest Wight, which exhibits his zeal and energy as evidenced by the healthy condition and growth of the Chapters.

The net gain in membership approximates sixteen per cent, nearly double the increase in any previous year since its institution. An official visitation was made to every Chapter and there are some advantages in having a jurisdiction small enough so that the Grand Chapter can, in a body, make such visitations as is customary here and know such a large proportion of the Companions by their first names.

Also there was the preliminary work for a dispensation to form one new Chapter, and the possibility of two others during the coming year. There being some uncertainty when membership ceases in a Chapter, he held that:

A petitioner is one who presents, not one who merely signs such a petition, and that the members of a Chapter who had signed the petition for dispensation were entitled to vote in their Chapter until the presentation of it to the Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest suggested making more clear this constitutional regulation, but the Jurisprudence committee appreciating the necessity of investigating the records recommended action being postponed until the next Convocation. His other duties were confined to commissions for Grand Representatives and to fraternal jurisdictional courtesies.

This particularly pleasing symbolic thought is brought out in the report of the Committee on Necrology:

We will be called, as they have been, to present the stones we each have labored so earnestly upon, the stones which are our lives. The stones, which if objects of beauty, will be accepted and incorporated into that great Temple above, but if imperfect and unfitted to the Builder's use, will be cast into the rubbish heap.

Strong resolutions were presented endorsing the much-discussed and generally approved Smith-Towner bill.

Recognizing the Masonic activities and the facilities that will be afforded by the new Masonic Temple at Provo, the invitation was accepted to hold the next Annual in that progressive city which almost guards the eastern approach to the wonderful fertile Salt Lake Valley, over which Brigham Young, the great Mormon leader, is said to have exclaimed, as he came in sight of it after crossing the Wasatch Range: "This is the Paradise I have seen in my dreams."

After three years of abnormal conditions we are again favored with a concise but instructive and readable Report on Correspondence by Ex. Companion Peter A. Simp-

kins. While he commends the topical review as such, of California, and "the only one worthy of name," yet he much prefers the individual review, even though it be brief. To which the writer of this agrees. Occasionally Companion Simpkins disagrees with some Grand Chapter Proceedings, but so diplomatically as to cause a smile. He approves Florida's action condemning the departing from the solemnities of R. A. degree work, adding: "If they want fun let them go elsewhere."

For some reason not apparent, the fraternal report for the coming year is to be presented by that active and energetic Past Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Sam H. Goodwin. Judging by his workmanship as displayed when he occupied the Grand East, a report worth reading may confidently be expected.

Good work is being done in the Order of High Priesthood and five E. Companions were anointed and set apart.

Next Annual in Provo, May 3, 1922.

Robert W. Fisher, Salt Lake City, Grand High Priest.

Walter Daniels, Salt Lake City, Grand Secretary.

Sam H. Goodwin, Provo, Correspondent.

VERMONT—1921

Chapters, 30. Members, 5,362. Exalted, 588. Net Gain, 469.

CHARLES A. LANG, Grand High Priest.

Only one Chapter was without representation when the One Hundred and Fourth Annual Grand Convocation opened in Ample Form in the city of Burlington, June 17th. A distinguished visiting guest was present from the Grand Chapter of New York, Ex. Companion New-

ton R. McIlvaine. Florida was without representation. During the year M. E. Companion Silas H. Danforth, who was Grand High Priest in 1913, and M. E. Companion Delos M. Bacon, who was Grand High Priest in 1904, were summoned to the Holy of Holies.

In five pages the Grand High Priest submitted a report of his official acts, which contains but little of interest to outsiders. Referring to the work of the year he divided the Chapters into two classes—active and passive; and to those "who worked early and late to complete their work," he extends a word of caution:

Be sure that the material you are taking in is exactly what you want, and worthy to be exalted to this most sublime degree, that no reflections may be later cast, and no regrets expressed that certain candidates were admitted.

