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of the
GRAND
CHAPTER
of
Royal Arch Masons
of
ALABAMA



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HENRY FONTAINE REESE,
GRAND HIGH PRIEST.



HENRY FONTAINE REESE,
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

The subject of this sketch, son of Dr. Henry Winston Reese and Julia Malvina Winn, was born at Forrest Hill, the residential plantation of the Reese family, near Demopolis, Alabama, December 15, 1863; he was prepared for college by private tutors and instructors; was in residence at Howard College for three years; subsequently was graduated from the University of Alabama with the degree of Bachelor of Arts at the age of 19; was in attendance at University of Georgetown, Washington, D. C., four years, receiving the degrees of Bachelor of Law and Master of Law. His college fraternity is Sigma Chi.

He is a member of the Baptist Church.

After practicing law a short while in Washington City he removed to Selma, Alabama, in 1889, and has been since continuously engaged in the practice of the law. Since 1909 he has been a member of the law firm of Reese & Reese, the other member being Henry Fontaine Reese, Jr., his son.

In 1886 he was married to Miss Kate Lamar, of Selma. In addition to their son they have two daughters, Katherine Lamar Reese and Francis Lamar Reese.

As a citizen of the State the subject of this sketch has always taken a serious interest in political and public affairs, without, however, having ever been a candidate for any office of profit. He was a member of the Constitutional Convention of Alabama of 1901, and of the 1907 Senate, in which he was the floor or parliamentary leader of the prohibition majority. His principal interest, however, in legislative matters has been improvement of the public; and the present admirable health laws of the State are in part the result of his activity and support.

His Masonic history is as follows:

He was initiated January 30, 1901, passed March 26, 1901, and raised April 26, 1901, in Selma Fraternal Lodge No. 27, of Selma, Alabama, and served the Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1915-1916.

He received the degree of Mark Master on December 9, 1901, Past Master on December 23, 1901, Most Excellent Master on December

30, 1901, and Royal Arch on March 24, 1902, in St. John's Chapter No. 28, of Selma, Alabama, and served the Chapter as High Priest from 1904 to 1908 and again 1909-1910.

He received the Order of High Priesthood on December 5, 1905.

He received the Cryptic degrees in Selma Council No. 17, of Selma, Alabama, on October 8, 1915.

He received the Orders of Knighthood in Selma Commandery No. 5, of Selma, Alabama, on January 19, 1912.

In the Grand Chapter of Alabama he was appointed Grand Master of the First Veil on December 6, 1910, was successively advanced, and on December 4, 1917, was elected Grand High Priest.

He is a member of Abba Temple A. A. O. N. M. S., of Mobile, Alabama.

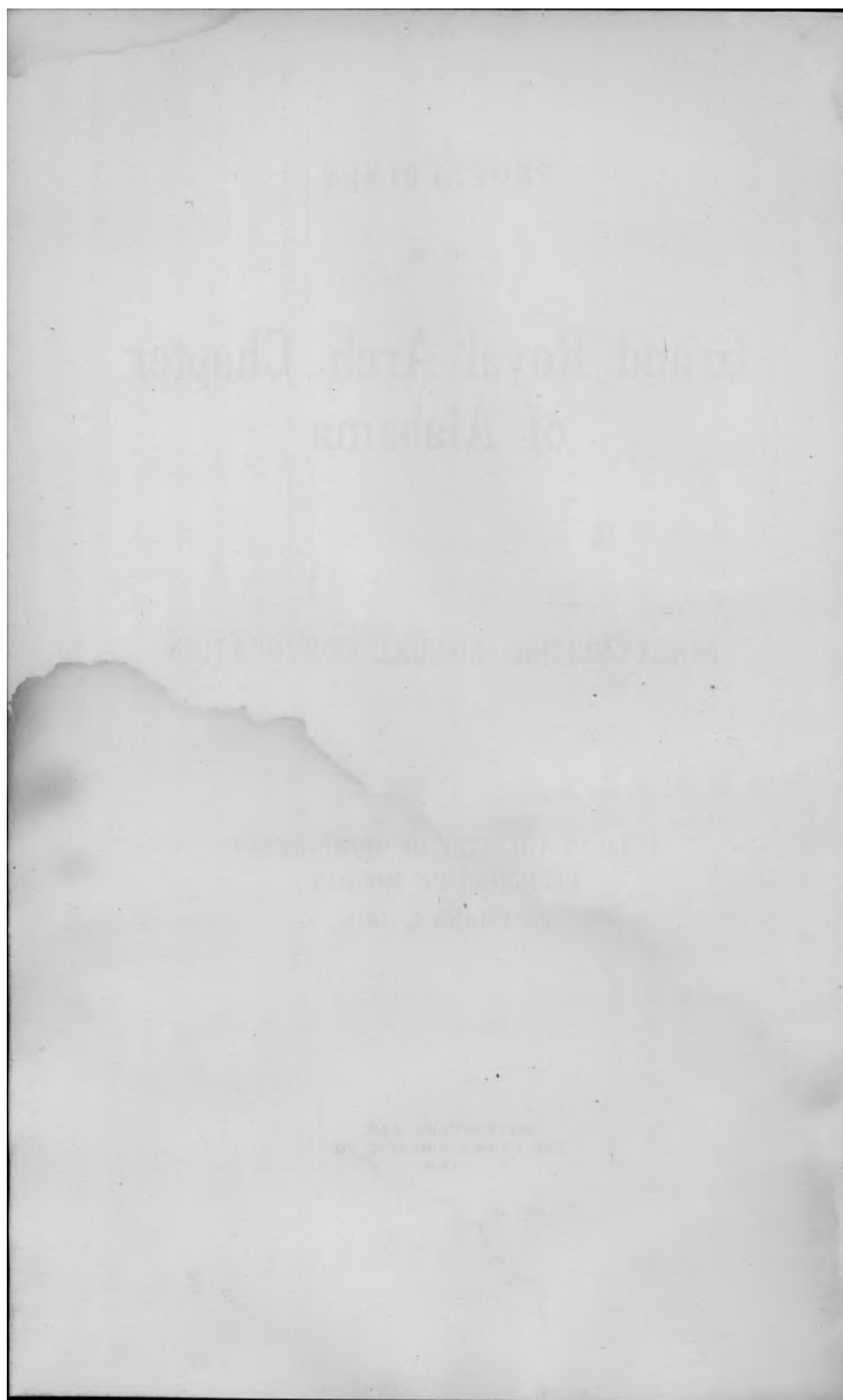
He is actively engaged in the Masonic work of each of the Masonic bodies of which he is a member. He is esteemed and respected by all who know him. His counsel and advice bear great weight in all matters and his interest and influence in all things for the welfare of the Craft and of the people endears him to the public and to his brethren.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Grand Royal Arch Chapter
of Alabama

