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of Florida



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ERLE L. WIRT
Grand High Priest
1924



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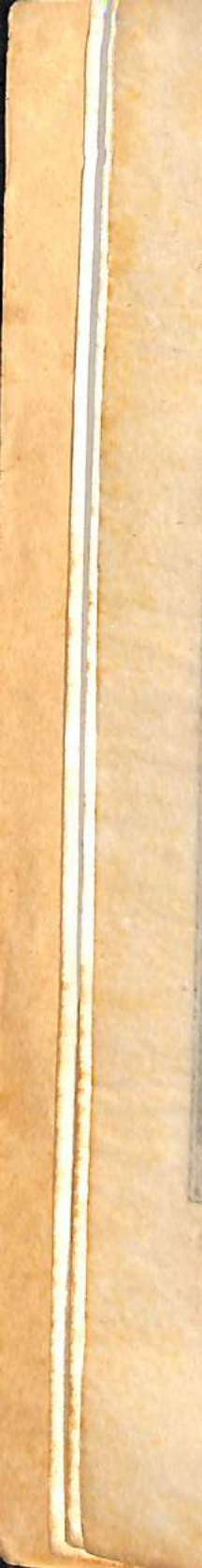
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- M. : E. : T. T. TODD ----- *Grand High Priest, Pensacola*
R. : E. : E. L. SHEAR ----- *Dep. Grand High Priest, Daytona*
R. : E. : CARY B. FISH ----- *Grand King, Sarasota*
R. : E. : R. J. McMASTER ----- *Grand Scribe, Tampa*
M. : E. : MARCUS ENDEL ----- *Grand Treasurer, Jacksonville*
M. : E. : WILBER P. WEBSTER ----- *Grand Secretary, Jacksonville*
R. : E. : W. B. Y. WILKIE ----- *Grand Chaplain, Dunedin*
E. : STAFFORD CALDWELL ----- *Grand Captain of the Host, Miami*
E. : STEPHEN E. GREGORY ----- *Grand Prin. Sojourner, Jacksonville*
E. : JOHN PASCO ----- *Gr. Royal Arch Captain, Monticello*
E. : C. L. BENEDICT ----- *Grand Master Third Vail, Miami*
E. : A. B. STEUART ----- *Grand Master Second Vail, Tampa*
E. : W. B. GREER ----- *Grand Master First Vail, Quincy*
E. : JOHN W. CAPPER ----- *Grand Guard Jacksonville*

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the City of Jacksonville
on May 18, 1926, at 10:00 o'clock A. M.

PROCEEDINGS
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Seventy-Ninth Annual Convocation
1925

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida assembled in its Seventy-ninth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple in the City of Jacksonville at 10:00 o'clock, A. M., Tuesday, May 19, A. D. 1925, A. I. 2455.

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

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| Erle L. Wirt ----- | M. : E. : Grand High Priest. |
| T. T. Todd ----- | R. : E. : D. G. High Priest. |
| E. L. Shear ----- | R. : E. : Grand King. |
| Cary B. Fish ----- | 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. |
| R. J. McMaster ----- | E. : Grand Capt. of the Host. |

F. Wm. Schultz ----- as E. Gr. Principal Sojourner.
 Stephen E. Gregory ----- E. Gr. Royal Arch Captain.
 John Pasco ----- E. Gr. Master Third Vail.
 C. L. Benedict ----- E. Gr. Master Second Vail.
 Alexander B. Steuart ----- E. Gr. Master First Vail.
 John W. Capper ----- E. Grand Guard.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

Marcus Endel,	Irving E. Webster,
Wilber P. Webster,	E. E. Haskell,
Louis C. Massey,	Wm. S. Ware,
W. R. O'Neal,	C. H. Ketchum,
W. V. Carter,	H. O. Snow,
John L. Hall,	R. J. Kishpaugh,
	Ely P. Hubbell.

REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

Florida No. 1.—F. S. Hartsfield, proxy for officers.
 Tampa No. 3—Herbert S. Chiles, proxy for H. P.;
 Earle A. DuBois, K.; Earle A. DuBois, proxy for S.
 Halifax No. 5—Joseph P. Davis, H. P.
 Mt. Horeb No. 6—J. E. Olney, proxy for H. P.
 Eureka No. 7—Bert L. Blair, proxy for H. P.; J. T.
 Sommers, proxy for K.; R. G. Reynolds, proxy
 for S.
 Dade City No. 8—R. L. Batchelor, H. P.
 Putnam No. 9—C. H. Dekle, H. P.; Warner T. Hamm,
 proxy for K. and S.
 Kissimmee No. 10—Sam Brammar, H. P.; J. N. Bryan,
 proxy for K.; Calvin Parker, S.
 Jericho No. 11—John B. Phelps, S.

Jacksonville No. 12—Asa Farrar, H. P.; J. D. Kennedy,
 K.; Wm. T. Dow, S.
 Ocala No. 13—A. L. Lucas, H. P.
 St. Augustine No. 17—Chas. T. Groh, proxy for H. P.;
 P. J. Bracham, proxy for K.
 Manatee River No. 18—E. P. Hubbell, proxy for offi-
 cers.
 Island No. 21—C. H. Ketchum, proxy for officers.
 Thomas Brown No. 22—W. G. Jones, proxy for H. P.
 Lake Worth No. 24—C. M. Gruber, proxy for H. P.
 Live Oak No. 25—Archie Leslie, H. P.; H. F. Airth,
 proxy for K.
 Jefferson No. 26—W. G. Braswell, H. P.
 Lakeland No. 29—C. L. Sudduth, H. P.
 Gadsden No. 30—W. B. Greer, proxy for H. P.
 St. Petersburg No. 31—E. A. Pierce, H. P.
 Eustis No. 33—W. P. McKee, H. P.; Joseph Wig-
 gins, K.
 Leesburg No. 34—Wm. Dunston, H. P.
 Sarasota No. 35—F. Wm. Schultz, proxy for H. P.
 Arcadia No. 36—Amos W. Way, S., proxy for officers.
 Crestview No. 40—James L. Clary, H. P.
 Union No. 43—E. E. Macy, proxy for H. P.
 Perry No. 44—M. G. Spears, K.
 Okeechobee No. 46—O. J. Price, H. P.
 Poinciana No. 50—Lee C. Stewart, proxy for H. P.;
 Geo. W. Hutchins, proxy for K.; E. L. Weidekehr,
 proxy for S.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Alabama -----	R. J. Kishpaugh.
Alberta -----	James M. Willson.
Arkansas -----	Warner T. Hamm.

British Columbia	E. L. Wirt.
California	Wm. S. Ware.
Canada	Chester DeRocher.
Connecticut	W. S. Ware.
Delaware	W. P. Webster.
Georgia	E. E. Macy.
Illinois	C. H. Ketchum.
Indiana	T. T. Todd
Iowa	W. V. Carter.
Kansas	Alex B. Steuart.
Kentucky	E. L. Shear.
Louisiana	John Pasco.
Maine	E. E. Haskell.
Maryland	H. O. Snow.
Michigan	F. Wm. Schultz.
Minnesota	C. L. Benedict.
Missouri	Cary B. Fish.
Montana	S. E. Gregory.
New Brunswick	E. L. Wiederkehr.
New Hampshire	Wm. R. O'Neal.
New Jersey	C. H. Ketchum.
New York	Marcus Endel.
New South Wales	John D. Grether.
North Carolina	John L. Hall.
North Dakota	R. J. McMaster.
Ohio	Ely P. Hubbell.
Oklahoma	W. B. Greer.
Oregon	Frank H. Thompson.
Pennsylvania	Louis C. Massey.
Quebec	W. B. Y. Wilkie.
Rhode Island	W. P. McKee.
Saskatchewan	H. L. Shaeffer.
South Dakota	Wm. R. O'Neal.
Utah	J. J. Torrey.

Vermont	I. E. Webster.
Victoria	John L. Hall.
West Virginia	Geo. J. Tolson.
Wyoming	John Pasco.

A telegram was received from Companion Stafford Caldwell, E. Grand Principal Sojourner, expressing his regrets at his inability to be present.

Upon motion of Companion Todd, 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.

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

RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS

W. V. Carter,
B. L. Blair, C. L. Sudduth.

The Committee on Returns and Credentials made a verbal report that the list of Grand Officers and Representatives present as announced by the Grand Secretary at roll call was correct, and asked for further time in which to make final report, which was granted.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

W. B. Greer,
W. M. Dunston, J. E. Olney.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES

E. L. Shear,
 Sam Brammer, H. L. Schaeffer.

DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS

Frank H. Thompson
 W. P. McKee, O. J. Price.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE

Marcus Endel, I. E. Webster,
 W. P. Webster, E. E. Haskell,
 Louis C. Massey, Wm. S. Ware,
 W. R. O'Neal, C. H. Ketchum,
 W. V. Carter, H. O. Snow,
 John L. Hall, R. J. Kishpaugh,
 E. P. Hubbell.

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

Henry O. Snow,
 C. M. Gruber, H. S. Chiles,

MEMORIALS

Ely P. Hubbell,
 A. B. Steuart, F. S. Hartsfield,

VISITORS

Chester DeRocher,
 L. C. Stewart, A. L. Lucas.

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

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS

Companions:

It is a very great pleasure indeed to welcome you to the Seventy-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida.

At the close of my year of service as Grand High Priest it is proper that I render an accounting. I am indeed fortunate in that harmony has prevailed throughout the Grand Jurisdiction and no grievances have been brought to my attention.

One year ago I accepted installation as Grand High Priest, with the hope that in some means I might assist in the noble and glorious work allotted to Royal Arch Masons. I have to the best of my ability discharged that obligation which I assumed, giving to my office that sincerity of purpose and attention to detail which I have always regarded as the duty of everyone accepting installation as an officer in the Chapter.

If I have fallen short of your expectations in the performance of those duties assigned to me, it is not because of any lack of a desire on my part to do those things well that my hand found to do, and if I have erred in judgment I can only throw myself upon your mercy.

NECROLOGY

Since our last Grand Convocation our Chapters have mourned the loss of many of our Companions who have passed the Vails into the Supreme Chapter above, and these will be more especially referred to by the Committee on Memorials. The active officers of the Grand Chapter have been spared, but our beloved M. . E. . Grand High Priest Silas B. Wright was called by the Supreme Grand

High Priest on Saturday, April 25, 1925. In the passing of our Companion this Grand Chapter has sustained a loss that it is hard for us to appreciate now, and which we will realize more and more as time goes on and we find ourselves in need of his wise counsel. Companion Wright spent many years in the study of Masonic matters and was perhaps the best informed man in our State, particularly as regards the fraternal relations between our Grand Bodies and other Grand Jurisdictions, and it was due in a very large manner to his able assistance and his familiarity with the conditions under which the Grand Chapter of Florida was received into the General Grand Chapter that enabled your representatives in the General Grand Chapter to maintain the position of this Grand Chapter in regard to the Texas matter, which will be further referred to in this address.

The funeral ceremonies were held in DeLand, his home city, being conducted by the Masonic Lodge with M. E. Companion Marcus Endel presiding for the Grand Master. All of the stations being filled by Past Grand Masters. There were in attendance the Grand High Priest and representatives of all the Masonic Bodies with which he was connected.

Suitable memorial is being prepared and will in due time be sent out to our Chapters.

Suitable memorial was prepared of M. E. Companion Henry N. Sweeting, P. G. H. P., whose death occurred immediately before the last Grand Convocation.

Conforming to the established custom of erecting monuments at the graves of our Past Grand High Priests, I recommend the erection of a monument to Past Grand High Priest Silas B. Wright, under the direction of the incoming Grand High Priest; and that appropriation be made to cover the cost of such monument.

The night before the representatives of this Grand Chapter left Florida for Portland I received a wire advising of the death of M. E. General Grand High Priest, William F. Kuhn, whose death occurred just one week before the opening session of the General Grand Chapter and after his annual address had been prepared and was in the hands of the printer. Companion Kuhn was buried at Kansas City and the funeral was conducted by his close personal friend, Rev. Corona H. Briggs, Grand High Priest of Missouri. Companion Kuhn entered the General Grand Chapter in 1897 as Grand Master of the First Vail. He was an outstanding figure in all Masonic Bodies of his own state, Missouri, as well as of the General Grand Chapter where he has served long and faithfully and where he had a prominent part in the enactment of the laws that now govern that body. His funeral was held in the Masonic Temple of Kansas City and thousands were turned away for lack of room. This was the appreciation of Kansas City who knew this distinguished Companion well and loved him.

We hold in our hearts the memories of our Companions who have passed through the Vails and have been admitted to the Supreme Council above.

Our Sister Grand Jurisdictions have suffered many similar losses and to them we extend our fraternal sympathy. Our Committee on Memorials will make full reference to them.

MONUMENTS ERECTED, FOR PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

In accordance with the resolutions adopted by this Grand Chapter I appointed committees to erect monuments to the memory of our M. E. Past Grand High Priests, John M. Caldwell, Henry N. Sweeting and

John R. Wetherell, all of which were duly erected, and I have for your inspection photographs made of these monuments. In addition to these a committee was appointed to erect a monument for M. E. Past Grand High Priest, Olin S. Wright, which committee reported to me verbally that the family preferred to erect the monument over his grave.

In performing this duty I was impressed with the fact that this Grand Chapter had not at any time indicated the type of monument that should be erected for its Past Grand Officers nor the amount that it desired to expend in erecting same. The committees have consequently been at a loss to know what was desired and it was for this reason that I had prepared the photographs above referred to and will recommend that this question be referred to a Special Committee with the view of standardizing in some degree the monuments that this Grand Chapter may erect for its Past Grand High Priests.

DECISIONS RENDERED

On May 31, 1924, in reply to a communication from Tampa Chapter No. 3, asking for ruling in the matter of jurisdiction over a petitioner who was a Master Mariner plying between Tampa and New York as Captain of a Mallory Line vessel. This petitioner received the symbolic degrees in Tampa but his wife resides in another Grand Jurisdiction. I ruled that the provision of residence does not apply to marines and sailors without a fixed residence but that a candidate's legal residence is his Masonic residence and the place where he is qualified to vote is prima facie his legal residence. If he has no place where he is qualified to vote his declara-

tion as to the place he regards as home may be accepted as evidence of his intention.

On June 4, 1924, I confirmed a decision of our Deputy Grand High Priest who had referred to me a ruling that he had made for Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 6, Pensacola. In the absence of a regulation specifically covering the question it was ruled that the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Lodge would apply and that "When a candidate who has been duly elected for initiation or for any degree fails to present himself for the degree within two years after his election, the Chapter may, in its discretion, give him the degree if there be no valid objection; but in every such case there must be a strict and impartial investigation into the motive for delay and the circumstances of the case; or it may refuse to do the work for good cause. The responsibility rests with the Chapter and each case must be decided upon its own merits."

On August 26, 1924, I ruled for Putnam Chapter No. 9 of Palatka, that the distance shown on a railroad folder between the Chapter and place of residence of petitioner did not determine jurisdiction of petitioner, but that the Chapter nearest by an air line to the residence of a petitioner will have jurisdiction.

On December 3, 1924, I ruled for Putnam Chapter No. 9 that a Brother Mason must reside in the State of Florida twelve months and in the jurisdiction of the Chapter six months before a Chapter can receive his petition for the Chapter degrees. If the petitioner's home is actually within some other Jurisdiction they might receive his petition if accompanied by a waiver of jurisdiction from the Chapter in whose jurisdiction he resides.

On January 7, 1925, I ruled for Putnam Chapter No. 9, that request for courtesy work should be made by the Chapter in which the candidate was elected to receive the degrees and that the request should be made through their Grand Secretary transmitted through our Grand Secretary and that neither I nor Putnam Chapter could properly ask permission to confer the degrees.

On February 17, 1925, in reply to request for information from Clearwater Chapter No. 45, I ruled that "physical perfection is not required in a candidate for degrees in a Chapter. The question of physical qualification is to be determined by each Chapter."

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

On June 10, 1924, I approved for Manatee River Chapter No. 18, amendment to by-laws providing that stated Convocations should be held on the second Tuesday night of each month at seven thirty o'clock.

On October 18, 1924, I approved for Monroe Chapter No. 15, Sanford, amendment to by-laws as follows: "The fees for the four degrees in this Chapter shall be, \$40.00, \$10.00 for each degree."

On February 10, 1925, I approved for Tampa Chapter, No. 3, amendment to their by-laws providing that the installation of officers shall be on Saint John the Evangelist Day, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

On April 18, I approved for St. Petersburg Chapter, No. 31, amendment to their by-laws providing, "That after this date the fee for the Capitular Degree be \$30.00 payable in advance and be it further resolved that any member of this Chapter may become a life member on payment of \$30.00."

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

On October 30, 1924, I received through the Grand Secretary's office petition for dispensation to form a Chapter at Clermont, Lake County, Florida, in the usual form which I granted on that date.

On December 17, 1924, in reply to a request from Lakeland Chapter No. 29 for dispensation to elect Secretary, the regularly elected Secretary having declined to be installed. I referred them to Section 12, Article 4, and informed them that a dispensation was not necessary.

On January 28, 1925, I granted dispensation for Jackson Chapter No. 32, to hold an election for the purpose of electing a High Priest and such other vacancies as might be caused thereby, said election to be held at a regular Convocation of the Chapter after the members had been duly summoned for the purpose, the request for such dispensation having been signed by the King and Scribe of Jackson Chapter, attested by the Secretary under the seal of the Chapter.

On March 4, 1925, in reply to a request for dispensation for Gadsden Chapter No. 30, to elect a Treasurer, I referred that Chapter to Section 12, of the Constitution, wherein provision is made that a Chapter may fill vacancies in any of the elective offices except that of the High Priest by ballot at any regular Convocation.

VISITATIONS

In accordance with Regulation No. 30, I made assignment of Chapters for visitation to the Grand Chapter Officers as follows:

To M. E. Erle L. Wirt, Grand High Priest: Tampa No. 3, Eureka No. 7, Dade City No. 8, Kissimmee No.

10. Monroe No. 15, Manatee River No. 18, Live Oak No. 25, Jefferson No. 26, Lakeland No. 29, Eustis No. 33, Leesburg No. 34, Sarasota No. 35, Winter Haven No. 41, Highlands No. 42 and Okeechobee No. 46.

To R. E. Theodore T. Todd, Deputy Grand High Priest: Florida No. 1, Mt. Horeb No. 6, Chipley No. 23, Gadsden No. 30, Jackson No. 32, Walton No. 37, Bay County No. 39, Crestview No. 40, Perry No. 44.

To R. E. E. L. Shear, Grand King: Gainesville No. 2, St. Johns No. 4, Halifax No. 5, Putnam No. 9, Jericho No. 11, Jacksonville No. 12, St. Augustine No. 17, Lake Butler No. 19, Keystone No. 20, Island No. 21, Lake Worth No. 24, Indian River No. 27, Joppa No. 28, Union No. 43, Dade No. 47, Nassau No. 49, New Smyrna No. 51.

To R. E. Cary B. Fish, Grand Scribe: Ocala No. 13, Inverness No. 14, Plant City No. 16, Thomas Brown No. 22, St. Petersburg No. 31, Arcadia No. 36, Providence No. 38, Clearwater No. 45, Duval No. 48, Poincianna No. 50.

Of the fifteen Chapters assigned to myself I visited all but five. With two of these I was unable to secure a date that did not conflict with other engagements. One date was cancelled by the Chapter because of some local event that interfered with securing a good attendance and two engagements were cancelled because of my illness.

On May 29, 1924, I visited Lakeland Chapter No. 29.

On November 6, 1924, I again visited Lakeland Chapter No. 29.

On December 9th, I visited Brandenton Chapter No. 18, this being the occasion of their High Priests night and at which time the Past High Priests of the Chapter filled the Stations.

On April 6th, I visited Monticello Chapter No. 26. I regret however, that through failure to send out notices to the members, there was not a sufficient number present to open the Chapter. I discussed Chapter matters with several members of the Chapter and am under obligations especially to Excellent Companion John Pasco for courtesies extended me at that time.

On April 7th, on the special request of Perry Chapter No. 44, I visited that Chapter and regret that our R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest to whom that Chapter had been assigned for visitation, was unable to accompany me on account of work of the Grand Lodge. I found this new Chapter in a prosperous condition and the members enthusiastic and anxious for instruction.

On April 13th, I visited Avon Park Chapter No. 42.

On April 14th, I visited Leesburg Chapter No. 34.

On April 16th, I again visited Lakeland Chapter No. 29, accompanied by a number of Companions of Thomas Brown Chapter, Bartow.

On April 28th, I visited Sarasota Chapter No. 35, where I was accompanied by R. E. Cary B. Fish, Grand Scribe.

On May 4th, I visited Eureka Chapter No. 7, Orlando.

On May 7th, I visited Tampa Chapter No. 3.

On May 11th, I visited Kissimmee Chapter No. 10.

On May 12th, I visited Monroe Chapter No. 15, Sanford.

In addition to these official visitations I visited my own Chapter, Thomas Brown No. 22, a number of times during the year.

I found the officers of the Chapters visited as a rule efficient in the ritualistic work and the records accurately and properly kept.

Of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, R. L. Gillett, of Tampa.

I have also signed Commissions as representative of this Grand Chapter:

Near the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, for Companion Geo. H. Parsons.

Near the Grand Chapter of Delaware, Leslie W. Stout.

Near the Grand Chapter of Oregon, L. V. Roake.

Near the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, James Duthie.

Near the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, Adrian C. Nadenbousch.

Near the Grand Chapter of Colorado, John Stroehle.

Near the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, William J. Smith.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

Our Grand High Priest, accompanied by E. John Pasco, proxy for Deputy Grand High Priest R. E. E. L. Shear, Grand King, R. E. Cary B. Fish, Grand Scribe, and M. E. Past Grand High Priests Marcus Endel, Silas B. Wright, W. P. Webster, L. C. Massey, W. S. Ware, F. B. Stoneman, W. R. O'Neal, D. B. Palmer, W. V. Carter, H. O. Snow, John L. Hall, R. J. Kishpaugh and Ely P. Hubbell, accompanied by several members of their respective families, attended the General Grand Chapter held in Portland, Maine, on September 10, 11 and 12, 1924.

The Florida delegation was one of the largest, if not the largest, delegation in attendance and were favored with representation on three committees; your Grand High Priest having been appointed as Chairman of the Committee on Time and Place; M. E. Wilber P. Webster was given a place on the Grievances Committee and

M. E. Ely P. Hubbell a place on the Visitors Committee.

When the address of the General Grand High Priest was read it was evident that it was the intention of the General Grand High Priest to force the Grand Chapter of Florida to yield its position in the Grand Chapter of Texas matter and the Grand Chapter of Scotland matter, or ask the General Grand Chapter to release the Grand Chapter of Florida from its pledge and request it to withdraw from the General Grand Chapter, and he expressed the opinion that the General Grand Chapter desired only willing and law abiding members.

Florida has consistently maintained its position that it was law abiding and was acting wholly within its rights when it declined to sever fraternal relations with the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland and the Grand Chapter of Texas, and I am pleased to be able to report to you that the report of the Jurisprudence Committee which was adopted by the General Grand Chapter by an unanimous vote fully sustained and justified the position taken by this Grand Body.

I refer those who are interested in a further study of this question to the Proceedings of the General Grand Chapter of 1924, pages 91 to 99 inclusive, and pages 196 to 199 inclusive, a part of which is further referred to in the report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence on pages 34 and 35.

The Grand Chapter of Maine provided entertainment for the representatives and their ladies so that all enjoyed a most pleasant visit to the city of Portland, and on behalf of those Companions and their ladies, I wish to herein make acknowledgment of same and express our very great appreciation therefor.

I wish also to acknowledge particularly the assistance of M. E. Past Grand High Priest W. R. O'Neal who arranged our routing and made our railroad and Pullman reservations for the party.

INVITATIONS RECEIVED

During the year I have received invitations to visit the Grand Chapters of Maryland, Texas, Michigan and Manitoba. I regret that it has been impossible for me to accept any of these invitations and regrets were sent.

I also received invitation to attend the annual meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association which was held at Alexandria, Virginia, on February 23 and 24, 1925.

I was not only unable to attend this in person but unable to find a Companion to represent this Grand Chapter on that occasion.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

I wish to acknowledge the receipt by letter and telegram of Fraternal Christmas greetings from a number of Chapters.

CHARTERS ISSUED

On April 18, 1925, I authorized the Grand Secretary to issue a duplicate charter to Clearwater Chapter No. 45, their original having been lost.

WARRANTS SIGNED

I have signed warrants Nos. 1 to 39 inclusive aggregating \$9677.07.

CONCLUSION

And now my Companions in concluding my report of the activities of the year, I wish to express my gratitude for the honors that I have received at your hands during the past ten years that I have been a member of this Body and for the many courtesies extended me here and while visiting the Royal Arch Chapters through this Grand Jurisdiction. Especially during the past year have all of the honors due to your Grand High Priest been mine and everything has been done for my comfort and welfare by the Chapters that I have visited. It has indeed been a pleasure that will leave a lasting impression in my heart.

I wish to acknowledge with gratitude the assistance given me at all times by our Grand Secretary whose devotion to the duties of his office and his courteous attention at all times and to all requests for information has greatly aided me.

If my labors have resulted in greater efficiency or a greater interest in our Order I am fully repaid for my efforts and in the friendships that I have made I am more than repaid.

Fraternally submitted,

E. L. WIRT,
Grand High Priest

Upon motion of Companion Fish, 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 Companions Cary B. Fish, Alex B. Steuart and M. W. Bishop as such committee.

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 your Grand Secretary's office for the past year as follows:

We have received a request for fraternal recognition from the Grand Chapter of Western Australia together with a copy of their proceedings for the year 1923. This Grand Chapter has already been recognized by a number of other Jurisdictions with which we are in fraternal correspondence, and their request should receive careful attention at this Annual Convocation.

October 30, 1924, a dispensation was issued by order of the M. E. Grand High Priest to form Clermont Chapter U. D. at Clermont, Lake County, with

W. M. Davenport, High Priest
Perry Short, King
Charles D. Baker, Scribe

I am in receipt of a letter from the High Priest of this Chapter stating that they have been unable to organize the Chapter for want of interest, and have returned the dispensation to this office.

RETURNS

All of our Chapters have made correct returns and paid dues in full for the year 1924, with the following exceptions:

Jackson No. 32, has overpaid the sum of \$3.00, which should be refunded.

Gadsden No. 30, has made correct returns but has not been able to pay its dues owing to the failure of the bank in which its funds were deposited.

Plant City No. 16 is still due a balance of \$1.00.

Island No. 21, is due a balance of \$6.00.

Union No. 43, was received late and is still due \$5.00.

Lakeland No. 29 and Sarasota No. 35 have some irregularities which can readily be corrected on information which the Secretaries should be able to furnish. The latter not being received within the required time limit.

Jericho No. 11 was received late again this year, but has paid all dues and fine.

No returns have been received from Joppa Chapter No. 28 or Dade No. 47, though every effort possible has been made to have same given attention.

Dade No. 47 was also late a year ago and it should be possible for these Chapters to select Companions to fill the important office of Secretary that would give better attention to same.

By order of the M. E. Grand High Priest a certified copy of charter has been issued to Clearwater Chapter No. 45 to replace the original charter which has been lost.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

	Dr.
Florida No. 1	\$195.00
Gainesville No. 2	230.00
Tampa No. 3	505.00
St. Johns No. 4	84.00
Halifax No. 5	265.00
Mt. Horeb No. 6	208.00
Eureka No. 7	310.00
Dade City No. 8	63.00
Putnam No. 9	157.00
Kissimmee No. 10	122.00
Jericho No. 11	376.00
Jacksonville No. 12	656.00
Ocala No. 13	135.00
Inverness No. 14	55.00
Monroe No. 15	218.00

Plant City No. 16	99.00
St. Augustine No. 17	175.00
Manatee River No. 18	161.00
Lake Butler No. 19	49.00
Keystone No. 20	101.00
Island No. 21	24.00
Thomas Brown No. 22	252.00
Chipley No. 23	82.00
Lake Worth No. 24	370.00
Live Oak No. 25	499.00
Jefferson No. 26	114.00
Indian River No. 27	252.00
Lakeland No. 29	246.00
St. Petersburg No. 31	397.00
Jackson No. 32	241.00
Eustis No. 33	75.00
Leesburg No. 34	132.00
Sarasota No. 35	116.00
Arcadia No. 36	89.00
Walton No. 37	69.00
Providence No. 38	92.00
Bay County No. 39	199.00
Crestview No. 40	120.00
Winter Haven No. 41	145.00
Highland No. 42	104.00
Union No. 43	59.00
Perry No. 44	82.00
Clearwater No. 45	86.00
Okeechobee No. 46	43.00
Duval No. 48	74.00
Nassau No. 49	72.00
Poinciana No. 50	82.00
New Smyrna No. 51	111.00
	<u>\$8,391.00</u>

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1925		
Jan. 28	By Paid Grand Treasurer	\$1,680.00
Feb. 10	By Paid Grand Treasurer	89.00
Feb. 12	By Paid Grand Treasurer	1,444.00
Feb. 16	By Paid Grand Treasurer	373.00
Mch. 3	By Paid Grand Treasurer	1,153.00

Mch. 10	By Paid Grand Treasurer	609.00
Mch. 16	By Paid Grand Treasurer	754.00
Mch. 27	By Paid Grand Treasurer	774.00
Apr. 1	By Paid Grand Treasurer	221.00
Apr. 11	By Paid Grand Treasurer	244.00
May 14	By Paid Grand Treasurer	1,050.00
		<u>\$8,391.00</u>

Books and vouchers are herewith presented 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.

1924.		
May 20	To Balance as per last report	\$16,099.17
May 20	To supplemental report	17.00
Nov. 5	To rec'd int. Duval Lodge Bonds	60.00
1925.		
Jan. 29	To received from Grand Secretary	1,680.00
Feb. 10	To received from Grand Secretary	89.00
Feb. 12	To received from Grand Secretary	1,444.00
Feb. 16	To received from Grand Secretary	373.00
Mch. 3	To received from Grand Secretary	1,153.00
Mch. 10	To received from Grand Secretary	609.00
Mch. 16	To received from Grand Secretary	754.00
Mch. 27	To received from Grand Secretary	774.00
Apr. 1	To received from Grand Secretary	221.00
Apr. 11	To received from Grand Secretary	244.00
May 2	To rec'd int. Duval Lodge Bonds	60.00

May 13 To received from Grand Secretary-- 1,050.00
 May 13 To rec'd int. Barnett Nat'l Bank---- 335.03— \$24,962.20

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May 19 By paid Vouchers Nos. 1 to 39-----\$ 9,677.07
 Balance on Hand ----- 15,285.13
 Distributed as follows:
 Barnett National Bank -----\$13,285.13
 Duval Lodge bonds ----- 2,000.00— \$15,285.13
 Books and vouchers are herewith submitted.

Fraternally submitted,

MARCUS ENDEL,
Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Representatives were received and welcomed by the M. E. Grand High Priest.

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 to whom was referred the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest and the report of the Grand Secretary, recommend that that portion of the Grand High Priest's address which refers to necrology be referred to the Committee on Memorials.

That portion referring to the erecting of a monument to Past Grand High Priest Silas B. Wright, be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

That portion referring to the type of monument to be erected to its Past Grand Officers be referred to a special committee of three, to be appointed by the M. E. Grand High Priest.

Those portions referring to decisions rendered, amendments to by-laws, dispensations granted, ritual and General Grand Chapter be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

That those portions referring to education and warrants signed, be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

That all other matters referred to be approved.

We further recommend that so much of the Grand Secretary's report as refers to finance and accounts be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

That so much thereof as refers to recognition of a Grand Chapter of Western Australia, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

That so much thereof as refers to dispensation to form Clermont Chapter, U. D., be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

That so much as refers to the returns, be referred to the Committee on Returns and Credentials.

Fraternally submitted,

CARY B. FISH,
 A. B. STEUART,
 M. W. BISHOP,

Committee.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Companions Warner T. Hamm, W. G. Jones and F. H. Thompson as the Special Committee on Monuments as provided for in the above report.

The chairman of the Committee on Correspondence presented his report. Upon motion the report was received and ordered printed in the proceedings.

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

The M. E. Grand High Priest read a letter from Mrs. J. R. Wetherell thanking the Grand Chapter for the monument erected to the memory of Past Grand High Priest Wetherell.

A telegram was received from Stafford Caldwell, Grand Principal Sojourner, thanking the Grand Chapter for its participation in the erection of a memorial to his father, Past Grand High Priest John M. Caldwell.

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

Past Grand High Priest Snow presented a resolution in regard to a Memorial to Past Grand High Priest Olin S. Wright, which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

The M. E. Grand High Priest presented a question to the Grand Chapter as to whether or not a High Priest should be covered while presiding over the Chapter; which upon motion, was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

IN GRAND CHAPTER

Tuesday, May 19, 2:00 P. M.

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

The minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

The Committee on Education made the following report which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

EDUCATION

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

We, your Committee on Education, respectfully report that the interest of the constituent Chapters could not be enlisted in time for the school year after the meeting of the last Grand Chapter in which

the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) was set aside to create scholarships in the State College for Women at Tallahassee and the University of Florida at Gainesville.

Your committee would now report that the plan is now better understood, and applications can be received from worthy students all over the entire state.

We would therefore recommend that the appropriation of four hundred dollars annually be continued, and the committee authorized to grant loans to worthy students in accordance with the original resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. HALL,

T. T. TODD,

W. R. O'NEAL,

Committee.

The motion of Companion Fish prevailed that a committee of three be appointed to prepare a resolution for consideration, looking to the appointment of a Grand Lecturer, and defining his duties.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Companion Cary B. Fish and Past Grand High Priests John L. Hall and T. T. Todd as such committee.

The motion of Past Grand High Priest O'Neal was amended and adopted as follows:

That a committee be appointed to formulate a memorial to our late Past Grand High Priest Silas B. Wright, giving his Masonic history, etc., to be signed by the committee and Grand High Priest, attested by the Grand Secretary.

That the Grand Secretary have same suitably engraved and presented to the family of Past Grand High Priest Wright.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed all Past Grand High Priests as such committee, they to select a sub-committee to prepare the Memorial.

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 leave to report as follows:

We find that only one reference was made to us, that being the matter of Dispensation issued to Clermont Chapter, and inasmuch as the Dispensation was returned to the Grand Secretary on account of inability to organize a Chapter, we therefore have nothing to report.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK H. THOMPSON,
W. P. MCKEE,
O. J. PRICE,

Committee.

Labor was dispensed with in the Grand Chapter for the purpose of witnessing the exemplification of the work.

A Lodge of Mark Masters was opened.

Brothers Edwin M. Norton, Samuel I. Smith and Edgar O. Kinnier were advanced to the honorary degree of Mark Master in due form, for Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.

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

The same class as above were inducted into the O. C. of K. S. for Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.

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

The same class as above were received and acknowledged as Most Excellent Masters.

The Lodge of Most Excellent Masters was closed, and the officers and members of the Grand Chapter, with their ladies, enjoyed a supper served by the ladies of

Jacksonville Chapter No. 15, O. E. S., for Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, R. A. M.

A Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened, the offices all being filled by Past High Priests of Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.

Edwin M. Norton, Samuel I. Smith and Edgar O. Kinnier for Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, together with R. C. Peek for Duval Chapter No. 48, were exalted to the August and Sublime degree of Royal Arch.

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

The motion was made and carried that a committee be appointed to draft suitable resolution of thanks, to Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, and others for courtesies received.

The Grand High Priest appointed Companions A. E. Leslie, E. E. Macy and R. J. McMaster as such Committee.

The special committee appointed to formulate a resolution looking to the appointment of a Grand Lecturer, made the following report which was received and adopted:

GRAND LECTURER

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your committee appointed to formulate a resolution for the appointment of a Grand Lecturer, would respectfully report that we have carefully considered this matter and present the following resolution:

Whereas, The M. E. Grand High Priest is the Committee on Work, therefore be it

Resolved: That the M. E. Grand High Priest is authorized to appoint representatives to visit constituent Chapters and inspect their records and instruct them in the work; such representatives to be paid their actual expenses and a per diem of \$10.00 per day. The

expenses and per diem of the representatives not to exceed one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars in any one year.

Fraternally submitted,

CARY B. FISH,
JOHN L. HALL,
T. T. TODD,
Committee.

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

RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

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

We find all Chapters have made correct returns and paid dues in full within the required time limit, with the following exceptions: Lakeland No. 29 and Sarasota No. 35 have made returns and paid dues, but there are errors in the same which we are unable to correct and recommend that it be referred to the Grand Secretary for correction.

We have collected dues as follows: Island, No. 21, \$1.00; Joppa No. 28, \$124.00; Gadsden, No. 30, \$192.00; Union, No. 43, \$5.00; a total of \$322.00, which has been turned over to the Grand Secretary.

There are balances still due from Chapters as follows:

Plant City, No. 16, \$1.00.

Island, No. 21, \$5.00.

Joppa, No. 28, \$5.00.

There were two Chapters that failed to file their returns within the required time limit: Joppa No. 28 and Union No. 43.

No returns received from Dade No. 47. As Union No. 43 has paid their fine we recommend that they be allowed representation in the Grand Chapter, with mileage and per diem for their representative.

We recommend that Island No. 21 fine for the year 1923 be

remitted, and that Jackson No. 32 be refunded \$3.00 which they have overpaid.