He reports issuing a larger number of dispensations than usual, owing to the "vast amount of work done by the Chapters;" also several commissions for Grand Representatives, and attended the District Deputies' meeting and a few district meetings, but was unable to accept any of the invitations from neighboring Grand Jurisdictions. He was not called upon to make any decisions.

E. Companion Crannell, in his report as Grand Lecturer, believes the keynote to great awakening of Capitular interest to be "more efficient work and a better understanding of the principles involved."

In one Chapter the Royal Arch Degree was conferred twice in one day with two sets of officers.

Five out of the eight District Deputies gave detailed reports of increased Capitular activities. Thirteen Excellent Companions were anointed and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood, and appreciation was expressed for the use of the robes of Burlington Chapter. The using of

Chapter robes in conferring the Order of High Priesthood is new to the writer; although we recall one Grand High Priest who in response to inquiry, said he thought there would be no impropriety in using such robes as would be consistent.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was made for the fifth time by the chairman, Past Grand High Priest Eugene S. Weston, and is fully up to the high standard set by this able and learned chronicler of Capitular activities.

Companion Weston made a very comprehensive report to his Grand Chapter relative to the proposed new Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, which was in harmony with so many other similar reports, and his findings are aptly expressed in his "conclusion" to this fifth report, when he says, "We do not believe it should be given power to 'admonish or instruct' the Grand Chapter of Vermont."

Comment is given to Florida Proceedings and approval is implied, particularly its rejection of the General Grand Chapter Ritual and its disapproval of mirth-provoking scenes in Chapter work.

Next Annual in Burlington, June 16, 1922.

C. B. Crowell, Brattleboro, Grand High Priest.

Henry H. Ross, Burlington, Grand Secretary.

Eugene S. Weston, New Haven, Correspondent.

VIRGINIA—1921

Chapters, 66. Members, 12,968. Exalted, 1,934. Net Gain, 1,910.

E. FENNO HEATH, Grand High Priest.

"Our year of greatest gain," was a cause for much rejoicing at the One Hundred and Fourteenth Annual

Convocation of this Grand Chapter, held in Richmond, October 25th and 26th. Florida was not represented.

Grand High Priest Heath in his resume of official actions expressed the loss this Grand Chapter had sustained in the death of M. E. Companion Joseph V. Bidgood, who was Grand High Priest in 1902, and was known "as a Virginian of the old school."

Routine business characterized the greater part of the reported acts of the Grand High Priest, and therefore of little interest. But not so are these two refusals to grant dispensations which suggest conditions new to the writer:

I refused the request of one Chapter to confer the Mark degree on a large class by proxy.

Refused the request of one Chapter that the Chapter degree be conferred by observation on a Brother who was deemed too ill to take part in person.

Grand Chapter rejected the resolution which would require a Brother to be a Master Mason one year before he could petition for the Chapter degrees.

Grand Chapter, in adopting a committee report, serves notice on all future Grand High Priests that hereafter they should "issue dispensations only in the most urgent cases" to ballot upon petitions short of the statutory period.

The Order of High Priesthood was conferred upon all qualified Excellent Companions who presented certificates of election.

Ex. Companion Joseph W. Eggleston has the happy faculty of presenting a Report on Fraternal Correspondence which grips the reader and gives him value received.

Under Florida, after quoting the action taken relative to making the Royal Arch degree undignified, he adds:

We hope they can reform this lamentable evil. We have been trying for years and conditions in this particular are now better. Why any one should be willing to lower the dignity and solemnity of this marvelous degree is hard to understand.

He takes a great deal of satisfaction in stating that "Virginia is a Grand Chapter of Freemasons and not a member of the General Grand Chapter, which imposes a printed ritual on its subordinates;" and after quoting from Florida's action relative to the General Grand Chapter, hands us this assorted bouquet:

We like their manly resistance to tyranny, but do not like their tinkering with their own ritual. We are, and so are practically all Virginia Masons, opposed to General Grand Bodies, and wish the Grand Chapter of Florida would resume its sovereign independence.