NINETY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVOCATION

HELD IN THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY
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NINETY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVOCATION
HELD DECEMBER 2 AND 3, 1918

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the
State of Alabama met in Annual Convocation in the
Masonic Temple, in the City of Montgomery, on Monday,
December 2, 1918, at one o'clock, P. M.

PRESENT.

HENRY F. REESE.....	Grand High Priest.
JOSEPH D. MATLOCK.....	Deputy Grand High Priest.
JOHN PHILIP MELVIN.....	Grand King.
WILLIAM L. LEE.....	Grand Scribe.
JOHN WILSON TERRY.....	Grand Treasurer.
GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP.....	Grand Secretary.
STEWART MCQUEEN.....	Grand Chaplain.
ROBERT T. WARD.....	Grand Captain of the Host.
JACOB BLEY.....	Grand Principal Sojourner.
JOSEPH LEON GUNTER.....	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
JOHN H. MCCORMICK.....	as Grand Master 3rd Veil.
JOHN B. BETHEA.....	Grand Master 2nd Veil.
SIDDONS STOLLENWERCK.....	Grand Master 1st Veil.
ARCHIBALD L. R. THOMPSON.....	as Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

CHARLES R. BRICKEN.....	Past Grand High Priest.
BASIL M. HILL.....	Past Grand High Priest.

ROBERT S. TEAGUE.....	Past Grand High Priest.
LEW LAZARUS.....	Past Grand High Priest.
WILLIAM E. BINGHAM.....	Past Grand High Priest.
LAWRENCE H. LEE.....	Past Grand High Priest.
NORMAN GUNN.....	Past Grand High Priest.
WILLIAM W. RANSOM.....	Past Grand High Priest.
JOHN H. MCCORMICK.....	Past Grand High Priest.
GEORGE A. JOINER.....	Past Grand Secretary.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS NEAR
THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA.

Arkansas.....	William W. Ransom.
California.....	Basil M. Hill.
Canada.....	Lew Lazarus.
Colorado.....	Oliver D. Street.
Connecticut.....	William L. Lee.
District of Columbia.....	Norman Gunn.
Florida.....	Robert T. Ward.
Georgia.....	Robert S. Teague.
Illinois.....	John Wilson Terry.
Indiana.....	Seth Mabry.
Iowa.....	Stewart McQueen.
Kansas.....	John B. Bethea.
Kentucky.....	Louis J. Wright.
Maryland.....	Hezeriah G. Earnest.
Massachusetts.....	George A. Joiner.
Minnesota.....	Walter Smith.
Mississippi.....	Leonidas W. Kolb.
Missouri.....	William E. Bingham.
Nevada.....	Charles R. Bricken.
New Jersey.....	Robert C. Williams.
New York.....	Lawrence H. Lee.
New Zealand.....	James M. Pearson.
North Carolina.....	Siddons Stollenwerck.
North Dakota.....	John Philip Melvin.
Nova Scotia.....	Guy T. Smith.
Oregon.....	George A. Beuchamp.
Quebec.....	Joseph D. Matlock.

South Carolina.....	Thomas DeWalt Craig.
South Dakota.....	Jacob Bley.
Utah.....	John Moffett.
Vermont.....	J. Leon Gunter.
Victoria.....	Gabriel M. Saliba.
Virginia.....	Henry F. Reese.
Washington.....	Samuel Stein.
Western Australia.....	John H. McCormick.
West Virginia.....	Robert F. Lovelady.
Wisconsin.....	Julian F. Spearman.
Wyoming.....	Thomas Bradford.

(Companions George Pegram, Woolsey Finnell and Austin F. Kendall, the Grand Representatives of Maine, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island, respectively, in army service.)

AND HIGH PRIESTS, KINGS, SCRIBES AND PROXIES FROM
SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS AS FOLLOWS:

1 Tuscaloosa.....	{ William E. Bingham*.....	H. P.
	{ Walter Smith.....	S.
10 Tuscumbia.....	{ W. W. White.....	H. P.
	{ Young S. Harrington*.....	K.
21 Mobile.....	{ Percy B. Dixon.....	H. P.
	{ John H. McCormick*.....	K.
	{ Thomas A. Himes Jr.....	H. P.
22 Montgomery.....	{ Hopson Owen.....	K.
	{ Charles C. Fennell.....	S.
23 Talladega.....	{ Louis J. Wright*.....	H. P.
	{ George A. Joiner*.....	K.
	{ Seth Mabry.....	H. P.
24 Eufaula.....	{ James T. Mainor*.....	K.
	{ George A. Beauchamp*.....	S.
26 Union.....	{ Siddons Stollenwerck*.....	H. P.
	{ John Moffett.....	H. P.
28 St. John's.....	{ Henry F. Reese*.....	K.
	{ A. E. Baker.....	S.
34 Hermon.....	{ F. G. Ramsey.....	S.
28 Decatur.....	{ J. Leon Gunter*.....	H. P.
	{ W. R. McClusky*.....	K.
54 Tyrian.....	{ L. E. Gellerstedt.....	S.
	{ Robert T. Ward*.....	H. P.
56 Dadeville.....	{ George A. Veasey*.....	K.
	{ A. D. Eason*.....	S.