Fraternally submitted,

W. V. CARTER,
BERT L. BLAIR,
C. L. SUDDUTH,
Committee.

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

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT (Supplemental)

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Companions: I have to report having received the sum of three hundred and twenty-two (\$222.00) dollars from the Committee on Returns and Credentials since making my last report and that the same has been turned over to the Grand Treasurer.

Fraternally submitted,

W. P. WEBSTER,
Grand Secretary.

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

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT (Supplemental)

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Companions: I have to report having received the sum of three hundred and twenty-two (\$222.00) dollars from the Grand Secretary since making my last report.

Fraternally submitted,

MARCUS ENDEL,
Grand Treasurer.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Companions: We, the Committee on Unfinished Business, have examined the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Florida, at its Seventy-Eighth Annual Convocation, and find that there is no unfinished business of record.

Fraternally submitted,

W. B. GREER,
WM. DUNSTAN,
J. E. OLNEY,

Committee.

The motion of Past Grand High Priest Haskell prevailed that when the Grand Chapter is called from labor to refreshment, it be to resume labor at 10:30 A. M. Wednesday.

The question as to what aprons were proper to be furnished the workmen in the Royal Arch degree was submitted. After a full discussion, the motion was made and carried that they should be furnished with Master Mason's aprons to be worn as Master Masons.

The motion of Past Grand High Priest Haskell was adopted that a standing committee of three be appointed by the M. E. Grand High Priest to be known as the "Ritual Committee," to whom all matters in regard to Ritual shall be referred during recess.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

IN GRAND CHAPTER

Wednesday, May 20, 10:30 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 Propositions and Grievances made the following report which was received and adopted:

PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

We, your Committee on Propositions and Grievances, finding no propositions and grievances before this Grand Chapter at this time, are therefore pleased to report that peace and harmony prevail in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

E. L. SHEAR,
H. L. SCHAEFFER,
SAM BRAMMAR,

Committee.

The Special Committee on Monuments made the following report which was received and adopted, as amended:

MONUMENTS

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your Committee on Monuments for deceased Past Grand High Priests recognize that it would be impracticable to adopt an arbitrary standard for use in all cases on account of other bodies desiring to participate in such expense; however, we recommend that a standard be adopted as a guide for future use, with the under-

standing that purchase of a stone according to these specifications is not mandatory on the part of the Officers of the Grand Chapter.

We recommend where practicable a monument similar to that erected in memory of John R. Wetherell, Past Grand High Priest, be erected, a photograph of which accompanies our report. Dimensions of this monument are, 3 feet 4 inches high, 3 feet wide, 18 inches thick, consisting of 15 cubic feet of Elberton Georgia granite, resting on a base of similar material containing 15 cubic feet. Where Elberton granite cannot be obtained, South Carolina or Barre granite may be substituted. The lettering and finish of the stone to be as shown in photograph.

We recommend that the M. E. Grand High Priest be a permanent committee to look after the purchase of these monuments and that competitive bids be secured, giving preference to local dealers in town where same is to be erected, especially members of the Fraternity, so far as may be practicable.

Fraternally submitted,
 WARNER T. HAMM,
 W. G. JONES,
 FRANK H. THOMPSON,
Committee.

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 \$15,285.13, distributed as follows:

Cash in Barnett National Bank	\$13,285.13
Duval Lodge Bonds	2,000.00
Total	\$15,285.13

From which we recommend the following appropriations:

Expenses Foreign Correspondence Committee	\$ 300.00
Contingent Fund	700.00
Clerical help	360.00
Grand Treasurer's salary	150.00
Grand Secretary's salary	1,200.00
George Washington National Memorial Asso.	500.00
Grand Chapter Educational Fund	1,000.00
Masonic Home Endowment Fund (in bonds of Duval Lodge)	500.00
The Olin S. Wright Memorial Endowment Fund to the Masonic Home	500.00
Pay roll attached	1,814.00
Total	\$7,024.00

Leaving a cash balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of \$8,261.13.

We also recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure a Past Grand High Priest's jewel for presentation to the M. E. Grand High Priest at our next Grand Convocation, and that a warrant be drawn to pay for same.

We recommend that a sufficient amount be appropriated to erect a monument to the memory of Past Grand High Priest Silas B. Wright, or to participate in the erection of same with other Grand Masonic bodies.

We recommend that the Grand High Priest and the 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 that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay the same.

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

Fraternally submitted,
 H. O. SNOW,
 C. M. GRUBER,
 H. S. CHILES,
Committee.

PAY ROLL

Name	Per Diem	Mileage	Total
Erle L. Wirt, G. H. P. -----	\$21.00	\$29.70	\$41.70
T. T. Todd, D. G. H. P. -----	14.00	36.90	50.90
E. L. Shear, G. King -----	14.00	11.00	25.00
Cary B. Fish, G. Scribe -----	14.00	25.60	39.60
Marcus Endel, Grand Treas. -----	21.00		21.00
Wilber P. Webster, Grand Sec'y -----	21.00		21.00
W. B. Y. Wilkie, Grand Chap. -----	14.00	24.30	38.30
R. J. McMaster, Gr. Capt. of Host -----	14.00	21.20	35.20
Stephen E. Gregory, Gr. R. A. C. -----	14.00		14.00
John Pasco, Gr. M. 3rd V. -----	14.00	14.20	28.20
C. L. Benedict, Gr. M. 2nd V. -----	14.00	36.60	50.60
A. B. Steuart, Gr. M. 1st V. -----	14.00	21.20	35.20
John W. Capper, Gr. Guard -----	14.00		14.00
Irving E. Webster, P. G. H. P. -----	21.00	7.00	28.00
E. E. Haskell, P. G. H. P. -----	21.00	5.50	26.50
Louis C. Massey, P. G. H. P. -----	21.00	14.70	35.70
William S. Ware, P. G. H. P. -----	21.00		21.00
Wm. R. O'Neal, P. G. H. P. -----	14.00	14.70	28.70
C. H. Ketchum, P. G. H. P. -----	21.00	52.20	73.20
H. O. Snow, P. G. H. P. -----	21.00	21.20	42.20
R. J. Kishpaugh, P. G. H. P. -----	21.00	29.90	50.90
W. V. Carter, P. G. H. P. -----	21.00	11.00	32.00
John L. Hall, P. G. H. P. -----	21.00		21.00
E. P. Hubbell, P. G. H. P. -----	21.00	24.40	45.40
F. S. Hartsfield, Chapter No. 1 -----	14.00	16.50	30.50
Herbert S. Chiles, Chapter No. 3 -----	14.00	21.20	35.20
J. B. Davis, Chapter No. 5 -----	14.00	11.00	25.00
J. E. Olney, Chapter No. 6 -----	14.00	36.90	50.90
Bert L. Blair, Chapter No. 7 -----	14.00	14.70	28.70
R. L. Batchelor, Chapter No. 8 -----	14.00	16.20	30.20
C. H. Dekle, Chapter No. 9 -----	14.00	5.50	19.50
Sam Brammar, Chapter No. 10 -----	14.00	16.40	30.40
John B. Phelps, Chapter No. 11 -----	14.00	36.60	50.60
Asa Farrar, Chapter No. 12 -----	14.00		14.00
A. L. Lucas, Chapter No. 13 -----	14.00	10.30	24.30
C. T. Groh, Chapter No. 17 -----	7.00	3.70	10.70
W. G. Jones, Chapter No. 22 -----	14.00	20.70	34.70
C. M. Gruber, Chapter No. 24 -----	14.00	29.90	43.90

Name	Per Diem	Mileage	Total
Archie E. Leslie, Chapter No. 25 -----	14.00	8.10	22.10
W. G. Braswell, Chapter No. 26 -----	14.00	14.20	28.20
C. L. Suddeth, Chapter No. 29 -----	14.00	20.90	34.90
W. B. Greer, Chapter No. 30 -----	14.00	18.90	32.90
E. A. Pierce, Chapter No. 31 -----	14.00	26.50	40.50
W. P. McKee, Chapter No. 33 -----	14.00	15.80	29.80
Wm. Dunston, Chapter No. 34 -----	14.00	13.80	27.80
F. W. Schultz, Chapter No. 35 -----	14.00	25.60	39.60
Chas. Murray, Jr., Chapter No. 37 -----	14.00	28.90	42.90
James L. Clary, Chapter No. 40 -----	14.00	29.90	43.90
E. E. Macy, Chapter No. 43 -----	14.00	19.40	33.40
M. G. Spears, Chapter No. 44 -----	14.00	12.50	26.50
O. J. Price, Chapter No. 46 -----	14.00	26.40	40.40
Lee C. Stewart, Chapter No. 50 -----	14.00	32.30	46.30
H. L. Schaeffer, Com. on Grievances -----	14.00		14.00
F. H. Thompson, Com. on Disp. & By-laws -----	14.00	20.30	34.90
Chester DeRocher, Com. on Visitors -----	14.00		14.00
M. W. Bishop, Com. on Distribution -----	14.00		14.00
Totals -----	\$868.00	\$916.00	\$1814.00

The Committee on Correspondence made the following report which was received and adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence makes the following report:

Your committee to which was referred the request of the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of Western Australia for recognition and the exchange of Representatives, beg to report that the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of Western Australia was duly formed in August 1904 and is now recognized by nearly all of the American Grand Chapters, besides several Canadian and other Foreign Grand Chapters. According to latest obtainable reports it has nineteen Chapters on its roll and appears to be in a flourishing condition.

We therefore recommend that fraternal relations be established between that Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Florida.

In 1918 one Chapter working under Irish and four working under New South Wales constitutions in Queensland, formed the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Queensland. This Grand Chapter has been recognized by the General Grand Chapter of the United States and twenty (20) Grand Chapters.

Some two years later a large majority of the remaining Chapters in Queensland working under both English and Scottish constitutions, formed themselves into the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland, and this Grand Chapter has been recognized by six (6) American Grand Chapters; however, there still remain in Queensland several Chapters owing allegiance to their Mother Grand Chapter.

In view of these existing conditions, your committee is of the opinion that recognition should not be granted either of these Grand Chapters until such time as there shall be a more harmonious condition of Capitular Masonry in Queensland.

Fraternally submitted,

ELY P. HUBBELL,
LOUIS C. MASSEY,
JOHN L. HALL,

Committee.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence made the following report:

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to which has been referred the following matters, renders the following report:

We have carefully considered the decisions rendered by the M. E. Grand High Priest, and recommend the approval of each and every one of them.

In the matter of amendments to by-laws contained in the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, we recommend that his acts in reference thereto be approved.

In the matter of dispensations granted, each of them being within his powers and discretion, are not subject to review by this committee, and are therefore approved.

In the matter of Ritual, brought to the attention of the Grand Chapter, we concur in his recommendation and recommend that the Grand Secretary correct the errors referred to in the next correction sheets printed.

In the matter of the edict of the M. E. General Grand High Priest issued under date of April 15, 1923, the General Grand Chapter having fully justified the attitude of the Grand Chapter of Florida thereto, to-wit: the Texas controversy, and this matter having been settled to the entire satisfaction of the parties, we congratulate the Companions of this Jurisdiction that their stand for their constitutional rights has been approved.

In the matter of whether or not the High Priest should be covered, your committee recommend that the High Priest should wear a hat while presiding—this has been the usual custom in this Jurisdiction for many years.

We recommend the adoption of the following Regulations, viz: Add under heading "Jurisdiction," page 25, Constitution and Regulations, the following:

"Regulation No.

"Sec. 1. A Master Mason, before making application for exaltation in this Grand Jurisdiction, must have resided in the State of Florida for a period of not less than twelve (12) consecutive months and must have resided continuously within the jurisdiction of the Chapter to which he makes application for a period of six (6) months.

"Sec. 2. 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 six (6) months, for the first Chapter

has no jurisdiction to waive and the second has not yet acquired jurisdiction over him. (1921)."

Fraternally submitted,

MARCUS ENDEL,
I. E. WEBSTER,
E. E. HASKELL,
L. C. MASSEY,
W. S. WARE,
W. R. O'NEAL,
C. H. KETCHUM,
W. V. CARTER,
H. O. SNOW,
JOHN L. HALL,
R. J. KISHPAUGH,
E. P. HUBBELL,

Committee.

Upon motion the report was received and adopted, with the exception of that portion referring to the High Priest being covered while presiding.

After a full discussion the motion was made and carried that the report of the committee referring to this matter be adopted.

Upon motion the report was adopted as a whole.

The Special Committee appointed to draft resolutions of thanks to Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, R. A. M., and others, presented the following resolution which was received and adopted:

THANKS

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Florida, extend a vote of thanks to Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, R. A. M., for their untiring efforts for the comfort and welfare of the Grand Chapter.

For the use of their Chapter room, and for the appetizing banquet prepared for the craft on Tuesday evening.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be extended to the ladies of Jacksonville Chapter No. 15, O. E. S., for their gracious presence and cooperation in serving the splendid supper.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be given Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, R. A. M., for their skill and efficiency in exemplifying the esoteric work of the order for the instruction and edification of the delegates.

Be it further resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Grand Chapter, R. A. M., and copies sent to Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, R. A. M., and Jacksonville Chapter No. 15, O. E. S.

Fraternally submitted,

A. E. LESLIE,
R. J. McMASTER,
EDWIN E. MACY,

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 begs to submit the following:

The Annual Convocation of this august body provides an occasion for happy re-union of those whose singleness of purpose and common aspiration seems to bind them together in the spirit of fraternal kinship whose sympathies are broad enough to encompass all humanity, and we come to receive from those of our best-informed Companions that inspiration and enthusiasm which we have learned to expect and which gives us the necessary encouragement to continue with the work that falls to our several lots, but, alas, we look in vain for some familiar faces and we realize that a beacon light here and there has been forever extinguished. No longer are we to be privileged to listen to the wise words of counsel from the lips of some Companion we have learned to love, and our thoughts are carried in the direction of a family circle and we mourn with its members for the loss of those who have passed to the great Beyond.

Past Grand High Priest Henry N. Sweeting was called from his earthly labors to the sphere of eternal rest only a few days be-

fore the opening of the last Annual Convocation. Companion Sweeting was born in London, England, and in early manhood emigrated to the United States. He was raised to the sublime degree in Santa Rosa Lodge, No. 16, Milton, Florida, on February 26, 1894. He was raised to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Florida Chapter, No. 1, Tallahassee, Florida, March 24, 1896, and was knighted in Damascus Commandery, No. 2, Jacksonville, Florida, July 11, 1899. He served Jackson Lodge, No. 1, as Master, Florida Chapter, No. 1, as High Priest, and St. Omer Commandery, No. 12, as Eminent Commander. He served as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida during the year 1913. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite bodies of Jacksonville.

Past Grand High Priest Silas B. Wright was born in Watertown, New York, May 31, 1850. He was raised in Giblem Lodge, No. 322, at LeMars, Iowa. He was made a Royal Arch Mason in Zerubabel Chapter, No. 11, at Charleston, S. C. In the early eighties he moved to Florida and was knighted in Damascus Commandery, No. 2, March 11, 1884. He became a charter member of St. Johns Lodge, No. 37, DeLand, Florida, and served five terms as Master. He served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida during the years 1899 and 1900. He was one of the charter members of St. Johns Chapter, No. 4, at DeLand, and served as High Priest during the years 1888, 1889 and 1890, and was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida during 1893. He affiliated with Olivet Commandery, No. 4, at Orlando, Florida, serving as Eminent Commander in the year 1901. He served as Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the State of Florida, during the year 1907. He was Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, during the years 1916 and 1917. He was consecrated as a member of the Royal Secret of the thirty-second degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in May, 1900. He was made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in 1890.

In the passing of Most Excellent Companion Wright, Florida loses one of her best citizens and the Masonic Fraternity one of its best informed, loyal and devoted members. His sterling qualities endeared him to all who came in contact with him, and his influence will remain with Florida Masonry long after this generation has been forgotten.

Our heads are bowed in grief, not only for the Companions mentioned above, but also for all others of our own Grand Jurisdiction who have fallen asleep during the last Capitular year. Nor are we alone in our grief, for many of the Companions of the other Grand Jurisdictions have also received their final summons from the Supreme Grand Chapter to rest from their labors.

General Grand Chapter—William F. Kuhn, General Grand High Priest, born near Lyons, N. Y., April 19, 1849; died in Kansas City, Mo., September 1, 1924. He was also Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Missouri in 1897.

Alabama—John B. Lyons, Past Grand High Priest, born in Elmore County, Alabama, Nov. 6, 1866; died at Hot Springs, Ark., Oct. 6, 1924.

Colorado—George W. Roe, Past Grand High Priest, born in Jefferson County, Ohio, October 24, 1850; died at Pueblo, Colo., January 4, 1925.

Connecticut—Augustus Enrico Blakeslee, Past Grand High Priest, born at Thomaston, Conn., July 22, 1843; died at Thomaston, Conn., October 4, 1924.

Georgia—Alvin E. Sansburn, Grand Scribe, born at Manchester, Iowa, on April 7, 1868; died near Cairo, Georgia, October 29, 1924.

Illinois—Samuel Shannon, Past Grand High Priest, born at Mt. Carmel, Illinois, Oct. 6, 1848; died at Alhambra, Calif., Sept. 14, 1924.

Indiana—Elmer Crockett, Past Grand High Priest, born near South Bend, Indiana, Sept. 1, 1844; died at South Bend, Indiana, June 3, 1924.

Iowa—Raymond Theodore Warner, Past Grand High Priest, born at Nora, Illinois, November 20, 1874; died at Hampton, Iowa, April 25, 1924.

Kansas—Edward Winslow Wellington, Past Grand High Priest, born at Cambridge, Mass., February 4, 1853; died at Ellsworth, Kansas, February 18, 1925.

Kansas—Edward White Waynant, Past Grand High Priest, born at Shady Grove, Penn., April 9, 1855; died at Long Beach, Calif., June 18, 1924.

Kentucky—Frank Hollinsead Johnson, Grand Treasurer, born at Louisville, Ky., July 23, 1851; died at Winchester, Ky., May 22, 1924.

Maine—Winfield Scott Hinkley, Past Grand High Priest, born at Lisbon, Maine, April 29, 1839; died at Thomaston, Maine, Jan. 8, 1925.

Maine—Wilmer Judson Dorman, Past Grand High Priest, born at Bloomington, Illinois, November 15, 1873; died at Waterville, Maine, February 13, 1924.

Maryland—Charles Edward Cochrane, Past Grand High Priest, born at Cincinnati, Ohio, February 27, 1861; died at Realy, Maryland, March 24, 1924.

Maryland—Dan Franklin Billmyer, Deputy Grand High Priest, born at Finksburg, Maryland, October 24, 1858; died at Baltimore, June 28, 1924.

Maryland—Rev. Edward Worrell Worth, Grand Chaplain, born in Kent County, Maryland, Oct. 8, 1851; died at Baltimore, August 18, 1924.

Massachusetts—Smith B. Harrington, Past Grand High Priest, born September 19, 1832, died January 7, 1925.

Michigan—William Gilson Hudson, Past Grand High Priest, born at Gouverneur, New York, Oct. 14, 1843; died at Ludington, Michigan, May 28, 1924.

Michigan—Frank Vinton Hale, Grand Scribe, born at Hicksville, Ohio, February 24, 1873; died at Pontiac, Michigan, Oct. 16, 1924.

Michigan—Arthur Erwin Stevens, Past Grand High Priest, born at Detroit, Michigan, December 19, 1866; died at Detroit, Mich., January 28, 1925.

Minnesota—John W. Hays, Past Grand High Priest, born in Winona County Minnesota, January 2, 1858; died at Rochester, Minn., August 3, 1924.

Mississippi—Charles H. Blum, Past Grand High Priest, born near Mulhauser, in the Province of Alsace-Lorraine, January 21, 1856; died at Gadsden, Alabama, May 2, 1924.

Missouri—William Foreman Johnson, Past Grand High Priest, born at Shelbyville, Mo., February 8, 1861; died at Boonville, Mo., March 17, 1925.

Missouri—Robert Truman Stevenson, Past Grand High Priest, born at Philadelphia, July 25, 1843; died at Kansas City, Mo., April 28, 1925.

Missouri—William Abbott Christy, Grand Principal Sojourner, born in Lamoille County, Vermont, June 6, 1858; died at Joplin, Missouri, December 18, 1924.

Nebraska—Alpha Morgan, Past Grand High Priest, born at Russellville Station, Ohio, June 7, 1862; died at Broken Bow, Nebraska, April 17, 1924.

New Jersey—Edward Mills, Past Grand High Priest, born at Bridgeton, N. J., Dec. 24, 1841; died at Camden, N. J., June 12, 1924.

New Jersey—Edgar Lincoln Brown, Past Grand High Priest, born at Philadelphia, Pa., February 20, 1865; died in Jersey City, N. J., October 17, 1924.

New Jersey—Peter McGill, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary, born at Simcoe, Norfolk County, Canada, July 16, 1854; died March 6, 1925, in New York City.

New Jersey—Daniel Demarest, Grand Chaplain Emeritus, born at Paterson, N. J., Feb. 22, 1833; died at Passiac, N. J., June 6, 1924.

New York—Joseph E. Crane, Past Grand High Priest, born at Rochester, N. Y., January 20, 1855; died at Rochester, July 20, 1924.

New York—George McGown, Grand Lecturer Emeritus, born in Ireland, June 9, 1842; died at Palmyra, N. Y., Oct. 9, 1924.

North Dakota—Francis Ingalls, Past Grand High Priest, born at Danvers, Mass., June 8, 1853; died at St. Paul, Minn., August 9, 1924.

Nova Scotia—John Hay, Past Grand High Priest, born at Cairney, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, September 23, 1853; died at Truro, Nova Scotia, January 30, 1925.

Ohio—Jacob Henry Bromwell, Past Grand High Priest, born at Cincinnati, May 11, 1848; died at Cincinnati, June 4, 1924.

Oregon—Milton Sherman Woodcock, Past Grand High Priest, born at Greenfield, Wisconsin, May 9, 1849; died at Corvallis, Oregon, March 17, 1925.

Pennsylvania—William B. Meredith, Past Grand High Priest, born at Kittanning, Penn., Sept. 17, 1839; died at Kittanning, Penn., May 17, 1924.

Pennsylvania—Hibbert P. John, Past Grand High Priest, born in Chester County, Penn., December 4, 1840; died at Philadelphia, July 27, 1924.

Pennsylvania—Carl A. Sundstrom, Past Grand High Priest, born in Sweden, Sept. 8, 1847; died at Philadelphia, March 7, 1925.

Virginia—William Lee Mathews, Past Grand High Priest, born in Giles County, Va., in 1860; died at Rustburg, Va., Sept. 13, 1924.

Washington—William Elliott Yates, Deputy Grand High Priest, born in Linn County, Oregon, Dec. 24, 1856; died at Vancouver, Washington, Dec. 12, 1924.

Washington—Ralph Clapp McAllaster, Grand Steward, born at Indiana, Penn., August 26, 1864; died at Seattle, Wash., December 23, 1924.

West Virginia—Jeremiah Alexander Miller, Past Grand High Priest, born at Martinsburg, West Virginia, Dec. 9, 1844; died at Wheeling, January 16, 1925.

Fraternally submitted,

ELY P. HUBBELL,

F. S. HARTSFIELD,

A. B. STEUART,

Committee.

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

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

T. T. Todd	M. E. Grand High Priest
E. L. Shear	R. E. G. D. High Priest
Cary B. Fish	R. E. Grand King
R. J. McMaster	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 Grand High Priest-elect announced the appointment of the following Grand Officers:

GRAND OFFICERS APPOINTED

Stafford Caldwell	E. Grand Capt. of the Host
Stephen E. Gregory	E. Grand Prin. Sojourner

John Pasco	E. Gr. Royal Arch Captain
C. L. Benedict	E. Gr. Master Third Vail
Alexander B. Steuart	E. Gr. Master Second Vail
W. B. Greer	E. Gr. Master First Vail
John W. Capper	E. Grand Guard

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

INSTALLATION

T. T. Todd	M. E. Grand High Priest
E. L. Shear	R. E. D. G. High Priest
Cary B. Fish	R. E. Grand King
R. J. McMaster	R. E. Grand Scribe
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Companion Caldwell not being present to be installed the M. E. Grand High Priest delegated Companion C. L. Benedict to install him into the office of E. Grand Captain of the Host at some convenient time and place.

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 E. L. Wirt, Past Grand High Priest Haskell making the presentation.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

John L. Hall, Ely P. Hubbell,
Louis C. Massey,

PRINTING

R. J. McMaster, W. P. Webster,
Marcus Endel.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE

All Past Grand High Priests

EDUCATION

John L. Hall, William R. O'Neal,
T. T. Todd.

INVESTMENT

Louis C. Massey, Erle L. Wirt.

RITUAL

John L. Hall, E. L. Wirt,
R. J. Kishpaugh.

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

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

T. T. TODD,
Grand High Priest.

Attest:



Grand Secretary.



Silas B. Wright

Grand High Priest

1893

Born

May 31, 1850

Watertown, N. Y.

Died

April 25, 1925

Jacksonville, Fla.

To the Memory of
Companions of
Our Jurisdiction

Who have passed away during the year 1924
these pages are fraternally dedicated

Harry N. Sweeting ---Florida No. 1 -----May 4, 1924
C. J. Joseph -----Gainesville No. 2 -----March 11, 1924
J. E. Turbeville -----Gainesville No. 2 -----May 23, 1924
P. E. McMullen -----Gainesville No. 2 -----Oct. 5, 1924
W. W. Hampton, Jr. ---Gainesville No. 2 -----Nov. 7, 1924
J. E. Whitehead -----Gainesville No. 2 -----
E. B. Brown -----Gainesville No. 2 ----- 1924
Henry W. Bailey -----Tampa No. 3-----July 15, 1924
Joseph Eldridge -----Tampa No. 3 -----Oct. 10, 1924
William Jones -----Tampa No. 3 -----June 28, 1924
Madison Post -----Tampa No. 3 -----Dec. 11, 1924
John E. White -----Tampa No. 3 -----March 26, 1924
John R. Wetherell ---St. Johns No. 4 -----Jan. 16, 1924
Joseph P. Barricklow ---Halifax No. 5 -----March 22, 1924
Howard T. McClellan ---Halifax No. 5 -----May 24, 1924
Edward L. Bond -----Halifax No. 5 -----July 30, 1924
Arthur H. Carter -----Halifax No. 5 -----Aug. 31, 1924
John A. Avant -----Mt. Horeb, No. 6 -----March 18, 1924
William H. Caro -----Mt. Horeb, No. 6 -----Aug. 1924
George S. Walker -----Mt. Horeb, No. 6 -----Dec. 1924
Charles Garrett -----Eureka, No. 7 -----Feb. 27, 1924
E. A. Richards -----Eureka, No. 7 -----Dec. 16, 1924
Mack C. Autrey -----Dade City, No. 8 -----March 24, 1924
Brady G. Smith -----Dade City, No. 8 -----Aug. 22, 1924
Clinton E. Spencer ---Dade City, No. 8 -----Dec. 2, 1924
John D. Lane -----Putnam, No. 9 -----March 13, 1924
Frank J. Quarles -----Putnam, No. 9 -----April 29, 1924
Henry Claude Harper ---Kissimmee, No. 10 -----July 26, 1924
A. E. Heyser -----Jericho, No. 11 -----March 11, 1924

James M. Jackson ----Jericho, No. 11 -----April 2, 1924
 Robert B. Einig -----Jericho, No. 11 -----
 Percy E. Grey -----Jacksonville, No. 12 --Nov. 19, 1924
 Thomas Hilditch -----Jacksonville, No. 12 ---April 11, 1924
 Emil Kaehler -----Jacksonville, No. 12 ---Dec. 19, 1924
 Henry Robinson -----Jacksonville, No. 12 ---Nov. 9, 1924
 C. Douglas Vanaman --Jacksonville, No. 12 ---May 21, 1924
 Kirby A. Phillips ----Jacksonville, No. 12 ---Dec. 24, 1924
 W. T. Baker -----Inverness, No. 14, ----Jan. 20, 1924
 Milton D. Bell -----Inverness, No. 14 -----July 9, 1924
 A. C. Martin -----Monroe, No. 15 -----Jan. 26, 1924
 Schelle Maines -----Monroe, No. 15 -----Nov. 23, 1924
 L. I. Bird -----Plant City, No. 16 -----1924
 W. A. Clark -----Plant City, No. 16 -----1924
 M. A. Marsnall -----Keystone, No. 20 -----1924
 J. G. Gallemore -----Thomas Brown, No. 22 July 25, 1924
 John L. Hastings -----Thomas Brown, No. 22 July 26, 1924
 Philip D. Patterson ---Thomas Brown, No. 22 Dec. 1, 1924
 Morris R. Johns ----Lake Worth, No. 24 ---Sept. 24, 1924
 Morris Benson Lyman Lake Worth, No. 24 --July 15, 1924
 C. H. Kirkland -----Jefferson, No. 26 -----Jan. 29, 1924
 H. M. Boyd -----Indian River, No. 27 --Sept. 12, 1924
 Stephen Ellis -----Indian River, No. 27 --Feb. 14, 1924
 R. B. Stewart -----Indian River, No. 27 --May 15, 1924
 T. S. Sanders -----Indian River, No. 27 --Jan. 4, 1924
 C. M. Clayton -----Lakeland, No. 29 -----Jan. 1, 1924
 F. W. Barber -----Lakeland, No. 29 -----Jan. 18, 1924
 E. J. Barber, Sr. -----Lakeland, No. 29 -----
 J. W. Hendrix -----Gadsden, No. 30 -----July 26, 1924
 Fred Bailey -----St. Petersburg, No. 31 Nov. 27, 1924
 Thos. L. Martin -----St. Petersburg, No. 31 Dec. 18, 1924
 Oscar E. Payne -----St. Petersburg, No. 31
 Geo. E. Watkins -----St. Petersburg, No. 31 Dec. 19, 1924
 P. W. Williams -----Jackson, No. 32 -----Oct. 10, 1924
 D. A. McKinnon -----Jackson, No. 32 -----Dec. 24, 1924
 Herbert C. Smith ----Eustis, No. 33 -----1924
 F. J. Stafford -----Leesburg, No. 34 -----June 11, 1924
 W. Y. Perry -----Sarasota, No. 35 -----Dec. 1924
 J. W. Spang -----Sarasota, No. 35 -----
 Nimrod McGuire ----Walton, No. 37 -----Nov. 1924

Daniel J. Johnson ----Crestview, No. 40 -----1924
 Frank E. Hurlbert ----Crestview, No. 40 -----1924
 George W. Pippins ---Crestview, No. 40 -----1924
 Bertram F. Erwin ----Winter Haven, No. 41 June 7, 1924
 Geo. P. Bond -----Union, No. 43 -----Nov. 12, 1924
 George O. Roberts ----Poinciana, No. 50 -----Feb. 6, 1924
 Robert B. Gore -----New Smyrna, No. 51 --Dec. 13, 1924

OFFICERS
OF THE
General Grand Chapter
1924-1927

John Albert Blake-----General Grand High Priest
207 Masonic Temple, Boston, Mass.

Henry DeWitt Hamilton-----Deputy General Grand High Priest
258 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Charles Clark Davis-----General Grand King
213 S. Poplar St., Centralia, Illinois

Leon Tony Leach-----General Grand Scribe
424 N. Illinois St., Indianapolis, Ind.

Gustav Adolph Eitel-----General Grand Treasurer
Masonic Temple, Baltimore, Md.

Charles Arthur Conover-----General Grand Secretary
95 W. Chicago St., Coldwater, Mich.

John William Nelson -----General Grand Captain of the Host
Concordia, Kansas

Wm. T. S. O'Hara-----General Grand Principal Sojourner
742 Nicholas Bldg., Toledo, Ohio

Mattison Boyd Jones-----General Grand Royal Arch Captain
522 Citizen's National Bank Bldg., Los Angeles, Calif.

John Huske Anderson-----General Grand Master Third Vail
Fayetteville, North Carolina

George Allison Holland-----General Grand Master Second Vail
Lexington, Kentucky

William Edward Goff-----General Grand Master First Vail
12 W. Main St., Battle Creek, Mich.

THE NEXT TRIENNIAL

Will be held in 1927, in the City of Denver, Colorado, at a date
and time to be determined by the General Grand High Priest.

PAST ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA
From Its Organization to Date

GRAND HIGH PRIESTS	DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS	GRAND KNIGS	GRAND SCRIBES	GRAND TREASURERS	GRAND SECRETARIES	GRAND CHAPLAINS
1847 Thos. 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*	Gad Humphreys*	Alfred A. Fisher*	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. Davidson*	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 J. Wayles Baker*	Edward R. Ives*	Joseph S. May*	James Ellenwood*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	Homer Hendee
1856 Thomas Hayward*	Edward R. Ives*	John L. McKinnon*	David S. Walker*	R. A. Shine*	John B. Taylor*	Charles E. Dyke*
1857 Gad Humphreys*	James Ellenwood*	John L. McKinnon*	Charles E. Dyke*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	J. R. Plummer
1858 Thomas Hayward*	James Ellenwood*	D. P. Holland*	Calvin Davis*	John S. Bond*	John B. Taylor*	John Penny*
1859 D. P. Holland*	James Ellenwood*	Geo. F. Baltzell*	Charles Slager*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	John Penny*
1860 Thomas Y. Henry*	Geo. F. Baltzell*	Geo. D. Fisher*	Chas. Slager*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	John Penny*
1861 Geo. F. Baltzell*	James Ellenwood*	Franklin Branch*	D. C. Dawkins*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	Edwin L. T. Blake*
1862 Geo. F. Baltzell*	James Ellenwood*	Charles Slager*	Wm. H. Arendell*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	John Penny*
1863 Geo. F. Baltzell*	James Ellenwood*	Green H. Hunter*	Wm. H. Arendell*	Thomas Hayward*	Hugh A. Corley*	Thomas A. Carruth*
1864 Geo. F. Baltzell*	James Ellenwood*	Thos. K. Leonard*	Elias Earle*	Thomas Hayward*	Hugh A. Corley*	Columbus Smith*
1865 David Jones*	D. C. Dawkins*	E. S. Fuller*	A. J. Lea*	T. Preston Tatum*	Hugh A. Corley*	Columbus Smith*
1866 David Jones*	D. C. Dawkins*	Elias Earle*	Chas. K. Sparhawk*	T. Preston Tatum*	Hugh A. Corley*	Columbus Smith*
1867 David Jones*	Wm. Morrill*	Charles Slager*	M.M.T. Hutchinson*	T. Preston Tatum*	Hugh A. Corley*	Samuel C. Craft
1868 James Ellenwood*	Wm. Morrill*	Charles Slager*	H. H. Berry*	T. Preston Tatum*	Hugh A. Corley*	Wm. A. McLean*
1869 D. C. Dawkins*	M.M.T. Hutchinson*	H. H. Berry*	Charles Mundee*	T. Preston Tatum*	Edw. Bradford, Jr.*	Thomas A. Carruth*
1870 D. C. Dawkins*	Chas. Slager*	Charles Mundee*	Wm. Morrill*	T. Preston Tatum*	Edw. Bradford, Jr.*	Thomas A. Carruth*
1871 D. C. Dawkins*	James Ellenwood*	Wm. Morrill*	John C. Ley*	T. Preston Tatum*	W. M. McIntosh*	Edwin L. T. Blake*
1872 Wm. Morrill*	Hugh A. Corley*	John C. Ley*	John S. Driggs*	T. Preston Tatum*	W. M. McIntosh*	Thomas A. Carruth*
1873 Michael Bowes*	Samuel Pasco*	John S. Driggs*	Benj. G. Alderman*	D. L. Oakley*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1874 Michael Bowes*	John S. Driggs*	Benj. G. Alderman*	D. C. Wilson*	Wm. A. Young*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1875 Henry W. Long*	Edmund P. Jordon*	Wm. T. Weeks*	W. W. Tucker*	D. L. Oakley*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1876 John S. Driggs*	Charles J. Allred*	W. W. Tucker*	John T. Miller*	D. L. Oakley*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1877 John S. Driggs*	George R. Jones*	W. W. Tucker*	John T. Miller*	L. McConihe*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1878 Enos Wasgate*	Robert J. Perry*	G. E. Wentworth*	Geo. S. Hallmark*	L. McConihe*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1879 Robert J. Perry*	G. E. Wentworth*	Geo. S. Hallmark*	Hugh A. Corley*	L. McConihe*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1880 Robert J. Perry*	Geo. S. Hallmark*	Wm. E. Anderson*	Wm. A. McLean*	L. McConihe*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1881 W. A. McLean*	Wm. E. Anderson*	Warren F. Scott*	John G. Ellis*	L. McConihe*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1882 W. A. McLean*	Wm. E. Anderson*	Warren F. Scott*	G. S. Hallmark*	L. McConihe*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1883 Geo. S. Hallmark*	Wm. E. Anderson*	Warren F. Scott*	J.W.V.R.Plummer*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1884 Wm. E. Anderson*	Warren F. Scott*	J.W.V.R.Plummer*	Angus Paterson*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1885 Wm. E. Anderson*	J.W.V.R.Plummer*	Angus Paterson*	Marcus Endel	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1886 Angus Paterson*	Marcus Endel	F. S. Goodrich	John G. Ellis	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John S. Wharton
1887 Angus Paterson*	Marcus Endel	F. S. Goodrich	R. A. Montsalvtge*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1888 Marcus Endel	Fred S. Goodrich	Wm. M. McIntosh*	Chas. H. Munger	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1889 Marcus Endel	Fred S. Goodrich	James W. Boyd*	Chas. H. Munger	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1890 J. W. Boyd*	T. S. Wilmarth*	F. P. Mersereau	Silas B. Wright*	John H. Stephens*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1891 T. S. Wilmarth*	F. P. Mersereau	I. E. Webster	John H. Stephens*	Henry S. Ely*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1892 Irving E. Webster	Silas B. Wright*	W. M. McIntosh*	John H. Stephens*	Henry S. Ely*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1893 Silas B. Wright*	Wm. M. McIntosh*	J. H. Stevens*	Henry S. Ely*	Warren Tyler*	W. A. McLean*	Irving E. Webster
1894 Wm. M. McIntosh*	John H. Stephens*	Wm. H. Jewell*	Warren Tyler*	Wilber P. Webster	W. A. McLean*	Irving E. Webster
1895 John H. Stephens*	Wm. H. Jewell*	Warren Tyler*	Wilber P. Webster	Irving E. Webster	W. A. McLean*	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1896 Wm. H. Jewell*	Warren Tyler*	W. P. Webster	Olin S. Wright	Irving E. Webster	W. A. McLean*	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1897 Warren Tyler*	W. P. Webster	James Carnell*	E. E. Haskell	Irving E. Webster	W. A. McLean*	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1898 Wilber P. Webster	James Carnell*	E. E. Haskell	J. R. Wetherell*	Marcus Endel	W. A. McLean*	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1899 James Carnell*	E. E. Haskell	J. R. Wetherell*	T. G. Hutchinson	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1900 E. E. Haskell	J. R. Wetherell*	T. G. Hutchinson	Louis C. Massey	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1901	J. R. Wetherell*	T. G. Hutchinson	Olin S. Wright	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1902 J. R. Wetherell*	T. G. Hutchinson	Louis C. Massey	Joseph R. Keller	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	Irving E. Webster
1903 T. G. Hutchinson	Louis C. Massey	Olin S. Wright	Wm. S. Ware	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	John H. Weddell*
1904 Louis C. Massey	Olin S. Wright	Joseph R. Keller	F. W. Armstrong	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	John H. Weddell*
1905 Olin S. Wright	Joseph R. Keller	Wm. S. Ware	T. Picton Warlow	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	John H. Weddell*
1906 Joseph R. Keller	Wm. S. Ware	F. W. Armstrong	John H. Weddell*	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	Irving E. Webster
1907 William S. Ware	F. W. Armstrong	T. Picton Warlow	F. B. Stoneman	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	Irving E. Webster
1908 John H. Weddell*	Samuel Pasco*	T. Picton Warlow	Robert McClellan	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	Irving E. Webster
1909 Samuel Pasco*	T. Picton Warlow	F. B. Stoneman	Robert McClellan	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	Irving E. Webster
1910 T. Picton Warlow	F. B. Stoneman	Robert McClellan	E. N. Sweeting	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	Irving E. Webster
1911 F. B. Stoneman	Robert McClellan	H. N. Sweeting	John M. Caldwell*	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	Irving E. Webster
1912 Robert McClellan	H. N. Sweeting	John M. Caldwell*	Will C. Andress*	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	Irving E. Webster
1913 H. N. Sweeting	John M. Caldwell*	Will C. Andress*	Wm. R. O'Neal	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	Irving E. Webster
1914 John M. Caldwell*	Will C. Andress*	Wm. R. O'Neal	D. B. Palmer	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	Irving E. Webster

PAST ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA—Continued.