Next Annual in Richmond, October 24, 1922.
William Chapman, Portsmouth, Grand High Priest.
J. Gus Hankins, Richmond, Grand Secretary.
Joseph W. Eggleston, Richmond, Correspondent.

WASHINGTON—1921

Chapters, 41. Members, 6,501. Exalted, 1,058. Net Gain, 1,064.
FREDERICK LAU JANECK, Grand High Priest.

Every Grand Officer and many Past Grands and Past High Priests participated in the Thirty-seventh Annual held in Seattle, May 2d-3d, when General Grand High Priest Frederick W. Craig was the distinguished visitor.

During the year Past Grand High Priest Nathan S. Porter was called to the Higher Life. Not long after-

wards and before the Proceedings were published, R. E. Companion Yancey C. Blalock, who for many years was the efficient Grand Secretary and chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, also received his final summons. This is a great loss to the Royal Craft in the far West in particular. His arduous duties were taken up by Past Grand High Priest Henry L. Kennan, who at this Annual Convocation was duly elected Grand Secretary.

So well did Grand High Priest Janeck conserve space that in a little over half a dozen pages he made public his official labors, which consisted largely of routine work pertinent to the office.

Two U. D. Chapters were formed, each of which added ninety dollars to the Grand Treasury. Both of these Chapters doing "most excellent work," they were given charters. He also reported correspondence relative to more Chapters.

Finding it necessary to issue sixteen dispensations to use one substitute, causes one to wonder why make it necessary for the Grand High Priest to violate the law. Florida looks at this differently and has no such restrictions.

So well does their code meet actual and anticipated needs that it covered every request for official ruling.

Being unable to visit all Chapters personally, he recommended that it be the duty of the Deputy Grand High Priest to visit the Chapters. His other recommendations were that the per capita tax be reduced from seventy-five to fifty cents, the membership having increased so rapidly the last few years. Companions applying by dimitt should accompany petition with copy of Mark. Also the appointment of a standing committee on obituaries to whom should be referred proper matters and thus assist in making report to next Grand Chapter. All of the acts

of the Grand High Priest were approved by Grand Chapter.

In response to an inquiry by Grand Secretary Blalock, if a list of the Regular Chapters in the world had been published, General Grand Secretary Chas. A. Conover replied:

He did not believe that one had ever been compiled. Clandestine Chapters are so scarce that I believe that there has never been sufficient call for such a list as to warrant the expense of its publication. It would be my judgment ** that any Grand Secretary knowing of any Clandestine Chapters should report the fact to the General Grand Secretary and we could publish a list of the irregulars. Do you know of any?

Two Past High Priests of other Grand Jurisdictions now members of Seattle Chapter, upon petition were elected permanent members of the Grand Chapter of Washington.

Following a spirited discussion the new General Grand Chapter Ritual was adopted and all constituent Chapters were directed to accept and practice it.

Twenty-one Excellent Companions were consecrated members of the Order of High Priesthood.

Such part of a Report on Correspondence as Grand Secretary Blalock had prepared previous to his fatal illness, was found in the Grand Secretary's office, and was largely statistical. Florida Proceedings are among the missing ones.

The new Grand Secretary, Past Grand High Priest Henry L. Kennan, will occupy the seat at the Round Table held for thirty-one years by Companion Blalock. As he made an enviable record as Grand High Priest, we are equally sure that his forthcoming reports will pass inspection and will entitle him to the wages of a faithful and

conscientious worker, and we of the Southland of flowers and fruits extend him the right hand of fellowship.

Next Annual in Aberdeen, May 15-16, 1922.
John M. Arntson, Tacoma, Grand High Priest.

Henry L. Kennan, Spokane, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

WEST VIRGINIA—1921

Chapters, 44. Members, 9,586. Exalted, 1,119. Net Gain, 966.

T. M. TURNER, Grand High Priest.

Seldom do we read Proceedings which contain so little of general interest to the Royal Craft at large as those recorded in the Fiftieth Convocation held in Huntington, November 9-10, 1921.