63	Clayton.....	J. S. Snead*	S.
64	Central.....	{ Charles T. Acker*.....	K.
		{ John W. Greenwood*.....	S.
71	Landmark.....	{ Leonidas W. Kolb.....	H. P.
		{ D. W. Munn*.....	K.
		{ A. B. Metcalf*.....	S.
76	Elyton.....	{ Roy E. Osborn.....	H. P.
		{ H. J. Salter*.....	K.
		{ W. J. Whitaker*.....	S.
79	Hillabee.....	J. M. Pearson*	H. P.
80	Myles J. Greene.....	George W. Simms.....	K.
81	Jefferson.....	{ Jacob Bley*.....	H. P.
		{ T. H. DeLoach*.....	K.
		{ B. H. McCoy.....	S.
86	Coosa.....	H. L. Ison*.....	S.
88	Springville.....	Basil M. Hill*.....	H. P.
99	Ben Bricken.....	E. F. Morgan.....	S.
100	Roanoke.....	Gabriel M. Saliba*.....	H. P.
101	Mineral City.....	{ H. C. Crelly.....	H. P.
		{ J. D. Matlock*.....	K.
		{ Lew Lazarus*.....	S.
104	Sylacauga.....	George H. Thigpen*.....	K.
105	Anniston.....	H. G. Earnest*.....	H. P.
108	Pratt City.....	George W. Brown*.....	K.
110	Bessemer.....	{ L. H. Ethridge*.....	K.
		{ Samuel Stein*.....	S.
111	Piedmont.....	D. F. Long*.....	H. P.
113	Dothan.....	{ John J. Crary*.....	H. P.
		{ Robert C. Williams*.....	S.
114	H. Clay Armstrong.....	George W. Coggin*.....	H. P.
116	Clanton.....	G. C. Harris*.....	H. P.
118	Jasper.....	Norman Gunn*.....	H. P.
119	Jackson.....	L. O. Hicks.....	H. P.
120	Ensley.....	{ J. W. McNutt*.....	H. P.
		{ T. DeWalt Craig*.....	K.
		{ Edward Winsper.....	S.
124	Bladon Springs.....	Samuel Alman*.....	H. P.
125	Centreville.....	John Philip Melvin*.....	H. P.
126	Tallassee.....	{ H. D. Matthews.....	H. P.
		{ W. G. Eubanks*.....	S.
127	Evergreen.....	J. T. Amos.....	K.
129	James E. Cobb.....	William P. Cobb*.....	H. P.
130	Palmyra.....	Oliver D. Street.....	H. P.
131	Cordova.....	C. A. Shaw*.....	H. P.
134	Elba.....	Charles S. Allred*.....	H. P.

135	Floralda.....	{ J. M. Parrish*.....	H. P.
		{ William Hood Smith.....	S.
137	Samson.....	{ J. M. Sanders*.....	H. P.
		{ J. H. Holly*.....	K.
138	Columbia.....	C. H. Tomlinson.....	H. P.
140	Hartselle.....	John T. Cooper*.....	H. P.
141	Castleberry.....	{ Jones W. Thurmond.....	H. P.
		{ L. A. Kirkland.....	K.
		{ P. H. Hayman.....	S.
142	Cherokee.....	Thomas Bradford.....	H. P.
143	Delta.....	{ A. K. Brooks.....	H. P.
		{ Floyd Boggs*.....	K.
144	James Penn.....	Thomas D. Cartledge.....	S.
146	Woodlawn.....	{ Ferd H. Bryant.....	H. P.
		{ R. F. Lovelady*.....	S.
147	Abbeville.....	{ James E. Searcy.....	H. P.
		{ T. J. Roney*.....	K.
		{ W. N. Skelton.....	S.
149	Phoenix.....	H. G. Sullivan.....	S.

*Proxy.

(Number of Chapters represented, 54.)

OPENED.

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in due form, by the Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest, with prayer, as follows, by the Right Excellent and Reverend Grand Chaplain:

Almighty and everlasting Father, Creator and Preserver of all things, in the hollow of Whose hand doth repose the worlds, Who upholdest the pillars of the universe, and Who dost reign over all creatures, whether in the heavens above, in the earth beneath, or in the waters that are under the earth, vouchsafe to us Thy love and favor; purge from us all envy, hatred and malice; pour into our souls the spirit of penitence and faith; teach us so to number our days that our hearts and minds shall be attuned unto wisdom; that wisdom which is from On High, and which alone shall enable us to guide our footsteps along the paths which lead unto eternal life in Thy Beatific Presence. Grant that as we grow in age we may grow in grace and into Thy Divine Image and Likeness. Give us a right

judgment in all things. Enable us both to think and to do only that which is well pleasing in Thy sight, and so win righteousness and peace. Give, we beseech Thee, the spirit of wisdom to those upon whom rests the tremendous task of settling the affairs of the nations upon a just and equitable basis as the result of this titanic world struggle now well nigh brought to an end. Strengthen their wills, hold up their hands, so that they shall mete out grim justice and well deserved punishment to those fiends in human shape who have wantonly and wickedly drenched a world in blood, brought unending misery to hundreds of thousands of homes, and pitiless death to millions of the children of men! Grant, we implore Thee, that they may be so dealt with that the fear of God shall be put into their hearts, and that the kingdom of righteousness and liberty shall be maintained upon earth. And give us a due sense of all Thy mercies. Grant us grace to show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, and so be found worthy in Thy sight, to Whom be glory, dominion and power from everlasting to everlasting! Amen! So mote it be!

The Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest then ordered the Right Excellent Grand Captain of the Host and the Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner to proceed to the office of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and inform him that the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama was now open and awaits his pleasure.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion Henry Fontaine Reese, accompanied by the Right Excellent Grand Captain of the Host and the Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner, was escorted into the Grand Chapter. His entrance was proclaimed by Most Excellent Companion Charles R. Bricken, acting as Grand Marshal, the Grand Honors were given, and the Most Excellent Grand High Priest was conducted to the East.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest then read his Annual Address, as follows:

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama:

COMPANIONS:—The year preceding this, the Ninety second Annual Convocation of this august body, will forever be regarded as the most eventful in the world's history. This year 1918—the year that will be enshrined in the hearts of all true lovers of liberty, regardless of creed, religion or race—marks the most important and far-reaching epoch in the political transitions of civilized society. In it has ended the world-old conflict, commencing when men first became numerous on this earth, the conflict between two theories of government; autocracy against democracy, the “divine?” right of kings against government by the consent of the people governed, might against right. The principles here referred to have been settled, and settled right for all times; and settled in full accord upon the principles upon which our Order is founded, and upon the practice of which we have deserved our continued existence and growth.

OUR SOLDIER COMPANIONS.

It must be a matter of just pride to us, that this nation finally realized the attempt of the autocracies to forever crush self-government and enslave the world, and came even at the eleventh hour, to the aid of the champions of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity, and in time to turn the tide of battle and forever obliterate the effete, despotic and irresponsible autocracies from the face of the earth.

In this war, as in all former struggles for right and liberty, its history when written will disclose that to none is more honor and glory due than to the members of our fraternity of this nation and this state. Our most important duty at this time should be to preserve for all time the military record of the companions of this jurisdiction.

OUR MASONIC HOME.

Our Masonic Home affords to us the most practical method of complying with our obligation to our companions and their dependents, and is absolutely the most urgent need that can appeal to a Mason, and not only deserves but imperatively commands the constant support and aid of every loyal companion.

In accordance with the usual custom of my predecessors I issued the following official circular:

JURISDICTION OF THE
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF ALABAMA
OFFICE OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

Selma, Alabama, May 15, 1918, A. L. 2448.

*To the High Priests, Kings, Scribes and Companions of the Chapters
of this Grand Jurisdiction:*

COMPANIONS:—Duty is with us always, but we are not always mindful of our duty, and I therefore wish to call your attention to a duty which every true Royal Arch Mason must feel that it is a golden privilege to perform.

It is our duty to care for those less fortunate than ourselves and for the widow and fatherless and in our Masonic Home we have a most magnificent monument to the thorough manner in which we are performing that duty, but the needs of the Home are great, and growing greater. The obligation upon each individual is thus becoming greater and that each may be given an opportunity to discharge that duty and gain the reward and enjoy the satisfaction of having done well his part, I ask that at the Annual Meeting of the Chapter, every Companion be given an opportunity to contribute to this most worthy cause.

The need for the Home was never greater than at present and as time goes on, its influence and usefulness will grow greater and spread wider, and I urge that every Companion be as liberal as possible in his contributions, knowing that he can not contribute to a more worthy cause, and remembering the blessing he has enjoyed which so large a part of the world has been denied, and thus show that he is not ungrateful for the kind Providence which has favored this country and spared it from the ravages and desolation which spreads over so great a part of the world; that he remembers his obligations to his brethren and is doing his part to relieve their distresses.

Send all donations to Ben M. Jacobs, Chairman Board of Control of the Masonic Home, Birmingham, Alabama.

Fraternally yours,

[Seal]

ATTEST:

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,
Grand Secretary.

HENRY F. REESE,
Grand High Priest.

ILLITERACY CAMPAIGN.

I also issued the following circular, which is self-explanatory :

JURISDICTION OF THE
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF ALABAMA
OFFICE OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

Selma, Alabama, September 3, 1918, A. I. 2448.

RE : ILLITERACY CAMPAIGN.

*To all the Subordinate Chapters Holden Under the Jurisdiction of
the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama:*

COMPANIONS:—At the last Convocation of this Grand Chapter it was ordered that the Grand High Priest make an appeal for donations from the subordinate chapters for the Illiteracy Campaign in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Doubtless every intelligent and thoughtful Companion in this jurisdiction is aware of the deplorable illiteracy existing in this state among adult white citizens; this campaign is for the elimination of illiteracy in this jurisdiction, and has the active and enthusiastic support of the State officials. Alabama is humiliated by the fact that many of our Alabama soldiers are unable to read, or to even write their names. This fact alone makes obvious the extensive existence of illiteracy among the white adults of our jurisdiction. It should be the enthusiastic desire of every patriotic and thoughtful citizen and especially Royal Arch Masons to aid to their utmost in this most praiseworthy and necessary campaign. Funds are being collected, to be disbursed under the direction of the State Superintendent of Education to teach these unfortunate illiterates, to at least read and write.

Your Grand Chapter appeals to you, and urges you, to make as liberal donations to this most worthy cause, as your means and other demands upon you will permit.

All donations should be remitted to Companion George A. Beauchamp, Grand Secretary, Grand Royal Arch Chapter, Montgomery, Alabama, and marked, "Illiteracy Campaign."

It is ordered that this letter be read in open Chapter at the first regular convocation after its receipt.

Faternally yours,

[Seal]

HENRY F. REESE,
Grand High Priest.

ATTEST:

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,
Grand Secretary.

In response to this circular letter, the Grand Secretary received remittances as below, and same were forwarded to Brother Spright Dowell, Secretary Alabama Illiteracy Commission:

Tuscumbia Chapter No. 10.....	\$ 50.00
Montgomery Chapter No. 22.....	25.00
Decatur Chapter No. 38.....	25.00
Elyton Chapter No. 76.....	10.00
Jefferson Chapter No. 81.....	10.00
Mineral City Chapter No. 101.....	25.00
Anniston Chapter No. 105.....	50.00
Dothan Chapter No. 113.....	10.00
Ensley Chapter No. 120.....	10.00
Delta Chapter No. 143.....	5.00
Total.....	\$220.00

Brother Dowell reports that the following remittances were sent him direct:

Zamora Temple A. A. O. N. M. S., Birmingham.....	\$ 50.00
Scottish Rite Bodies of Birmingham.....	50.00
Mineral City Chapter No. 101.....	50.00
Bessemer Chapter No. 110.....	25.00
Birmingham Temple Lodge No. 636.....	25.00
Total.....	\$200.00

St. John's Chapter No. 28 has also ordered a contribution of \$25.00 which, however, has not been received by the Grand Secretary.