GRAND HIGH PRIESTS	DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS	GRAND KINGS	GRAND SCRIBES	GRAND TREASURERS	GRAND SECRETARIES	GRAND CHAPLAINS
1915 Will C. Andress*	Wm. R. O'Neal	D. B. Palmer	C. H. Ketchum	Marcus Endel	W. Webster	Irving E. Webster
1916 Wm. R. O'Neal	D. B. Palmer	C. H. Ketchum	L. F. Blalock	Marcus Endel	W. Webster	Irving E. Webster
1917 D. B. Palmer	C. H. Ketchum	L. F. Blalock	W. V. Carter	Marcus Endel	W. Webster	Irving E. Webster
1918 C. H. Ketchum	L. F. Blalock	W. V. Carter	H. O. Snow	Marcus Endel	W. Webster	A. B. Y. Wilkie
1919 W. V. Carter	H. O. Snow	John L. Hall	R. J. Kishpaugh	Marcus Endel	W. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie
1920 H. O. Snow	John L. Hall	R. J. Kishpaugh	E. P. Hubbell	Marcus Endel	W. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie
1921 John L. Hall	R. J. Kishpaugh	E. P. Hubbell	Erle L. Wirt	Marcus Endel	W. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie
1922 Ely P. Hubbell	Erle L. Wirt	T. T. Todd	E. L. Shear	Marcus Endel	W. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie
1923 Erle L. Wirt	T. T. Todd	E. L. Shear	Cary B. Fish	Marcus Endel	W. Webster	W. B. Y. Wilkie

*Deceased

GRAND SECRETARIES.

STATE	NAME	ADDRESS
General Grand Chapter	Charles A. Conover	Coldwater, Mich.
Alabama	Geo. A. Beauchamp	Montgomery.
Alberta	Clifford R. Wentzel	Calgary, 809 9 1/2 St. NW
Arizona	George J. Roskrige	Tucson.
Arkansas	John C. Bone	Batesville.
British Columbia	J. W. Prescott	Vancouver, 603 Has- tings St. W.
California	Thomas A. Davies	San Francisco.
Canada	Henry T. Smith	Toronto, Temple Bldg.
Colorado	Wm. W. Cooper	Denver.
Connecticut	George A. Kies	Hartford.
Delaware	John W. Macklem	Wilmington, Box 94
District of Columbia	J. Claude Keiper	Washington.
England	P. Colville Smith	London.
Georgia	E. A. McHan	Macon
Idaho	Edward H. Way	Boise, Box 1203.
Illinois	J. E. Jeffers	Springfield, Box 438.
Indiana	Robert A. Woods	Princeton.
Iowa	O. F. Graves	Harlan.
Ireland	H. E. Flavelle	Dublin.
Kansas	A. K. Wilson	Topeka.
Kentucky	G. Allison Holland	Lexington.
Louisiana	John A. Davilla	New Orleans.
Maine	Charles B. Davis	Portland.
Manitoba	H. F. Moulden	Winnipeg, 171 Market St
Maryland	Gustav A. Eitel	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Frederick T. Comee	Boston, Masonic Temple.
Michigan	Chas. A. Conover	Coldwater.
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Missouri	Ray V. Denslow	St. Louis, 911 Locust St
Montana	Cornelius Hedges	Helena, Box 896.
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Nevada	E. D. Vanderlieth	Reno.
New Brunswick	J. Twining Hartt	St. Johns.
New Hampshire	Harry M. Cheney	Concord.
New Jersey	Abram A. Reger	Somerville.
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque.
New South Wales	D. R. Hutchison	Sydney, 32 Elizabeth St
New York	Charles C. Hunt	Masonic Temple, N. Y.
New Zealand	Chas. W. Nielsen	Wellington, Box 236, G. F. O.
North Carolina	John B. Griggs	Elizabeth City.
North Dakota	Walter L. Stockwell	Fargo.
Nova Scotia	Brenton F. Porter	Truro.
Ohio	Edwin Hagenbuch	Urbana.
Oklahoma	James A. Scott	Muskogee Phoenix Bldg
Oregon	D. Rufus Cheney	Portland, Multnomah Hotel.
Pennsylvania	Joseph E. Quimby	Philadelphia.
Quebec	W. W. Williamson	Montreal, Box 3172.
Rhode Island	William R. Greene	Providence.
Saskatchewan	F. B. Reilly	Regina, 312 Westman Chambers.
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South Carolina	O. Frank Hart	Columbia.
South Dakota	Geo. A. Pettigrew	Sioux Falls.
Tennessee	Stith M. Cain	Nashville.
Texas	T. M. Bartley	Waco.
Utah	Walter Daniels	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	H. H. Ross	Burlington.
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Virginia	J. Gus Hankins	Richmond, Box 542.
Washington	Henry L. Kennan	Spokane, 1110 Old Nat. Bank Bldg.
Western Australia	John C. Strickland	Perth, W. A. 7 Warwick House.
West Virginia	George M. Ford	Wheeling.
Wisconsin	William W. Perry	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	Richard H. Repath	Cheyenne, Box 816.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

OF FLORIDA IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS	GRAND CHAPTERS	OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN FLORIDA
Robert T. Ward, Dadeville	Alabama	R. J. Kishpaugh, W. Palm Beach.
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Louis Lee Steward, Phoenix	Arizona	T. G. Hutchinson, Jacksonville.
Geo. H. Parsons, Fayetteville	Arkansas	Warner T. Hamm, Palatka.
Walter Bews, New Westminster	British Columbia	E. L. Wirt, Bartow.
Clark H. Shaw, Long Beach	California	Wm. S. Ware, Jacksonville.
James H. Cowan, Galt	Canada	Chester DeRocher, Bradenton.
John Stroehle, Black Hawk	Colorado	B. C. Webb, Ocala.
Wm. K. Wilson, So. Norwalk	Connecticut	Wm. S. Ware, Jacksonville.
Leslie W. Stout, Wilmington	Delaware	W. P. Webster, Jacksonville.
Geo. R. Davis, Washington	Dist. of Columbia	
Wm. A. Sims, Atlanta	Georgia	E. E. Macy, Eau Gallie.
Edgar J. Finch, Twin Falls	Idaho	R. M. Oglesby, Bartow.
Wm. B. Carlock, Bloomington	Illinois	C. H. Ketchum, Key West.
Elmer Crockett, South Bend	Indiana	T. T. Todd, Pensacola.
A. D. Meeker, Marshalltown	Iowa	W. V. Carter, Daytona.
Joseph E. McMullen, Great Bend	Kansas	Alex. B. Steuart, Tampa.
Virgil P. Smith, Somerset	Kentucky	E. L. Shear, Daytona.
E. W. Driebholtz, New Orleans	Louisiana	John Pasco, Monticello.
Harry E. Larrabee, Gardner	Maine	Elmer E. Haskell, Palatka.
James Duthie, Manitoba	Manitoba	R. L. Gillett, Tampa.
L. D. Gassaway, Annapolis	Maryland	Henry O. Snow, Tampa.
Enoch G. Best, Greenfield	Massachusetts	Walter J. Bennett, Tampa.
Jas. H. Thompson, Oldsmar, Fla.	Michigan	F. Wm. Schultz, Sarasota.
Herbert E. Blair, Waterville	Minnesota	C. L. Benedict, Miami.
R. W. Hinton, Jr., Lumberton	Mississippi	D. B. Palmer, Monticello.
C. C. Wood, St. Louis	Missouri	Cary B. Fish, Bradenton.
Carlisle S. Kenyon, Bozeman	Montana	Stephen E. Gregory, Jacksonville.
Walter L. Spear, Geneva	Nebraska	Robert McClellan, Gainesville.
Charles A. Thompson, Ploche	Nevada	John J. Jones, Micanopy.
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Chas. L. Wentworth, Rochester	New Hampshire	Wm. R. O'Neal, Orlando.
Wm. Herbert Lowe, Patterson	New Jersey	Charles H. Ketchum, Key West.
Wm. E. Conyngham, Newburgh	New York	Marcus Endel, Jacksonville.
John G. Moon, Sydney	New South Wales	John D. Grether, Jacksonville.
Geo. G. Bullock, Wanganui	New Zealand	Max Sirkin, W. Palm Beach.
Wm. C. Brown, Winston-Salem	North Carolina	John L. Hall, Jacksonville.
Otto Hennings, Dickinson	North Dakota	R. J. McMaster, Tampa.
W. P. Doull, Charlestown, P. E. I.	Nova Scotia	T. Picton Warlow, Orlando.
Ernest B. Brown, Cleveland	Ohio	Ely P. Hubbell, Bradenton.
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L. V. Roake, Oregon City	Oregon	F. H. Thompson, Lakeland.
Henry Oscar Kline, Pittsburg	Pennsylvania	Louis C. Massey, Orlando.
A. G. Adams, Montreal	Quebec	W. B. Y. Wilkie, Dunedin.
Stephen Magown, Woonsocket	Rhode Island	W. P. McKee, Eustis.
Geo. N. Langlands, Edinburg	Scotland	S. L. Chapman, Helen.
H. L. Shaeffer, Leesburg	Saskatchewan	Wm. J. Smith, Shaunavon.
Robert T. Goodale, Camden	South Carolina	James F. Miller, Inverness.
John F. Schrader, Rapid City	South Dakota	Wm. R. O'Neal, Orlando.
Jake W. Brantley, Troy	Tennessee	Frank B. Stoneman, Miami.
D. C. McCord, Dallas	Texas	R. P. Buckmaster, Orlando.
David R. Beebe, Provo	Utah	J. J. Torrey, Jacksonville.
Rufus W. Spear, Newport	Vermont	I. E. Webster, Gainesville.
Baron Marks, Melbourne	Victoria	John L. Hall, Jacksonville.
Elmer D. Hanes, Norfolk	Virginia	Stafford Caldwell, Jacksonville.
Wm. G. Rowland, Tacoma	Washington	
A. C. Nadenbousch, Martinsburg	West Virginia	
W. F. Owen, Steven's Point	Wisconsin	Geo. J. Tolson, Lakeland.
Nell D. Nelson, Thermopolis	Wyoming	Geo. A. Dame, Inverness.
		John Pasco, Monticello.

DIRECTORY OF CHAPTERS

CHAPTER	LOCATION	TIME OF MEETING
Florida	1 Tallahassee	Second Monday.
Gainesville	2 Gainesville	First and Third Friday.
Tampa	3 Tampa	First and Third Thursday.
St. Johns	4 DeLand	Third Friday.
Halifax	5 Daytona	Second Thursday.
Mount Horeb	6 Pensacola	Second Monday.
Eureka	7 Orlando	First and Third Monday.
Dade City	8 Dade City	Second and Fourth Monday.
Putnam	9 Palatka	Second and Fourth Monday.
Kissimmee	10 Kissimmee	Second and Fourth Monday.
Jericho	11 Miami	Second and Fourth Thursday.
Jacksonville	12 Jacksonville	Second and Fourth Thursday.
Ocala	13 Ocala	Fourth Friday.
Inverness	14 Inverness	Fourth Monday.
Monroe	15 Sanford	Second and Fourth Tuesday.
Plant City	16 Plant City	Second Friday.
St. Augustine	17 St. Augustine	First and Third Tuesday.
Manatee River	18 Bradenton	Second Tuesday.
Lake Butler	19 Lake Butler	First Thursday.
Keystone	20 Ft. Lauderdale	First and Third Friday.
Island	21 Key West	Second and Fourth Wednesday.
Thomas Brown	22 Bartow	Second and Fourth Friday.
Chipley	23 Chipley	Third Monday.
Lake Worth	24 West Palm Beach	First and Third Mondays.
Live Oak	25 Live Oak	Second Thursday.
Jefferson	26 Monticello	First Monday.
Indian River	27 Titusville	Third Wednesday.
Joppa	28 Fort Pierce	First Friday.
Lakeland	29 Lakeland	First and Third Thursday.
Gadsden	30 Quincy	Third Monday.
St. Petersburg	31 St. Petersburg	First and Third Thursday.
Jackson	32 Marianna	Second and Fourth Thursday.
Eustis	33 Eustis	Third Tuesday.
Leesburg	34 Leesburg	Second Tuesday.
Sarasota	35 Sarasota	Second and Fourth Tuesday.
Arcadia	36 Arcadia	First Friday.
Walton	37 DeFuniak Springs	Third Monday.
Providence	38 Lake City	First Friday.
Bay County	39 Panama City	Second and Fourth Wednesday.
Crestview	40 Crestview	Second and Fourth Tuesday.
Winter Haven	41 Winter Haven	Second and Fourth Monday.
Highlands	42 Avon Park	Second Monday.
Union	43 Melbourne	Third and Fifth Wednesday.
Perry	44 Perry	Second and Fourth Thursday.
Clearwater	45 Clearwater	Second and Fourth Friday.
Okeechobee	46 Okeechobee	Third Monday.
Dade	47 Homestead	Second and Fourth Tuesday.
Duval	48 South Jacksonville	First and Third Friday.
Nassau	49 Fernandina	First and Third Tuesday.
Poinciana	50 Fort Myers	Second and Fourth Monday.
New Smyrna	51 New Smyrna	Second Friday.

STATISTICS

CHAPTERS	Number	Membership Last Year	Exalted	Reinstated	Affiliated	Total	Died	Dimitted	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended U. M. C.	Expelled	Rejected	Present Membership
Florida	1	188	6	1	2	197	1	5	0	0	0	0	191
Gainesville	2	226	8	1	2	237	6	3	23	0	0	0	295
Tampa	3	392	60	1	15	468	5	1	0	1	0	2	461
St. Johns	4	83	3	0	0	86	1	0	0	0	0	7	85
Halifax	5	239	17	0	2	258	4	0	1	0	0	1	253
Mt. Horeb	6	190	8	6	0	204	2	2	6	0	0	0	192
Eureka	7	278	22	0	4	304	2	1	0	0	0	0	301
Dade City	8	70	0	0	0	70	3	0	3	0	0	0	64
Putnam	9	112	23	5	0	140	2	1	2	0	0	0	135
Kissimmee	10	82	21	1	1	105	1	1	0	0	0	0	103
Jericho	11	292	39	0	7	338	3	0	0	0	0	2	335
Jacksonville	12	627	19	1	9	656	6	4	14	0	1	2	631
Ocala	13	121	8	2	1	132	0	2	7	0	0	0	123
Inverness	14	60	0	0	0	60	2	0	3	0	0	0	55
Monroe	15	169	27	1	2	199	2	0	15	0	0	0	182
Plant City	16	110	0	0	0	110	2	1	0	0	0	0	107
St. Augustine	17	160	9	0	1	170	0	0	0	0	0	0	170
Manatee River	18	163	3	0	2	168	0	4	4	0	0	0	160
Lake Butler	19	71	0	0	1	72	0	0	5	0	0	0	67
Keystone	20	63	18	0	5	86	1	0	1	0	0	0	84
Island	21	25	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
Thomas Brown	22	348	8	1	1	258	3	6	7	0	0	0	242
Chipley	23	78	8	1	0	87	0	0	0	0	0	0	87
Lake Worth	24	270	48	0	4	322	2	0	12	0	0	0	308
Live Oak	25	344	91	2	4	441	0	6	50	0	0	0	385
Jefferson	26	101	10	0	1	112	1	4	8	0	0	0	99
Indian River	27	227	15	2	1	245	4	5	10	0	0	0	226
Joppa	28	113	7	0	0	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	120
Lakeland	29	189	31	0	1	221	3	3	0	0	0	0	215
Gadsden	30	183	9	0	2	194	1	1	10	0	0	0	182
St. Petersburg	31	280	56	3	8	347	4	1	1	0	0	0	341
Jackson	32	172	36	0	3	211	2	4	19	0	0	0	186
Eustis	33	72	4	0	0	76	1	0	0	0	0	0	75
Leesburg	34	93	19	0	3	115	1	1	0	0	0	0	113
Sarasota	35	78	16	0	1	95	2	0	0	0	0	0	93
Arcadia	36	82	5	0	0	87	0	0	0	0	0	0	87
Walton	37	71	0	0	0	71	1	2	1	0	0	0	67
Providence	38	87	4	0	0	91	0	0	0	0	0	0	91
Bay County	39	169	15	0	1	185	0	0	0	0	0	0	185
Crestview	40	121	2	0	0	123	3	2	15	0	0	0	102
Winter Haven	41	123	10	0	2	135	1	2	0	0	0	0	132
Highlands	42	78	12	0	3	93	0	1	0	0	0	1	92
Union	43	46	6	0	2	54	1	1	0	0	0	0	52
Perry	44	66	9	0	0	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
Clearwater	45	53	16	0	1	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	70
Okeechobee	46	33	6	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	39
*Dade	47	48	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	48
Duval	48	59	11	0	1	71	0	0	1	0	0	0	70
Nassau	49	50	13	0	1	64	0	0	1	0	0	0	63
Poinclana	50	61	8	0	6	75	1	1	0	0	0	1	73
New Smyrna	51	89	12	0	0	101	1	0	0	0	0	0	100

*No Returns.

SUMMARY

Exalted	778
Reinstated	28
Affiliated	100
Died	76
Dimitted	66
Suspended Non-payment of Dues	219
Suspended Un-Masonic Conduct	1
Expelled	1
Rejected	16
Present Membership	7,948
Net Gain	542

Regulations

ADOPTED SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF THE DIGEST.

APRONS IN ROYAL ARCH DEGREE

Workmen in the Royal Arch degree shall be furnished with Master Mason's aprons to be worn as Master Masons. (1925)

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 Convocation, unless otherwise provided by the Grand Chapter.

A special committee to be known as the "Grand Chapter Investment Committee" shall be appointed by the Grand High Priest for the purpose of investing the surplus funds of this Grand Chapter in negotiable securities at the best available interest possible.

The Grand High Priest shall be a permanent committee to look after the purchase of monuments for Past Grand High Priests. (1925)

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

Regulation No. -- amended by adding the following:

Sec. 1. A Master Mason before making application for exaltation in this Grand Jurisdiction must have resided in the State of Florida for a period of not less than twelve consecutive months and must have resided continuously within the jurisdiction of the Chapter to which he makes application for a period of six months. (1925)

Sec. 2. 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 seven (\$7.00) dollars per diem and five 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)

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.

REPRESENTATIVES

The M. E. Grand High Priest is authorized to appoint representatives to visit constituent Chapters and inspect their records and instruct them in the work; such representatives to be paid their actual expenses and a per diem of \$10.00 per day. The expenses and per diem of the representatives not to exceed one thousand (\$1000.00) dollars in any one year. (1925)

RITUALS

Regulation No. 57 Repealed. (1921)

SCHOLARSHIPS

Four hundred (\$400.00) dollars of the funds of this Grand Chapter shall be set aside annually to create scholarships in the State College for Women at Talla-

hassee and the University of Florida at Gainesville, this sum to be divided equally between the two and a committee of three appointed to be known as the "Grand Royal Arch Chapter Educational Committee" to select the two students each year who shall be beneficiaries of the fund.

WORK

Whereas, It has come to the knowledge of this Grand Chapter that some of the Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction have departed from the work in conferring the degrees, especially the Royal Arch degree, by interpolating scenes calculated to excite mirth and discomfort to the candidates, therefore be it

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter sets the seal of its condemnation upon such innovation, and absolutely prohibits the future occurrence under penalty of forfeiture of charter for persistence therein.

The Grand High Priest should wear a hat while presiding. (1925)

Amendment to Constitution

Adopted 1924

Article IV, Section 14, amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 14. A Chapter may make by-laws regulating the payment of dues from its members, and whenever any member shall be twelve months or more in arrears for dues, it shall be the duty of the secretary of the Chapter to notify such delinquent, by written notice, stating therein the amount thereof, and that unless the same shall be paid within thirty (30) days, or satisfactory excuse made, he may be suspended for non-payment of dues. And thereupon, at any time after the expiration of said thirty (30) days, such member may be suspended by action of the Chapter, and a member so suspended may be reinstated only after the payment of all arrears, and by a majority vote, which may be by ballot or show of hands.

"When a Chapter shall, in its annual return, report an aged or infirm Companion as an emeritus member thereof, and exempts him from the payment of dues, such Chapter shall have credit therefor, in the payment of its dues; and the Chapter shall not be required to pay Grand Chapter dues for ministers of the Gospel, who are exempt from dues by its by-laws."

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

ANNUAL CONVENTION

1925

The Annual Convention of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood of the State of Florida was held in the City of Jacksonville on Wednesday, May 20, A. D. 1925, at 9:00 o'clock A. M., the following officers being present:

M. E. Cary B. Fish, President.
E. W. P. McKee, as, Vice-President.
E. Irving E. Webster, Chaplain.
E. W. P. Webster, Secretary and Treasurer.
E. Ely P. Hubbell, Master of Ceremonies.
E. Charles H. Ketchum, Conductor.
E. R. J. McMaster, Herald.
E. M. W. Bishop, as Steward.
E. Stephen 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:

Carl H. Dekle, H. P. Putnam Chapter No. 9.
Sam Brammar, H. P. Kissimmee Chapter No. 10.

Asa Farrar, H. P. Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.
 Pearl J. Beachem, P. H. P. St. Augustine Chapter
 No. 17.
 Charles T. Groh, P. H. P. St. Augustine Chapter
 No. 17.
 Werner G. Jones, P. H. P. Thomas Brown Chapter
 No. 22.
 George R. Lyman, P. H. P. Lake Worth Chapter
 No. 24.
 Archie E. Leslie, H. P. Live Oak Chapter No. 25.
 Charles L. Sudduth, H. P. Lakeland Chapter No. 29.
 Edwin A. Pierce, H. P. St. Petersburg Chapter
 No. 31.
 William Dunstan, H. P. Leesburg Chapter No. 34.
 Lee C. Stewart, P. H. P. Poinciana Chapter No. 50.

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 reported 1924	-----	\$66.15
Fees	-----	28.00
	-----	\$94.15

	Cr.	
By Paid Supplies	-----	\$.83
By Paid Bibles	-----	\$81.76
		\$82.59
Balance on hand	-----	\$11.56

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

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

The Grand Council proceeded with the annual election of officers with the following result:

OFFICERS ELECTED

M. E. Cary B. Fish, President.
 E. D. B. Palmer, Vice-President.
 E. Irving E. Webster, Chaplain.
 E. Wilber P. Webster, Secretary and Treasurer.
 E. Ely P. Hubbell, Master of Ceremonies.
 E. Charles H. Ketchum, Conductor.
 E. R. J. McMaster, Herald.
 E. E. L. Wirt, Steward.
 E. Stephen E. Gregory, Guard.

The motion was made and carried that the initiation fee be increased from \$3.00 to \$4.00.

The Grand Council was closed in ample form.

CARY B. FISH,
 President.

Attest:

W. P. WEBSTER,
 Secretary.

Register of Membership

NAME	DATE
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
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
Dougald McLachlan ----	Consecrated May 11, 1892
Alexander C. Martin ----	Consecrated May 10, 1893
Wilber P. Webster -----	Consecrated January 18, 1894
Thomas J. Smith -----	Consecrated March 5, 1894
James E. Pound -----	Consecrated January 7, 1895
Lowell C. Ruter -----	Consecrated January 7, 1895
Joseph T. Tolbert -----	Consecrated January 15, 1895
George W. Hyde -----	Consecrated January 18, 1895
Henry F. Airth -----	Consecrated January 24, 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

NAME	DATE
Charles E. Waite-----	Consecrated May 12, 1897
Thomas G. Hutchinson--	Consecrated January 21, 1898
Ludwig W. Buchholz---	Consecrated January 21, 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
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
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
William G. Hobbs-----	Consecrated May 10, 1905

NAME	DATE
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
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

NAME	DATE
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
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

NAME	DATE
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
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

DATE	NAME
16, 1917	R. S. Clark
16, 1917	Wm. W. Scott
16, 1917	Frank H. Thompson
16, 1917	George W. Stiles
16, 1917	C. H. Ryals
16, 1917	William P. McKee
16, 1917	W. S. McLelland
22, 1918	S. E. Collison
22, 1918	E. L. Shear
22, 1918	H. J. Peiper
22, 1918	Roscoe E. Scott
22, 1918	Earl Hathaway
22, 1918	Edwin E. Macy
22, 1918	A. H. White
22, 1918	A. F. Bullard
31, 1918	Edmund Paul Erwin
31, 1918	William Henry Bailey
31, 1918	Louis Douglas Gates
31, 1918	John R. Knight
31, 1918	Seldon C. Wells
19, 1919	George W. Scobie
19, 1919	John R. Walker
19, 1919	Harry C. Jepson
21, 1919	R. J. McMaster
21, 1919	James E. Petris
21, 1919	Thomas F. Ziegler
21, 1919	T. P. Way
21, 1919	J. S. B. Moyer
21, 1919	H. D. Morris
21, 1919	William H. Warnock
21, 1919	James Moughton
21, 1919	W. B. Y. Wilkie
21, 1919	Cary B. Fish

DATE	NAME
19, 1915	A. J. Holt
19, 1915	J. Lloyd Head
19, 1915	George A. Dame
19, 1915	Ely P. Hubbell
19, 1915	Henry V. Calder
19, 1915	E. L. Wirt
19, 1915	R. J. Kishpough
19, 1915	W. L. Lowry
19, 1915	W. E. Tylander
19, 1915	W. J. Millikin
19, 1915	H. L. Schaeffer
17, 1916	Arthur A. Brown
17, 1916	C. H. Tilden
17, 1916	R. E. McMahan
17, 1916	J. M. Willson, Jr.
17, 1916	Roy P. Davis
17, 1916	E. E. Coulson
17, 1916	Charles H. Register
17, 1916	Guy F. Phipps
17, 1916	R. M. Oglesby
17, 1916	Max Sirkin
17, 1916	John Pasco
17, 1916	H. E. Crooks
17, 1916	C. I. Willoughby
17, 1916	W. M. Brinker
17, 1916	Ira G. Archibald
17, 1916	C. R. Horne
17, 1916	R. E. Goodman
16, 1917	T. T. Todd
16, 1917	J. R. M. Beatty
16, 1917	B. C. Webb
16, 1917	C. T. Meakins
16, 1917	F. M. Say

NAME	DATE
Burt G. Arnold	21, 1919
William E. Keen	21, 1919
John W. Garwood	21, 1919
W. W. Chase	21, 1919
Archie Aitchison	21, 1919
J. Claude Turner	21, 1919
Douglas Renault Trevor	21, 1919
Walter Scott Raddin	17, 1919
Alexander B. Steuart	9, 1920
Fred E. Fletcher	9, 1920
Isaac Maas	9, 1920
W. L. Marshall	19, 1920
W. M. Bullard	19, 1920
J. P. Cartin	19, 1920
N. G. Forcheimer	19, 1920
L. S. Thornton	19, 1920
Lewis A. Smith	19, 1920
Stephen E. Gregory	19, 1920
H. J. Dame	19, 1920
Charles S. Hill	19, 1920
Frank Sanford	19, 1920
C. D. Scroggs	19, 1920
H. T. Davis	19, 1920
F. M. Watson	19, 1920
Joseph Wiggins	19, 1920
Ben M. Caldwell	19, 1920
W. M. Reck	19, 1920
Henry M. Snow	19, 1920
Roy C. Dubbs	18, 1921
Frederick E. Weathers	18, 1921
H. T. Ermatinger	18, 1921
R. M. Holliday	18, 1921
F. William Schultz	18, 1921

NAME	DATE
Thomas S. Sanders	18, 1921
Ralph B. Chapman	18, 1921
Flavel McK. Campbell	18, 1921
Richard L. Batchelor	18, 1921
Mack Tynes	18, 1921
Arthur I. Roe	18, 1921
Walter E. Acosta	18, 1921
B. W. Helvenston	18, 1921
Ray A. Strout	18, 1921
Herbert S. Chiles	31, 1922
Robert Lee Smith	31, 1922
Richard P. Buckmaster	31, 1922
Frank D. Ruth	31, 1922
Henry C. Harper	31, 1922
Hugh Peters	31, 1922
R. Erwin Williams	31, 1922
Cyrus T. Neuner	31, 1922
Percy J. Hampton	31, 1922
Loyd C. Olive	31, 1922
Thomas J. Watts	31, 1922
Carl A. Lytle	31, 1922
David G. Barden	31, 1922
George I. Fullerton	31, 1922
Lynn W. Bloom	31, 1922
W. B. Greer	31, 1922
Lester W. Lambert	31, 1922
Fred Blank	31, 1922
Ernest H. Wilkerson	31, 1922
James L. Clary	31, 1922
Charles H. Stewart	31, 1922
F. S. Hartsfield	16, 1923
George Herbert Leavitt	16, 1923
Walter J. Bennett	16, 1923
Warner T. Hamm	16, 1923

NAME	DATE
A. S. Butterworth -----Consecrated	May 16, 1923
C. L. Benedict -----Consecrated	May 16, 1923
C. T. Young -----Consecrated	May 16, 1923
William U. Lathrop ----Consecrated	May 16, 1923
R. H. Brown -----Consecrated	May 16, 1923
Roscoe H. Rollins ----Consecrated	May 16, 1923
B. W. Helvenston, Jr. --Consecrated	May 16, 1923
E. F. Adams -----Consecrated	May 16, 1923
G. J. Tolson -----Consecrated	May 16, 1923
T. E. Dickenson -----Consecrated	May 16, 1923
R. L. Wilkinson -----Consecrated	May 16, 1923
C. W. Davis -----Consecrated	May 16, 1923
J. Emery Battle -----Consecrated	May 16, 1923
T. J. Zimmerman -----Consecrated	May 16, 1923
H. G. Beard -----Consecrated	May 16, 1923
George Smith -----Consecrated	May 16, 1923
E. L. Wiederkehr -----Consecrated	May 16, 1923
Joseph Brown Davis ---Consecrated	May 21, 1924
Joseph E. Olney -----Consecrated	May 21, 1924
J. Nathan Bryan -----Consecrated	May 21, 1924
Vincent R. Brice -----Consecrated	May 21, 1924
M. Whipple Bishop ----Consecrated	May 21, 1924
Lester G. Gilbert -----Consecrated	May 21, 1924
Albert L. Lucas -----Consecrated	May 21, 1924
Ewing M. Oglesby ----Consecrated	May 21, 1924
Charles M. Gruber ----Consecrated	May 21, 1924
Bryon M. Jones -----Consecrated	May 21, 1924
P. D. Goodyear -----Consecrated	May 21, 1924
Will C. Winans -----Consecrated	May 21, 1924
Raymond E. Wyman ---Consecrated	May 21, 1924
John E. Mattocks -----Consecrated	May 21, 1924
C. Olin Teate -----Consecrated	May 21, 1924
W. A. Mosher -----Consecrated	May 21, 1924

NAME	DATE
O. J. Price -----Consecrated	May 21, 1924
William L. Holsenback --Consecrated	May 21, 1924
Edward S. DuBose ----Consecrated	May 21, 1924
John F. Burket -----Consecrated	May 23, 1924
William M. Tuttle ----Consecrated	May 23, 1924
Carl H. Dekle -----Consecrated	May 20, 1925
Sam Brammar -----Consecrated	May 20, 1925
Asa Farrar -----Consecrated	May 20, 1925
Pearl J. Beachem -----Consecrated	May 20, 1925
Charles T. Groh -----Consecrated	May 20, 1925
Werner G. Jones -----Consecrated	May 20, 1925
George R. Lyman ----Consecrated	May 20, 1925
Archie E. Leslie -----Consecrated	May 20, 1925
Charles L. Sudduth ----Consecrated	May 20, 1925
Edwin A. Pierce -----Consecrated	May 20, 1925
William Dunstan -----Consecrated	May 20, 1925
Lee C. Stewart -----Consecrated	May 20, 1925

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Foreign Correspondence

BY

ELY P. HUBBELL

*Chairman of Committee on
Foreign Correspondence.*

Foreword

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

For the ninth time your committee is pleased to report that the specimens of work presented at this station pass inspection and entitle the workmen to the full wages of faithful Craftsmen.

Whatever disturbances that may have arisen in the past among the workmen have been amicably settled. Fewer questions are asked and decisions requested, all of which indicate that the Royal Craft as a whole are putting more thought and understanding into the great work in which they are engaged.

In order to as nearly as possible include proceedings received up to time of closing this report, it may be necessary for a few of the late arrivals to follow the customary alphabetical order of arrangement.

Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence

ALABAMA—1924

Chapters, 86. Members, 15,488. Exalted, 1,162. Net Gain, 337.

JOSEPH LEON GUNTER, Grand High Priest.

Such is the Capitular interest in this Grand Jurisdiction that only six constituent Chapters failed to respond to roll call at the Ninety-eighth Annual, held in Montgomery, December 1, 1924, and all others entitled, including Florida, responded to roll call—a good showing.

High ideals and zealous leadership are apparent in the address of Grand High Priest Gunter, which evidence professional training, and his reference to “the cradle of the Confederacy” emphasize his patriotism.

His official acts follow beaten paths and merit the commendation of Grand Chapter, so freely bestowed, and which include a dispensation for a new Chapter. He made it quite clear that when one was appointed to fill a station, be it what it may, it was “the duty of each of them to make the work a business.” He also expressed much gratification over the efforts of the Committee on Work “to abolish the unmasonic features in conferring the Past Master and Royal Arch degrees.” Yet there

be those, and apparently not a few, who sincerely believe themselves to be of the "chosen and elect" in the Craft, and who insist that the abolishing of these unmasonic features will mean the Craft's "swan song." Fortunately this contingent is growing beautifully less, and the "new blood" coming in are receiving a higher understanding of real Freemasonry.

Acting on the Grand High Priest's recommendation, preliminary action was taken looking to the abolishing of the office of Deputy Grand High Priest. This writer fails to see its necessity.

Another recommendation was for legislation permitting the transfer of membership by transfer card. Grand Chapter thought likewise and it will go into force, not only in this Grand Jurisdiction, but also with other Grand Chapters having a similar law. No reference whatever appears to be made regarding transferring the "Mark," which causes one to wonder if that be essential, and if so how effected?