Nearly all of the official acts of Grand High Priest Turner pertain solely to necessary local matters. One new Chapter was consecrated during the year, and it appears that it had anticipated its powers in advance by conferring the degrees upon a number of candidates. This being brought to the attention of the Grand High Priest, the offending Chapter was directed to re-obligate all who had received the degrees during that period. This new Chapter also requested a waiver of jurisdiction over territory belonging to another Chapter. They were advised this could not be done without the approval of Grand Chapter, but that the Chapter being invaded could waive jurisdiction in each individual case.

One new U. D. Chapter was set to work during the year. One school of instruction, attended by two dozen or more Companions, was held and the reports of twenty

Chapters inspected showed that only the three principal officers were usually proficient in the work.

Several years ago a Masonic Club was formed by members of the faculty and students of West Virginia University, which later was called The Caravan. It having made such progress that a permanent home or dormitory is needed, permission was given to appeal to the Craft.

Grand Chapter dues was made seventy-five cents, fifty cents to Grand Chapter and twenty-five cents to Masonic Home.

It costs four dollars and twenty-five cents to get the Order of High Priesthood in this Grand Jurisdiction, and sixteen Excellent Companions were so honored.

Nearly a hundred pages are given to recording the returns of subordinate Chapters, but not a line to a Correspondence Report, yet two worthy Companions are designated as Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Next Annual in Parkersburg, Nov. 7-8, 1921.
Walter J. Boydston, Fairmount, Grand High Priest.
G. M. Ford, Wheeling, Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN—1920

Chapters, 98. Members, 14,879. Exalted, 1,556. Net Gain, 1,264.

GEORGE H. KEENAN, Grand High Priest.

No preliminaries attended the opening of the Seventieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons which met in Milwaukee, February 17, 1920, with the Grand Secretary and one other station vacant by reason of illness. But with the large number of

Past Grands and others, including Florida's Grand Representative in attendance, matters moved with customary precision.

In common with prevailing conditions generally, Grand High Priest Keenan in his address stated that the year had been one of prosperity for Capitular Masonry in the Badger State.

Four dispensations had been issued for new Chapters, three of which received Charters, and one more was in the hands of the Grand Secretary. He, however, felt constrained to give this timely admonition:

I sincerely trust and hope that this rush of work has not caused any of the Chapters to depart from the usual dignity and solemnity in the conferring of the degrees, and that a scrutinizing eye has been exercised in the reception of all material, as quality and not quantity is such as will make the principles of our time-honored institution endure and become permanent.

Three permanent members answered the final summons during the year, M. E. Companions A. J. Wallace, J. H. Evans and F. S. Veeder.

Among his decisions was one confirming a constitutional requirement that a rejected petitioner must wait six months before again applying. Florida requires twelve months.

Another decision revealed a somewhat peculiar condition. Some years ago a Companion was excluded from his Lodge for non-payment of dues, and was never again re-instated in the Lodge. Later he was re-instated in the Chapter by making a small payment, which has since been kept up. The question was as to his status in the Chapter. The decision was that he must be affiliated in Lodge or excluded in Chapter. This was disapproved by Jurisprudence committee because the Constitution provides "Exclusion from a Lodge for non-payment of dues does

not bar a Companion from enjoying the privileges of Chapter." Florida laws require not only re-instatement in Lodge but favorable action of Chapter as well.

An unofficial decision was that a Wisconsin Brother who received the Royal Arch degree only in England but knew nothing about the first three Chapter degrees can be healed, according to the Constitution, particulars of which are not stated.

On occasion of an official visitation a special dispensation was given to hold two convocations, the reason being the conferring the Royal Arch Degree to two teams, one in the afternoon and the other in the evening.