UNITED STATES FOOD ADMINISTRATION.

I also issued the following circular letter, which is self-explanatory:

JURISDICTION OF THE
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF ALABAMA

OFFICE OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

Selma, Alabama, May 27, 1918, A. L. 2448.

*To the High Priests, Kings, Scribes and Companions of the Chapters
of this Grand Jurisdiction:*

COMPANIONS:—The following circular letter has been received from Most Excellent Companion George E. Corson, General Grand High Priest, of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America, and it is hereby requested that you have same read at your Annual Convocation and at several succeeding convocations for the information of the members.

I also enclose a Food Circular issued by the United States Food Administration and earnestly urge the several Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction to comply with the activities suggested therein.

Fraternally yours,

[Seal]

HENRY F. REESE,
Grand High Priest.

ATTEST:

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,
Grand Secretary.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Organized October 24, 1797.

Washington, D. C., April 12, 1918.

CIRCULAR No. 2.

*To the Grand High Priest,
Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons,
State of Alabama.*

FRATERNAL GREETING:—I have received from the United States Food Administration the following letter:

UNITED STATES FOOD ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 22, 1918.

*Mr. George E. Corson, General Grand High Priest,
Royal Arch Masons of the United States,
Washington, D. C.*

DEAR SIR:—I desire to take this opportunity to commend the response made by the members of your Order to the appeal of the United States Food Administration. The support of such a membership as yours is deeply appreciated and most encouraging.

The necessity for close coöperation between the Food Administration and the American public becomes constantly more imperative. The whole great problem of winning the war rests largely on the loyalty and sacrifice of the American people as individuals. It is not a Government responsibility alone. It is therefore important that every means of communication should be open to enable us, quickly and authoritatively, to keep the facts concerning food before the American people and to accomplish that flexibility of action which the changing circumstances abroad require. The lodges of the fraternal organizations scattered throughout the entire country are among the most important and available mediums of communication.

The Food Administration has been organized by States, and the Federal Food Administration in each State is now perfecting his State organization. A bulletin containing suggestions for enlisting the active support of fraternal organizations in food production and conservation is herewith enclosed, and it is our hope that by putting these suggestions into operation among the lodges of your Order, it will be possible for us to establish a closer working relationship with your entire membership. May we express the hope that you will send copies of this bulletin, which we will be glad to furnish, to all your lodges, accompanied by a personal letter of transmittal urging the assistance so greatly needed.

The United States Government, through its Food Administration, deeply appreciates what you have done in the past, the excellent spirit of patriotism which you are showing as an organization, and requests this further effort on your part in order to make possible the accomplishment of greater results in the future.

Faithfully yours,

HERBERT HOOVER.

In accordance with the foregoing request of Mr. Herbert Hoover, United States Food Administrator, it becomes a duty which I owe to the Government and to our Order to bring this matter to your attention, and to request that you send a copy of this circular (a sufficient number of copies are furnished you for that purpose) and a copy of the above mentioned bulletin to each of your Chapters with instructions to have both read by the Secretary at the next convocation and at several succeeding convocations of the Chapter for the information of the members. The requisite number of these bulletins have, at my request, been sent to your Grand Secretary by the United States Food Administration.

I do not feel that any words of mine are necessary to impress upon the Royal Arch Masons of our country the importance of a full compliance with the demands of the Food Administration.

It is our patriotic duty, as American citizens, to produce and to conserve, to the extent of our ability, the food supply of our country, which is so necessary for our fighting force in Europe and for our allies in this great war for liberty and humanity as well as for our own sustenance and welfare.

Without a bountiful supply of food, properly conserved, we cannot "win the war." We hope, therefore, that this appeal will be given due consideration and faithfully heeded by every Royal Arch Mason to whose knowledge it may come.

I recommend that you get in touch with Mr. Richard M. Hobbie, Montgomery, Alabama, the Federal Food Administrator of your State, who will assist in putting any plan you may devise into operation, and that your Chapters do the same.

Fraternally,

[Seal]

GEO. E. CORSON,

ATTEST:

General Grand High Priest.

CHAS. A. CONOVER,
General Grand Secretary.

DISPENSATIONS TO ELECT OFFICERS.

On account of their having failed to hold an election at the constitutional time, I have issued dispensations as follows to Chapters permitting them to hold an election of officers:

June 28, 1918, Hermon Chapter No. 34.

June 22, 1918, Union Chapter No. 26.

December 2, 1918, H. Clay Armstrong Chapter No. 114.

DISPENSATIONS TO BALLOT OUT OF TIME.

On account of existence of war conditions, and the entirely laudable desire of Chapters that our brothers should receive the Chapter degrees before embarking for oversea military service, I have used to the utmost the power vested in me to grant special dispensations to ballot out of time. As the conditions—unprecedented—which in my opinion warranted these dispensations will never recur, a list of these dispensations would serve no useful purpose, and I omit it.

MARION CHAPTER NO. 12.

Marion Chapter No. 12, in conjunction with Temple Lodge No. 425, having on the 28th day of July, 1915, without authority of this Grand Chapter, executed a mortgage to C. C. Johnson to secure the payment of \$750.00; and said Chapter having officially satisfied me that said money was used in the improvement of the joint property of said Masonic bodies, and requested from me an order authorizing and directing said Chapter to ratify and confirm said mortgage, I officially ratified and confirmed said action of said Chapter, my said order further providing:

"It is also ordered that said Chapter, and all the officers and members thereof, be and are hereby forbidden, in any manner or form, in any court or otherwise, to resist or obstruct the payment of said debt, or any part thereof or question the validity of said mortgage on the ground that it was executed without dispensation from the Grand High Priest of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter."