The distinguished visitors on this occasion were self contained, that is, members occupying presiding positions in the Concordant Orders in the state.

Only about a score of qualified Companions availed themselves of the privileges of High Priesthood.

Past Grand High Priest Lawrence H. Lee continues his quest for further light and presents some of his findings as chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Although painstaking appears to have been the search, yet the "fruits of his labors" are more conspicuous in quality rather than quantity.

Under Florida he says the names suggest familiar faces of friends met and made, and then hastens to add, "the writer is not getting old either." It is not very far

to Florida, Companion, and our Grand Chapter meets in May, which is a good time to go visiting. Come and enlarge your acquaintance with a bunch of "good fellows."

This pertinent paragraph enables us "to see ourselves as others see us:"

The Deputy for the Supreme Council A. A. S. R. in Florida holds that the death of M. E. Companion Olin S. Wright terminated the agreement by which neither the Scottish Rite nor the Chapters could receive a petition from one who had not been a Mason for at least six months. Grand Chapter thereupon rescinded its resolution, and so the merry scramble will go on to take for advancement and on the way to the Shrine all those willing and have the price, whether they have imbibed any of Masonic principles or not. Another one of Bro. Hammett's mistakes, and a going backward on the part of Grand Chapter. But it is not this writer's funeral.

Referring to the address of the Grand High Priest he says: "His remarks are well timed and thoughtful, and need to be repeated in acts as well as words."

Next Annual in Montgomery, November 30, 1925.

Charles A. L. Johnstone, Mobile, Grand High Priest.

George A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, Grand Secretary.

Lawrence H. Lee, Montgomery, Correspondent.

ALBERTA—1924.

Chapters, 27. Members, 2,711. Exalted, 156. Net Gain, 28.

WM. T. COOTE, Grand Z.

Only one Chapter was without representation at the Tenth Annual, held in Calgary, March 12th and 13th,

and all the Official Family were present, as well as Florida's representative, M. E. Companion S. Y. Taylor, the dean of the Past Grands.

Much attention is given in the address of the Grand Z. to visitations by himself and others, which he believes has the double effect of creating increased interest as well as "bringing home the real teachings of Capitular Masonry."

Deserved tribute is paid to the memory of the late M. E. Comp. Hiram Darling, who was Grand Z. in 1921 and 1922, although ill health had prevented him from giving much active service.

Very encouraging to the Grand Z. was the year of service, for he had not been called upon to "settle any differences." He approved a change in by-laws of one Chapter, which reduced its exaltation fee from \$60.00 to \$50.00, not a common occurrence. Apparently Companions attending Grand Chapter pay their own expenses, for the Grand Z. reported approving a Chapter by-law to pay the expenses of the first three Chapter elective officers as well as any members "who may hold a current elective office in Grand Chapter." He refused a request from the Grand Chapter of Ohio that an Alberta Chapter confer the M. M., M. E. M., and R. A. degrees on a Brother who had been elected in an Ohio Chapter but who had left that state before any of the degrees could be conferred upon him. This is in line with some other Grand Chapters which insist that at least the M. M. degree must be conferred by the electing Chapter.

He quite properly, it seems to us, recommended that Chapters using the moon schedule should be changed "as they are very confusing." He also made this recom-

mendation, which, apparently differing from Florida practice, is not clear.

The Installation Ceremony be changed so that the three Principals will receive the secret work only, in the Grand Council, and they be installed in open Chapter. But in this Grand Chapter did not concur, as it believed this ceremony can only be done in a Council of Installed First Principals and must be completed before the Council is closed.

In the closing words of the address of the Grand Z. he strongly emphasized, what others who have preceded him have tried to do, and which leaven is slowly spreading, that—

The greatest good to the Order and to the world at large can be done by impressing more deeply upon the minds of the Companions, the great moral lessons taught by our symbolism. Too many are Royal Arch Masons, in name only, who have little or no conception of the fundamental principles on which our Order is founded. Too many Chapters consider their full duty is done when the last degree is conferred.

The really worth while Companions of that Grand Chapter, who have access to the Proceedings, and presumably all have, cannot help but be impressed as well as instructed by the comprehensive reports of the other two Grand Principals and the Grand Superintendents, as well, who received the commendation of Grand Chapter for their "sound judgment, and strict sense of morality and devotion to high principles."

The Committee on Benevolence reported the expenditure of \$844 among several of the constituent Chapters, besides a donation not to exceed \$50 per month for a year in a worthy case.

Recognition was granted the Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, but the request from Queensland was held in abeyance another year, for further information.

An appropriation of \$400 was made to properly observe the Tenth Anniversary of the formation of this Grand Chapter, which was to occur on May 29, 1924. As Florida was almost if not the first Grand Chapter to recognize the right of the Grand Chapter of Alberta to set up housekeeping for itself, we shall wait with pleasurable anticipation the results of this celebration.

Grand Chapter adopted as its official emblem the interlaced triangle, or Solomon's Seal. The General Grand Chapter and nearly all other American Grand Chapters use the Tau Cross within the triangle within the circle. Grand Chapter also adopted the emblem of the Tribe of Judah instead of the Shepherd's Crook, which the Chapters have heretofore been using. The use of this latter does appear to be quite clear.

There is no order of High Priesthood, and this notice appears on the last page of the Proceedings: "Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence has not been completed. It will be published and distributed later." The Chairman of the committee is M. E. Companion N. T. McLeod, and the other two members are M. E. Companion S. Y. Taylor (Florida's Grand Representative) and R. E. Companion F. S. Selwood.

Next Annual in Calgary, March 11 and 12, 1925.

John E. Johnson, Calgary, Grand Z.

Edwin G. Ironside, Calgary, Grand Scribe E.

ARIZONA—1924

Chapters, 11. Members, 1,270. Exalted, 91. Net Gain, 46.

MAX FIEDLER, Grand High Priest.

Although numerically small yet of vast domain, it therefore requires two more officials than Florida has to properly care for its needs, and both of which besides eleven Past Grands as well as representatives of every constituent Chapter attended the Thirty-fourth Annual, held in Globe, February 12, 1924. Florida's Grand Representative was one of the few who failed to report.

During the year one Past Grand, M. E. Companion Albert D. Barnhart, passed to the Great Beyond. He occupied the Grand East in 1906.

So smoothly do Capitular matters move along in this state of greatly diversified conditions that Grand High Priest Fiedler found it necessary to report mostly routine matters of but little interest to outsiders, and which met the approval of Grand Chapter.

Preliminary steps were taken looking to the formation of one new Chapter, but the conditions did not pass inspection by the Master Workman, and work ceased.

Grand Chapter was divided into three districts for the purpose of conferring the M. E. M. degrees on classes, and two of these districts reported 27 candidates.

Recognition was granted the Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Eight qualified Companions received the Order of High Priesthood.

There is no report on correspondence, but quite a number of pages are given to a list of the officers and members of the constituent Chapters.

Next Annual in Phoenix, Feb. 10, 1925.
 Frank Thomas, Phoenix, Grand High Priest.
 George J. Roskruge, Tuscon, Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS—1925

Chapters, 92. Members, 8,044. Exalted, 763. Net Gain, 538.

GEORGE B. PARSONS, Grand High Priest.

Nearly one-third of the constituent Chapters were not represented at the Diamond Wedding Anniversary (Seventy-fifth) for Annual of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, held in Little Rock, Nov. 20, 1924; however all the Grand Family were present and Florida was specially honored in having the presiding officer, M. E. Comp. Parsons, as its ambassador.

Many expressions of regret were voiced by reason of the serious illness of Past Grand High Priest Chas. N. Rix, who for that reason had been compelled to decline the office of General Grand High Priest, to which he was elected at the Portland Triennial. This was particularly stressed in the address of the Grand High Priest, who also feelingly referred to the sudden taking away of General Grand High Priest Wm. F. Kuhn, but a few hours previous to the Portland gathering. He also specially commended the meritorious work of M. E. Companion Mark P. Olney, the Foreign Correspondent, and of the dual service as Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer of M. E. Comp. John C. Bone.

Forestalling possibly unfavorable comment by uninformed reviewers, relative to the liberal policy of grant-

ing dispensations followed in this Grand Jurisdiction, the Grand High Priest says:

We find it impossible to go into one of our small Chapters that has not met in six, eight or perhaps ten months, composed of old men who have lost interest in the work, and get a quorum without a prospect of conferring degrees, and thereby getting new blood to assist in getting the Chapter started again, and these dispensations are granted for this purpose, and are strictly for the good of the Chapter, and for this purpose only.

He decided that a Brother who lost his left hand at the wrist, after becoming a Master Mason, was eligible for the Capitular degrees, adding: "In fact I think this is the opportunity to uphold him in his fallen fortunes and aid him on all lawful occasions."

He was also asked to differentiate between Honorary Membership and Complimentary Membership, and the Jurisprudence Committee made it a little clearer by saying in substance that Honorary Membership referred to a member in his own Chapter, but that Complimentary Membership was something bestowed on a member of another Chapter, and did not confer on him any Chapter rights, either in voting or holding office.

Ten Companions were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

M. E. Companion Olney, in his concisely prepared Report of the Committee on Correspondence certainly voices the sentiments of the writer:

The duty becomes more of a pleasure from year to year as we become acquainted with the family of the Round Table and things draw us closer as the years go by.

This additional comment under Florida is illuminating and congratulations are tendered:

I am reviewing this Florida proceedings a little later this year, though have had the book for some time. The delay is caused by my being in the race for county judge of my county, and the election was not over until August 18, hence am reviewing now after that date. You might be interested to know that I was nominated.

However, in passing, permit the Florida writer to say that he has never held a political office nor would he ever consider a nomination of any sort, although he was for about fifteen years editor of a country weekly and always took much interest in politics, both state and national. Our pleasure came in helping the other fellow, and "without the hope of fee or reward."

Next Annual, Little Rock, Nov. 19, 1925.

Fielding W. Harris, Mammoth Springs, Grand High Priest.

John C. Bone, Batesville, Grand Secretary-Lecturer.
Mark P. Olney, Mena, Correspondent.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—1924

Chapters, 22. Members, 2,437. Exalted, 139. Net Gain, 61.

V. W. STEWART, Grand Z.

One Emergent Convocation was held in Vancouver during the year for the exemplification of the various degrees, and appears to have been attended by delegates and visitors from all parts of the Province, and also from

the State of Washington. It was followed the next day by the Sixth Annual, Florida being represented.

Much of the address of the Grand High Priest is given over to the accounts of the many visitations he made. He refused to grant a dispensation to form a new Chapter because there was no name of a Past Principal on the list of petitioners. He also refused to request a Missouri Chapter to confer all the degrees upon a Brother who had been elected in a British Columbia Chapter. No reason was given. But he did grant a dispensation to the same Chapter "to wear regalia at banquet and social after the installation of officers." He also refused to approve a Chapter by-law which would require an M. M. or an M. E. M. to pay dues.

He disapproved of the ruling of a year previous that "only three could be exalted at the same time," and recommended following the ritual, that "not less than two candidates with the Principal Sojourner, or a multiple of three, be exalted at one time." The writer believes that where there are more than one trio, all but one trio should be out of the Chapter room at time of exaltation, and returned in trios.

Recognition was given the Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Favorable consideration was given to the request from Klondike Chapter No. 154 on the register of the Grand Chapter of Canada that it become a constituent Chapter of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia. This Chapter has a membership of 105, exactly half of which are life members.

A Brother was elected to receive the Chapter degrees, but later the election was disallowed by a previous First Grand Principal on the ground of non-residence, because

his "occupation entailed continuous traveling, chiefly through the United States." He protested, claiming that he was a "loyal subject of the British Empire, and a resident of the city of Vancouver." Grand Chapter accepted his claim at face value, and quite properly, too.

For the fifth time Grand Scribe E. presented a well prepared correspondence report, although nearly a half of the Grand Chapters, including Florida, do not appear. Probably there is a good reason, although we are quite sure it could not have been failure to receive the Florida Proceedings, for they are always sent out very promptly.

Next Annual in Kamloops, June 17, 1925.

Frank C. Bird, Vancouver, Grand Z.

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

CALIFORNIA—1924

Chapters, 116. Members, 22,097. Exalted, 1,671. Net Gain, 1,410.

WILLIAM P. HUMPHREYS, Grand High Priest.

For good reasons, apparently, Grand Chapter went "a visiting" this year, and held its Seventieth Annual in Pasadena, April 15th and 16th, with all Grand Officers present, as well as Florida's Grand Representative, but only four Past Grands. An even dozen of the survivors of the earthquake and fire in 1906 were also present. After the reception of distinguished Royal Craftsmen, an invitation was received to visit the new Masonic Home in a nearby city, followed by this out-of-the-ordinary suggestion, "the ladies visiting here are invited in this case

to stay at home." However, satisfactory reasons were given later.

Seemingly no essential phase of constructive work was overlooked in the able and painstaking address of Grand High Priest Humphreys, who during the Capitular year visited all but three of the 116 chartered Chapters in the state, and in so doing traveled over 11,000 miles. This seemed to increase the number petitioning for degrees the latter part of the year, and yet he states that while the average percentage of Master Masons who are of Royal Arch Masons in the United States is 28.7%, in California it is only 21.7%, nearly 25% below the average. However he seems encouraged, for he further states:

During the past Capitular year, the interest and enthusiasm of our Chapters and their members have been greatly roused and stimulated by the numerous out-of-door District meetings, held in a secluded spot on the ranch of some Companion, and so safely and perfectly tyed that there was no possibility of the presence or even approach of any cowans or eavesdroppers. Here the Mark Master or Royal Arch Degrees were conferred and the Companions were refreshed after their labors by a delicious barbecue. All such meetings at which degrees have been conferred have been uniformly successful. The utmost courtesy and decorum prevailed, perfect order was maintained, the picturesque surroundings inspired the officers conferring the degrees and the work was done better than even in the Chapter halls. Companions came from many miles around; at one of the convocations the average distance traveled by each Companion was about fifty-eight miles; and at another affair over 700 Companions were present.

Such gatherings as these tempt us to phrase one of old, "Almost thou persuadest us to come to California."

During the year dispensations were issued to form four new Chapters, and they were granted charters. Of the twenty-five dispensations granted to confer the Royal Arch Degrees on more than one team of three Most Excellent Masters, eight were from one Chapter—Hollywood; evidently something doing in that widely known city besides movies. And in courtesy work twenty-seven degrees were conferred for other Jurisdictions, but only three were asked for California. Three decisions were reported, but none cover any particularly new features; a commendable state of affairs in so large a Grand Jurisdiction. Particularly thankful was the Grand High Priest that the Official Family remained intact.

The constitution provides that the Annual Convocations of this Grand Chapter shall be held the third week in April, and apparently the Grand Commandery meets the same week, for early in the session a telegram was received from the Grand Commander suggesting a constitutional amendment to conform to a Grand Commandery amendment to the effect that when the Annual shall fall within Holy Week, the Grand Chapter shall be held the preceding week. Later Grand Chapter adopted such an amendment. There is no intention or desire on the part of the writer to criticize, but our understanding is that Capitular Masonry is purely non-sectarian, and we wonder if this is not establishing a precedent in recognizing a creedal event which occurred centuries after the legends which are portrayed by the Chapter degrees.

Quite commendable, surely, was the action taken by Grand Chapter in requesting each constituent Chapter to prepare a suitable history of the principal events in its jurisdiction, and also to revise these histories every ten years. A fund for educational assistance was established,

and \$500 was appropriated for that purpose.

The Grand Jurisdiction of California is divided into twenty districts, in charge of a Deputy Grand Lecturer, and "the law of this Grand Chapter requires that the High Priest, King and Scribe elect shall each procure from this Deputy Grand Lecturer a certificate of qualification before he can be installed." Wonder what some of the Chapter officers would do in the states further east if such a requirement were made of them?

Three score and ten qualified Companions, lacking one, petitioned for and received the Order of High Priesthood. Some idea of the elaborateness in the conferring of this degree is suggested by an insurance of \$1,000 required in shipping the paraphernalia from San Francisco to Pasadena and return.

For the third time Excellent Companion Max Plumb presents the report of the Committee on Correspondence in topical form, with this forerunner:

No apologies are offered now or in the future for any correspondence report prepared as long as I am chairman of the committee. It may be that "I love me," but I believe my reports are as good as most of the others I have seen, and as long as they suit the California readers, I shall not worry about what others think of them.

'Nuf ced.

Companion Plumb quotes from the decision of Grand High Priest Kishpaugh relative to the standing of Nassau Chapter Companions, as well as the latter's investigation relative to the six months' period, which is now no longer in force.

Next Annual in San Francisco, April 21-22, 1925.
Rudolph Beck, Ornard, Grand High Priest.

Thos. A. Davies, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.
Max A. Plumb, Oakland, Correspondent.

CANADA—1924

Chapters, 149. Members, 24,547. Registrations, 1,597.
Net Loss, 3,002.

R. H. SPENCER, Grand Z.

This apparent loss is due to almost four thousand Companions having withdrawn during the year to form the new Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, otherwise it would have shown a net gain of almost one thousand. The Sixty-fifth Annual Convocation this year was held in the City of Toronto, Feb. 27th and 28th, with twenty-four Chapters not represented, and neither was Florida, although not forgotten, for among the regrets received was one from R. E. Comp. J. H. Cowan, and distinguished visitors were present from several near-by Grand Jurisdictions.

Uplifting and helpful must have been the masterly address of the Grand Z., M. E. Companion R. H. Spencer, in which he emphasized "that Royal Arch Masonry had a higher and nobler mission than the mere conferring of degrees," at the same time urging the Companions to ever be on the alert, and

Make the activities of our Royal Craft the stream that warms and tempers the current of modern civilization, by ministering to human sufferings, eliminating class distinctions, superstition and falsehood, and thus enabling men to live and move on the highest plane of usefulness towards one another.

He put into effect a resolution of several years previous which was; "that the absence of any Grand Representative from three successive Annual Convocations shall vacate such office," by suggesting resignations, which he stated was "cheerfully" done and which was followed by his recommendations to fill vacancies. Florida partially put in force similar action in 1924.

He strongly favored the Order of DeMolay for boys. He stated that "under his instructions many dispensations were issued," but did not enumerate them. He was also gratified over the continued increase in exaltation fee and in annual dues. During the year one new Chapter was instituted and eight consecrated and dedicated. While the attendance of Companions at regular convocations is commendable, as far as it goes, but he well says, "a union of minds and hearts is impossible, without taking an active part in the proceedings."

He ruled that a Chapter could not take part, clothed as Royal Arch Masons, in a parade with other organizations. He also ruled that when charges had been preferred against an applicant, the Brother could not be advanced while they were pending.

Although this Grand Chapter is favored with a wonderful force of Grand Superintendents whose reports show that scarcely a Chapter, however isolated, but what receives a visitation annually, yet apparently derelictions occasionally creep in, for he plainly says:

Courtesy demands a prompt reply, whether it be from an official of Grand Chapter or from an officer in a constituent Chapter. When a Companion accepts the position of Grand Superintendent he must be prepared to attend to the duties of his office, and not receive it and occupy it for the honor that is in it alone.

During the year this Grand Jurisdiction was honored by a visit from Lord Amptill, Pro Grand First Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, which he believed would result again in the exchange of Grand Representatives with that body, which for reasons was discontinued several years ago. The Grand Z. also stated that he had been advised that M. E. Comp. Lord Cassillis, First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, was expected to be in the province during the coming summer months, on his way back from a round the world trip from Australasia and other countries of the Far East, the itinerary including a brief stop in the States as well.

Sometimes words weaken rather than strengthen. This is true in attempting a reference to the report of the committee on the condition of Capitular Masonry, by the Chairman, M. E. William N. Ponton, in which wisdom, inspiration and good sense are mixed in just the right proportion.

An adopted constitutional amendment provides that hereafter restoration to good standing, occasioned by suspension for non-payment of dues, shall be by majority vote. Previously no ballot was required, merely the complying with certain formalities. A vote is necessary in Florida and we had supposed it was so everywhere.

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead includes a reference to M. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, an Honorary Past Grand Z., and who in the early days of this Grand Body was Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The transition from Grand Z. to that of Fraternal Correspondence by the gifted M. E. Companion William N. Ponton is smooth and almost uninterrupted, reminding one of passing the summit on one of the great transcon-

tinental lines; a close observer might notice that in the ascent the motive power is pulling, but after reaching the summit the brakes begin to apply. So Companion Ponton in his new field of activity puts the brakes on his use of word valuation and lets the other fellow do the most of the talking. He is given a cordial welcome to the Round Table.

Under Florida he notes the new "broad brow and genial smile which indicate an attractive personality," in the portrait of Grand High Priest Kishpaugh.

Numerous quotations are made from the address and other features of the proceedings, as well as from the correspondence report, but without special comment.

In the mad rush of the present day, perfection or near perfection appears to be expected; comment being reserved for disapproval. Assuming this to be so, the implied approval is gratifying. Thank you.

Next Annual in Windsor, Feb. 25 and 26, 1925.

Walter H. Davis, Hamilton, Grand Z.

Henry T. Smith, Toronto, Grand Scribe E.

W. N. Ponton, Belleville, Fraternal Correspondent.

COLORADO—1924

Chapters, 51. Members, 8,038. Exalted, 332. Net Gain, 72.

REUBEN W. HERSHEY, Grand High Priest.

Only three constituent Chapters failed to respond to roll call at the Golden (Fiftieth) Annual, held in Denver, Sept. 18, 1924, Florida being represented by the ever reliable, Past Grand High Priest George W. Roe. These

dignitaries were cordially welcomed by the Grand High Priest, who encouraged them to "make it your business to keep in close touch with the jurisdiction you represent." Wonder how many observed the Grand High Priest's admonition?

Uneventful must have been the administration of Grand High Priest Hershey, for his address, outside of the reproduction of official correspondence, revealed scarcely anything out of the ordinary, which perhaps is explained by this pertinent paragraph from the opening of his address:

Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction has been growing in a healthy and substantial manner, not in great numbers, but in the character of its new members, which proves that but a very small part of Masonry is in the lodge-room, and that it is the right living, right thinking and right talking outside of the lodge-room in our daily lives with one another that builds up and holds up this wonderful fraternity of ours, and that creates a feeling of respect for and guidance to those who do not receive and follow our teachings. The respect of our fellow-men is of greater price to you and to me than all the wealth of the universe.

The present accommodations of the Masonic Grand Bodies of Colorado being inadequate, a committee was appointed at the previous annual to look up the possibilities of new quarters. The conclusion in substance reached by the committee was:

A small building on high priced land is not profitable. The Grand Chapter has not sufficient funds to buy costly lots and erect a large building, and that it is not profitable to erect a small building with consequently low income.

Masonic bodies contemplating building might find it profitable to study this report before engaging in something that later could prove embarrassing.

Having reached the beginning of the fiftieth year of this Grand Chapter's existence it was deemed advisable to postpone the Golden Anniversary until a "more convenient season," and the subject will come up a year hence.

It appears that the most memorable incident in connection with this Annual was the presentation of the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence by the Chairman, M. E. Companion Ernest Le Neve Foster, who for thirty-five years has performed this fascinating as well as arduous labor, being exceeded in point of service by possibly only one other member of the Capitular Fourth Estate. It is needless to say that years ago Companion Foster set a standard of excellence that his collaborators of recent years are striving to live up to. And another matter and in its way at least equally commendable, is his connection for nearly a quarter of a century as secretary of the Benevolent Fund until he has built it up to considerably beyond the hundred thousand dollar mark. The name of Ernest LeNeve Foster will long be remembered by the Craft of Colorado.

Eighteen qualified Companions were consecrated and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood by Excellent President Ernest Le Neve Foster, who was re-elected.

Although M. E. Companion Foster is continued as chairman, owing to impaired health, the work was well performed by another member Ex. Companion H. Mark Woodward. While we greatly miss the individualistic touch of the former writer, we extend a cordial greeting to his versatile understudy. He is surely "carrying on."

Florida for 1924 is concisely covered with references

to some of the more to him important features of the year's work.

Next Annual in Denver, Sept. 17, 1925.

Walter R. Lewis, Trinidad, Grand High Priest.

William W. Cooper, Denver, Grand Secretary.

Ernest Le Neve Foster, Denver, Correspondence Chairman.

CONNECTICUT—1924

Chapters, 44. Members, 15,798. Exalted, 915. Net Gain, 678.

F. WARD DEKLYN, Grand High Priest

Every constituent Chapter was represented and only two High Priests of these Chapters were absent from the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Annual held in Hartford, May 13th, a wonderful record and a splendid indication of the stability of Capitular Masonry in the Nutmeg State. Florida's Grand Representative did not assist in welcoming the visiting galaxy of Great I's and Has Beens on this august occasion. Connecticut's Grand Representative, M. E. Comp. Wm. S. Ware, is always on the job.

Nothing of importance appears to have escaped the notice of Grand High Priest DeKlyn, as set forth in his carefully prepared address, and right well do he and his associate officers merit the encomiums bestowed by Grand Chapter.

Not content with a mere jewel of office, Grand Chapter insists that their presiding officer shall have an additional distinguishing adornment in the shape of a symbolic collar, following the customs of the Companions

overseas. It certainly looks well, but is not necessary as an additional covering in sub-tropical Florida.

Seven of his dispensations anticipated a failure to hold regular Chapter convocations as prescribed, it is presumed, in the Chapter by-laws, and advance dates were assigned. Grand Chapter approved, but somehow it seems to the writer that it would be better to wait until an emergency actually existed, time enough then, instead of authorizing a Chapter to violate its by-laws. There are some Masonic jurists who question the right of a Grand High Priest to this prerogative. The only request for a dispensation denied, was to elect a Chapter secretary, the incumbent having died. Under Florida laws a vacancy would actually exist, no dispensation would be necessary, and the vacancy could be filled at any regular convocation.

In one of his decisions he stated he did not approve of "Chapters traveling around like a circus for the purpose of conferring degrees upon classes." But the Juriconsults thought differently and Grand Chapter decided that it would be

Unwise to adopt any by-law or regulation prohibiting Chapters from conferring degrees outside of their accustomed meeting place, for instances could be stated whereby the exercise of that privilege had proven a great convenience and also created additional interest in the Capitular degrees, and that such legislation would curtail the liberties of constituent Chapters.

An effort was made to adopt the ritual of the General Grand Chapter, but it seems to have "died a bornin'," for no action appears to have been taken.

Twenty-eight Companions were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood, and the E. Recorder was "authori-

zed to arrange for the usual collation at the close of the next Annual Grand Convention." We don't have such things in Florida.

Whatever may be the real preferences of Past Grand High Priest George A. Kies, he is not permitted to exercise them when it comes to a review of other Grand Chapters. Grand Chapter knows what it wants, and then proceeds to "let George do it." It is well done. What more can we say?

There are nuggets galore in the concise comments of Frater George which would be a pleasure, and profit as well to our readers to reproduce, but conditions prevent. Here is where the reviewer benefits.

Next Annual in Hartford, May 12, 1925.

William O. Shelley, Hartford, Grand High Priest.

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

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—1924

Chapters, 15. Members, 6,498. Exalted, 487. Net Gain, 257.

ROE FULKERSON, Grand High Priest

Believing there "might be an objective even higher than making more Royal Arch Masons," Grand High Priest Fulkerson conceived the plan of erecting a Royal Arch Hall as an addition to the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, to be used for small assembly purposes, a place of worship and with quarters in basement for a romp room for the kiddies. It was built and paid for by an additional voluntary contribution of \$2.00 per capita.

Sometimes there are advantages in close quarters, for every Chapter was well represented at the Fifty-seventh

Annual, held in Washington, Feb. 13th. Of course every High Priest was present and several of the Kings, but there was a scarcity of Scribes, and Florida was without representation.

The official acts of the Grand High Priest were confined to the issuing of three dispensations to ballot short of time, which would not prevail in Florida, commissioning and recommending a few Grand Representatives and instituting one new Chapter, which was given a charter, together with recommending recognition of the new Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan. He also made an official visitation to each of the constituent Chapters. He was not called upon to make any decisions.

He highly commended the recommendation of the Grand Lecturer in a suggested procedure in the conferring of the Past Master's degree. In substance it provided for the reproduction of the proceedings of a Chapter and the presentation and discussion of practical questions, such as, can a petitioner withdraw his petition; can a Masonic Lodge be adjourned? And any other questions that would tend toward the Masonic enlightenment of the uninformed Mason, as well as the avoiding of all ridiculous motions. This might be tried out to advantage in most any Chapter.

Companion Fulkerson acquired almost a world-wide reputation when he was Fraternal Correspondent, and he injected wisdom into his year of service in the Grand East.

Although the High Priests of each of the Chapters were elected to receive the Order of High Priesthood, yet only half a dozen presented themselves at the Convention called later for the purpose of conferring the Order. The annual banquet was held at a later date. Wonder if the elected, but uninitiated, participated?

Grand Chapter approved a constitutional amendment that at least two of the trio in the Royal Arch degree "shall be actual candidates," yet apparently this did not give general satisfaction, for the matter was again brought up with the result "that consideration of the original amendment be indefinitely postponed."

Evidences of the trained newspaper writer appear on every page of the really worth while work of Past Grand High Priest W. W. Jermane, who again reports the doings of the various Grand Chapters, in which he reminds his readers that during the year death has stricken down four co-laborers at the Round Table—Most Excellent Companions John H. Miller of Missouri, Henry F. Haines of New Jersey, Eugene S. Weston of Vermont and William James of Texas; that age has compelled two others to retire from active service—Ernest Le Neve Foster of Colorado and Samuel Corson of Wyoming; and to these is added Most Excellent Companion Edward B. Brown of Canada. With most of these gifted Royal Craftsmen the writer of this is privileged to claim personal acquaintance, and the relations with the others have been almost as close.

Companion Jermane refers at length to the time limit, which alas is now ancient history, and expressed a strong preference for the North Dakota plan of requiring proficiency in the Symbolic degrees. He also has some nice things to say about the writer's elevation to the Grand East which is also history, and which is highly appreciated.

Next Annual in Washington, February 11, 1925.

Simon Bube, Washington, Grand High Priest.

Arvine W. Johnston, Washington, Grand Secretary.

W. W. Jermane, Washington, Correspondent.

ENGLAND—1924

Practically all of the business of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England is brought before the Committee of General Purposes, and only such findings as it desires are made public. Presumably the Order is flourishing, for at the May Quarterly there were fourteen petitions to form new Chapters, to be attached to that number of Lodges, and the same number less one at the August Quarterly, all of which were granted. Three were located in Africa and one in Japan.

Hereafter, a candidate exalted in a regular Chapter not under the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, must before being admitted, "solemnly declare" obedience to this Supreme Grand Chapter. A proceedings, I take it, analogous to our process of "heleing."

These proceedings are published quarterly, and a noticeable feature is the long list of Past Grands, from Past Grand Scribe N. to Past Grand Organist, the enumerating of which occupy fully half a dozen pages. As a more or less substantial fee goes with each appointment the additions to the list each year yield generous revenue. The promotions and appointments at the May Quarterly alone numbering about four score.

The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown is an entirely separate and distant organization, with a list of officials approximating that of the Supreme Grand Chapter.

Its proceedings are also under the direction of the General Board and but little come to the attention of the public. This organization is also apparently enjoying a substantial growth for the March and September Quarterlies show that 1561 Mark Certificates were issued,

and 444 Royal Ark Mariner Certificates. During the same period five new Mark Lodges were chartered and six Royal Ark Marine Lodges. Masonic charity practically applied appear to be the distinguishing features of these organizations, which function under the headings of Fund of Benevolence and Annuity Branch. The benefactions for the same period considerably exceeds a thousand dollars.

In my review last year of England, reference was made to action looking to the establishment of the equivalent of London rank in the Royal Arch degree. In reply to an inquiry received too late for inclusion in that report, from R. W. Brother W. Wonnacott, Librarian of the Grand Lodge Library and Museum of England, he gives this explanation:

It is the exact equivalent of Provincial Rank in a Province (i.e., a country Provincial or Grand Lodge) or District Grand Rank in a district overseas. It is a peculiar custom with us that the brethren within a circle of ten miles from Freemason's Hall, London, are directly under the rule of the Grand Master himself; there is no Provincial Grand Lodge for the London district, and consequently there is no rank or office in any way corresponding to the Provinces. So to create an equal dignity London Rank was established. Now (as the Royal Arch is with us a part of the Craft) it is suggested to have a similar honor and dignity for Royal Arch Masons in the London district.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

Florida led all other Grand Chapters in representation at the Thirty-ninth Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the

United States of America, held in Portland, Maine, September 10, 11 and 12, 1924. Those present were Erle L. Wirt, Grand High Priest; John Pasco, proxy for Deputy Grand High Priest; E. L. Shear, Grand King; Cary B. Fish, Grand Scribe, and Past Grand High Priests Marcus Endel, Silas B. Wright, Wilbur P. Webster, Louis C. Massey, William S. Ware, Frank B. Stoneman, William R. O'Neal, Dabney B. Palmer, William V. Carter, Henry O. Snow, John L. Hall, R. J. Kishpaugh and Ely P. Hubbell. Many of these were accompanied by their wives and other members of their families.

The Capitular world was shocked when the announcement was made that Most Excellent Companion William F. Kuhn, the General Grand High Priest, had passed over to the other side of the Great Divide. The summons came as he was preparing to retire on the night of September 1, after he had made all preparations to leave his home in Kansas City for the Triennial. Fitting tributes to his memory were made at the Memorial service for Dr. Kuhn, and nothing that the writer might say can add to the wonderful record made by Companion Kuhn, who as has been well said, "stood for the things that are truly worth while with a confidence which none dare challenge."

The Triennial Convocation was further saddened by the enforced absence of Most Excellent Companion Charles N. Rix, the Deputy General Grand High Priest, who was seriously ill in a Wisconsin sanitarium. The duties devolved upon the General Grand King, Most Excellent Companion John A. Blake, who most efficiently and satisfactorily filled that station and who was at the proper time honored by being elected to that exalted station.

The particular reason for the large Florida delegation was on account of the somewhat arbitrary stand taken by

the General Grand High Priest because Florida had not fully acquiesced in the edicts issued by him in connection with the Texas-Mexico City controversy, a resume of which is unnecessary. The following from the report of the Jurisprudence Committee, adopted by General Grand Chapter, fully covers the issues raised:

In the Texas matter, the controversy has been closed and the Edict severing fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of Texas annulled, and we might perhaps refrain from recommending any action thereon, were it not for the fact that such action might be construed as a tacit approval of all that was done by the General Grand High Priest in that connection. The importance of the questions involved require that they should be considered, in order that no troublesome precedent may be established.

The General Grand High Priest acted under extreme provocation and he reacted promptly and vigorously, for the preservation of the honor and dignity of the General Grand Chapter. We are of the opinion that there was an undoubted invasion of the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter by the Grand Chapter of Texas in the institution of a Chapter in Mexico, and that the circumstances surrounding that act were such that the General Grand High Priest was justified in terming it an affront to the General Grand Chapter. That such conduct was a sufficient ground for the severing of fraternal relations there can be no doubt, and the General Grand High Priest as the chief executive officer of the General Grand Chapter while not in session, acted within his constitutional powers in severing relations between the General Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapter of Texas.

The remainder of the Edict of April 15, 1923, raises a different question. The General Grand High Priest can exercise no powers which the General Grand Chapter does not have. By express constitutional provision the General Grand Chapter has no power of discipline, admonition, censure or instruction over the State Grand Chapters, nor can it exercise any doubtful powers, nor any powers by implication merely. (Constitution par. 7.) That it may advise with and suggest action by the State Grand Chapters there can be no question, but that is the limit of its

powers. Had this edict been in the form of a request for action, it probably would have been acceded to by the State Grand Chapters.

We therefore recommend that the edict of April 15, 1923, in so far as it severed fraternal relations between the General Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapter of Texas only, be approved. (Approved.)

The third paragraph quoted above confirms Florida's contention that the General Grand Chapter has not the right to control by Edict the action of the Grand Chapters.

Florida was honored with three committee appointments: Erle L. Wirt, chairman of Time and Place; Wilbur P. Webster, Grievances and Ely P. Hubbell, Visitors.

Nine matters were referred to the Committee on Ritual. Although Florida does not use the General Grand Ritual, yet our Grand Chapter Ritual does not appear to conflict with the General Grand Chapter Ritual. One of the matters approved by the committee was that the High Priest should not be covered except when wearing a robe. Companion Mordhurst objected to this ruling, one of the reasons being that the High Priest stood in the same relation to the Chapter that the Master does to the Lodge, and he saw no reason why this radical change should be made. To avoid controversy, perhaps, Grand Chapter struck out this clause. However, as this General Grand Chapter acts mostly in an advisory capacity, those Grand Chapters which have by action dispensed with the covering when presiding except when robed, further changes may not follow.

The controversy between the General Grand Chapter and the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, relative to claimed invasion of jurisdiction by Scotland in the Philippines, has also been amicably settled. Florida, believ-

ing that it acted within its rights, having never severed fraternal relations with either Scotland or Texas, is not materially affected by either of these two acts by General Grand Chapter. However, there is a feeling of relief and rejoicing that the dove of peace and tranquility hovers equally over all sections of the Capitular world.

But little space is left and words fail us to adequately portray the most generous and cordial reception accorded all who attended the Thirty-ninth Triennial. It seemed as though everything possible was done and nothing left undone to make this the most memorable gathering in the history of the General Grand Chapter, as it was also we believe the largest attended. The recollection of those delightful days will long linger in our memories.