He again referred to an apparent tendency on the part of some Chapters to depart from the proper dignity and solemnity in conferring the degrees and urges that the Chapter has a positive mission and the candidate is entitled to as earnest teaching as can be given. Any departure destroys the force of the impression sought to be created and nowhere should there be the appearance of railroading the candidates through the degrees. He is also opposed to balloting collectively, considering it contrary to Masonic usage and not for the best interests of the Craft.

Falling in line with many other Grand Chapters a constitutional amendment prevailed increasing both mileage and per diem to those attending Grand Chapter.

Should the constitutional amendment prevail, it will then be permissible to obligate any number of candidates at one and the same time in the first three Chapter degrees.

Eighteen Companions were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood. Two official members who passed away during the year were given suitable memorials.

Past Grand High Priest Samuel Wright again presents a readable as well as instructive Report on Foreign Correspondence in which Florida receives due consideration, quotations being taken from Past Grand High Priest Ketchum's review of the General Grand Chapter, as well as the correspondent's comments on the new ritual, which Florida did not adopt.

Next Annual in Milwaukee, February 15, 1921.
 Edw. T. Hayhurst, Watertown, Grand High Priest.
 Wm. W. Perry, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.
 Samuel Wright, Committee on Correspondence.

WISCONSIN—1921

Chapters, 102. Members, 17,043. Exalted, 2,466. Net Gain, 2,164.

EDWARD T. HAYHURST, Grand High Priest.

One of the very pleasing memories of the Baltimore Triennial was the boat ride and the acquaintances made, which included R. E. Companions H. Keenan and E. T. Hayhurst, of the Wisconsin delegation. This is brought afresh to the mind of the writer, for it was Companion Hayhurst who presided over the Seventy-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin which convened in Milwaukee, February 21, 1921, with all stations rightfully filled. Florida was represented by R. Ex. Companion William F. Owen, who was elected Deputy Grand High Priest.

Confining the preliminaries to a cordial welcoming and a warm fraternal greeting, as well as expressing grateful appreciation of the honor bestowed, M. E. Grand High Priest Hayhurst presented an account of his stew-

ardship in a carefully and conscientiously prepared address; first, however, paying due tribute to the memory of the deceased Companions, including M. E. Companion W. C. Andress ("Will," as he was affectionately called) of Florida.

Five U. D. Chapters are some of the evidences of the "growth of the Order being the largest in its history," each of which was given a charter, besides the three which during the year were constituted.

He made two decisions. One was that a ballot must be taken on a petition, even though a permanent objection had been made before the committee had reported. The other was: "The jurisdiction over a Brother Master Mason is determined at the place in the state where he casts his vote in any election."

He granted several dispensations to receive and act on petitions in cases of Brothers who on account of their work were unable to remain long in one place to gain jurisdiction. These and all other acts of the Grand High Priest were approved.

Here is something worth thinking about in the report of the Grand Lecturer:

Some years ago this Grand Chapter appointed a Committee on Appliances to be used in the several degrees, and while this committee has not been making a long, tiresome report, yet it has been accomplishing something, and a considerable quantity of junk has found its way to the furnace room in several of our Masonic halls. This has not been accomplished without some friction but those who were the last to approve of discarding the archaic appliances are now satisfied that the change was for the best. The jokes in Masonry have been eliminated.

Although the committee failed to agree on the proposed constitutional amendment relating to the number of candidates who may be obligated in the first three de-

grees, Grand Chapter decided that any number was permissible:

Provided, that the pledge be offered to each individual candidate in the Mark Master's degree after receiving the obligation.

Among the recent edicts of this Grand Chapter is one relating to aprons, which if the writer correctly understands, differs somewhat from Florida practice:

That white aprons be worn exclusively in all the Chapter degrees except the Royal Arch and in that degree the candidate be presented with the white apron and wear the white apron until crowned and clothed a Royal Arch Mason.