This order was made on April 8, 1918, and upon it I ask your action.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD.

It is a matter of sincere gratitude to the Beneficent Author of Our Being that death has not invaded the ranks of the officers of our Grand Chapter; but as usual the relentless scythe has done its work and many of our companions have been gathered to the land where our fathers have gone before us, including those who have died in the

defense of liberty and civilization; they gave their lives that we might live.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

While we have been so signally favored in this State as to our official family, many of our sister jurisdictions have been less fortunate and have suffered the loss of some of their best and most beloved and active members.

I have been advised of the deaths of the following:

M. E. Companion Charles Willis Norton, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of California. Died July 11, 1918.

M. E. Companion James Hamilton Peabody, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Colorado. Died November 23, 1917.

M. E. Companion George D. Kennedy, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Colorado. Died January 26, 1918.

M. E. Companion Marcus M. Lord, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois. Died March 5, 1918.

R. E. Companion Charles Henry Chandler, Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Kansas. Died December 18, 1917.

M. E. Companion Thomas Jacob Shryock, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Maryland and General Grand Treasurer of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. Died February 3, 1918.

M. E. Companion Charles Beatty Finley, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Maryland. Died June 16, 1918.

M. E. Companion William Frederick Denfeld, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Michigan. Died October 4, 1917.

M. E. Companion Reuben Charles Webb, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Michigan. Died March 9, 1918.

M. E. Companion Leonard Haskell Randall, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Michigan. Died June 18, 1918.

M. E. Companion Giles William Merrill, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota. Died April 27, 1918.

M. E. Companion Nathan Kingsley, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota and Past General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. Died September 8, 1918.

M. E. Companion Frank Henry Orcutt Young, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska. Died December 24, 1917.

M. E. Companion Julius J. Wilson, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska. Died June 10, 1918.

M. E. Companion Joseph Ely Fulper, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey. Died December 1, 1917.

M. E. Companion Marvin I. Greenwood, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York. Died December 27, 1917.

M. E. Companion John Nichols, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina. Died September 28, 1918.

M. E. Companion Lewis Mackey Lea, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio. Died August 18, 1918.

M. E. Companion Henry Bune Thielsen, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Oregon. Died April 7, 1918.

M. E. Companion Edward Bolivar Bracy, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of South Dakota. Died December 25, 1917.

M. E. Companion John P. Bell, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Died April 3, 1918.

M. E. Companion Samuel May Williams, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Died July 24, 1918.

M. E. Companion William Anderson Scott, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Died June 1, 1918.

ORGANIZATION OF NEW CHAPTERS.

On March 16, 1918, I issued dispensation to Companions Samuel William May, Gerald Franklin Pollard, William Driscoll Colquitt, Richard Kersey Horn, George Henry Trantum, Lois Edward Stephenson, Gideon Benjamin Tisdale, Benjamin Wesley Head and McCagear Marshall Bentley, to form and organize a Chapter at Brantley, Crenshaw County, to be known as Bullock Chapter No. 148. I appointed Samuel William May to be the High Priest of said Chapter, Gerald Franklin Pollard to be the King and William Driscoll Colquitt to be the Scribe.

On May 24, 1918, I issued dispensation to Companions Homer D. Cobb, Ernest L. White, H. Grady Sullivan, J. Frank Snellings, Thomas R. Booth, Amos E. Day, James M. Britton, Henry T. Kent, C. D. Hay, Edgar Q. Horne and James F. Freeman, to form and organize a Chap-

ter at Phoenix, Lee County, to be known as Phoenix Chapter No. 149. I appointed Homer D. Cobb to be the High Priest of said Chapter, Ernest L. White to be the King and H. Grady Sullivan to be the Scribe.

REINSTATEMENT OF CHAPTER.

The Charter of Hartselle Chapter No. 140 was forfeited at our last Convocation for failure to render returns and pay dues for two successive years, but on June 29, 1918, they having rendered returns and paid all dues, I granted them dispensation to continue work until this Convocation, and I recommend that their Charter be restored free of cost.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

According to the regulations of this Grand Chapter, the commissions of all Companions appointed to represent this Grand Chapter near other Grand Chapters expire with each Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter. To fill these vacancies, I have appointed and commissioned the following Companions to represent this Grand Chapter near other Grand Chapters:

Alberta, Albert R. Yates, Gleichen
Arizona, Charles Augustus Peter, Prescott.
Arkansas, Fielding W. Harris, Mammoth Springs.
California, Thomas O. Heydenfelt, Redwood City.
Canada, William Rea, Toronto.
Colorado, Tyler D. Heiskell, Fort Morgan.
Connecticut, Eugene A. Hall, Meriden.
Delaware, J. Grant Wilkins, Wilmington.
District of Columbia, Charles F. Roberts, Washington.
Florida, R. J. Kishpaugh, Palm Beach.
Georgia, Thomas H. Jeffries, Atlanta.
Idaho, J. M. Aldrich, Moscow.
Illinois, Adolph G. Voss, Chicago.
Indiana, Alvin G. Tillotson, Michigan City.
Iowa, L. F. Danforth, Lake City.
Kansas, Harry B. Sparks, Lawrence.
Kentucky, Laban T. Everett, Catlettsburg.