The next Triennial will be held in Denver, and already some of us are making tentative plans for that affair.

The Companions of the Centennial State say they "have all the attractions of any other city in the United States, including Portland, Maine, and also some additional features which the Grand Chapter is prepared to furnish." The writer having lived several years in that delightful city can well say that "what they promise they perform."

The Writers Guild was amalgamated with the Grand Secretaries' Guild and it offers a splendid opportunity to rub elbows. Those who are not secretaries as well as correspondence writers, however, may somewhat resemble would-be-Pauls sitting at the feet of the learned Gamaliels.

GEORGIA—1924

Chapters, 164. Members, 19,125. Exalted, 1,549. Net Gain, 536.

CLARENCE HYDE ANDREWS, Grand High Priest.

Long to be remembered will be the One Hundred and Second Annual of this Grand Chapter, held in Macon, April 30th and May 1st, by reason of the presence of General Grand High Priest Wm. F. Kuhn as well as several other out-state Royal Craft dignitaries. Florida was represented by the Grand Scribe Wm. A. Sims, and by the time this reaches our readers he will undoubtedly be wearing the purple in the Grand East. The masterly address of Most Excellent Companion Kuhn was later published in pamphlet form, and the writer of this acknowledges receipt of a souvenir copy.

Lofty ideals characterized the really worth while address of Grand High Priest Andrews, whose report of duties performed indicated that he was indefatigable in his efforts to advance Capitular Masonry at any and every opportunity.

Two new Chapters were constituted during his official year, and no dispensations to form others were noted. Perhaps it was well, for he reports having issued lacking one, of fifty "special dispensations." Of course this Grand Chapter believes its way of conducting its affairs to be the best way, but somehow an outsider cannot help wondering what conditions should make it necessary to issue the above large number of "specials."

As a result of correspondence, if we understand it rightly, a tripartite agreement was reached between the Grand Master, the Grand High Priest and the Scottish Rite that after May 1, 1924, a Master Mason in order to

petition for the other so-called higher Masonic degrees must first pass an examination in open Lodge as to proficiency in the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees; equivalent, we presume, to the proficiency examination required in Florida of all candidates for advancement to Fellow Craft and Master Mason degree.

The Grand High Priest strongly recommended the establishment in connection with the Eastern Star of an old folks home, but Grand Chapter believed it better to continue the pension plan now in force in the Grand Lodge. His other recommendations, including recognition of the new Grand Chapter of Manitoba as well as that of New South Wales were approved.

His decisions and rulings revealed conditions considerably at variance with Florida customs. One was that the "first reading of names of applicants" could be made when open in the Most Excellent Master degree, but could be balloted upon only in the Royal Arch degree. Another query was:

Is it legal to obligate a candidate in the Past Master's degree, the Most Excellent Master's degree and to confer the Royal Arch degree upon him at the same convocation, when he has not been given the first two degrees, only obligated?

His reply in substance was that as the Code does not provide for communicating any of the degrees, that a communication of the Past and Most Excellent degrees could be done only in case of great emergency, the urgency of the case to be decided by the Grand High Priest, and dispensation granted. Any Chapters who have been in the habit of communicating degrees and the conferring the Royal Arch, would be severely censured not only by the Grand High Priest, but by the Grand Chapter, also.

Other decisions pertained to suspension or expulsion in Subordinate Lodge and its effect upon Chapter mem-

bership, which in general seem to conform to Florida laws, with perhaps the exception of this statement by the Grand High Priest: "It is the duty of the Chapter to officially inform the Commandery and the Commandery would of course inform the Shrine."

Appreciating the very valuable services being constantly rendered by Right Excellent Companion Edgar A. McHan, who for several years has been doing double duty as Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer, Grand Chapter conferred upon him the title of "Honorary Past Grand High Priest of Georgia." Quite a number of years ago Alabama conferred a similar honor upon Grand Secretary George A. Beauchamp; and a short time previous to his death the Grand Chapter of Washington similarly honored Right Excellent Companion Yancey C. Blalock, who was its Grand Secretary from 1889 to 1921 inclusive.

Equally voluminous and comprehensive was the report of Grand Lecturer E. A. McHan, who noted the special observance by every Chapter in the State of Most Excellent Master's Day, approved by the General Grand High Priest, and commemorated by the issuing of a diploma, signed by both the General Grand High Priest and by the Grand High Priest as well, who ruled "that these diplomas shall be recognized as legal information when properly made out."

This Grand Chapter has adopted the custom followed by many other Grand Chapters for years, of presenting each Companion receiving the Order of High Priesthood with a copy of the Holy Bible, symbolical of the Book of the Law of our ancient Brethren. The petitioners at this time numbered thirty-six.

For some reason only a little over half of the Grand Chapters were included in the report on Foreign Correspondence submitted by Excellent Companion Charles L. Bass, Florida being among the missing, and no reason assigned, although the 1923 Florida Proceedings were out almost a year previous. No doubt this will not occur again for we notice that this important work another year will be done by Companion P. T. McCutcheon, who will be cordially welcomed by the Companions of the Capitular Fourth Estate. And in this connection we wish to suggest that some other color scheme of ink and cover would make the list of officers on the back page more legible. For on the volume before us neither the Missus nor the writer could make out the names, which was only done with the aid of high power objectives.

Next Annual in (?)

Early H. Johnson, Columbus, Grand High Priest.

E. A. McHan, Macon, Grand Secretary.

IDAHO—1924

Chapters, 24. Members, 2,702. Exalted, 175. Net Gain, 122.

JAY R. MASON, Grand High Priest

One Special Convocation, held October 11th, for the purpose of constituting Bonners Ferry Chapter, preceded the Sixteenth Annual, held in Boise, May 21st and 22nd, at which four constituent Chapters were not represented, neither was the Grand Chapter of Florida; and so did not share in the ovation tendered General Grand High Priest

Wm. F. Kuhn, this being the first time a General Grand Official had visited the Grand Chapter of Idaho.

Two features that stand out prominently in the address of Grand High Priest Mason were his earnest endeavor to visit every Chapter in his jurisdiction, and the serious thought he gave to advancing the proficiency of the officers in the Constituent Chapters. All of which Grand Chapter quite properly approved.

He firmly believed in constituent Chapters going visiting, for he granted a special dispensation to Pocatello Chapter to confer the Chapter degrees in a Masonic Lodge room in another city. Some Grand Jurisdictions limit that privilege to the first three degrees.

His only decision was that the High Priest of a Royal Arch Chapter had not the power to remove any officer elected or appointed at any time for cause.

Excusable ambition, perhaps, but unauthorized, brought censure upon the Companions of Bonners Chapter U. D., who continued to hold Convocations and confer degrees after the expiration of their dispensation and before being constituted. This was adjusted by requiring all Companions thus exalted to be "healed,"—that is, re-obligated.

The Grand High Priest recommended, and Grand Chapter concurred through the Jurisprudence Committee, to an amendment to the by-laws pertaining to constituent Chapters by which Companions two or more years in arrears for dues may be declared by the High Priest suspended for that reason, and also to restoration by the same power, "upon payment of all arrearages to date of reinstatement." An unsuccessful effort was made to change this clause to "all arrearages to date of suspension." This, if we understand it correctly, differs from Florida

laws, which require vote of the Chapter for reinstatement, and payment of arrearages to date of suspension only. And which it seems to the writer is quite the equitable proceedings, for we fail to see the justice in compelling a Companion to pay for Capitular privileges which he was excluded from participating in.

If there is an Order of High Priesthood, no reference is made in the Grand Chapter proceedings before us.

For the fifth time Excellent Companion George E. Knepper presents an instructive and very readable report on Fraternal Correspondence. In this connection we wonder if his really meritorious work is properly appreciated by the Idaho Royal Craft. This query is suggested by two items from "Warrants Drawn on Grand Treasurer;" one of which states that \$131.71 cents was paid for "jewel," presumably for the retiring Grand High Priest, and another of \$125.00 to "George E. Knepper, Correspondent." Further comment, it seems to us, is unnecessary.

Under Florida he quotes from the "comfortable address" of Grand High Priest Kishpaugh as well as from several other parts of the Proceedings, presumably approving, for no objections or dissensions are recorded. His comments relative to the work of ye writer are greatly appreciated, and for which I thank you.

We are confident that our readers would be equally interested in the many comments that we marked in the reading of his report, did space permit. Idaho appears to stand four-square on approval and recognition of the Order of DeMolay for Boys. He is inclined to take Comp. Bodge of Maine to task for saying:

"This is the first instance I have observed of a Grand Chapter (Idaho) authorizing and urging the Constituent Chapters to apply

their funds to the organizing and supporting of an institution in no way related to Masonry."

Companion Knepper replies to this with this query?

"My dear Companion, are you sure that it is not related to Masonry? Isn't it intended to be a Masonic feeder, or brooder, as it would be called in poultry parlance? Sure."

Our understanding is that the argument brought out by Companion Knepper is one of the great objections urged by the opponents of the DeMolay, and which is so emphatically disclaimed by those who favor the Order.

Next Annual in Pocatello, May 20-21, 1925.

Harry P. Wolfe, Coeur DeAlene, Grand High Priest.

Edward H. Way, Boise, Grand Secretary.

George E. Knepper, Kendrick, Correspondent.

ILLINOIS—1924

Chapters, 235. Members, 86,410. Exalted, 5,809. Net Gain, 4,067.

J. C. FERRIN, Grand High Priest.

Commemorative of the Diamond Anniversary of this Grand Chapter, the Seventy-fifth Annual was held at Chicago, Oct. 30-31, 1924, and every Grand Officer occupied his proper station.

The distinguished visitors representing General Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge with the Grand Representatives were duly received, Florida being about the only Grand Chapter not present.

Grand High Priest Ferrin prefaced his comprehensive report of the year's work with a comparison of conditions when this Grand Chapter was organized with those of the present day, noting that

We are living today in the swiftest age of the world's history; an age when the wonderful developments of human genius follow each other so fast that we stand amazed by the progress made in all departments of science and industry.

Tribute was paid to the memory of Most Excellent Companion John C. Hallenbeck, who was Grand High Priest in 1910; Most Excellent Companion Frank Spencer, Grand High Priest in 1919, and Most Excellent Companion Samuel Shannon, Grand High Priest in 1882, the latter being at the time of his death the senior member of the Official Past Grand Family.

Not being satisfied that the present quarters of the "largest Grand Chapter in the world are what they should be," the Grand High Priest urged the "securing of more adequate accommodations."

As Grand High Priest, he was privileged to participate in Masonic gatherings of international importance, as well as official visitations to "a goodly number of Chapters in many parts of the State."

Many of the dispensations granted to elect and install officers would not have been necessary under Florida laws.

He upheld constitutional laws, refusing to grant six dispensations conflicting with Chapter by-laws, properly holding that the "Grand High Priest had no power to change a fixed date." His reply to two other requests are equally illuminating:

That a Chapter could not travel from place to place for advertising, or for the purpose of securing candidates.

I could not see why they could not wait two weeks longer, as they doubtless had waited a considerable period since becoming eligible.

He reported a case where an Illinois Chapter, without consulting him, invited a St. Louis Chapter to visit them and confer the Royal Arch Degree, using the General Grand Chapter ritual. The Jurisprudence Committee made this report and Grand Chapter concurred:

The Royal Arch Degree shall not be conferred on more or less than three Most Excellent Masters at one and the same time, and in this respect the standard ritual of this Grand Jurisdiction shall not be waived, and any work to the contrary shall be considered as irregular and ineffective.

In some of the larger Chapters where many petitions come up for balloting at a stated convocation this plan, somewhat confusing, to conserve time, has been followed:

Two and even three ballot boxes are passed at the same time, the three principal officers alternating in reading petitions and announcing results.

This form of collective balloting being unsatisfactory to say the least, Grand Chapter quite properly ordered that hereafter final action on one ballot be declared before another petition is taken up. As previously stated, Florida Chapter laws permit collective balloting, and should objection appear, then separate ballot on each petition must be taken.

In no uncertain word he protested against the growing tendency of forming clubs particularly for Sunday

amusement purposes, under the subterfuge of having the apparent sanction of Royal Arch Chapters, except for the purpose of paying funeral benefits. Grand Chapter approved, emphasizing that "there should be no organization within the Chapter other than for purely charitable purposes."

Sixty-nine qualified Companions petitioned for and received the Order of High Priesthood.

Past Grand High Priest Everett R. Turnbull again presents the report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations, and is much pleased that the Royal Craft generally is "on a higher plane and that it is making a determined effort to place degree work on a more dignified basis."

His quotations from and comments on the address of the Grand High Priest are quite numerous and seemingly meet approval. As did also the work of the reviewer. All of which is appreciated.

Regret that Companion Turnbull could not accept invitation to visit this fair Southland, but his proxy in Charley Davis is very acceptable.

Next Annual in Chicago, Oct. 29 and 30, 1925.

H. A. Clevestine, Rock Island, Grand High Priest.

Jas. E. Jeffers, Springfield, Grand Secretary.

Everett R. Turnbull, Carlinville, Correspondent.

INDIANA—1924

Chapters, 121. Members, 33,019. Exalted, 1,534. Net Gain, 579.

JOHN H. WINELAND, Grand High Priest.

All officers were present at the Seventy-ninth Annual, held in Terre Haute, October 22nd and 23rd, as also were 16 Past Grand High Priests and many Grand Representatives, Florida being without representation by reason of Past Grand High Priest Elmer Crockett, the dean of the Past Grand High Priests, having been called to his reward during the year, and no one else had been appointed to his station. He was Grand High Priest in 1889.

With becoming modesty the Grand High Priest submitted a report of his official acts of the year, being thankful that there had been no break in the Official Family.

Three new Chapters were formed during the year, but only one presented specimens of work that passed inspection, and the other two were continued.

His eight decisions as understood appear to conform substantially to Florida laws, except that in the latter while suspension or expulsion in Lodge is automatically so in Chapter, yet reinstatement is not automatic in Chapter, election also being necessary.

Among his report of visitations is one as representative of the Chapter Masons of Indiana to an annual reunion and Convocation of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. The writer's understanding is that only the Grand Master of the State is accorded official recognition in a Scottish Rite reunion.

In his list of interstate courtesies he came up against the same condition that confronts all Grand Chapters when Pennsylvania is asked to do courtesy work, the laws of that Grand Jurisdiction preventing, although it is apparently a case where "the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak." However it brings out this comment from Grand High Priest Wineland, and in which others will concur; "It would seem that this provision could with safety to the Chapters of Pennsylvania be abrogated."

The Grand High Priest regretted that by reason of the other receptions at the General Grand Chapter in Portland, a reception to be given by the Grand Chapter of Indiana was not feasible. However, the good intentions are appreciated just the same.

With the exceptions of a few recommendations the acts of the Grand High Priest were approved, these exceptions including:

The transfer of the membership of a Chapter that surrenders or otherwise loses its charter bodily into the membership of another Chapter is contrary to the spirit of voluntary membership.

That secretaries of Subordinate Chapters having members who have never recorded their marks be given power to record as the mark of such Companion the initials of his full name, the same as though selected and recorded by him. Also a penalty to record a mark would require a constitutional amendment. And no remedy for such failure was submitted.

The adding of the word "Right" to the offices of Grand Captain of the Host and Grand Royal Arch Captain. The omission of this word prevails in most Grand Bodies.

The apathy or dormant condition prevailing in some Chapters leads to the thought that either conditions have materially changed or else mistaken zeal and enthusiasm

at some time probably prevailed. Indiana is not exempt, and arresting charters in a few instances or consolidation appear to be the only remedy.

Suggestive in various ways is the statistical table in the report of the Grand Lecturer, one of which refers to the percentage of Lodge members belonging to Chapters, varying from four per cent in one instance to fifty-seven per cent in another.

Other acts of Grand Chapter instruct the Grand Secretary to prepare a directory of the High Priests and Secretaries, following election, and mail to Subordinate Chapters for information. A good suggestion.

In order to preserve uniformity in recording the minutes of Subordinate Chapters an approved Form sheet will be used.

Another provision is that newly elected officers be installed on the night of election, or as soon thereafter as practicable. In Florida Lodges and Chapters, officers are elected the first meeting night in December and the installation cannot take place until St. John's Day, the end of the Florida Masonic year, or thereafter. A wise precaution, because it enables the elective officers time to give consideration to the selection of the proper appointive officers and does not make it necessary to presuppose that all "line officers" will be advanced, willy-nilly.

Another prevailing requirement is that the use of rituals during the conferring of degrees is prohibited.

Fifty-seven Companions were consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood.

Past Grand High Priest Robert A. Woods certainly carried out his expressed wish by presenting "something really worth while," in his fourteenth Annual Capitular review. Expressed qualifications only lessen the Masonic

value of his instructive production. It causes some of us lesser lights to sit up and take notice of what can be done, when one has the know how.

Under Florida he classes the address of the Grand High Priest a "document of real worth." Thank you. As no part of it receives unfavorable criticism, it is presumed that it passes inspection and entitles the Companion to "wages." And the work of the reviewer is also commended.

There is a desire to pass along many of the "nuggets of wisdom" freely abounding in Companion Woods' report, but obvious conditions prevent. However Indiana Companions get the benefit, and it is for them they are primarily intended.

Next Annual in Evansville, Oct. 21-22, 1925.

Lawrence V. Mays, Pendleton, Grand High Priest.

Robert Archer Woods, Princeton, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

IOWA—1924

Chapters, 129. Members, 23,944. Exalted, 1,370. Net Gain, 597.

GEORGE E. MASTERS, Grand High Priest.

For the first time in its history the city of Spencer entertained the Grand Chapter, it being the Seventy-first Annual, and was held Oct. 9 and 10, 1924. Florida was represented by Right Excellent Companion Arthur D. Meeker, the present Grand High Priest.

Conscientious and painstaking work is evidenced throughout the address of the Grand High Priest, as he

recounted his official acts, showing in reality the Master's hand, a detailed account of which would be a reproduction of the reports of the committees to which it was referred, and indicate that his work "passed inspection."

Notwithstanding the large number of exaltations, yet the suspensions for n. p. d. were nearly half that number, 485, due the Grand High Priest stated, to the "mopping up" process after the banner years.

The charter of one Chapter was finally taken up, and from the efforts necessary to bring this about, one is led to the conclusion that a similar effort on the part of Companions in a constructive way would almost have made it a working body.

His eight decisions indicate nothing out of the ordinary, and with a little thought on the part of the members would not have been necessary. Perhaps this is the most absurd:

Should the officers-elect put their robes on before coming into the Lodge room? Yes, unless they are more graceful in the matter of robing than most Chapter officers. Even then I would not consider it an edifying spectacle, especially at a joint convocation with the Order of the Eastern Star.

Very positive was his objection to the use of the "R. and R. R.," it being absolutely prohibited by the Code.

In reply to the question if there was any Masonic law requiring that a Lodge room shall be in the second story or any particular height above ground, he held that Grand Chapter law was silent. The writer of this recalls two Masonic Lodge rooms on the first floor. One was surrounded by a sort of a stockade, and the other was an old church which had been converted into a Masonic quarters, the windows being higher than a man's head,

although there was no basement under it. Another was that the donation of Chapter funds to the Near East Orphans' Relief Fund was a violation of the Code.

It is gratifying to note that in two cases at least he refused to grant a dispensation to advance a date, holding that a failure to elect or install must exist at the time the request is made and cannot be granted before a failure exists.

Believing that there are those who had a right to aspire to the office of Grand High Priest, but would not be in position to sacrifice so much time, he suggested that the Grand Body should partly at least reimburse the holder. This was referred to the Finance Committee, who passed it on to the same committee a year hence.

As chairman of the Board of Custodians he found a few Chapters where the officers were unable to open in any degree without the use of the rituals, although they report exaltations, and in one Chapter visited, it was his "solemn opinion that no member thereof could prove himself a Royal Arch Mason." Education and forbearance appeared to be the only remedy suggested. No doubt these conditions will continue to exist until moral obligations are considered as binding as business or financial, and that appears a long way off.

Thirty-one Companions received the Order of High Priesthood. President Huttenlocher is striving to bring about more of a uniformity in the work, and requirements, but he is meeting with little encouragement. He had hoped to hold a meeting of the presidents at the Portland Triennial, but could not be there himself. Perhaps in course of time a way may appear.

It is a privilege as well as a pleasure to review the Eighth Report on Correspondence by Past Grand High

Priest Edward Willard, corresponding in number with that of the writer of this at that time.

Companion Willard found the two outstanding features in the year's work to be education and DeMolay. And that success will accrue to "those who remain faithfully by their oars."

His references to Florida were largely categorical, and without extended comment, which no doubt is equivalent to approval. His quotations are not extensive. Incidentally mention might be made that the action of the year previous, requiring a Lodge membership of six months, was rescinded. This no doubt will result in an increase in numbers at least.

Next Annual in Carroll, Oct. 8 and 9, 1925.

Harry E. Virden, Mt. Pleasant, Grand High Priest.

O. F. Graves, Harlan, Grand Secretary.

Edward M. Willard, Atlantic, Correspondent.

IRELAND

Capitular conditions in Ireland appear to be improving, for the Report for 1924 shows warrants for the establishment of nine new Chapters, and that only two Chapters have surrendered their warrants, and all of the District First Grand Principals report gains in membership, although the total membership is not stated.

This discordant note appears in the report from the Munster District Grand Chapter:

This increase of ten per cent is all in the Cork City Chapters, as some of the country Chapters are still dormant, as their premises are not yet restored, and they have no place to meet,

but now that the awards are all settled, it is expected that reconstruction will be proceeded with at once.

The two Chapters that ceased to exist are in the North Connaught District, because "most of the members have been compelled to leave Ireland during the troubles of the past three years."

Very encouraging reports come from the Provincial Grand Chapter of South Africa where "more interest appears to be shown than in the past." There are still also isolated Chapters in several of the Australian Provinces as well as in the Island of Ceylon. All the new Chapters warranted were in Ireland, which apparently has no intention of instituting new Chapters beyond its rightful domain.

The Right Hon. The Lord Muskerry is Grand King, and V. E. H. C. Shellard, Dublin, is Grand Registrar.

KENTUCKY—1924

Chapters, 129. Members, 20,287. Advanced, 1,317. Net Gain, 410.

A. GORDON SULZER, Grand High Priest.

Every Grand Officer, over a score of Past Grands, about five times as many Past High Priests and a representative from almost every Chapter were in attendance at the One Hundred and Seventh Annual, held in Louisville, Oct. 21-22, 1924. Florida was in evidence.

Ideal must be the condition of the Royal Craft in the Blue Grass State, and the year of service of Grand High

Priest Sulzer is no doubt as a dream that is past, for listen to this from the opening paragraph of his address:

I can tell you that the year, just past, has been one marked by a steady, wholesome growth in Capitular Masonry, by an added material prosperity in the Subordinate Chapters of this Grand Body, and by such a condition of real understanding and singleness of purpose as has obviated the necessity for a single appeal to my authority, or a single intervention by me, in my official capacity.

Two members of the Grand Family passed through the veils during the year for the last time: R. E. Companion Frank H. Johnson, who had been Grand Treasurer over a third of a century, and Ex. Comp. J. A. Hodges, for many years assistant Grand Secretary.

His official visitations were somewhat limited, the most notable being to a Chapter, at which time he reported:

Seventy-five candidates received in full the four Capitular degrees, the entire work being conferred in a manner and fashion as nearly perfect as human imperfection will permit. So far as I have been able to learn there has never been a larger class of candidates upon any one occasion.

The claimed invasion of jurisdiction by a Tennessee-Kentucky Chapter, formerly located in a town on the State line and later moved to a Kentucky town, which has been the subject of controversy by previous administrations, appears to have been settled according to the Kentucky claims, as reported by Grand High Priest Sulzer and confirmed by Grand Chapter

A concrete application of real Masonic principles is shown in the case of a Kentucky Companion by his Lodge

and Chapter members, who succeeded in establishing his innocence, after having been convicted of murder in New York City.

Most pleasing and gratifying to the Craft wheresoever dispersed was the election of M. E. Companion G. Allison Holland, and also Grand Secretary, to the station of General Grand Master of the Second Vail in the General Grand Chapter at the Portland Triennial. Well merited were the innumerable congratulations tendered him.

No reference is made to an Order of High Priesthood.

Without preface or conclusion Ex. Companion William W. Clark reports for the Committee on the Doings of other Grand Chapters, and many features of importance are brought out.

It is pleasing to note that he finds nothing under Florida requiring adverse comment, and much to commend. Thank you.

Next Annual in Louisville, Oct. 20, 1925.

W. R. Johnston, Lebanon, Grand High Priest.

G. Allison Holland, Lexington, Grand Secretary.

W. W. Clarke, Owensboro, Correspondent.

LOUISIANA—1924

Chapters, 57. Members, 1,923. Exalted, 1,345. Net Gain, 1,094.

EDWIN F. GAYLE, Grand High Priest.

Fervency and zeal in Capitular Masonry by the Grand High Priest appear to have made possible a gain in mem-

bership never before equalled in this Grand Jurisdiction, as reported at the Seventy-second Annual held in New Orleans, February 5th and 6th, at which Most Excellent Grand High Priest Wm. F. Kuhn was a special distinguished visitor, besides several notables from Texas, who profess to look upon the Grand Chapter of Louisiana as their "grandmother." Unfortunately Florida's Grand Representative did not participate, no doubt being indisposed, as the Proceedings state that he was appointed in 1896.

Grand High Priest in his address reported that two Permanent Members had received their final summons: M. E. Companion A. S. Campbell, who was Grand High Priest in 1894 and 1895; M. E. Comp. R. W. Allen, who was Grand High Priest in 1902 and 1903, and who passed away during the session of this Grand Body.

He constituted four Chapters and instituted two others. No decisions are noted. He officially visited about a third of the constituent Chapters, which by previous arrangement were made notable by the conferring of all the degrees upon large classes by a generous granting of dispensations to act upon petitions short of required constitutional time, "in order," he said, "to stimulate interest and promote Royal Arch Masonry, thus making it possible to bring together classes of candidates larger than are customary." But the Jurisprudence committee looked at it this way:

In the matter of granting dispensations to ballot on petitions without waiting the time prescribed by the regulation, we have some doubt about the good judgment of doing this. The General Regulations are intended to protect the individual rights of the Companions of a Chapter, and should be adhered to.

Fifteen qualified Companions were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood by the M. Ex. President, C. C. Weir, who with other officers were re-elected.

R. E. Companion John A. Davilla, the very efficient Grand Secretary, found time to prepare and present his fourth Report on Foreign Correspondence, in which appropriate extract and judicious comment make a readable and instructive production.

Among other reproductions under Florida is the resolution of thanks relative to Tampa's entertainment of Grand Chapter, with the comment, "it almost persuades us to change our domicile to Tampa. Let's go."

Come right along, Companion. I assure you the Tampa Companions will give you just as gracious a reception.

Next Annual in New Orleans, Feb. 3-4, 1925.

David Ettinger, New Orleans, Grand High Priest.

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

MAINE—1924

Chapters, 65. Members, 16,933. Exalted, 944. Net Gain, 620.

DAVID L. WILSON, Grand High Preist.

When the gavel sounded at the opening session of the Ninety-ninth Annual Convocation of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, held in Portland, May 6 and 7, 1924, every officer was in his station, besides a large number of other Permanent Members, which included Florida's Grand Representative, R. E. Harry E. Larrabee, Past Grand King, who with the others were instructed to convey fra-

ternal greetings to the Grand Bodies they represent. Did they?

After reading the proceedings of this Grand Chapter the second time, I am compelled to agree with M. E. Comp. Bodge in one of his correspondence comments: "Our convocations are without much for discussion."

This gratifying conclusion reached by Grand High Priest Wilson in his address will apply as well to Florida:

There is an increasing interest in the proper interpretation of the ritual, on the part of the officers of constituent Chapters. Much that marred the dignity and impressiveness of the work, and which also gave to the candidates a very wrong impression of its meaning, has been eliminated. * * * Here and there are to be found Companions in office who grossly misunderstand the significance of the Capitular Degrees, but they are in a very great minority, and it is hoped that in a very short time none will be found who will so demean the work of the Royal Craft.

During the year the Death Angel made four official visitations; M. E. Frank E. Sleeper, Grand High Priest in 1883 and 1884; M. E. Edwin A. Porter, Grand High Priest in 1907; R. E. James E. Parsons, Grand Scribe in 1905; R. E. Edmund R. Mallet, Grand Scribe in 1921.

No rulings or decisions were requested, and outside of granting a few dispensations for minor necessary matters and some other routine work his official duties appear to have not been burdensome. He refused to grant one request for a dispensation for a new Chapter, "on the ground, after careful investigation, that there was not enough prospect of continued success." If this stand taken by Grand High Priest Wilson, more generally prevailed there would be less dormant Chapters.

Official visitations are made by the four Grand Council Officers and four District Deputy Grand High Priests,

and their reports indicate they faithfully and well performed their duties.

Recognition was granted the new Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Thirty-one Companions were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

However devoid of interest may be the Maine Proceedings to the reviewer, he is amply compensated in the inimitable Report on Correspondence by Past Grand High Priest Thomas H. Bodge, who today occupies a status in the Capitular world similar to that in former years by M. W. Bro. Josiah Drummond in the Symbolic field.

Apparently Florida's work must be neither "hot nor cold," for he finds but little worthy to quote, and his comments are reportorial and not editorial.

As the writer of this expects (at the time this was written) to join the Florida delegation to the Triennial where we shall meet "face to face" and will then express in person, appreciation of the complimentary things which appear on the printed page.

Under Massachusetts appears this comment by Companion Bodge relative to courtesy work, which in some respects differs from that in any other Jurisdiction now recalled:

In Maine we do not permit Chapters to request degrees by courtesy by other Chapters in this jurisdiction, believing the candidate may find it convenient to attend his own home Chapter for the degrees within a reasonable time. We have learned courtesy work within the State is ordinarily requested only for the convenience of the candidate or that he may hasten through the degrees. We are always pleased to extend the courtesy to Chapters in other Grand Jurisdictions on proper request.

Certainly a commendable position to take, and were it more rigidly observed the profane would in time come to recognize that no one honors Masonry by petitioning for degrees, but that the petitioner is in every instance honored when the petitioned grants the prayer of the petitioner.

The above quotation is one of many of equal truth and importance that might be cited were unlimited space at command.

Next Annual in Portland, May 5, 1925.

David L. Wilson, Bath, Grand High Priest.

Charles B. Davis, Portland, Grand Secretary.

Thomas H. Bodge, Augusta, Correspondent.

MANITOBA—1924

Chapters, 13. Members, 1,531. Initiated, 137. Net Gain, 82.

W. D. LAWRENCE, Grand Z.

Quite appropriate to the organization proceedings of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba, is an "Introduction," giving the story of Manitoba, which Province confines the limits of this jurisdiction, and which is considered to be the gateway to the great Canadian northwest; the name coming from two Indian words meaning the Great Spirit and the Narrows, referring particularly to the narrow part of Lake Manitoba, a body of water, the third largest in the Province, 135 miles long and with an average width of thirteen miles.

Preliminary conventions were held March 30, 1923, and April 18, 1923, at which latter this Grand Chapter

was formally organized, the constituting officers and authority coming from the Grand Chapter of North Dakota, and which causes one to wonder why it should not have come from the mother Grand Chapter, that of Canada.

The First Annual was held in Winnipeg, Feb. 8, 1924, and the long list of officers, all of whom were present, reminds one so much of the English system, and to which its legitimacy is easily traced. This first annual was made memorable by having distinguished guests from the Grand Chapter of North Dakota.

Individual responsibility was given prominence in the scholarly address of the First Grand Principal, M. Ex. Companion Lawrence, the language evidencing that he is an ardent student of Capitular Masonry.

His official duties being light, he was able to give time to visitations, which included every Chapter but one in the jurisdiction. Everywhere he visited he found the Chapters active and prosperous, and the Companions enthusiastic, which he firmly believes fully confirms the advisability of forming this Grand Chapter as the following indicates:

I don't think that it is any exaggeration to say that in almost every Community throughout this Province of ours the men of prominence—the men of repute—are practically, without exception, members of the Craft. No matter how sharply they may differ on social and political matters—and we Westerners have the reputation of holding strong opinions—Freemasonry affords a forum, where every month, in this Province alone, thousands of upright men meet upon a common level.

The reports of the three Grand District Superintendents fully bear out the conclusions reached by the

Grand Z. And this gentle admonition from the report of the Committee on State of Capitular Masonry will no doubt be heeded.

Only let us be careful of the character of the man we admit to our Royal Craft and not lend ourselves and our Chapters as stepping stones to build up orders that are outside the Masonic Craft.

Requests for fraternal recognition were sent to all Grand Chapters. Over a third had already arranged for exchange of Grand Representatives and assurances had been received that the others would follow as soon as the Grand Chapters could properly arrange same.

Naturally there is no Order of High Priesthood, as that does not fit in well with Capitular Masonry as practiced by those working under overseas constitutions.

Although having but little to work on, yet Ex. Companion John Parton has made a splendid start as chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence and he will receive a cordial welcome to a seat at the Round Table. He has opinions of his own, as this from under Washington indicates, referring to an address delivered before that Grand Chapter:

Companion Heinz gave a very wonderful address, but we are rather critical of his mixing of tradition with known truth. He says: "Prior to the dawn of Christianity, Masonic Lodges were dedicated to King Solomon and they adopted the teachings of the Old Testament as their guide." With all respect we question whether the learned brother could prove that Masonic Lodges existed before the dawn of Christianity, nor indeed for a long time after. This is the one exception to an otherwise most inspiring address.

Companion Parton does not appear to favor topical reviews, for under Alberta he says:

Being new to the work, we do not care to express any very decided opinion but we are afraid it does not tend to give that information for which such reports are intended.

He concludes with this terse comment:

"This has been a labor of love, and whether this report is of real benefit to the Grand Chapter or not, it has been of inestimable benefit to myself. I feel that I have learned more of the universality of our Ancient Order than I ever conceived was to be learned, and, great as was my respect for it before, it is now infinitely greater."

Next Annual in Winnipeg, Feb. 4, 1925.
F. L. Newman, Portage la Prairie, Grand Z.
H. F. Moulden, Winnipeg, Grand Scribe E.
John Parton, Winnipeg, Correspondent.

MASSACHUSETTS—1924

Chapters, 96. Members, 40,724. Exalted, 2,458. Net Gain, 1,533.

CURTIS CHIPMAN, Grand High Priest

This is one of the few Masonic Grand Bodies this side of the "big pond" that continue the custom of Quarterly gatherings, the last one in each year being the Annual, and in this case with an "extra" for the purpose of constituting a U. D. Chapter.

Much the greater part of the business at the first three Quarterlies appear to have been the receiving and

acting upon the reports of the Committee on Charters and By-Laws. The Amendments to constituent Chapter By-Laws indicate a very close supervision on the part of Grand Chapter, not all of which pass inspection and approval, although Grand Chapter has an approved Book of By-Laws, that constituent Chapters are expected to follow.

A constitutional amendment adopted provides that when a High Priest has served faithfully and satisfactorily one year he shall be presented with a Past High Priest diploma which is to be a "fine engraving on steel and that its expense be not considered before artistic workmanship." Provision is also made for a jewel to be presented to each Past District Deputy Grand High Priest.

Each Quarterly closes with an entertainment which usually includes an address by a highly qualified Companion, the most noteworthy of the year was at the close of the first Quarterly, the distinguished guest being Excellent Sir Alfred Robbins, Past Grand Scribe N. of the Supreme Holy Royal Arch Chapter of England, and President of the Board of General Purposes of the United Grand Lodge of England.

The address was a masterly presentation of Masonic principles coupled with a delicately worded comparison of the English and Massachusetts Grand Bodies in which he says, "I am at once struck by the resemblances and differences." Obvious reasons preclude further quotations, much as we wish it.

The third Quarterly occurred soon after the Portland Triennial of the General Grand Chapter, at which one of Massachusetts' Past Grand High Priests, Most Excellent Companion John Albert Blake was elected

General Grand High Priest, and who was given an ovation in recognition of his long service to Capitular Masonry.

We are pleased to note that Florida was represented at the Fourth or Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, at which time at the evening session the address of the Grand High Priest was given. Much of it was devoted to an extended account of fraternal visitations. Although he favors fraternal visitations between constituent Chapters, yet, he adds:

I would regret to see, however, any attempt to form or foster what is known as a visiting "Degree Team," which makes for laxity in a Chapter's own ritual when it feels it may call upon such an organization to do its work.

Among the dispensations granted were eight to attend divine service. Presumably that carried with it, clothed in Chapter regalia. Lodges and Commanderies attend divine services in Florida under certain conditions, when no dispensation is required, but the writer has no recollection of ever seeing a Chapter as such in any sort of public gathering. Grand High Priest Chipman has this to say regarding dispensations:

It is clear that not only the High Priests but the Grand High Priest himself, deriving their respective powers from and governed by the same constitution, are severally bound to observe its provisions to the utmost of their ability, and if the Grand High Priest is vested with authority to set aside certain of its requirements, it is certain that the reasons for doing so should commend themselves to his best judgment, or else be refused.