From another edict it is learned that the Wisconsin Order of High Priesthood, as an independent organization, is only about half a dozen years old, for previous to 1914 the appointments of the Grand High Priest included "A Committee on the Order of High Priesthood." Its annual convention follows the opening session of the Grand Chapter and twenty-five were set apart at the 1921 assembly. Appreciating the able and efficient work of its president, Past Grand High Priest Samuel Wright, he was directed to attend the Asheville Triennial, with his expenses paid by that Body.

We heartily endorse this deserving tribute paid by Grand High Priest Hayhurst, in his address, to the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, prepared by M. E. Companion Samuel Wright:

I recommend that every Companion present read this report carefully, for it is replete with valuable information relating to the laws and customs of other Grand Jurisdictions.

Florida, however, receives but little attention. The only comment, the meaning of which the reader can place his own translation and construction upon, was:

The remarkable feature is that this old jurisdiction, seventy-four years old, should increase its membership the past year, one-third.

Next Annual in Milwaukee, February 21, 1921.
Edwin G. Nash, Manitowoc, Grand High Priest.
William W. Perry, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.
Samuel Wright, Milwaukee, Committee on Correspondence.

WYOMING—1921

Chapters, 14. Members, 1,708. Exalted, 262. Net Gain, 239.

CHARLES W. SHELDON, Grand High Priest.

Every Chapter represented in a Grand Jurisdiction having the geographical area of Wyoming, with restricted rail facilities and long distances between stops, is a splendid record, as well as a substantial demonstration that Capitular Masonry is a living force in this state of possibilities.

The Thirteenth Annual Convocation was held in Lander, July 14, 1921, which not many years ago was something like a one hundred-and-fifty-mile stage drive from a railway station in any direction. This being one of the newer Grand Bodies it was quite proper that its distinguished visitor on this occasion was from its younger sister to the west, M. E. Companion Wm. J. Lynch, Past Grand High Priest of Utah. Florida's Grand Repre-

sentative is Companion Neil D. Nelson, now the R. E. Grand Scribe.

Business-like brevity was the predominating feature of the address of Grand High Priest Sheldon, whose official acts were fortunately not burdensome. Following precedents established by Freemasons, his only refusal to grant any kind of a recorded request was to ballot on petitions short of time "in order to get candidates ready for the Shrine ceremonial."

Referring to the official visitations, six in number in his part of the state, he says:

In all my visitations I have sought not to entertain nor be entertained, but to make plainer the hidden truths of Capitular Masonry. Chapter Masonry seems to be harder to understand than Ancient Craft Masonry, and by many is looked upon as a necessary evil—a stepping stone to so-called "higher degrees" in Masonry. The candidate takes the four degrees in two to three meetings. He does not understand what it is all about, and unless he can be induced to attend the meetings and study the work to get the real meaning, he is losing a wealth of real treasure, more precious than gold or silver, the *living, palpitating truth*.

Suitable recognition was made of the passing of the Excellent Grand Chaplain, the only break in the official family. Particular mention was also made in a resolution of the meritorious work of the Shrine in establishing a Home for Crippled Children. This is the first official recognition of the movement by any Grand Chapter, coming to the writer's notice.

Being a High Priest after the Order of Melchizedek means something to M. E. Companion Jesse Converse, and "ye scribe" always turns with pleasure to the annual address given by the president of the Holy Order of High Priesthood of Wyoming, in which he says:

The Order of High Priesthood *** reverences the sense of God, the appreciation of the unseen, the sense of personal dignity that we should all carry with us into daily life. It strengthens our wills for the week-day task, it comforts us in the sorrow we bear, it mingles our heart's cravings with those of others and brings a consciousness to human friendship in the highest ideals of life. The thought of God is the sunshine of the world and he who has pure and holy thoughts dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High.

Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary Samuel Corson for the second time presented a well prepared Report on Correspondence, which entitled him to a seat at the Round Table with all the privileges and prerogatives pertaining to this time-honored Fourth Estate of Freemasonry. Florida is one of the few Proceedings not covered, probably because not received in time. Hope it does not happen again.

Next Annual in Thermopolis, July 13, 1922.