Louisiana, H. A. King, New Iberia.
Maine, Charles M. Sleeper, South Berwick.
Maryland, Gustav A. Eitel, Baltimore.
Massachusetts, William B. Lawrence, Medford.
Minnesota, Thomas Morris, Crookston.
Mississippi, C. W. Bolton, Pontotoc.
Missouri, David M. Wilson, Milan.
Nebraska, Frederick J. Schaufelberger, Hastings.
Nevada, Edward A. Ducker, Carson.
New Brunswick, Allison B. Connell, Woodstock.
New Hampshire, Weston Wentworth, Nashua.
New Jersey, Joseph A. Behan, Ridgefield Park.
New South Wales, Aubrey Halloran, Sydney.
New York, Frederick H. Tasker, Greenport.
New Zealand, Thomas Ross, Dunedin.
North Carolina, W. B. McKoy, Wilmington.
North Dakota, Charles E. Best, Enderlin.
Nova Scotia, Andrew J. Munro, Amherst.
Ohio, John W. Parsons, Springfield.
Oklahoma, William H. Essex, McAlester.
Oregon, John B. Kilmore, Astoria.
Pennsylvania, William A. Rhoads, Philadelphia.
Quebec, Charles P. O'Connor, Montreal.
Rhode Island, John P. Sanborn, Newport.
Scotland, John Bowers, Edinburgh.
South Carolina, O. Frank Hart, Columbia.
South Dakota, Frank A. Brown, Aberdeen.
Tennessee, J. R. Spicer, Paris.
Texas, J. M. Strayhorn, San Antonio.
Utah, Angus Kennedy, Ogden.
Vermont, Carroll W. Black, Bellows Falls.
Victoria, Henry I. Scott, Melbourne.
Virginia, W. J. Phillips, Fredericksburg.
Washington, William G. Rowland, Tacoma.
Western Australia, Joseph Hendrick.
West Virginia, James A. Bryan, Parkersburg.
Wisconsin, Frederick Pollworth, Milwaukee.
Wyoming, Hudson W. Darrah, Cody.

I have recommended the following Companions to represent other Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Alabama:

Alberta, Robert E. Howard, Birmingham.
Arizona, George O. Dickey, Luverne.
Arkansas, William W. Ransom, Birmingham.
California, Basil M. Hill, Springville.
Canada, Lew Lazarus, Birmingham.
Colorado, Oliver D. Street, Guntersville.
Connecticut, William L. Lee, Columbia.
Delaware, Albert E. Pace, Dothan.
District of Columbia, Norman Gunn, Jasper.
Florida, Robert T. Ward, Dadeville.
Georgia, Robert S. Teague, Montgomery.
Idaho, Charles A. L. Johnstone, Mobile.
Illinois, John Wilson Terry, Montgomery.
Indiana, Seth Mabry, Eufaula.
Iowa, Stewart McQueen, Montgomery.
Kansas, John B. Bethea, Birmingham.
Kentucky, Louis J. Wright, Talladega.
Louisiana, Robert L. Douglass, Mobile.
Maine, George Pegram, Faunsdale.
Maryland, Hezeriah G. Earnest, Anniston.
Massachusetts, George A. Joiner, Talladega.
Minnesota, Walter Smith, Tuscaloosa.
Mississippi, Leonidas W. Kolb, Ozark.
Missouri, William E. Bingham, Tuscaloosa.
Nebraska, Richard Henry Jones, Andalusia.
Nevada, Charles R. Bricken, Montgomery.
New Brunswick, John M. Miller, Cordova.
New Hampshire, Joseph P. VanDerveer, Clanton.
New Jersey, Robert C. Williams, Dothan.
New South Wales, Q. Salter, Monroeville.
New York, Lawrence H. Lee, Montgomery.
New Zealand, James M. Pearson, Alexander City.
North Carolina, Siddons Stollenwerck, Faunsdale.
North Dakota, John Philip Melvin, Tuscaloosa.
Nova Scotia, Guy T. Smith, Montgomery.
Ohio, John G. Smith, Birmingham.

he was present at a convocation of said Enterprise Chapter No. 133, and actually saw the exaltation of Companion Hanks, and himself actually conferred the degrees.

Of the above exaltation, the records of said defunct Chapter, now in the custody of the Grand Secretary, contain no entry, nor does the name of said Companion appear.

Said Companion desires a dimit from the Grand Secretary for the purpose of affiliation with Dothan Chapter No. 113.

Upon a consideration of the facts, it is my conclusion and order, as follows:

1. That said Companion Hanks was duly exalted a Royal Arch Mason by said defunct Chapter.
2. That his rights and standing as such are not affected by the error or inadvertence of the secretary of the subordinate Chapter and that he is now entitled to enrollment as a member of said defunct Chapter, and to the same privileges as if his name were on said records.
3. There being no mention of his name upon the records of the defunct Chapter, there can be of course no presumption other than that he was in good standing at time the Chapter became defunct.
4. The Grand Secretary will make entry in accordance with this decision, upon said records, and will issue dimit as requested.

No. 4. *Query*: Can a Chapter Refund to a Candidate His Initiation Fees or Pay to Him Its Equivalent?

I am in receipt of your letter of 8th instant, in which you request an opinion as to the right of your Chapter to adopt a resolution "to refund to Brother 'A' (a soldier already in the service) his initiation fee of \$30, or to *pay to him its equivalent*." (Italics supplied.)

The word "refund" has been held to mean "pay" and "restore;" it is therefore my opinion that "pay him its equivalent" is equivalent to refunding the \$30 fees.

Section 5 of Article IV of the Grand Chapter Constitution provides that no part of the fees can be refunded, unless the application is rejected; it therefore follows that the postulated resolution would be void.

Any By-Laws adopted by your Chapter inconsistent with said Section 5 would, of course, be invalid.

The very worthy disposition on the part of your Chapter to favor this soldier (we can't do too much for them) reflects great credit upon it, and is in entire accordance with my own inclinations; yet, while in discord with my personal feelings, I am forced to the conclusion that an amendment of your Chapter By-Laws to cover this case, and others like it would be violative of the plain terms of the section above referred to.

The resolution of your Chapter relating to dues is, of course, entirely proper, and in harmony with the expressed policy of the Grand Chapter.

It might be that the instant case might be solved by a voluntary subscription among the Companions.

CORNER-STONE CEREMONIES.

Upon invitation of Birmingham Temple Lodge No. 636, I, with the other officers of this Grand Chapter, attended and participated in the laying of the corner-stone of the new Federal Building in Birmingham, Alabama, on May 15, 1918. Never before was I so impressed with the all-pervading extension of our fraternity as when I saw ten thousand Masons in line of march with many cripples on the sidewalks.