The entire power of dispensation must be regarded as a sacred trust to be exercised solely for the benefit of Royal Arch Masonry as a body, rather than as an instrument whose power is

to be exercised for the convenience either of Chapter or candidates, and its use should be most carefully guarded if its value is to be preserved, and our constitution defended.

At the Annual Assembly of the Convention of High Priests a memorial was presented of the late M. E. Comp. Warren B. Ellis, who for thirty-one years was President of this Order and was President Emeritus at the time of his death. Ninety-one candidates were consecrated and set apart. M. E. Comp. Charles D. Burtage was re-elected President.

Past Grand High Priest Frederick T. Comee, who is dean of that body of patriarchs, having served as such in 1885-1886 and 1887, and is also Grand Secretary, again presents an excellent Report on Correspondence, which in every way is up to standard.

Under Florida he notes some acts "which would not receive approval in Florida," and it might be possible to make a similar comment regarding some of the Massachusetts proceedings, or at least they are contrary to Florida customs. However, which ever way it may be, they may quite properly be classed among the "non-essentials."

Thank you, Companion Comee, for "setting us straight" regarding exemplifying the degrees, as evidently we had confused Annual Convocations with District Exemplifications.

Harry G. Pollard, Lowell, Grand High Priest.
Frederick T. Comee, Boston, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

MARYLAND—1923

Chapters, 25. Members, 9,094. Exalted, 566. Net Gain, 382.

WILLIAW MOHR, Grand High Priest.

Enforced illness prevented the Grand High Priest and three other members of the Grand Family from attending the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Annual of this Grand Chapter held in Baltimore, Nov. 22, 1923, Deputy Grand High Priest Charles H. Carroll, presiding. Florida was represented by Past Grand High Priest Gassaway.

The address of Grand High Priest Mohr was read by the Deputy Grand High Priest, which paid due tribute to two of the Permanent Members who during the year were called to their reward: M. E. Comp. Charles Clark, who was Grand High Priest in 1901, and M. E. Comp. Joseph H. Jackson, Grand High Priest in 1903.

During the year dispensations to form three U. D. Chapters were issued, one of which was granted a charter, and the dispensations of the other two were continued. Seven other dispensations granted anticipated the failure of Chapters to hold convocations on regular authorized dates and were referred to the Jurisprudence committee, but we failed to find where this committee reported. The only dispensation refused was to receive the petition of a "Brother who had two artificial feet." The other official actions enumerated appear to be routine.

Recognition was granted the new Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and the salary of the Grand Secretary raised to one thousand dollars.

At a well attended Convocation of the M. E. Council

of High Priests twenty candidates were consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood.

Iron clad regulations limit the scope of the Committee on Correspondence, Rev. Henry Branch, D. D., and yet under this handicap he presents good work.

Under Florida Companion Branch states that he was a visitor in Tampa and while there attended the Grand Chapter in session at that time. This is news to the writer of this review, and I greatly regret failing to meet him, and renewing the pleasant acquaintance formed at the Baltimore triennial. However, I sincerely hope we may meet at the Portland triennial.

Next Annual in Baltimore, Dec. 9, 1924.

Charles H. Carroll, Baltimore, Grand High Priest.

Gustav A. Eitel, Baltimore, Grand Secretary.

Rev. Henry Branch, D. D., Baltimore, Correspondent.

MICHIGAN—1924

Chapters, 166. Members, 44,554. Exalted, 2,846. Net Gain, 1,994.

W. H. VAN IDERSTINE, Grand High Priest

Florida was one of the few Grand Chapters not represented at the Seventy-sixth Annual held in Lansing, May 21 and 22, 1924, at which time many distinguished Royal Craftsmen from different parts of the country participated in the Capitular occasion.

It took but a few pages to record the official activities of Grand High Priest Iderstine. One dispensation to form a new Chapter was granted, and two Chapters consolidated.

Somewhat out of the ordinary was the permission granted to Ark Chapter of Windsor, Ont., (across the river) to visit Peninsular Chapter Detroit and to work on its own (Ark Chapter) candidate.

Among the decisions was one that a Companion having paid dues continuously for thirty years and having reached the age of sixty-five years was entitled to life membership, although he had been under suspension for a period of six and one-half years. Grand Chapter through the Jurisprudence Committee did not approve, taking the ground that the suspension did not appear on the surface as being compatible with "a long and distinguished service which involves a long and honorable record." Another was that the High Priest of a Chapter could not refuse to declare a Companion elected to an office because he was a member of the Ku Klux Klan. He also decided that when a Lodge and Chapter meet in the same room it would not be proper for the Chapter to have any function in the Lodge room that would conflict with Grand Lodge regulations.

Grand Secretary Conover rejoiced over the fact that now there were only three Chapters in the whole State holding meetings "on or before the full moon." While the moon may rule the night it does not rule or govern Masonic bodies in Florida.

Most enjoyable to the privileged few is the annual meeting of the Past Grand High Priests' Association, there being in attendance fourteen of the eighteen living Past Grand High Priests.

Sixty-three qualified Companions availed themselves of the privilege to become a High Priest after the Order of Melchizedek.

R. E. Companion Charles A. Conover, Grand Secretary as well as General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, in lieu of a Correspondence Report, continues from last year "The Origin and Development of the Royal Arch Degree."

Companion Conover, in this installment, considers the history of the Royal Arch Degree only to the Webb Monitor, by Thomas S. Webb, which first appeared about 1802. Although nothing is specifically stated, it is presumed that this exceedingly interesting subject will be continued in the 1925 Proceedings.

Wm. F. Goff, Battle Creek, Grand High Priest, and at the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter in Portland, Me., in September last, Companion Goff was elected General Grand Master of the First Vail, a commendable selection.

Chas. A. Conover, Coldwater, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

MINNESOTA—1924

Chapters, 84. Members, 16,462. Exalted, 1,714. Net Gain, 1,327

WILLIAM J. WORKS, Grand High Priest.

Well balanced, with no one feature predominating, seems to characterize the Sixty-third Annual, held in St. Paul, Oct. 14, 1924. Our representative was not present early in the year. Grand Scribe Henry M. Tusler received the final summons, as did also M. E. Companion John W. Hayes, who was Grand High Priest in 1920.

Service to the *n*th degree aptly describes the remarkable activities displayed by Grand High Priest Works (no

name could be more appropriate) and surely merits this commendation from the Committee on Distribution: "It was the most active year in the history of this Grand Body and its like may never occur again."

The outstanding event was the joint convocation held in St. Paul when 68 Chapters contributed a class of 1167 which received the Most Excellent Masters' Degree with M. E. Companion John Picard of Missouri, as King Solomon.

The Grand High Priest constituted three U. D. Chapters, and issued dispensations for three others, of which one was granted a charter and the others were continued. Having assigned thirty Chapters to himself for visitation, he was obliged to decline several outside invitations. He endeavored to have every Chapter visited, either by himself, or a representative.

The system of District Inspectors not proving satisfactory, the Grand High Priest recommended their discontinuance and the appointment of a Grand Lecturer instead. This required a constitutional amendment which will come up for action a year later.

Whatever misunderstanding may have heretofore existed in the various York Rite relations they appear to have been adjusted and tentative plans for constructive work by Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery may follow.

Owing to the strenuous efforts of the Grand High Priest, with very few exceptions, the constituent Chapters are now working under the Uniform Code, and the present administration will see that the remaining ones come into the fold. Much attention was given by the Grand High Priest to the inactive Chapters and with reported good results.

He was emphatic in disapproving the custom of electing a High Priest year after year, emphasizing the statement of another Grand Officer to the effect that it should be a misdemeanor to elect the same person the second year, and that it ought to be a Masonic crime for him to accept this office the third year. Contrawise neither should the office be forced upon one.

If you are not willing to devote the energy and talents with which you have been endowed, in a whole-hearted manner to the office to which you have been elected, don't accept it. You will be conferring far more benefit on your Chapter by sitting on the sidelines and permitting another Companion to be elected to the office.

More than two score Companions were consecrated and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood. Excellent Comp. Chas. S. Schurman, who from the excellence of his third report I take to be a veteran newspaper man, notes a growing tendency in the Royal Craft to "accomplish something along practical lines," and also that the general trend is "that the conferring of degrees is the least important part of the work of earnest Masons."

He is pleased to designate the address of the Grand High Priest of Florida as thoughtful and well prepared; quotes from it in part, and regrets that he cannot devote more space to it.

The Scotland-Philippine question and the Texas-Mexico controversy both having been amicably adjusted are now in effect ancient history and there is no desire to reopen them, but if Companion Schurman will refer to the Report of Past Grand High Priest Silas B. Wright, beginning on page 25 of the Florida Proceedings of 1922,

he will find Florida's position stated and it may also help him to clear up the query he raised relative to the former matter. With this possible exception Companion Schurman's seal of approval appears to attach to the 1924 Proceedings. For all of which he will please accept our thanks.

Next Annual in St. Paul Oct. 13, 1925.

E. G. H. Adams, Spring Valley, Grand High Priest.

John Fishel, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

Chas. S. Schurman, St. Paul, Correspondent.

MISSISSIPPI—1924

Chapters, 78. Members, 7,503. Exalted, 526. Net Gain, 346.

J. RICE WILLIAMS, Grand High Priest

Apparently the full Official Family as well as Florida's Grand Representative assisted in the formal opening of the Seventy-sixth Annual, held in the City of Vicksburg, Feb. 21st, 1924. This occasion was made memorable by the presence of General Grand High Priest Wm. F. Kuhn, whose address is given in full.

The brief address of the Grand High Priest indicated that but few matters had been brought to his attention during the year. He reported the granting of one dispensation for a new Chapter, and which was given a charter. And the Committee on Subordinate Chapters, in addition reported the application for a charter for a new Chapter "which had not gone through the regular course of dispensation." This committee being satisfied

that all matters pertaining thereto "had been legally complied with," it was referred to the Law Committee whose opinion was "that the Grand Chapter can lawfully grant the charter prayed for in the case," and which was adopted. This is an uncommon procedure, and the first one that the writer calls to mind during the nine years he has been writing reports.

Among the recommendations made by the Grand Lecturer in his exhaustive and informative report was that Grand Chapter should adopt a set of lantern slides, to be known as the Mississippi Chapter slides, and which was done.

Fraternal recognition was given the Grand Chapters of Saskatchewan and New South Wales. Among the pleasing features of the Mississippi Proceedings is that Florida's Grand Representative appreciated the honor conferred upon him by presenting a report to the Mississippi Grand Chapter, as did also two other Capitular ambassadors. This, it seems to me, is as it should be.

Only one question of Capitular law arose, and that was presented to the Law committee direct, instead of coming first to the Grand High Priest, as is customary in Florida and many other Grand Jurisdictions. The decision conformed to Florida law, so of course is all right. Only fifteen Companions petitioned and received the Order of High Priesthood. That leaves nearly three score Companions this year alone who have failed to live up to their privileges. They do not realize what they are missing.

A comprehensive Correspondence report in which some of the high places in each proceedings are touched, was presented by Past Grand High Priest George C. Myers. This is his third production, and like other good

things improve with years of service. His work passes inspection at this station.

Under Florida, he believed, with others, that no specific time is necessary to elapse between the Master's degree, but that it can safely be left to the constituent Chapters. Grand Chapter thought so, too, Companion, and the old order of things again prevail. Some believe, however, that is a step in the wrong direction.

Next Annual in Jackson, Feb. 26, 1925.

Clyde J. VanArsdall, Indianola, Grand High Priest.

Edward L. Faucette, Meridian, Grand Secretary.

George C. Myers, Jackson, Correspondent.

MISSOURI—1924

Chapters, 112. Members, 35,086. Exalted, 3,679. Net Gain, 2,638.

JOHN PICKARD, Grand High Priest.

Being a movable Grand Chapter, the Seventy-eighth Annual was held in the University City of Columbia, April 22nd and 23rd, with most everybody lawfully entitled in attendance; only twelve constituent Chapters and Florida's Grand Representative M. E. Companion C. C. Woods, being among the missing, and he had a good alibi, for he was still sojourning in Florida, the Southland state, the land of flowers and fruits and where there is no winter.

Much of the well prepared address of Grand High Priest Pickard was given to a report of official visitations and to a resume of the special convocations in honor of

the General Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Wm. F. Kuhn.

Grand High Priest Pickard evidently believed in upholding and enforcing the law, for in two instances he refused to grant dispensations to Chapters to act on petitions contrary to constitutional law. Another ruling was that after a candidate had been elected it required the objection of three Companions to stop the conferring of the degrees upon the candidate.

He is to be commended for the positive stand he took upon excessive expenditures of Chapter funds for entertainment, citing one instance where a Chapter paid out nearly \$3,000 more for entertainment than was received for dues. He recommended that Chapters adopt a budget system, and that only a reasonable portion of the incoming dues be used for entertainment.

He deprecated a tendency to delegate the actual conferring of degrees to a small body of experts, especially when some of the actual officers were either in the ante room or even not present at the meeting. And particular attention is directed to this very pertinent recommendation:

It seems to me that every officer of a Chapter should know the duties of two positions—the position he was chosen to occupy and the position next above him in the line. Many Masonic bodies in this and other Grand Jurisdictions have been ruined because a few men, and often through no fault of theirs, have come into the possession of the work and the younger members have not been encouraged, compelled or even permitted to confer the degree. No man ever fully understands or comprehends the marvelous content of Freemasonry until he has stood at the altar striving as best he may to hand on this sublime teaching to the candidate kneeling before him. Companions, let us permit, encourage, com-

pel the officers as they pass the chairs to have a share in the rich experience of actually conferring degrees.

Grand High Priest Picard appears to believe that when the mountain will not go to Mohammed then Mohammed will go to the mountain, for he granted quite a number of dispensations for Chapters to go to other Lodge halls and confer degrees. Personally the writer believes this to be a proper procedure in some cases, although there are Grand Jurisdictions which oppose such action vehemently.

Referring to his visitation to what he characterizes as the "greatest Capitular event in the history of Freemasonry in Minnesota," in which he assisted in conferring the Most Excellent Master's degree upon a class of 1,165 candidates, the largest class in the history of Royal Arch Masonry, he thus sums up the benefits:

A bald recital of the facts can do little towards conveying an adequate impression of the spiritual quality which has characterized these great convocations. The splendid scenery, the magnificent roses, the gorgeous accessories, the stately procession, the throng of assistants, the effective ritualists, the noble music, the great class, the vast audience, all have combined in a marvelous presentation of the lessons of this superb degree. In such a rendering, none of the Ancient Landmarks of the Craft have been removed, but the older members have had their faith renewed, and the candidates have seen a vision in which the famous temple of Israel's mighty and wise king stands as a symbol of that more precious temple which each Companion of the Royal Craft is bidden to erect in his own life. The candidates, with that vision before their own eyes, will not enter upon the "Holy Royal Arch" as a degree which must be endured, because it is a necessary prerequisite to some so-called higher degree. They will enter our Chapter rooms with minds alert and spirits quickened. When they are exalted to the Most Sublime degree they will understand that

they have indeed found that which was lost, and they will realize that the ceremony is a symbol of that great quest that each soul must make as it seeks for the password to the way of immortal life.

Among the very distinguished guests at this Grand Convocation was Excellent Companion Sir Alfred Robbins, Past Grand Scribe Nehemiah of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, and who was also elected an honorary member of the Grand Chapter of Missouri.

Three score duly qualified Companions were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

Owing to the passing to the Great Beyond of the late Rev. Dr. and Comp. John H. Miller, the report on Foreign Correspondence was prepared by Past Grand High Priest David M. Wilson. It is a comprehensive though not extended resume and reads well, in which Florida receives due consideration. The only editorial comment, if such it be, was: "The proceedings are not indexed."

Next Annual in Excelsior Springs, April 28 and 29, 1925.

Willis A. McCullah, Marionville, Grand High Priest.
Ray V. Denslow, St. Louis, Grand Secretary.
David M. Wilson, Mila, Correspondent.

NEBRASKA—1924

Chapters, 54. Members, 8,228. Exalted, 438. Net Gain, 186.

JAMES M. ROBERTSON, Grand High Preist.

Routine matters largely characterized the Fifty-eighth Annual held in Omaha, Dec. 10 and 11, 1924, with all

Grand Officers, many Past Grands and Florida's Representative present, and nine constituent Chapters not represented.

Grand High Priest Robertson in his address called attention to the important part Nebraska has had in the development of Royal Arch Masonry in this country, and emphasized the analogy between the Master Mason's degree and the Royal Arch degree, both in the symbolical and allegorical features which inculcate the great lessons of the resurrection and the immortality of the soul.

He eulogized the meritorious work of Past Grand High Priest Alpha Morgan, who occupied the Grand East in 1920, and who crossed the divide during the year. He paid loving homage to General Grand High Priest Wm. F. Kuhn, being highly impressed, as were all those who came in close contact with him, with his high character, intense love and devotion to the Royal Craft and his princely scholarship as a Masonic student.

Indicative of the healthy condition of Capitular Masonry in that State, no decisions were requested or rendered. One Chapter has been in a state of coma so long that it became necessary to take up its charter, which was evened up by the constitution of a new Chapter. Besides encouraging reports looked to the formation of another in a prosperous section of the North Platte valley which is somewhat familiar to the writer of this. Three joint convocations were held during the year, one of which was in territory contiguous to the desired new Chapter, all of which is pleasing to the writer.

It is instructive to note the difference prevailing in Grand Jurisdictions relative to the disposition of the various subjects mentioned in the address of the Grand High Priest and other reports. In Nebraska many

topics were referred directly to the Chapter for action which in some Grand Bodies would have gone first to committees. It tends to conserve time and space and perhaps serves the purpose just as well.

It appears that the annual returns of constituent Chapters to Grand Chapter contains a certificate to the effect that all members in good standing are members in good standing also in some Lodge of Freemasons. This seems to us a wise provision and could with propriety and perhaps benefit be more generally followed. The penalty for a Companion not being so certified is construed as a violation of the laws of Royal Arch Masonry, and on trial and conviction may be indefinitely suspended from all its rights and privileges. However, if the Companion furnishes the necessary information within six months he may be restored to good standing, but after that period he must re-petition the same as a profane.

Hereafter three cents per capita will be set aside each year to form a fund to send the four Council Officers to each coming triennial. This seems to make no provision for the Grand Secretary, Most Excellent Companion Francis E. White. It is to be hoped he will in some way be among those "also present," for it would not seem like a General Grand Chapter without this dean of Grand High Priests of Nebraska, and perhaps in point of continuous service of those attending the triennials. In connection it is learned from a list of veteran Grand Chapter attendants in the Nebraska Proceeding that Companion White has attended fifty-one Annual Convocations of that Grand Chapter, beginning with 1873 and only missing one session, that of 1890. He was Grand High Priest in 1878, and has been Grand Secretary since 1889, certainly, a most remarkable record.

Hereafter the Proceedings will not contain a steel portrait of the presiding officer, but instead he will on retiring from office be presented with a Past Grand High Priest's jewel. This will be more appreciated by the executive officer, to say the least, and his features can be preserved to posterity just as well by a photo-engraving costing only a nominal sum.

Well attended was the Grand Convention of the Order of High Priesthood when about two score were duly consecrated and set apart.

A few years ago this Grand Chapter discontinued the formal more or less exhaustive Report on Correspondence. This year instead there is a brief report by Grand Secretary White on a few of the subjects of general interest.

From this it is learned that as no settlement has yet been reached between the Grand Chapter of Queensland and the Grand Chapters of England and Scotland recognition was deferred. Recognition however was granted the Grand Chapter of New South Wales.

Next Annual in Omaha, Dec. 16, 1925.

George N. R. Browne, Hastings, Grand High Priest.

Francis E. White, Omaha, Grand Secretary.

NEVADA—1924

Chapters, 8. Members, 640. Exalted, 22. Net Gain, 8.

W. B. S. PARK, Grand High Priest.

Uneventful, it appears to the writer, describes the Fifty-first Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter,

held in Reno, June 10, 1924, at which five of the stations were filled by substitution and Florida was without representation.

Nothing appeared to have occurred during the year to have disturbed the frictionless movement of Capitular Masonry in the great Sagebrush state. This gave Grand High Priest Park an opportunity to present a real address, which he did, and which fully merits the encomium of the Committee on Address, which well says:

We deem the address a masterly and scholarly effort and worthy of the serious consideration and earnest support of every Companion in this Grand Jurisdiction.

After reminding the Companions that as they advance step by step through the several degrees, they should not forget that with greater knowledge comes greater responsibilities, he continues:

Somehow it seems to me that in this day, this age of unbelievable conditions, that man has run wild in his search for the Almighty Dollar, and the thought that he has certain responsibilities other than *Self* has gone completely out of his mind, his one thought seems to be, "This is a race for us all, and the devil take the hindmost."

After picturing the public schools as a business or a corporation in which all are stockholders, he pleads with the Companions not to forget their responsibilities and never to cease to labor for these schools. He also called attention to the too often indifference of the people to obedience to law and respect for the courts, which have so much to do with bringing about the great crime-wave that is passing over the country, not even excepting his own state, for he specifically says:

Here in our own State we have no laws to cover the liquor evil and what Federal laws we have apparently might just as well be off the statute books, for they are not enforced as they should be, and this condition has all come about because we have forgotten, in our mad race for wealth and pleasure, that we have responsibilities other than ourselves.

His official acts were not burdensome and met with the approval of Grand Chapter. A constitutional amendment harmonizes affiliation and dimit law with Grand Lodge code, and conforms practically to Florida regulations. Although seven Chapters favored the old ritualistic work in reference to that of the General Grand Chapter, yet the debate became so spirited that Grand Chapter decided to leave the use of the ritual, either old or new, to the respective Chapters.

Nevada Companions seem to appreciate the Order of High Priesthood for eight Companions, one from each constituent Chapter, petitioned and were duly set apart.

Something really worth while very properly applies to the commendable report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, as prepared by Grand Secretary Edward D. Vanderleith. And whether he agrees or disagrees, he never forgets that tolerance is one of the essentials of the Craft.

He commends Florida Craftsmen for what they are doing in applying fraternal education to the needs of fellow man and urges the "Royal Craft to do their part and not leave all the doing with the Blue Lodge members."

He questions the statement that the orange and the grapefruit are annually bringing more gold into Florida than has been altogether dug from the mountains of Nevada. He advises: "Look up the record and find the

surprise of your young (?) life." Wonder if it would be any greater than a visit to this fair Southland would be to Companion Vanderleith. "Come and see."

Next Annual in Reno, June 9, 1925.

Edward Barber, Reno, Grand High Priest.

Edward D. Vanderleith, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1924

Chapters, 26. Members, 5,844. Exalted, 193. Net Gain, 54.

ALBION E. HAYES, Grand High Priest

Several distinguished Craftsmen in attendance added to the impressiveness of the formal opening of the One Hundred and Fifth Annual of this Grand Chapter, held in Concord, May 20th, when every official responded to roll call. Florida appears to have been regularly represented by Companion Charles L. Wentworth, but a careful inspection fails to show him as being there in any other capacity.

Visitations and kindred activities seem to characterize the efficient administration of Grand High Priest Hayes, who opens his address with well thought-out admonitions.

Well deserved tributes are paid to those who have wrought in the quarries and whose stations are now "vacant forever." Among them was M. E. Companion Charles H. Webster, who was Grand High Priest in 1898, of whom it was stated that "he attended more local and state gatherings than any other Mason in Nashua."

After two years' trial of the new General Grand Chapter ritual, and not meeting approval, it was referred to a committee to report at this Annual, and the Grand High Priest, forecasting its action, recommended the printing of a new ritual, which Grand Chapter approved. However, apparently at a later period in the proceedings, the Committee on Doings of Grand Chapter Officers reported, and the minutes states, the "report was accepted and the recommendations adopted," and in which occurs this statement: "Your committee does not approve the recommendation of the Grand High Priest, relative to printed ritual." One may wonder what is the status of the printed ritual?

Grand High Priest Hayes, being unable to attend the laying of the corner-stone of the George Washington National Memorial, he delegated the Grand Scribe, R. E. Comp. Henry L. Sanderson, from whose report it is learned that if the inception of this great movement did not originate in New Hampshire, this state was an early promoter, for Companion Sanderson says the accompanying is a matter of record:

At an assemblage of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire on June 9, 1824, a resolution was entered as follows: "Voted, that a committee of five be appointed to take into consideration the expediency of erecting a monument at Mount Vernon over the remains and to the memory of our late Brother George Washington, first President of the United States, and the propriety of inviting the Grand Lodges of several states in the Union to assist in the same."

The report further states that the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire accepted the resolution and voted to appropriate \$200, when the sum of \$10,000 be appropriated

by Grand Lodges of other states. A copy of this resolution was placed in the corner-stone of the new building.

The Grand Chapters of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and New South Wales were recognized.

In addition to consecrating thirteen Companions, members of the Order of High Priesthood, Companion William M. Couper, Grand First Principal Z., of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, was also anointed and consecrated, "without ballot and without fee."

Sometimes after listening to a sermon or a lecture, one is tempted to think if not to say, if the speaker had only given us the beginning and the closing we would willingly have dispensed with the "middle." Not so with the seventh report on Foreign Correspondence by Excellent Companion Charles B. Spofford.

But particularly worth considering is a thought in the "Conclusion," in which the sign that hangs in front of a store in China called a "chop," is used as a symbol, that being the owner's most cherished possession, and as it would be considered sacrilege to even change its color or shape, so, Companion Spofford adds:

This token might apply to our Masonic affiliation. "Our Mark" should be recognized not only as our Masonic life, but in our business relations with the world. Think it over.

Under Florida Companion Spofford makes several friendly as well as pointed comments, of which perhaps this is the most illuminating:

It may not be known that we attend the Grand Chapter in New Hampshire, or, in fact any of the Grand Bodies at our own expense. All we get out of Grand Chapter is a good dinner. We meet, hear reports, elect officers, install, and close all in one day,

and apparently accomplish everything necessary. Our Masonic week in May is the same as in Florida, and we have many who attend all three of the Grand Bodies. Our Grand Commandery comes in September.

For the information of Companion Spofford and others as well, only the Grand Chapter and the Grand Council meet the same week in Florida, all the other concordant York Rite bodies meet in different months.

Next Annual in Concord, May 19, 1925.

Thomas F. Clifford, Franklin, Grand High Priest.

Harrison M. Cheney, Concord, Grand Secretary.

Charles B. Spofford, Claremont, Correspondent.

NEW JERSEY—1924

Chapters, 56. Members, 18,153. Exalted, 1,677. Net Gain, 1,454

FRANK C. PREISS, Grand High Priest.

Three special Convocations for the purpose of constituting that number of U. D. Chapters, one of which is named Henry S. Haines Chapter, after the late greatly beloved M. E. Comp. Henry S. Haines, who for many years was the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of that Grand Chapter, preceded the formal opening of the Sixty-eighth Annual, which convened in Trenton, May 14, 1924. Distinguished Grands and others from adjacent Grand Chapters participated in that Capitular love feast.

Faithfully carrying out the idea of "service," expressed one year previous at the time of his installation, the

address of Grand High Priest Priess was largely a concise accounting of his stewardship. Suitable recognition was made of the faithful services of M. E. Comp. Andrew J. Bale, Grand High Priest in 1893, who laid down the working tools during the year.

One dispensation for a U. D. Chapter was issued and recommendation was made that a charter be granted it. Most of the other dispensations granted were to constituent Chapters to meet in other quarters, and before that can be done the proposed room must be inspected by a legally appointed and qualified official. Of the three dispensations refused, two were requests for the Grand High Priest to set aside Chapter by-laws, a prerogative which he quite properly believed he did not possess. And the other was to confer the Capitular degrees upon a Brother who had lost his left arm above the elbow. While sympathy goes out to the Brother, he said fundamental laws must be observed, or an institution cannot continue to exist.

The Grand High Priest formally recognized the new Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan and directed the Grand Secretary to "extend to them the right hand of fellowship and request the exchange of Representatives." That procedure would not pass under Florida laws. The Grand High Priest may recommend, but Grand Chapter alone places the seal of approval and grants recognition.

Undoubtedly much of the substantial growth of Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction is due to the efficient work of the District Grand Chapters of Instruction, presided over by a District Grand High Priest under the direction of the Grand Lecturer, and usually attended by the Grand High Priest, and which with one

exception reflected credit upon those having them in charge, however in this case there were not enough of the Chapters officers present to properly exemplify the work. This state of affairs was sufficient provocation for the Grand High Priest to make this comment in his address, and which it seems to the writer might with much propriety in substance at least be proclaimed before election and installation in any Masonic body:

Companions, I care not what office you accept, whether it be First Veil in a Chapter or any other office, including that of Grand High Priest, you are morally bound to perform the duties of that office for the time which you have accepted it.

If you have neither the time to properly discharge the duties of that office or the ability, you should not take the place of some other Companion who has the interest of the Craft at heart.

The zealous Companions of one Chapter hastened to spread the "good news" that the Commandery "would attend in full uniform and confer the P. M. Degree." This coming to the attention of Grand High Priest Preiss, he informed that Chapter, among other things:

I am an ardent Knight Templar and am pleased to know that a fraternal and friendly spirit exists between Royal Arch Masonry and Templarism. Nevertheless, I cannot permit you to proceed with your plan. It is perfectly proper for you to have a "Damascus Night" and have the members of Damascus Commandery occupy the stations and places in your Chapter and confer any Capitular degree; but neither they, nor any other member, can appear in the Chapter room in full Templar uniform. Announce that no Templar uniform is to be used.

One of his decisions pertained to a case where after a Brother had been elected to membership but on account

of illness before the degrees had been conferred wished to withdraw. Finding nothing in the Laws regarding the "withdrawal of a petition after the petitioner had been elected," although there was a law that by unanimous consent the petition could be withdrawn before the investigating committee had reported but not after, the Grand High Priest decided that by unanimous consent the petition could be withdrawn and the fee returned. We doubt if that would pass inspection in Florida.

Believing that the Grand Chapter should decide rather than the Grand High Priest, who should be a future Grand High Priest, he recommended that the Grand Masters of the Vails should be elected instead of appointed and the Grand Chapter will decide this a year hence; and also that of raising the minimum fees from twenty dollars to thirty dollars.

Well attended was the convention of Anointed High Priests, at which an even half hundred Companions were elected to receive this peculiar and high order.

So much attention has been given to the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter that we shall have to hasten this time over the excellent report of Ex. Companion J. Edward Hardenburgh, chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. Under Florida he quotes from Grand High Priest Kishpaugh's address referring to visitations, followed by this comment: "This is damning with faint praise to a certainty!"

His reference to the work of the writer of this report is highly complimentary and is equally appreciated.

Recognizing the really meritorious work that Companion Hardenburg is doing for the Royal Craft he is now the Grand Captain of the Host and it will not be

long before he will be wearing the purple of the fraternity.

Next Annual in Trenton, May 13, 1925.

Fred E. Tilden, Jersey City, Grand High Priest.

Peter McGill, Bound Brook, Grand Secretary.

J. E. Hardenburg, Newark, Correspondent.

NEW MEXICO—1924

Chapters, 16. Members, 1,905. Exalted, 164. Net Gain, 101.

RICHARD H. HANNA, Grand High Priest.

Although coming from the four quarters of a state of large area and with comparatively few Chapters, yet only one Grand Officer was missing at the Twenty-sixth Annual held in Raton, Feb. 21, 1924. Also there were six Past Grands, but this Grand Body manages to get along without Grand Representatives as well as a Fraternal Correspondent.

Routine matters of little or no interest to outsiders characterized the carefully prepared address of Grand High Priest Hanna, in which he congratulated the Companions on the harmony prevailing throughout the Capitular world. He granted a dispensation to elect and install a Chapter secretary, which would not have been necessary under Florida laws. Another dispensation was for a Chapter to confer degrees in a Lodge room in another city. And his two decisions pertained to receiving and acting upon dimitts from Texas Companions while the edict of the General Grand High Priest was in force.

He reported favorable prospects for a new Chapter in the extreme western part of the state, and the taking up of the charter from a dormant Chapter in the southeastern part of the state. He favored recognition of the new Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan. All his acts were approved.

Owing to the favorable financial conditions of the Grand Chapter substantial appropriations were made for the Masonic Home Fund, the Grand Lodge Sojourners' Club Relief Fund, the Grand Lodge Masonic Educational Service Fund, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association and the Masonic Tubercular Sanatorium.

There appears to be no Order of High Priesthood.

Next Annual in Silver City, Feb. 19, 1925.

John M. Bowman, Las Cruces, Grand High Priest

Alpheus A. Keene, Albuquerque, Grand Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND—1924

Chapters, 48. Members, 3,194. Exalted, 345. Net Gain, 233.

E. LANE, Grand Z. (First Grand Principal.)

Much of Capitular interest is contained in the proceedings of the Thirty-second Annual convocation of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand, held in Auckland, January 30, 1924. A telegram was received from the Earl of Cassillis, First Grand Principal of Scotland, who was then on his Australian tour, regretting being unable to attend and also sending fraternal greetings.

In common with other Grand Bodies working under overseas constitutions, practically all of the business is done through the Report of the Supreme Committee, and from which a few actions and conditions are deduced.

During the past year the final summons came to M. E. Companion James Moncrieff, who was First Grand Principal in 1919. In the list of documents issued, were fourteen for Side Degree rituals. In addition to the consecration of one new Chapter, another one was launched and two others are in an embryo state. New Zealand has been having a controversy with the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, only in a more aggravated form than our recent Philippine affair, now amicably settled, in which Scotland claims the right to charter fresh Chapters in connection with existing Scotch Lodges. The New Zealand Companions are hopeful of a mutually satisfactory solution of the problem.

An effort was made to introduce a constitutional amendment which would permit exaltation in a Chapter other than the one that elected him, which would have brought about a condition similar to our "courtesy work," but it met with such strong opposition that the proposed amendment was withdrawn. The principal difficulties lay in the close connection between the Lodge and the Chapter and also in the apportioning of the fees, as well as which Chapter would be the one to issue the certificate of Membership. American Chapters have many things to be thankful for.

Approval was given to collective balloting, taking the same position of Florida, that while such procedure is proper in Chapter it is equally improper in the Lodge. Another subject that is causing annoyance is plural membership in connection with the issuing of dimits.

Nominations for all offices, including the Supreme Committee, are a part of that committee report, and the adoption of the report constitutes the election of officers, after which they are invested by the retiring Grand Z. In his address which completed this part of the ceremony he took occasion to express his disappointment "that so many prominent Freemasons in Craft Freemasonry were taking no interest in Capitular Freemasonry, that it is a part of their duty to be loyal to Grand Chapter as being a part of Grand Lodge."

Presumably all Grand Convocations are held in Masonic Hall in Auckland, but the date of the next one is not stated.

S. S. Allen is Grand Z., and C. W. Nielson, Grand Scribe E., but their addresses are not clear.

NORTH CAROLINA—1924

Chapters, 60. Members, 8,126. Exalted, 697. Net Gain. 463.

RAYMOND C. DUNN, Grand High Priest.

Fifteen Chartered Chapters as well as Florida were not represented at the Seventy-sixth Annual, held in Raleigh, May 13 and 14, 1924, with Grand Secretary O. Frank Hart, of South Carolina as a distinguished visitor.

Handicapped by ill health, Grand High Priest Dunn made the best of his opportunities and his address shows that he gave his best to the cause of the Royal Craft during his year of service. Yet there is very little of interest to outsiders, beyond the common run of official acts.

He noted the arrest of one charter, which due to long continued violations of law had "shown itself unworthy longer to hold charter from this Grand Body." He also said: "Many of the Chapters have evidenced little or no interest in the work and several other charters probably should have been arrested." In reply to a query from a High Priest if the Royal Arch degree "should be put on in the old manner, with the rough road and so forth," he said:

The Past Master's and Royal Arch Degrees must be put on as set out in the ritual and there is no place in the ritual for by-play, in any of the degrees.

He strongly favored holding York Rite Reunions at stated intervals, where the Lodges, Chapters and Commanderies in easily accessible distances gather at one place and confer all the degrees, giving perhaps one day to each of the orders, which he states has brought about "a rebirth of Masonic enthusiasm and an increasing gain in numbers and interest." This is substantially the plan adopted by our Scottish Rite fraters, with very gratifying gains in membership. But somehow the writer cannot seem to make it fit in York Rite procedure.

The Grand Secretary holds a similar office in both the Grand Council and the Grand Commandery, and one report evidently suffices for the three Grand Bodies, for it is addressed to the Grand Commander, Grand High Priest and Illustrious Grand Master.

The Report of the Committee on Necrology pays tribute to Illustrious Noble Joseph H. Rehm, who was Grand High Priest in 1918.

Recognition was granted the new Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan. And a constitutional

amendment provides that a petitioner for the Chapter degrees must have been a Master Mason six months or have filed a certificate of proficiency in the degrees of the Symbolic Lodge.

There appears to be no reference to an Order of High Priesthood.

Once again Ex. Companion J. Edward Allen presents a Report on Correspondence that is full of interest and with many timely comments, which must be read to be appreciated.

He opines that a Grand Chapter on wheels is ideal and evidently wonders why Florida does not oftener "go a-visiting." The geographical formation of this state together with existing railway conditions make it impractical, however desirable it may be theoretically.

His few criticisms though pertinent, are sugar coated and worthy of consideration, but repetition would not now help matters.

Special reference is made to the pleasurable fraternal visit two years ago by Companion Cary B. Fish, who is now Grand Scribe.