Harry E. Crain, Cheyenne, Grand High Priest.
Samuel Corson, Cheyenne, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

COMMENTS

Ordinarily apologies are questionable, but in this case perhaps admissible. They are offered to those few Grand Jurisdictions and possibly others whose reviews did not appear in last year's report. Their omission was a surprise to the writer, and at the time seemed unaccountable. The solution came later by finding the "copy," properly prepared, but through some unexcusable oversight on the part of the writer had been mislaid, and did not come to light until long after the Proceedings had been printed. This accounts for the "double headers" in the preceding pages.

It is sometimes well to see ourselves from the viewpoint of outsiders, Capitularly speaking. Pennsylvania, the oldest Grand Chapter not connected with the General Grand Chapter, takes satisfaction in the thought that the only disturbing factors in the Capitular world were the proposed General Grand Chapter amendments, and they were "quietly dissipated" at the last Triennial when they were, "by a large majority laid on the table, and now sleep the sleep that knows no awakening." The only good Pennsylvania can see in the General Grand is that it "might enforce uniformity in the work of the constituent Grand Chapters." And as a further evidence of its fraternal interest makes this generous offer: "We tender to Capitular Masonry the unwritten work of the oldest Grand Chapter on the American continent, Pennsylvania."

There is so much said, and justly so, over the growing practice of introducing vulgar and cheap comedy into the degrees, as substitutes for the sublime lessons intended to be taught, that we consider very apropos the accompanying extract from the Triennial report of Companion Harry W. Harvey, General Grand Custodian of Work of the General Grand Chapter:

Some criticism has arisen because the * * * have been eliminated from the Royal Arch degree, and that members will not attend if there is no fun. The committee pleads guilty and wishes merely to say, that if a Chapter needs "horse play," or some means to perpetuate jokes on or have fun with the candidate, then the sooner its charter is arrested the better it will be for Royal Arch Masonry.

There is no place in any Masonic ritual for the introduction of a circus or jest at the expense of the candidate. If the clean ceremony of the ritual, which is intended to teach and illustrate great

truths, does not appeal to the officers of a Chapter, then a mistake has been made in their election.

It has been brought to my attention that in many Grand Jurisdictions, in conferring the degrees of Capitular Masonry, there is often a spirit of cruelty manifested and the degrees are conferred in such a manner as to be painful and humiliating to the candidates. I believe that this General Grand Chapter desires in the most positive manner to express its unqualified disapproval of such practices.

The degrees in Masonry are intended to elevate the intellectual and moral character of those who take them, and therefore should be conferred in the most dignified manner, and nothing should be said or done which would in the least embarrass, humiliate or be painful to any candidate. We should always remember that the purpose of Masonry is to make a good impression upon the minds of our members and to give them higher ideals and to inspire them to purer and more helpful and nobler lives. Anything which in the least departs from this high standard is un-Masonic, and should be promptly suppressed by the officers of the Grand and subordinate Chapters.

Several other matters of more or less general Masonic interest had been laid aside for comment, but this report has already reached generous proportions, and therefore they are omitted—possibly with no material loss to the Craft.

Perhaps the most enjoyable part of the Masonic year's work of the writer has now come to a close. The journey to the different Grand Jurisdictions has been refreshing and exhilarating, and many are the "drafts of Masonic wisdom" offered. We have endeavored with our limited vocabulary to so present them that our Companion readers may receive benefit and inspiration thereby. We can only say with one of old, "The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak."

Without exception every Grand Jurisdiction reviewed has enjoyed a year of great increase in numerical strength. There is everywhere expressed a growing determination to have the Royal Craft stand for specific purposes, and the future outlook for Capitular Masonry is more than ever encouraging.

To the members of the Round Table as well as many others who have expressed appreciation of these efforts to diffuse "further light" in Masonry in the best way we know how, we tender our most sincere thanks.

Fraternally submitted,

Ely P. Hubble

For the Committee.

Bradenton, Fla., May 18, 1922.