Referring to the fact that Florida's correspondence for 1923 happened to be written by the Deputy Grand High Priest, Companion Allen would make it obligatory that "every Grand High Priest should read at least three-fourths of all the year's volumes of Proceedings before he might be installed to the highest office." It is quite certain that would not hurt him and probably would do him much good. The suggestion is that it be put into practice.

Next Annual in Gastonia, May 12, 1925.

E. Rowley Hampton, Asheville, Grand High Priest.
 John B. Griggs, Elizabeth City, Grand Secretary.
 J. Edwin Allen, Warrenton, Correspondent.

NOVA SCOTIA—1924

Chapters, 20. Members, 2,711. Exalted, 134. Net Loss, 40.

JOHN W. LOGAN, Grand High Priest.

Although most of the actual business of this Grand Chapter is reported through the Board of General Purposes, (originally an overseas Masonic practice), yet it retains the official titles used on this side the invisible States-Canadian line.

Notwithstanding that every Chapter reported exaltations at the Fifty-fifth Annual, held in Bridgewater, June 10, 1924, yet the "pruning knife" and industrial conditions appear responsible for a loss in membership, the only Grand Chapter up to this writing reporting such a showing, and the several reports indicate that general optimism is in command.

Reversing ordinary procedure, the reports of the Grand Superintendents precede the address of the Grand High Priest. Of particular interest is that part of the report of the New Foundland superintendent, indicating that apparently there are Masonic Lodges in adjacent American territory working under both English and Scottish constitutions:

The foe that we have to struggle with is apathy, or indifferent attendance. Just now we appear to be very much in the ebb of

the tide in this respect, and can only count on the faithful few. But there are indications which promise better things, for since the Scottish Craft began giving of the Mark degree in their Blue Lodges, we are reaping the benefit; and for almost the first time since we have been under our present jurisdiction, we find ourselves in more active sympathy with the Blue Lodges; as both the English and Scottish (Provincial) Grand Masters, as well as their Deputies, are Chapter members. Hence we think the outlook can be viewed in a more optimistic light.

Practically all of the address of the Grand High Priest is given to a resume of his official acts. He pays this tribute to our late beloved Past Grand High Priest Olin S. Wright, "His silent influence was felt in every branch of Masonic endeavor."

An event of special Masonic importance during the year were the reception and courtesies tendered R. W. Bro. Lord Amphill, Pro Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, who was a brief sojourning visitor in the Grand Jurisdiction.

Recognition was granted the Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, but owing to lack of "sufficient information" no action was taken on the request from Queensland.

What promises to be a valuable adjunct to Capitular Masonry in Nova Scotia is being brought out by the Grand Archivist, and which is something that might be considered by other Grand Chapters. This will be of interest to students of the Royal Craft:

I have discovered in our own archives conclusive evidence establishing the fact that Royal Arch Masonry was active in Quebec from 1760 to 1791, the latter being the earliest date hitherto established; also from various sources that the various degrees were conferred in Nova Scotia as early as 1760 and possibly as early

as 1757, our earliest date hitherto established being 1780. I am convinced that more remains to be discovered and that the story when written will open an entirely new chapter in the history of Freemasonry in America.

V. E. Comp, R. V. Harris, the Grand Archivist, recently returned from Palestine and brought with him a piece of marble taken "from the quarries of King Solomon." It is to be placed in the new Freemason's Hall in Halifax.

Much importance is placed upon the Order of High Priesthood, and hereafter no High Priest shall be permitted to exercise any of the duties of his office until he has received the Order, nor will he be entitled to rank as a Past High Priest. During the year seven Special Conventions of the Order were held, besides the Annual.

Always interesting and instructive is the Report on Correspondence by the chairman of the committee as well as Grand Secretary Brenton F. Porter. But little if anything of real importance appears to escape his notice.

Considerate and favorable is his reference to Florida and after reading the report of Resolution Committee in reference to the Tampa Annual, he adds, "Doesn't that make us all wish we had been in Tampa." Referring to the election of the writer as Grand High Priest last year, he makes this comment:

We have always been convinced that there could be no better preparation for the duties of the head of a Grand Jurisdiction than a half dozen years or more on the Correspondence Committee.

His kind words are appreciated, and we hope he was not disappointed in his expectations.

He is somewhat skeptical of the benefits accruing

from conferring the degrees on large classes, for in referring to the 1,100 candidates receiving the M. E. M. degree, he says:

We have yet to be convinced that these immense numbers receiving the degrees at one time has much in accord with the spirit of Masonry, even though it may be in accord with the spirit of the times.

In another place, in referring to the presentation of jewels to Grand Representatives, he wonders "what would the jewel of a Grand Representative be?" Would that conditions permitted the reproduction of other illuminating comments.

Next Annual in Halifax, June 9, 1924.

Pius J. S. Otto, Dartmouth, Grand High Priest.

Brenton F. Porter, Truro, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

OHIO—1924

Chapters, 206. Members, 77,224. Exalted, 3,982. Net Gain, 2,476.

JOHN P. KUHN, Grand High Priest

It is always a pleasure to review the transactions of this Grand Chapter, for it was in one of the Subordinate Chapters of this, the second largest Grand Body of Capitular Masons in the world, that the writer of this was exalted. The One Hundred and Eighth Annual was held in Cincinnati, Oct. 1st and 2nd, and of course all the Official Family were present, as well as sixteen Past Grands and Companion Ernest B. Brown for Florida.

In the well prepared address of Grand High Priest Kuhns he emphasized the right of every representative present to participate in all the deliberations of that Grand Body, regardless of whether he be a Past Grand High Priest or the representative of the smallest Chapter in the state. He also urged that on the return they summarize what has taken place, even though it may extend over several convocations.

During the year two beloved Companions crossed to the other side and the Craft at large are the losers: Most Excellent Companion Jacob H. Bromwell, Grand High Priest in 1895, and Most Excellent Comp. William T. McLean, Grand High Priest in 1906.

The Grand High Priest attributed much of the wonderful growth of this Grand Chapter to the District Inspector system.

All four of the new Chapters consecrated during the year were located in the northeast corner of the state, at one time designated as the old Connecticut Western Reserve, and one of the petitions for new Chapters requested was also from the same section. And it was on the shore of Lake Erie that the first white settler is said to have landed late in the 1790's.

The Grand High Priest refused to approve a by-law which carried with it a departure from the Uniform Code.

The Past High Priests' Association requested permission to inaugurate a movement to hold a joint ceremonial for conferring the Most Excellent Masters' degree, but the Grand High Priest advised against such action.

Several years ago a Brother petitioned and received the Mark Master degree, but ill health prevented taking other degrees. At that time the full fee was \$25, it has

since been advanced to \$50. The Brother having recovered his health desires to proceed, and was informed that it must be under the advanced fees.

Apparently the Code provides that in cases of expulsion for non-payment of dues, registered letter notices of such expulsions must be sent. One Chapter had thirty-eight suspensions for that cause, and inquired of the Grand High Priest if they could penalize the suspended Companion in the sum of fifty cents account expenses incurred. He decided that no penalty or pecuniary charge could be imposed.

He ruled that under the Code Grand Chapter could not grant permission for a Chapter to use its rooms for DeMolay meeting purposes. Grand Chapter emphasized this by disapproving a resolution presented the year previous endorsing the DeMolay movement.

The Grand High Priest granted a Chapter, whose rooms and charter had been destroyed by fire, permission to hold its business sessions in a school building, but the conferring of the degrees must take place in the rooms of an adjoining Chapter, the work to be done by that Chapter as a courtesy to the former Chapter.

One Chapter wishes to preserve its charter in case of fire by placing it in a metallic case and using a photographic reproduction in the Chapter rooms, but the Grand High Priest decided that would not conform to the Code. Grand Chapter concurred, and further commended the Grand High Priest for the dignity, skill and zeal manifested in the performance of his official duties.

In looking over the Abstract of Returns of the Chapter of which the writer of this was exalted something over twenty years ago, only two family names appear that are recognizable.

The proceedings of the Order of High Priesthood show that one of Florida's distinguished winter visitors, M. E. Comp. Nelson Williams, is still at the head, and that 146 Companions were set apart and consecrated.

Past Grand High Priest Wm. A. Belt again presented an instructive Report on Foreign Correspondence, in which Florida receives favorable consideration. However we welcome the return to the Round Table of M. E. Companion Orion P. Sperra.

Next Annual in Akron, Sept. 20, 1925.

Robert E. Lee, Akron, Grand High Priest.

Edwin Hagenbuch, Urbana, Grand Secretary.

Orion P. Sperra, Ravenna, Correspondent.

OKLAHOMA—1924

Chapters, 81. Members, 13,806. Greeted, 1,523. Net Gain, 949.

EDWARD PAYSON GALLUP, Grand High Priest.

Every Grand Officer was in his proper station when the Thirty-fifth Annual convened in Ada, April 16th. Although a new Grand Representative was assigned to Florida yet apparently he failed to participate in the reception accorded other similar dignitaries by the Grand High Priest. A pleasing feature, annually observed, is the recognition accorded Past Grand High Priest ("Father") Murrow, also the "father" of Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Oratorical effects do not appear primarily in the well-prepared and business-like address of Grand High Priest

Gallup, who reports his official acts concisely. He rejoiced that the Angel of Death had not called any member of the Official Family during the year. He very graciously requested Junior Past Grand High Priest Wilson to constitute the four new Chapters which he had been so instrumental in starting.

He stated that while the law made it possible to receive a petition and start conferring the degrees "in about ten minutes," he granted several dispensations to waive statutory time where Chapters desired to start work early—before the regular hour. Also for Chapters to go to other Masonic halls to confer degrees. Although the Jurisprudence Committee approved, it added, "this right should only be exercised in extreme cases."

His decisions, so far as applicable, would probably pass under Florida laws, yet we do not recall having seen just this form of expression, where a Brother was stopped after receiving the Mark and Past Master Degrees, that the "unearned portion" should be returned.

He visited twenty-two Chapters, but "did not expect to visit all" of them. A commendable record. One that he visited had been working ten years and never before had a visit from a Grand Officer. This from his "Conclusion" is worth considering:

There is today throughout the world a spirit of unrest and dissatisfaction. Everybody is going around with a chip on his shoulder. Numerous societies and organizations have been started, some for this, and some for that. Some of them have made Masonry a pre-requisite for membership, others have done anything possible to make it appear to the public that Masonry was in accord with and approved their actions.

Companions, the reason Masonry has outlived the fortunes of kings and the mutations of empires is because it has never allowed the discussion of creeds, cults or isms to take place in the Lodge rooms. It never asks a man what his religion is, but asks if he believes in the one living and true God. Today, Companions, as never before, it behooves all Masons to be careful of what they say and do.

Grand Chapter adopted the report of Companion Noble, Fraternal Correspondent, recognizing the Grand Chapter of Queensland, formed August 12, 1918, by one Chapter holding under Irish constitutions, and four under the Grand Chapter of New South Wales, rather than the Grand Chapter formed in 1921 by Chapters of Scotland and England, which he designates as "clearly an invasion of territory," because, he says:

It will be borne in mind that the American doctrine is based on absolute single sovereignty, that dual occupation is untenable, and that the first body to gain establishment in unoccupied territory is therefore supreme in its tenure.

Somehow we cannot make that fit with his comment under Nevada, if we understand it correctly, referring to Queensland, where he says: "Queensland has two Grand Chapters occupying the same field, and they should get together and consolidate before being given recognition."

Among the Constitutional Amendments adopted was one which provides that twenty-one or more chartered Chapters shall constitute a quorum for business in Grand Chapter; but that a special Convocation not called for legislative business, nine may constitute a quorum.

Another was that under certain conditions a Chapter may receive and ballot on a petition without reference to a Committee on Investigation.

Still another, if we correctly understand, is that other Grand Jurisdictions are to receive only one copy of the Annual Proceedings, which causes us to wonder how the Fraternal Correspondent is to review the Proceedings and the Grand Secretary is to also keep a copy on file.

Thirty qualified Companions received the Order of High Priesthood.

There is so much really worth while in the comprehensive and instructive Correspondence report of Ex. Comp. William Noble, his sixth, that one scarcely knows how to begin or where to leave off, unless we reproduce it substantially in its entirety, and that is prohibitory.

The exempting of a Secretary from dues is not common in Florida; generally they receive stipulated amount, and Grand Chapter provides for exempting from dues the indigent and other meritorious Companions, and so far as the writer knows there are no life members.

There is so much to commend in Comp. Noble's review that there is no space left to criticize. Last year the writer tried as best he knew how to occupy a dual station, but this year he is just a "has been."

Next Annual in Cushing, April 21 and 22, 1925.

Thos. J. Wells, Enid, Grand High Priest.

Jas. A. Scott, Muskogee, Grand Secretary.

William Noble, Oklahoma City, Correspondent.

OREGON—1924

Chapters, 45. Members, 6,902. Exalted, 367. Net Gain, 230.

GEORGE O. BROWN, Grand High Priest.

Largely routine was the Sixty-fourth Annual of this Grand Chapter, held in Albany, April 14, 1924, and Florida was not among the Grand Representatives present.

The year's activities were well covered in the address of the Grand High Priest, who paid tribute to the passing of M. E. Comp. Jay Tuttle, Grand High Priest in 1891, and M. E. Comp. Thos. F. Ryan, Grand High Priest in 1914. During the year four Chapters were constituted and dispensations issued to form two others, which later were granted charters.

Action on the several matters referred to the Jurisprudence Committee is no doubt clear to the membership, and unquestionably of importance, some being adopted and others referred back for action another year.

Recognition was granted the Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

A proposed Constitutional Amendment will require members as well as visitors to present receipt for dues to Sentinel before being admitted to the Chapter. By another amendment, Grand Chapter will receive one dollar each for Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and two dollars for Royal Arch degree conferred, but no mention is made as to how this additional revenue is to be applied.

Of more than ordinary importance was the annual meeting of the Grand Council of the Order of High

Priesthood, at which thirty-two Companions were set apart. The Order in this state was founded by Asa H. Hodson, and transmitted by him to his son Orlando O. Hodson, who passed away in 1923. As a fitting memorial to these Royal Craftmen the name was, by resolution, changed to "Hodson Council of High Priests of the State of Oregon." There must always be a first time, and this is the first in the recollection of the writer where a Council has taken the name of a person.

Much is to be learned in the comprehensive Report on Foreign Correspondence by Ex. Companion Walter O. Haines, and it would be a pleasure to pass along his wise conclusions. Under Florida he believes Oregon should be added to our list of last year, of the Grand Chapters not formed under General Grand Chapter, because "the letter sent to the Companions in Oregon by the then General Grand High Priest was not official but merely an expression of his own opinion."

Next Annual in Portland, April 13, 1925.

H. Wayne Stannard, Brownsville, Grand High Priest.

Jas. F. Robinson, Portland, Grand Secretary.

Walter O. Haines, Portland, Correspondent.

PENNSYLVANIA—1924

Chapters, 151. Members, 57,528. Marked, 3,254. Net Gain, 2,068.

JOHN M. CORE, Grand High Priest.

Quarterly Communications suggest antiquity of formation of this Grand Chapter, which together with other

records establishes its claim, to this distinction, to its own satisfaction at least.

A new form for recording the minutes of constituent Chapters by the Chapter secretaries being in force, much of the address of Grand High Priest Core at the First Quarterly deals with this subject, and includes in addition to the sending out of monthly notices of communications, the making of monthly returns which must check in every particular and the periodic submitting of Minute Book and Book of Marks. The negligence of one Chapter secretary brought about the arrest of one Chapter's charter, until another Quarterly.

Another stringent law makes it obligatory for the Elective or Council Officers to be proficient in the work, the Scribe conferring the Mark, the King, the Most Excellent and the High Priest the Royal Arch degrees.

One High Priest permitted this to be done by another, he not being proficient, and suspension followed.

By-law amendments indicate that St. John the Evangelist Day is being dropped and the Annual substituted.

During the year two members of the Permanent Family received their final summons: Hibbert P. John, Grand High Priest in 1881 and 1882 and dean of the Past Grands; William B Meredith, Grand High Priest 1907 and 1908, and one of the members of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for many years.

During the year a Special Communication was held for the purpose of constituting William B. Meredith Chapter at New Kensington, which starts off with over sixty members. Personal interest attaches to that by reason that one of its members was exalted by the writer of this review several years previous in his Florida Chapter. Pennsylvania laws require that when a High Priest

is installed all except Past High Priests must retire during the ceremony.

This Grand Jurisdiction is divided into twenty-three districts, and a district meeting is held every year, at which the three degrees are rehearsed. The Grand High Priest attended each one of the meetings as well as making quite a number of visitations. One of the outstanding features of these rehearsals is the impressing upon the officers of constituent Chapters that each officer must qualify himself to perform the duties of his office.

Indicative of the thoroughness of this method of instruction, the accompanying from the address of Grand High Priest Core, referring to his visit to the district meeting held in Pittsburg:

A most interesting feature of this rehearsal was that we had the Principal of the Capitular school at Philadelphia and the Principal of the Capitular school at Pittsburgh both on the floor during the entire rehearsal, and yet there was not a word or a floor movement in which they were not in entire accord. Such is our "Pennsylvania Work," without printed ritual, lecturers or custodians of the work. In Pennsylvania the M. E. Grand High Priest is the sole custodian and authority on the work, from whose decision there is no appeal. Under this system, as practiced for over one hundred years, we have uniform work throughout the state.

The entire policy of Capitular Masonry in Pennsylvania is that each officer shall perform the duties of his office. It is not optional with either the officer or Chapter. His obligation requires him to do this, and that requirement cannot be shirked or evaded; neither can it be done by proxy. In Pennsylvania we do not have trained "Degree Teams," as they are sometimes called, for conferring degrees. The regular officers of the Chapter are the proper persons to confer degrees.

The decisions of the Grand High Priest pertained to

violations of constitutional laws which would not arise under Florida laws.

A different set of tellers are required for the election of each Grand Officer.

Under the Pennsylvania Capitular system there is no separate Past Master Degree nor an Order of High Priesthood, these being otherwise provided for.

Five members comprise the Committee on Correspondence, the work being assigned alphabetically, and according to the schedule Florida fell to Companion H. Franklin Brossman, but for some reason it must have been transferred to M. E. Companion Wm. B. Meredith, who passed away during the year, as the signature reads, "For W. B. M.," preceded by this statement: "This report is written by a 'prentice hand instead of the Master Builder."

Florida is considerably reviewed and the work of the Grand High Priest commended. Possibly the reviewer did not carefully read the whole of the decision referring to Scotland, or he might have noticed that the decision was based on one made by the late General Grand High Priest Wm. F. Kuhn.

The "'prentice hand" also informs us that under Pennsylvania laws, when a Brother has been three times rejected, further petitioning can only be made by special permission of the Grand Chapter, it being sovereign, should the facts warrant.

Approving reference is made to the Florida custom where "the Grand Chapter bears the expense of a monument at the last resting place of its Past Grand High Priests."

George P. Darrow, Philadelphia, Grand High Priest.
Joseph Quinby, Philadelphia, Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC—1924

Chapters, 20. Members, 3,196. Received, 271. Net Gain, 225.

HENRY WILLIS, Grand Z.

Every constituent Chapter, every important Grand Officer and many Past Grands were in attendance at the Forty-seventh Annual held in Montreal, March 26th. Florida being so far south its rays failed to be welcomed by the Grand Z. and consequently on greetings, we presume, have reached this Grand Jurisdiction.

Perhaps this from the opening of the address of First Grand Principal Willis best bespeaks conception of service:

I have ever believed that the Grand First Principal is the servant of the Craft, and not the master; that his powers and duties are defined by constitutional enactments, and that there are no governmental powers inherent in his office. * * * In this spirit, I have striven during the past two years, to the best of my ability, to discharge the duties of the office which you have bestowed upon me.

A study of the dispensations and other edicts emanating from some of the Grand Easts seem to give a different conception of the powers so vested.

Another expression from the same source may explain why we find so little in his report of activities of interest to the outside Craft:

No controversy of any kind has been brought to my notice, and nothing requiring judicial action has been demanded of me.

During the year the Royal Craft was caused to mourn the passing to the Great Beyond of M. E. Comp. John

P. Noyes, Grand First Principal in 1886, and M. E. Comp. Walter J. Francis, in 1921, being respectively the Senior and Junior Grand Z's.

Three Chapters were constituted by M. E. Comp. Willis, and he made several other visitations.

A splendid insight into the inner workings of Capitular Masonry in the Grand Jurisdiction is obtained from the detailed reports of the four Grand District Superintendents, who appear to have many of the powers usually conferred on the Grand High Priests this side the "invisible line." These include approving by-laws, approving waivers of jurisdictions, issuing dispensations, granting permission to wear regalia and attend church service and passing on petitions for dispensations to form new Chapters. Generally speaking, the condition of the Royal Craft is encouraging and satisfactory, but this from the Stadacona District, comprising two Chapters, which includes the city of Quebec, should be read between the lines:

This District operates under definite difficulties. It is admitted that the inertia and the silent militant race and creed antagonism which is incident to older Quebec are more powerful to hinder rapid progress here, than in the metropolis and townships. Men, therefore of loyal and outstanding Masonic personality are essentially more rare and where they have emerged are deserving of more sterling admiration and acclaim.

The report of the Committee on Ritual, which was adopted, carried with it, as understood, the elimination of the Past Master degree. And this is further confirmed by this from the Correspondence Report of M. E. Comp. E. T. D. Chambers under Virginia:

First quoting from Companion Eggleston, "Some serious minded members want the Past Master's Degree eliminated. It has always looked to us as a singular fact that the degree is nothing more or less than a subterfuge and that any subterfuge is out of place in Masonry."

Here follows Companion Chamber's comment: In that case the evil was contributed to by the Grand Chapter of Quebec, when she eliminated the P. M. degree from the list of qualifications required for the R. A. degree, which was almost always made an occasion for buffoonry and horseplay that should have no place in Masonry, was a far less evil than would be the maintenance not only of this condition of affairs, but also of what Companion Eggleston has correctly called "a resort to a subterfuge and a mistake."

For the first time in our recollection M. E. Companion E. D. T. Chambers, the dean of Grand Chapter correspondents, was unable to attend the Annual Convocation, and instead sent a telegram of regrets. However, his thirty-seventh report appears and it is a pleasure to know that he will continue a work that has gained him a reputation second to none in the entire Capitular world. His treatment of Florida is concise for he appears to find in it but little worthy of mention.

Next Annual in Montreal, March 25, 1925.

W. M. Couper, Montreal, Grand Z.

W. W. Williamson, Montreal, Grand Scribe E.

E. D. T. Chambers, Quebec, Correspondent.

SASKATCHEWAN—1925

Chapters, 22. Members, 2,522. Admissions, 152. Net Gain, 35.

C. H. CRANDON, Grand Z.

Much interest attaches to the proceedings of the First Annual Convocation of this baby Grand Chapter, which was held in Saskatoon, Feb. 20, 1924. Of course every Grand Officer was present and every Chapter was represented.

Briefly the initiative for this Grand Body was taken by Wascana Chapter of Regina, the senior Chapter in the Province, being Chapter No. 121 in the Grand Chapter of Canada, at an informal meeting held in Regina, June 21, 1922. An informal organization was formed and a petition was framed and sent to the Grand Chapter of Canada, asking for the approval and recognition of a Grand Chapter in the Province of Saskatchewan. This was granted at the 1923 Annual of the Grand Chapter of Canada. And the first convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan was held in Regina, June 12, 1923. M. E. Comp. R. H. Spencer, Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, presiding, also constituted the Grand Chapter and installed its officers.

The address of M. E. Comp. Crandon, Grand Z. at the first Annual, was concise, with careful attention to details, stressing the necessity of the examination of candidates before advancement. Comparatively few American Grand Chapters have this requirement. Referring to this, the Grand Z. well says:

If we are to turn out properly qualified Royal Arch Masons it is incumbent on us to see that they are in possession of the knowledge necessary to this end.

The Grand Z. reported that three dispensations to form new Chapters had been issued, each of which were presenting satisfactory specimens of work. The granting of charters was recommended. He visited officially fourteen out of the twenty-two Chapters and arranged for other Council officers to visit the remaining ones. He was not called upon for any rulings, which indicates that the Companions are studying the Constitution and demonstrates that as a Grand Body they are well qualified for self government.

Recognition had been granted by nearly a score of sister Grand Chapters and favorable consideration given by the others.

Some misunderstanding having arisen regarding the time that must intervene between conferring degrees, Grand Chapter ordered that fourteen days must elapse between the Most Excellent Master Degree and the Royal Arch Degree.

The attendance register of a Chapter being considered a part of the historical record, the signing should be in ink.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is made by Ex. Companion C. P. Moore for the committee, and owing to the fact that comparatively few proceedings had been received, the report was confined to the Grand Jurisdictions in Canada.

The Report concludes with a reproduction of a paper by Most Excellent Companion J. W. Prescott, of British Columbia, on "The Progress of Freemasonry in West-

ern Canada." From it it is learned that a third of a century ago Manitoba District of the Grand Chapter of Canada comprised all the country from Port Arthur to the Pacific Ocean and from the Forty-ninth parallel to the Arctic Circle, a territory over 2000 miles in length as well as in breadth, containing four constituent Chapters with a total membership of 278. This territory is now divided into four Grand Chapters with combined membership of a little less than ten thousand.

Next Annual in Moose Jaw, sometime in February, 1925.

Jas. McAuley, Moose Jaw, Grand First Principal.
F. B. Reilly, Regina, Grand Scribe E.
C. P. Meers (?), Weyburn, Correspondent.

SOUTH CAROLINA—1924

Chapters, 44. Members, 6,536. Exalted, 417. Net Gain, 156.

WM. W. WANAMAKER, Grand High Priest

One special convocation for the purpose of constituting the Hart Chapter preceded the One Hundred and Thirteenth Annual, held in Aiken, April 8, 1924, with all Grand Officers, eight Past Grands and Florida's representative present.

Uneventful appears to have been the Capitular year, although Grand High Priest Wannamaker was quite optimistic over "an evident desire on the part of the Craft to develop higher ideals and stress the fundamental teach-

ings that may be found beneath the rubbish of form and ceremony."

The attention of the Grand High Priest was called to a statement in a previous proceedings that a Rhode Island Companion was given as the Representative of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Queensland, accompanied by a request from that Supreme Grand Chapter for recognition and exchange of Representatives. Investigation revealed that the Grand Chapter of South Carolina had never recognized the Grand Chapter of Queensland. This was referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations, and it was further referred to the Foreign Correspondent for further investigation. But recognition, however, was accorded the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

The routine work of the Grand High Priest included the granting of dispensations to form two new Chapters. His opinions, which were approved, brought out nothing particularly new, with the exception of the granting of a special dispensation to two Chapters to elect and install officers of a Subordinate Chapter at a Convocation prior to the Annual Convocation, which were emphatically disapproved, and quite properly it seem to us.

A constitutional amendment to change the date of the Annual Convocation from the second Tuesday to the fourth Wednesday was also disapproved.

The customary third, more or less, qualified Companions petitioned and were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood. It seems deplorable that so few comparatively take advantage of participating in one of the most sublime spectacles of York or American Rite Masonry.

For fifteen consecutive years has M. E. Comp. James L. Michie prepared a "feast of good things" for the Companions of the Palmetto State, and such few others as are privileged to participate.

Companion Michie quotes freely and comments tersely, but never forgets the great principles of tolerance. He gave liberal space to Florida with no adverse comment, and has this to say concerning the work of the writer:

His is a style we admire, he reviews the Jurisdiction in a painstaking and thoughtful manner, while his comments are always courteous and to the point.

Next Annual in Spartanburg, April 14, 1925.

Wm. W. Wannamaker, Orangeburg, Grand High Priest.

O. Frank Hart, Columbia, Grand Secretary.

James L. Michie, Darlington, Correspondent.

SOUTH DAKOTA—1924

Chapters, 43. Members, 6,352. Exalted, 324. Net Gain, 48.

CYRUS E. WARNE, Grand High Priest.

This Grand Chapter being "on wheels," its Thirty-fifth Annual was held in the one-time great mining city of Lead, which has been described as "the richest hundred miles square of these United States." The entire Official Family, fourteen Permanent Members and Florida's Representative were present. Special recognition was given M. E. Companion William Blatt who is spoken

of as "the moving spirit in the organization of this Grand Chapter in 1885."

It is difficult to make something out of nothing, meaning that so uneventful was the Capitular year that due search and inquiry reveals almost nothing of interest to the outside reader.

One Chapter was constituted, a few local dispensations issued and no decisions required.

His numerous official visitations evidenced his intense interest in the work in which he was engaged.

A communication from the Scottish Rite Deputy making the qualifications for a Master Mason petitioning for the Scottish Rite Degrees, one year, providing the Shrine and Commandery will join with the Chapter in a similar arrangement. This was referred to the incoming administration for action a year hence.

Less than a dozen qualified Companions petitioned for and received the Order of High Priesthood.

Without comment either "fore or aft," Ex. Companion Charles L. Brockway presented a comprehensive review of all the Grand Chapters that came to him. He quotes with discretion and his comments show thought and consideration.

He found nothing out of the ordinary in Florida and hence his comments are consistently brief. He dubs the Review a "readable document."

We are pleased to note that Companion Brockway was advanced to the station of Grand King, and as this Grand Jurisdiction has abolished the office of Deputy Grand High Priest as a useless appendage, he will soon be wearing the "purple of the fraternity," perhaps before this reaches most of the readers.

Next Annual in Sioux Falls, June 11, 1925.

Joseph Stanton, Watertown, Grand High Priest.
 Geo. A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, Grand Secretary.
 Chas. L. Brockway, Sioux Falls, Correspondent.

TEXAS—1924

Chapters, 317. Members, 42,951. Exalted, 2,835. Net Gain, 1,351.

SAM J. HELM, Grand High Priest.

It took seventeen Grand Officers to properly open the Seventy-fifth (Diamond) Annual of the Grand Chapter in Waco, Dec. 1, 1924, with nearly as many more Past Grand High Priests, but apparently only 125 constituent Chapters were represented, although there were 173 Past High Priests in attendance, and almost every other Grand Chapter, including Florida, was represented. Altogether it was a magnificent showing for the Lone Star State.

Devotion to duty and an unusual grasp of every situation aptly characterizes the instructive report of Grand High Priest Helm, in which reference is made to the phenomenal growth of this Grand Chapter from the nine original Chapters with a membership of 240 to the present magnificent proportions. This would confirm his assertion that "throughout Texas today more attention is being paid to Capitular Masonry than ever before," and that "the Capitular world is in unison."

This Grand Chapter seems to have reached such a plethoric state financially that under certain conditions Chapters become exempt from Grand Chapter dues, the number at this time reaching about 175, which reminds the writer of the "happy condition" song. Another fea-

ture of constructive work was bringing the Grand Chapter Treasury to such a state that it was able to set aside an endowment fund of \$500,000 for the Home for Aged Masons, concerning which he makes this statement:

It seems that this Grand Chapter has the distinction of being the only one which maintains a Home that is open to the Master Mason who has not received the Chapter degrees, but in Texas, and when he finds himself homeless and dependent, he finds a welcome awaiting him in this splendid institution, now ready to be completed as a monument to the Brotherhood of Man.

Two other tasks he reported as being consummated. One was to measure the needs of the Craft in regard to further light in Masonry, which was covered by a vest pocket treatise under the title "A Brief Application of the York Rite to Daily Life;" and the third was the resumption of fraternal relations with all Companions whithersoever dispersed.

Four Chapters were given dispensations to resume labor, they having forfeited their charters by failure to hold a convocation for four months.

Out of more than a hundred requests for rulings, he reported only five. One was that an applicant for affiliation by demit from Scotland must be healed in three degrees and have the Past Master conferred upon him. But the Jurisprudence Committee held that because Texas had severed relations with Scotland, it would be necessary for him to be governed by the Statutes and live in the state one year. The others pertain to conditions which would not prevail under Florida laws. He conducted a "Question Box," from which a few queries are appended:

Is the divorced wife of a Master Mason entitled to protection and assistance as his widow? My notion is that a widow is a woman whose husband is dead, but you had better consult the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Texas.

Isn't it unlawful to use "doctored" water in the — — degree? A man who understands that degree or who appreciates even a small part of it, would burn a church down as a joke on the preacher as quickly as he would do anything to mar the solemnity of that degree. Teach them what the degree means.

How many times this year have you seen in the papers and magazines photos of men convicted or being tried, and the Shrine pin showing on their lapels? Five.

Suspended Royal Arch Masons are allowed to sit in the Commandery here; is there no way to stop it? There is an exceedingly efficient method; a note will be sent today, advising a certain distinguished Mason of Dallas of this practice, and perhaps this fraternal word of warning will convince your Commandery that Jaques deMolay was not the only Templar who could get into trouble.

Where should the Bible be opened in the Mark Master degree? The Master's lights are the lights of the Chapter, and the Bible is customarily opened in the Old Testament, since the Lodge, Chapter and Council degrees are supposed to antedate the New Testament, as the event on which they are founded occurred many centuries before the Christian Era. Many Chapters, however, for convenience open the Bible at the twentieth chapter of Matthew while conferring the Mark Master's degree.

Most flagrant violations of Capitular laws were reported a year previous relative to Sherman Chapter, and was referred to the present administration. Without going into details, a synopsis of which was given a year ago, the trial proved to be almost a farce, and it would seem that the Grand High Priest was justified when he stated in his address:

My diagnosis of the case is this: Masonry does not prevail there; * * * it has knowingly violated the law of Grand Chap-

ter so long that law means nothing to it if it can avoid apprehension; * * * to this good moment, they do not practice anything that would indicate that they had ever heard a mention of "private piques and quarrels." * * * The Grand Secretary was instructed to go to Sherman and take up the charter unless he could find some excuse for its further existence. He went to Sherman and returned to his office, bringing the charter with him.

This action was approved by Grand Chapter: "When said Chapter may make application for restoration of the charter, the Grand Chapter can then decide regarding what shall be done."

The foregoing are only a portion of the "high lights" which illumine his address and which did not seem to give him space to "write a farewell exhortation in closing his report." In this connection mention might be made that the name of Sam J. Helm heads the Committee on Foreign Correspondence the coming year, and would indicate "something to look forward to."

Following its custom, the Order of High Priesthood was held at six o'clock in the morning, and was well attended, although only thirty-seven qualified Companions took advantage of the exceptional opportunity offered them.

Notwithstanding the multitudinous duties devolving upon the office of Grand Secretary of this vast domain, R. E. Comp. T. M. Bartley filled a vacancy existing by presenting the Report on Fraternal Relations, which he modestly states "is written primarily for the benefit of our own jurisdiction," and concluding with: "It is finished. The first and the last." His work certainly passed inspection, and his wages cannot be computed in dollars and cents.

Under Florida his commendation of the work of the Grand High Priest as well as that of the correspondent are greatly appreciated. Thank you. Our associations with him at the Portland Triennial will long remain among the particularly pleasing memories of that delightful gathering.

Next Annual in Waco, November 30, 1925.

Frank Holt, Waco, Grand High Priest.

T. M. Bartley, Waco, Grand Secretary.

UTAH—1924

Chapters, 8. Members, 1,142. Exalted, 82. Net Gain, 58.

WARREN BENJAMIN, Grand High Priest.

However much the Grand Chapter of Utah may numerically fall below sister Grand Chapters, its percentage of gain in membership compares favorably with the more pretentious, and it is doubtful if the claims of any exceed this modest statement by one qualified, "We have no horse-play and no contention," made at the Thirteenth Annual, held in Salt Lake City, May 23, 1924, General Grand High Priest Wm. F. Kuhn was the guest of honor and Florida was without representation.

Sane and sensible was the business-like address of Grand High Priest Benjamin, who was encouraged by the improved character of the work incident to the revision of the ritual. And he quite pertinently added:

We as members of this great organization can do much in harmonizing influences by living the teachings of our order, by our words and actions; discharging our duties to our God, our government and our neighbor.

He visited every constituent Chapter once, and several more than once. In connection with his second visit to the new Chapter at Price, those who are familiar with Utah will better appreciate this comment:

Perhaps some of our correspondents in large and congested centers will think 40 members are a small number, but let me say we live in the zone designated "the last great frontier of the west," the country of magnificent distances and we frequently travel a great many miles over rough, rugged, sandy and treacherous roads, dugways and trails, through the canyons of the mountains and over passes to assist in the noble and glorious work of rebuilding the House of the Lord, and we have often wondered who there is among those more comfortably situated who would be willing to drive the greater part of the day and night and even the next day to advance the great and good cause we are striving for?

Another incident from the address of the Grand High Priest is as uncommon as it is unique:

Thirty-six years ago Captain Samuel Paul, then Grand Master of Utah, laid the cornerstone of the Ogden Union Railway depot. During the past winter this depot was so badly damaged by fire it was decided to raze the building and erect a new structure. The old cornerstone was removed and opened by Captain Paul, who is now in his ninetieth year and in excellent health. And Captain Samuel Paul will lay the cornerstone of the new structure a few days after the close of this Annual Convocation.

The acts of the Grand High Priest, being largely routine, met approval of Grand Chapter.

A constitutional amendment provides that any Past High Priest of another Jurisdiction may be elected to permanent membership in Grand Chapter and rank as a Past High Priest of the Chapter in which he shall have affiliated. Although probably of no material importance,

yet it causes one to wonder how his seniority in office would be determined.

Five Companions were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood and M. E. Comp. Herman J. Craven re-elected President.

The surmise of the writer of this report a year ago that the Report of the Committee on Correspondence in Utah was written by Ex. Companion Wm. F. Bulkley proved to be correct, and he this year presents his second report. Although somewhat concise it is instructive and well prepared.

Under Florida he says it is interesting "to note the great interest Parson Simpkin awoke by not signing his report."

If Frater Bulkley will re-read the 1923 Florida Proceedings he will observe his error in reference to severing fraternal relations with Texas.

Noting the "lamentable number of Companions who lapse each year," which he roughly estimates at 25 per cent of the number elevated in Royal Arch Masonry for the same period, he recommended the appointment of a committee to further study the situation, but no action appears to have been taken by Grand Chapter.

However, his splendid services were appreciated by re-appointment to the Correspondence Committee and also being advanced to the station of Grand Captain of the Host. Congratulations, and time will soon pass when he will be entitled to the suffix P. G. H. P. to his name.

Next Annual in Ogden, May 25, 1925.

George W. Lynch, Salt Lake City, Grand High Priest.

Walter Daniels, Salt Lake City, Grand Secretary.
Wm. F. Bulkley, Provo, Correspondent.

KANSAS—1925

Chapters, 94. Members, 21,356. Exalted, 1,053. Net Gain, 569.

WILLIAM E. HUTCHINSON, Grand High Priest.

Evenly balanced is Capitular Masonry in the Sunflower State, yet two features are given special and merited prominence in the proceedings of the Sixtieth Annual, held in Wichita, February 23 and 24, 1925. All officers save one, the Grand King, who was ill, were present, as well as eleven Past Grands, seventy-one Past High Priests and Florida's representative, besides two General Grand Chapter officers, M. E. John W. Neilson, General Grand Captain of the Host, and R. E. Charles A. Conover, General Grand Secretary.

Long-to-be-remembered, and no doubt it will stand out as a red-letter day in the annals of this Grand Body, was the historical address of Companion Conover on "The Origin and Development of the Royal Arch System." Companion Conover is doing more today than perhaps any other one man to bring to light the limited and meager information obtainable relative to the origin of the Royal Arch, and he is to be commended in his efforts to teach the coming generations that anything pertaining to the old Masonry continues to be ever new. He well says:

As we increase in knowledge we desire to search history, and as we study history and what it has brought forth we see further reason for concealment of truth in symbology, but do not let us allow symbology to run away with our wits.

Another red-letter fact in Kansas Capitular Masonry and particularly pleasing to Grand Secretary Wilson was

that for the first time all Chapters reported and made remittances on time.

Although comparatively uneventful was the passage during the year of the Royal Craft car of state, yet Grand High Priest Hutchinson uses the working tools of the Craft with force and appropriateness in a most pleasing and masterful address. While the percentage of gain in membership fell below some previous years, yet he had "every reason to believe that the one thousand and fifty-three additions were in truth and in fact EXALTED." And a further pleasing peculiarity is that a similar symbolism prevails in the reports of the committees to whom the Grand High Priest's address was referred as well as to the one on necrology.

During the year the Angel of Death made two demands of the Permanent Members: M. E. Companion Edward W. Wellington, who was Grand High Priest in 1902, and who was also General Grand Master of Royal and Select Master of the United States of America 1915-1918; M. E. Companion Edward W. Waynant, Grand High Priest in 1906.

During the year one Chapter was constituted and dispensations issued for two others, both of who were granted charters at this Annual.

Among the special dispensations issued by the Grand High Priest was one to confer the Mark Master degree on more than one candidate before a constitutional amendment permitting such action became operative. Florida does not limit the number. Another dispensation was for a Chapter to make a pilgrimage to another city to confer the Mark Master and the Past Master degrees.

Among the list of Grand Representatives appointed was that of Companion Alexander B. Steuart, affection-

ately known as "Alex," and the Grand Secretary will please notice and correct the spelling of the last name as above.

So well do Kansas Companions understand Capitular laws that no rulings or decisions were required.

The charter of one Chapter was ordered taken up the year previous, but Grand High Priest Hutchinson made a personal visit and investigation and so convinced the High Priest of the errors of his past administration that on the strength of promises made the charter was restored, and subsequent events proved the wisdom of the action for a gratifying showing was made at the close of the year.

A constitutional amendment now in force makes a provision that it seems to me ought in substance to be more general:

Before a receipt for dues is issued the Companion must produce a receipt from a regular Lodge showing that his dues are paid and that he is in good standing as a Master Mason.

But this additional provision is a new one:

If any member in arrears for dues states, in open Chapter or in writing, that he cannot pay them without material injury to his family, and such statement be vouched for by three members, they shall be remitted.

The matter of changing the ritualistic or esoteric work which has been under discussion for some time by Grand Chapter has been settled by confirming the work as promulgated in 1899 with the additional proviso that "in the exemplification of the Second Section of the Royal Arch Degree appropriate lantern slides may be used."

Fifty-three, more than half the qualified High Priests present, petitioned and were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

Grand Secretary and Past Grand High Priest Albert K. Wilson always prepares a "feast of fat things" for the readers of the Report on Correspondence, and his work this year is up to the high standard. The conclusions he reaches coincide with the writer and are so well expressed:

The Proceedings as a whole contain less of outside matters than those of previous years. In a few Jurisdictions, however, the Grand High Priests are disposed to follow the sentimental policy which has been so pronounced in the several Masonic bodies during the past six or seven years. As a general rule, however, more attention is being paid to the principles involved in Royal Arch Masonry and which were so beautifully illustrated throughout the addresses made by our late Past General Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion William F. Kuhn.

There are many matters of more than passing interest to the Royal Craft in general, but for obvious reasons cannot be given here, but in one of his reviews he calls special attention to the omission of the address of the Grand High Priest and the Correspondent, as well as the place and date of the next Annual. This information is of special help to the reviewer and no doubt would be to others. We have many a time searched the Proceedings through from "kiver to kiver," and even then was in doubt as to the statements made.

Under Florida he pays this appreciated compliment to our late beloved Companion, Past Grand High Priest Olin S. Wright:

This is particularly sad to the Companions of Kansas, as Companion Wright honored us for a number of years as our Grand Representative near this Grand Chapter.

Companion Wilson will please accept our sincere thanks for the complimentary references to our work, for "praise from Sir Richard is praise indeed."

Next Annual in Topeka, February 22, 1926.

Ben S. Paulen, Fredonia, Grand High Priest.

Albert K. Wilson, Topeka Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

NEW YORK—1925

Chapters, 224. Members, 69,906. Exalted, 4,186. Net Gain, 2,076.

FREDERICK L. DUTCHER, Grand High Priest.

One of the last Proceedings to reach us this time, and easily at the eleventh hour, is that of New York, but it is here presented, although of necessity out of alphabetical order. The One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Annual was held in Albany, February 3 and 4, 1925, and in which city, if we recall correctly, every Annual Grand Convocation has been held.

Every Grand Officer was present, although owing to the death during the year of Past Grand High Priest Joseph A. Crane, who had served this Grand Chapter as Treasurer since 1913, that station was filled by an appointee. Companion Crane was Grand High Priest in 1900. An incident in connection with the death of the Grand Treasurer brings to light a constitutional requirement that no person can be appointed to fill a Grand

Chapter vacancy except a Past High Priest who happens at the time to be a member of the Grand Chapter. This also brings out the evident fact that all Past High Priests are not members of the New York Grand Chapter. Florida being a much smaller body makes no distinction, for all Past High Priests are members of the Grand Chapter the same as all Past Grand High Priests are members of the General Grand Chapter.

One word stands out pre-eminently above all others in the Proceedings of this Grand Body, and that is "Visitations," in some form, whether it be by the Grand High Priest himself or some duly authorized representative, or by one or more representatives from Foreign or Concordant Orders, whether within or without the state. And in this connection they are legions, and past enumeration.

Notwithstanding all these multitudinous dignitaries Florida was without representation. Not so with New York's Representative, for Past Grand High Priest Marcus Endel is *always* present. In addition to being Grand Treasurer he is the dean of the Past Grands, as well as of the Grand Lodge, and besides he is the senior member of the Committee on Work in the latter Grand Body and has been beyond the time to which the memory of the average member runneth not to the contrary.

Anything like an adequate presentation of the address of Grand High Priest Dutcher is impractical and so we will be content with a few brief references.

He recommended recognition of the Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan. In a questionnaire sent out by the Grand High Priest previous to official visitations these questions were submitted to the High Priest of each Chapter:

First, "Have you a committee to instruct the candidates in the lectures?" Second, "Are you requiring candidates to show a suitable proficiency in the lecture of each degree before being further advanced?"

Nearly a fifth of the replies indicated no such action being taken, and later the Grand Lecturer was given authority to see that such provisions were carried out. But he was much gratified to learn of an increased attendance of membership over previous years, and which bears out the statement in the opening of his address: "I am pleased to report that all is well with the Royal Craft throughout the Empire State."

No decisions were required and only this extraordinary dispensation is noted, to waive the physical qualifications of a Brother who had suffered the amputation of his left foot above the ankle, the direct result of a wound sustained in the late war.

All of the acts of the Grand High Priest were approved as well as acquiescing in his recommendations so far as existing condition permitted.

This is one of the conditions brought out in the report of Grand Secretary Charles C. Hunt, and is worthy of consideration, though no remedy is suggested: It is significant that always as the number of exaltations decreases the number of suspensions for non-payments of dues increases; the decrease in the former being 624 and the increase in the latter 99.

Under New York regulations all elected High Priests must receive the Order of High Priesthood before they can preside over their Chapters, and early in the year three special assemblies were necessarily called for that purpose. An annual event in connection, from time immemorial, is the feast of fraternal fellowship and a com-

forting collation," given by the Fraternal Union of Anointed High Priests to its members and invited guests.

An effort was made to eliminate from the obligation all reference to the General Grand Chapter, but as the committee were not ready to report, it was given further time and the present form will continue.

A constitutional amendment provides that not more than two degrees can be conferred at the same Convocation, and at least one week must elapse between the conferring of the Most Excellent Master and the Royal Arch. While Florida has no constitutional regulation, yet in most cases that have come under the observation of the writer the conferring of the degrees are divided into three periods, regulated according to the convenience of the particular Chapter.

Trite expressions, without repetition, seem inadequate to express the real worth, not only to the reviewers but the Companions for whom it is primarily intended, is the truly excellent work of Past Grand High Priest Arthur Warren in his report as Committee on Correspondence.

His review of Florida is favorable and commendatory, including several quotations, and is of course specially pleasing to the writer. Reproductions in this case would be invidious, but none the less appreciated.

Reviewers quite often refer to the number of pages our report makes, but apparently they sometimes fail to take into consideration the first part of this comparison by Companion Warren:

We note that the pages are smaller than the ordinary pages and the type a little larger, which accounts for the seemingly voluminous report; and above all we must say that it does not seem too long because of the interesting style in which he writes and the sincerity which marks his comments.

Next Annual in Albany, Feb. 2 and 3, 1926.
John F. Birmingham, New York, Grand High Priest.
Charles C. Hunt, New York, Grand Secretary.
Arthur Warren, Rochester, Correspondent.

TENNESSEE—1925

Chapters, 90. Members, 11,039. Exalted, 738. Net Gain, 529.

JOHN C. GREER, Grand High Priest.

Only four Chapters failed to respond when the Ninety-sixth Annual convened in Nashville January 26, 1925—a date of special importance to the writer, for the records show that, perhaps we better not say just how many years ago, the writer first saw the light of day in a rural country where it was said that one leg of a man was longer than the other by reason of the side-hills.

Every officer was present, besides a dozen Past Grands and about half a hundred Past High Priests, and also the General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, M. E. Companion Bert S. Lee. Notwithstanding this brilliant galaxy, Florida being so far south of the elliptic, possibly, did not let its rays help to illumine the occasion. However, Tennessee fared no better at our last Annual.

The well prepared address of Grand High Priest sets forth, without frills, his official acts, which while numerous pertain mostly to home matters and are of little interest to outsiders.

His official visitations, a goodly number, "as many as he possibly could," indicated flourishing conditions in

part and of the others he was "hopeful that time and opportunity would remedy the defects." These conditions probably do not materially differ from a like number in other parts of the country.

Tennessee has had so much trouble over alleged invasions of jurisdiction by Georgia Chapters, nearer the line and with a much lower initiation fee, very wisely, it seems to us, repealed the existing law and definitely established the state line as the boundary line of jurisdiction.

Another wise piece of legislation was the enactment of a by-law making it unlawful to solicit in writing support for any office in the Grand Chapter.

For many years Past Grand High Priest James H. McClister has faithfully and efficiently served this Grand Chapter as Grand Lecturer, but finding the duties too strenuous for his advancing years, asked to be relieved. Grand Chapter took this under advisement by discontinuing the work of Grand Lecturer the coming year. Well does the writer recall the pleasurable associations with this beloved Companion at Baltimore and at Asheville, and the distinct loss we felt in not seeing him at Portland. We sincerely hope that a year's rest will materially rejuvenate this Grand Old Patriarch in Capitular Masonry.

Without knowing the details the action of the Committee on Appeals in dismissing the complaint where a High Priest had refused to set aside the result of a ballot after it had been announced, is commended.

The Order of High Priesthood is properly functioning and some three dozen qualified candidates were properly anointed. This Body believes in rotation and the officers are changed annually. Perhaps this procedure increases interest.

Somewhere Past Grand High Priest Charles H. Smart states that his report this time is his fifth one. My, but how time flies, for it seems but a very short time ago that the writer of this reviewed Companion Smart's work as Grand High Priest, with the comment that should conditions make it advisable he would very acceptably fill the position of reviewer, and his work fully justifies the conclusions reached at that time.

Not long ago the Knights of the Quill were wondering what the inimitable Roe Fulkerson would say next. He is doing acceptable work elsewhere. His place is now being filled by Companion Smart. Not alike, but equally surprising.

For some reason, good and sufficient, no doubt, no reference is made to Florida. The loss is ours. Hope it does not occur again.

Next Annual in Nashville, January 25-26, 1926.

J. Winfield Darby, Covington, Grand High Priest.

Stith M. Cain, Nashville, Grand Secretary.

Charles H. Smart, Nashville, Correspondent.

VERMONT—1924

Chapters, 31. Members, 5,961. Exalted, 240. Net Gain, 72.

ALLEN D. BALL, Grand High Priest.

While twenty-two subordinate Chapters were represented at the One Hundred and Seventh Annual Convocation, held in Burlington, June 10, 1924, yet only fifteen actual High Priests were in attendance and nine Chapters were without representation, as also was Florida.

However, matters seemed to move along so smoothly that Companion Ball would have had little to report, had he been so disposed.

Routine matters characterizes the thoughtful address of Grand High Priest Ball, who found nothing in the year's work out of the commonplace, neither were any decisions required, nor was there a discordant note to disturb the peace and tranquility either at home or abroad, which reminds one of the refrain—"O, happy condition, etc."

Recognizing the need of a more definite and systematic form of applied charity, the Grand High Priest believed that a Masonic Home would best exemplify the real spirit of brotherhood, and strongly urged that some such movement be given consideration. But apparently Grand Chapter was not like minded, for no specific action seems to have been taken. While many of the Grand Bodies favor and have Homes in some form, yet there are those who believe some other manner of caring for the worthy distressed is preferable, and apply their benefactions accordingly.

If the proceedings of all Masonic Grand Bodies were as uneventful and moved also as smoothly as the records of the Grand Chapter of Vermont indicate, the occupation of the Correspondence writer would be gone. If the interest and enthusiasm in Capitular Masonry in this state is in inverse ratio it presages a condition greatly to be desired.

Ten qualified Companions were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood, and M. E. Companion Archie S. Harriman, the present Grand High Priest, was elected President of the Order of High Priesthood.

Interesting as well as instructive from "kiver to kiver," is the report of the Committee on Correspondence submitted by R. E. Archie S. Harriman, whom we now salute as Most Excellent. And as the best prophet of the future is said to be the past, it is a foregone conclusion that a year of progress is assured in the Royal Craft in the Green Mountain State.

Companion Harriman commented favorably and also quoted from the work of Grand High Priest Kishpaugh, adding that several of the questions answered relative to the ritual in Vermont "would properly be propounded to the Grand Lecturer."

He calls the work of the writer of this report "an excellent survey of the Capitular field;" adding, however: "It is, perhaps, too strongly reportorial. We find a reviewer's personal comment on matters reported is often most illuminating."

Quite true, Companion, but the comments of the writer would not change conditions, "neither do we desire to unduly criticize," and his implied query may be further answered by quoting from Companion Harriman's suggestion under Missouri, referring to a dispensation issued to one Chapter to appear in a parade in regalia:

We do not hold with the carpers to whom every law, every custom, which differs from what they assume to be the general usage of Masonry is wrong, because it differs. A sovereign Grand Body is certainly competent to decide what its usage shall be, so long as it keeps within the landmarks. If a Grand Lodge or Chapter wishes to grant a dispensation to anticipate the time of a stated meeting even, cannot the body which approves the by-laws abrogate those by-laws at will?

With the last sentence quoted above, however, the writer of this is not in full accord. The Grand Body merely approves the action of the constituent subordinate body, when the latter established laws for its own government, and we have always questioned the propriety of permitting a Lodge or Chapter, for instance, becoming a legalized law-breaker. One of the outstanding menaces to society in general today, in the opinion of the writer, is the growing disposition and desire to evade law, or in more common parlance, "get by," when the thing to be evaded conflicts with personal pleasure or profit.

Next Annual in Burlington, June 9, 1925.

Archie S. Harriman, Middlebury, Grand High Priest.

Henry H. Ross, Burlington, Grand Secretary.

Henry L. Ballou, Chester, Correspondent.

VIRGINIA—1924

Chapters, 70. Members, 16,765. Exalted, 1,214. Net Gain, 899.

J. J. MATTERN, Grand High Priest.

Four invasions into the Grand Family were made during the year by the Supreme Grand High Priest of the Universe, the summons coming to the Grand King and three Past Grand High Priests: Right Excellent Russell S. Bucher, Grand King; M. E. Companion Elias L. Guy, Grand High Priest, 1909; M. E. Companion Wm. S. Mathews, Grand High Priest, 1910; M. E. Companion Joseph W. C. Bryant, Grand High Priest, 1913; and also particularly notable was that of Companion George F. Keesee, who was elected secretary of Royal

Arch Chapter No. 3 of Richmond, the oldest in the state, in 1866, and had served continuously to date of death, having just been elected to serve that Chapter for his fifty-eighth term. A remarkable record that would be difficult to duplicate.

These with many other incursions during the year, cast a gloom over the One Hundred and Seventh Annual, held in Richmond, October 28th and 29th, with nearly a score of Chapters and Florida as well without representation. Distinguished "foreign" visitors were present from Ohio and North and South Carolina.

Without elaboration Grand High Priest J. J. Mattern submitted a short statement of his official acts, which included a number of visitations, the most notable, although not official, was to his home Chapter, when the Royal Arch degree was conferred upon thirty-four candidates.

Among the invitations he was obliged to decline were to attend the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania and also the General Grand Chapter at Portland, and these comments are illuminating:

Such a visit (to Pennsylvania) would have been a peculiar pleasure, as Pennsylvania and Virginia are the only two Grand Chapters in the United States which were never members of the General Grand Chapter.

We are not affiliated with this body (General Grand Chapter), while on fraternal relations with it and all its constituents, and we have no Grand (or Subordinate) Councils, as we confer the Select and Royal Master's degrees in our Chapters.

This unique request, in which many of the readers of this would also have been delighted to participate, was granted:

I received a request from the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the District of Columbia, that their Adoniram Council No. 2 be permitted to hold a "Special Session for the purpose of conferring the Degree of Super Excellent Master in the endless caverns of your state." I was glad to approve this request, as this degree is not in our system, and so could not interfere with any of our work.

He was not called upon to make any decisions not covered by the Digest, although he recites a few for the information of the Craft, and so far as applicable conform to Florida laws.

He reported one case where a Brother petitioned and received the degrees in a Chapter and later it was learned that he had previously been rejected in another Chapter. The Grand High Priest promptly and properly ordered that the offending Brother "be summoned before that Chapter to stand trial for un-Masonic conduct."

It being reported to him that some of the Chapters could not properly confer the degrees for lack of paraphernalia, he recommended and Grand Chapter approved that it be referred to the Committee on Work with power to act.

A unique feature of the second day's session of this Grand Chapter is when the regular officials and actual representatives go into executive session as a Committee of the Whole at which time the legislative and other matters of business are considered and reported back to Grand Chapter, which then adopts the entire action as an entirety.

An unsuccessful effort was made to require committing to memory the catechism of the Master Mason's degree before he could petition for the Chapter degrees.

Thirty-seven qualified Companions received the Order of High Priesthood. It was reported that one Excellent Companion had received by mail a copy of the Bible who had never paid the required fee. No action appears to have been taken, which causes one to wonder what charge if any, could be preferred.

More fascinating than a serial, more instructive than many a sermon, is the Fraternal Correspondence Report by Excellent Companion Joseph W. Eggleston, who is worthy of the prefix title "Most," though we cannot find where of right it belongs to him.

Grand Chapter approved the plan of creating the W. J. Hubbard Scholarship in the Virginia Military Institute, in honor of the late Companion W. J. Hubbard, who was Grand Lecturer of the Grand Chapter from 1898 to 1917.

Florida is given considerable attention, including quotations from the address of Grand High Priest Kishpaugh and the committees, and "if disposed to criticise" it would be by reason of the "omission of certain matter we would like to have had," apparently referring to the Texas matter, now history, and which he later found elsewhere.

He quotes copiously from our Virginia review of the year previous and is kind enough to say it "was all that we could wish," adding, "We hope he will not stop and we rejoice to see that his name remains at the head of the committee." Thank you, Companion, and we regret that he could not have attended the Portland triennial.

In passing, permit us to call your attention to the misspelling of our name? No doubt a typographical error.

Next Annual in Richmond, October 27, 1925.

Wm. Frank Bowden, Norfolk, Grand High Priest.
 Jas. B. Blanks, Richmond, Grand Secretary.
 Joseph W. Eggleston, Richmond, Correspondent.

WASHINGTON—1924

Chapters, 49. Members, 8,520. Exalted, 912. Net Gain, 738.

CAREY SCOTT HAYNES, Grand High Priest.

Nearly every Grand Chapter Proceedings have some more or less distinctive features and perhaps the most noticeable in that of Washington is that one has to turn to the report of the Committee on Credentials to find the presiding and other officers, as they nowhere else appear; and all of whom, excepting the Grand King, who was ill, participated in the Fortieth Annual, held in Bremerton, May 5 and 6, 1924, as well as eighteen Past Grands, seventy-nine Past High Priests; with only two Chapters without representation, as was also Florida.

Two days before the opening of the Grand Chapter the final summons came to M. E. Companion Otis A. Crampton, who was Grand High Priest in 1905; and earlier in the year a similar summons came to Ex. Companion James W. Thomas, Grand Sentinel. Grand Chapter "stood adjourned" the afternoon and evening of the first day in token of respect to the memory of M. E. Companion Crampton, a fitting recognition of long and conscientious services.

Largely routine and comparatively minor appear to have been the official duties of Grand High Priest Haynes, but all were given careful attention. His list of

official visitations include about half the number of subordinate Chapters, a splendid record. Two other features stand out prominently; one was the large number of permissions granted for the use of "plurality of teams," and caused him to recommend that if the practice was to be continued, that Grand Chapter take some positive action, which it did by passing this resolution:

That the Grand High Priest may, upon request, grant a Subordinate Chapter permission to exalt not more than five teams at the same convocation.

He reported being advised of the use of one substitute in the Royal Arch degree in about twenty-five cases, but refused a dispensation to use two substitutes. Florida believes that the use of substitutes is in accordance with the laws and usages of Capitular Masonry, as does General Grand Chapter, and no dispensation is required. However, in the opinion of the writer, two substitutes should be used only in very exceptional cases.

His decision regarding qualifications for membership and affiliation seem to conform to Florida laws excepting, if we understand it correctly, Washington requires only six months' residence while Florida requires a year.

He also decided that a member can be elected to life membership, but Grand Chapter had grave doubts as to the propriety of establishing "a precedent which might become embarrassing at some future time," and referred the matter of both life and honorary memberships to a special committee to be appointed by the incoming administration.

Noting that comparatively few Chapters were equipped with stereopticon views, and scarcely any two alike,

he suggested some action, but Grand Chapter seems to have overlooked this suggestion.

During the year the four Chapters granted charters were constituted and a dispensation granted to form another, which was also given a charter.

Appreciating the honor as well as the great advantages to be derived from the coming Triennial of the Grand Encampment, K. T., Grand Chapter made a liberal appropriation towards expenses.

Action looking to an addition to the lecture in the Royal Arch was deferred one year; as was also a proposed requirement that a petitioner for the Chapter degrees must either pass the Grand Lodge proficiency examination or have been a Master Mason six months. While any test, in the opinion of the writer, will undoubtedly affect numerical gains, it will likewise add to Capital efficiency.

The value of some sort of test was well brought out in the oration of Excellent Companion William P. Williams before Grand Chapter, in which he emphasized the little details of history and the lessons of sublime beauty, expressed "in small letters, sandwiched in between more important ones." Extended quotations are not permissible, but this from the closing is pertinent:

There is nothing to either of the foregoing (the secrets of Freemasonry or the Master's Word), I say it deliberately, but a stimulation which leads and beckons to an aroused interest. If, without the hope of fee or reward, persistently, plodding through the labyrinth of arduous thinking, you will arrive at conclusions that will point out your duty to God and to man, the light will have dawned, the truth be yours: the secrets of Freemasonry—the Master's Word.

Thirty-one, a large proportion of qualified Companions, were set aside to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

Grand Secretary and Past Grand High Priest Henry L. Kennan takes time to present a succinct but carefully thought out review of the proceedings of other Grand Chapters, giving the essential features, but with little comment. Florida receives due consideration.

This statement by Companion Kennan relative to the writer, is particularly pleasing:—he has "the faculty of making interesting whatever he has to say." This has been the constant aim of the writer in all of his reviews, to present the essential features, as he sees them, in attractive settings, with the hope that the reader will be similarly impressed, and he knows best to what extent I have succeeded.

Next Annual, Olympia, Aug. 24-25, 1925.

Samuel B. Endslow, Spokane, Grand High Priest.

Henry L. Kenna, Spokane, Grand Secretary and Reviewer.

WISCONSIN—1925

Chapters, 112. Members, 23,446. Exalted, 1,512. Net Gain, 1,085.

BERNARD F. KEELER, Grand High Priest.

Somewhat analgous to that which the shoemaker threw at his wife, this is "the last" Proceedings received and reviewed, and pertains to the Seventy-fifth Annual, and which not being a traveling body, was as customary held in Milwaukee, the date being February 17, 1925. One appointive officer, much to his regret, could not be

present, however, there is nothing to indicate that any of the eight unrepresented Chapters sent regrets, but Florida was splendidly represented by Past Grand High Priest Wm. F. Owens, and he had fourteen other Past Grands to keep him company.

Two revered members of this patriarchal family received their final summons during the year: M. E. Companion Jesse D. Carr, Grand High Priest in 1899, and M. E. Companion Homer B. Hubbell, Grand High Priest in 1907.

The salient feature in the thoughtful address of Grand High Priest Keeler is his satisfaction in knowing that the position maintained by the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin in the controversy between the General Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapter of Texas in the final analysis was substantially maintained. This no doubt led to the introduction of a resolution by Past Grand High Priest Aldre Jenks, which if it prevailed would have resulted in withdrawing "any and all allegiance of this (Wisconsin) Grand Chapter to the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America." But Grand Chapter did not see it that way and the motion to lay it over another year and refer it to the General Committee was lost. Regardless of the provocation, the action of the Jurisprudence Committee of the General Grand Chapter plainly sets forth the relations between the several Grand Chapters and the General Grand Chapter, so it is quite proper that "the brethren should dwell together in unity."

Another feature dwelt upon by the Grand High Priest were the good results following the sponsoring of the Order of DeMolay, and he recommended a liberal appropriation for the coming year, but the finance commit-

tee, noting that the natural receipts were less than the natural expenditures, cut the appropriation in half, and also provided for increasing the per capita tax another year from twenty cents to thirty cents. Grand Chapters of smaller membership find it necessary to have a larger per capita tax.

During the year the two Chapters granted charters the year previous were constituted, and three dispensations issued for new Chapters.

The report of the Committee on Returns was adopted and it carried with it this somewhat drastic recommendation, the changing of the date of filing returns to January 15th, "and that Chapters in default be charged one dollar per day for each day's delay after January 15th," and with this additional penalty:

That the Chapter withhold the secretary's salary until the report has been received for by the Grand Secretary, and that any penalty for delay in sending in reports be deducted from his salary.

A Masonic secretaryship is no sinecure.

Grand Chapter went on record that in conferring the Past Master's degree "it should be confined to the narrowest constitutional limits." However, one may wonder if this additional sentence in the resolution may contain a "joker:"

There is no harm in a candidate who has been seated to permit his having some experience in Masonic ruling.

Recognition was granted to the Grand Chapter of Queensland. Somewhat perfunctory is the report of the proceedings of the Wisconsin Council, Order of High

Priesthood, at which thirty-three qualified Companions were set apart and consecrated.

Once again Past Grand High Priest Samuel Wright presents the Report on Foreign Correspondence, a notable feature of which is that no reference whatever is made to the work of the reviewers in the other Grand Chapters. This is largely a labor of love, regardless of whatever "honorarium" may be bestowed, which in nowise bears relation to the hours of thought and deliberation necessary to produce satisfactory results, particularly if gauged by "union" rules.

Next Annual in Milwaukee, Feb. 16, 1926.

Harry P. De Baufer, Wauwatosa, Grand High Priest.

William W. Perry, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

Samuel Wright, Milwaukee, Correspondent.

WYOMING—1924

Chapters, 17. Members, 2,128. Exalted, 159. Net Gain, 87.

HUDSON W. DARRAH, Grand High Priest.

Douglas, for many years the home of that versatile exponent of "Sagebush Philosophy," was the host on the occasion of the Sixteenth Annual, held July 10, 1924, with all Grand Officers, eight Past Grands, four actual High Priests and Florida's Representative (Companion Neil D. Nelson, R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest) present, also distinguished visitors from Colorado and Nebraska.

Close attention to details and perseverance in the performance of duty, marks the address of Grand High Priest Darrah, who officially visited every Chapter in the state, a feat scarcely appreciated to one unacquainted with the magnificent distances "between stations" as well as modes of travel often necessary, and not forgetting the inclemencies of the weather, which one time meant a maroon of four days by reason of floods.

During the year two Chapters were constituted and a dispensation to form another was granted. At the time this U. D. Chapter (Gillette) was instituted petitions from twenty-nine Master Masons were received, and upon the authority of another dispensation to waive the time limit issued by the Grand High Priest for this special purpose, the petitioners were elected and received the four degrees the same convocation. The Grand High Priest justified his action in this case because he believed the "best interests of the Royal Craft were served." Although Grand Chapter approved this particular action, in the future "all petitioners will be required to wait the statutory time before being balloted upon.

A proposed amendment to make all offices elective was rejected. Recognition was granted the newly organized Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, as was also that of Queensland.

Having in mind the claimed too rapid advancement of Master Masons to the higher degrees, a committee was appointed to confer with a like committee from the Grand Commandery and the Scottish Rite, with directions to report results a year hence. As expressed elsewhere, there are, in the opinion of the writer, two sides to this question, and the solution hinges to a considerable extent on whether the result desired is quantity or quality.

The writer has always looked forward with pleasurable anticipation to the annual address of Past Grand High Priest Jesse Converse to the Holy Order of High Priesthood, but instead the Proceedings this year contains this statement: "For good and sufficient reasons the usual session of the Order will be postponed until the next Annual Convocation."

For the second time, Grand Secretary Richard H. Redpath presents the Annual Report on Correspondence, with the modest hope "that the Companions of Wyoming may find something both of interest and profit to repay the reading." And most assuredly all who read it certainly will. It is concise, the quotations are apt and the comments pertinent. Here is the right hand of fellowship and a hearty welcome.

Florida received favorable consideration, particular reference being made to "Southern chivalry toward the fair sex as upheld in the resolution of thanks to Tampa Chapter." Whatever inconveniences Grand Chapter may have experienced in "going visiting," West Coast Capital Masonry received an impetus, and particularly Tampa, that is far-reaching and the end is not yet.

Perhaps the writer did not make quite clear his comment last year relative to the official visitation of Grand High Priest Crain to Cody Chapter, and which was not intended as a criticism. However, no harm was done, and the great regret of the reviewer is that he could not have been "among those present." Wyoming is indeed a land of magnificent distances as the writer knows by experience, having traveled over nearly every part of the state except the "Big Horn" country.

Next Annual in Caspar, July 9, 1925.

Neil David Nelson, Thermopolis, Grand High Priest.

Richard H. Redpath, Cheyenne, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

WEST VIRGINIA—1924

Chapters, 44 (?). Members, 11,913. Exalted, 754. Net Gain, 475.

SAMUEL R. HOLROYD, Grand High Priest.

Comparatively prosaic are the proceedings of the Fifty-fourth Annual, held in Bluefield, Nov. 10 and 11, 1924, with all officers present, as well as eleven Past Grands and only four Chapters not represented, as was also Florida.

Among the reasons for thankfulness given by Grand High Priest Holroyd in his address was that death had not invaded the official family.

Only one decision, a resident of the state spent two years in Alaska and while there was made a Mason. On his return petitioned a Chapter and it was held that he must be a resident of the Jurisdiction of the Chapter six months. Evidently only six months' residence is required in West Virginia; Florida requires a year.

Small favors thankfully received; thirty-six Chapter secretaries reported in part to the Grand High Priest, which showed a decided increase in both membership and wealth.

He made several recommendations in line with usages in other Grand Jurisdictions, and which were approved. But this is a new one: "To compel the Grand High Priest to be a member of the Order of High Priesthood." While it is scarcely conceivable that any Grand High Priest should refuse to become a member of this pecu-

liarily distinctive and honorary Concordant Order, yet the decision of the Jurisprudence Committee conforms to common custom, with a few exceptions, where the Order of High Priesthood is a pre-requisite to presiding over a Chapter. We do not approve, as there is no law by which this recommendation can be carried into effect, however laudable the suggestion or recommendation.

The writer has no intention of criticising West Virginia, for generally speaking it is sovereign unto itself, but it seems to us we detect a plaintive note in this from the Grand High Priest's account of his visit to Portland:

I had the extreme pleasure of attending the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States of America, in September. The General Grand Council of America was in session two days prior to the General Grand Chapter. I did not attend this body, but was requested to do so by the General Grand Secretary, but owing to the fact we have no separate Grand Chapter for our Council degrees, I felt that I would be out of place.

Two worthy suggestions occur in the report of Grand Secretary Ford—to send fewer copies of the Proceedings to each Chapter, also to omit the roster from the printed Proceedings. Grand Chapter decided to send from three to ten copies to each Chapter, based on membership. Most Grand Bodies, we believe, limit the number to three to each constituent body, which in our observation is adequate. But no attention seems to have been given to omitting the roster. It is certainly of value to the mail order advertiser.

Grand Chapter went on record as approving substitutes in conferring the Royal Arch degree; also by approving a Chapter by-law permitting life membership, although the Jurisprudence Committee stated the members

"are not agreed on the policy of said Chapter to enact such a by-law," at the same time affirming that the Chapter has the right to determine for itself. Our observation is that there are drawbacks to life memberships.

Only a dozen qualified Companions availed themselves of the privilege of becoming members of the Order of High Priesthood.

There is no longer any question that Grand Secretary and Past Grand Priest G. M. Ford prepares the report on Fraternal Correspondence "for he himself hath said it," and well does it prove him to be "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

Florida is given careful and discriminating attention, with apparent approval. He says the portrait of the Grand High Priest "resembles (somewhat) our own Companion John W. Davis, who tried for President of the United States." Wonder what Companion Davis would say about the comparison?

It is to be hoped that the ten copies of the Proceedings which are sent to the very large Chapters will be carefully read, and particularly the Correspondence Report. It is impressed on the mind of the writer that the various Masonic Bodies are overlooking, and without extra money or price, one of the best avenues of education by not in some way making it more desirable, if not obligatory, that the members of each constituent body made a study of the Annual Proceedings. However, one "can lead a horse to water, but he cannot make him drink."

Next Annual in Parkersburg, Nov. 9 and 10, 1925.
James A. Bryan, Parkersburg, Grand High Priest.
G. M. Ford, Wheeling, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

Once again we have made the rounds of the Capital quarries, stopping at all stations where the "Welcome" sign invited. Whatever disturbance may at some past time have arisen among the workmen, is no longer in evidence, and harmony prevails throughout the Royal Craft.

A unique condition this time has confronted us, for we were called to observe and preserve the inspections by the overseers of the writer's work in his dual capacity for the year 1924, that of both Grand High Priest and Correspondent. The duties incident to each were performed to the best of our ability, and we have no excuses to offer or apologies to make. Neither have we words to express the pleasure and gratification for the messages of approval, without exception, so graciously and freely given.

Companions of the Guild, no longer Knights of the Round Table, each and every one, I thank you.

Fraternally yours,

Ely P. Hubbell

For the Committee.

Bradentown, Florida,
April 25, 1925.

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The next Annual Convocation will be held in the City of Jacksonville
on May 18, 1926, at 10:00 o'clock A. M.