FRATERNAL COURTESIES.

Due to war conditions and the presence of many of our Masonic brothers in the military camps of this State, numerous requests have come to us from sister jurisdictions to confer degrees as a matter of courtesy. It is needless to say these requests have been promptly complied with, and I desire to extend my personal thanks therefor to Montgomery, Anniston and James Penn Chapters. We have also been under the necessity of asking similar courtesies for our soldier boys in other jurisdictions, and it is indeed gratifying to report that my requests have been met in a cordial and prompt spirit of fraternity, with a single exception—Illinois—in which case no reply was made to my request. I feel, however, that there may be some excuse for this exception.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

M. E. Companions Lawrence H. Lee, George A. Beauchamp and myself attended the Eighth Annual Convention of the George Wash-

ington Masonic National Memorial Association, held at Alexandria, Virginia, February 21 and 22, 1918, as representatives of this Grand Chapter. No Masonic object could more appeal to the pride of Masonry than the purposes of this Association; and I commend it to moral and financial support.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF THE UNITED STATES.

At my request M. E. Companion George A. Beauchamp attended the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States; this Grand Chapter being officially represented by him as proxy for one of our official representatives, and R. E. John B. Bethea, proxy for another representative, and myself. I think it indeed fortunate for this Grand Chapter that Companion Beauchamp, who is chairman of our Committee on Work, attended this Convocation, for reasons that will be orally communicated to you.

The Grand Chapter of Maryland and the Royal Arch Masons of Baltimore entertained us royally, leaving nothing undone that could add to our pleasure. Special thanks are due to the ladies of the brethren of Baltimore, who took charge and entertained our wives and daughters. Hospitality has no bounds in Baltimore.

The General Grand Chapter was the guest for a day of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, and it was the universal consensus of opinion that it was impossible for them to have done more for our pleasure.

POWER AND AUTHORITY OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

The Constitution and By-Laws are vague and uncertain as to the powers of the Grand High Priest. I recommend that they be made more definite, and not be left, as now, to usage and former custom. My most serious embarrassment has been the negligent failure of Chapters to act on applications for dimit, and I recommend that upon such negligent failures in future that express authority be given the Grand High Priest to order the Grand Secretary to issue such dimit.

JOHN PHILIP MELVIN, ACTING GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

At a critical time both myself and the Deputy Grand High Priest were absent from the State, and I gave official notice to the Grand

King that all official matters requiring action would be forwarded from my office to him for official disposition. It is needless to say he discharged his duty promptly, and his acts in every particular met my full endorsement and approval.

INACTIVE AND NEGLIGENT CHAPTERS.

Some Chapters under this jurisdiction hold barely enough meetings to prevent forfeiture of Charter. They neither "work nor fight," and occupy jurisdiction, preventing applications to active Chapters to the material disadvantage of Capitular Masonry in general. I recommend some action to relieve this evil.

PERSONAL INTEREST OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

My experience is that sometimes the personal interest of the Grand High Priest in one of our dry rotted Chapters will inspire a new life in it. I have found this statement verified several times in my own experience, and recommend it to my successor. There are several Chapters which, with the encouragement and assistance of the Grand High Priest, will become active and useful, but he must go there and put on the work.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

While some of our Chapters have been greatly crippled by the war, the past year shows an increase in membership far in excess of any year of our existence, with no relaxation in quality of our membership. I could not have hoped for any success in my administration had I not confidently relied upon the coöperation and guidance of our Grand Secretary. The wonderful success of the past year is greatly due to his loyal and efficient work, which has occupied more of his time than ever.

While my administration has been to me a labor of love, the duties of the office have made a greater demand upon the time of the Grand High Priest than ever before. Personal business has been invariably subordinated to the performance of my official duties. I have made many visitations, and have never failed to visit a Chapter where it was indicated to me that my visit would benefit such a Chapter.

PROFANITY.

The Royal Arch Mason is under no greater obligation than to reverence the name of God; profanity is therefore unmasonic; yet many thoughtlessly fall into this evil habit. I have never exalted a candidate during the last year without emphasizing this important point, and the results have been good. I commend to my successor and the high priests the continuation of this effort to stamp out profanity.

CONCLUSION.

And now, my beloved Companions, in closing my career as an officer of this Grand Chapter, I assure you that each of the offices that your partiality and confidence have permitted me to fill, has been deemed by me a great honor, and to have been deemed worthy as the chief executive of this august and distinguished body, shall ever be to me and mine a priceless heritage.

It is exceedingly gratifying that my labors should have simultaneously ended with the carnage and horrors of war; when we are released from the anxiety for the lives of our sons, when all creation is returning thanks to Him Who doeth all things well—to Him Who is the source of every Mason's hope; may our hearts in unison ever carry the following invocation:

"Oh, God of nations, who through prophets of old, hast foretold the day when armaments of war shall be beaten into implements of peace, hasten, we beseech Thee, the fulfillment of this, Thy most sure promise. As Thou hast graciously carried us by Thy triumphant arm through conflict to victory so guide us through victory to abiding peace. Quell the haughty cries of the nations. Scatter the people's that delight in war and speed the coming of the time when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of Our Lord."

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY FONTAINE REESE,
Grand High Priest.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS REFERRED.

On motion, the address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest was referred to a committee composed of three Past Grand High Priests, as follows: Charles R. Bricken, Norman Gunn and Lawrence H. Lee.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Grand Treasurer, Right Excellent Companion John Wilson Terry, submitted the following report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance:

JOHN WILSON TERRY, *Grand Treasurer,*

In Account With

THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF ALABAMA.

DR.

1917.		
Nov. 15.	To Balance	\$2,602.21
1918.		
Sept. 23.	Received from Grand Secretary.....	1,500.00
Oct. 31.	Received from Grand Secretary.....	500.00
Nov. 15.	Received from Grand Secretary.....	3,148.25
		\$7,750.46

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Grand Secretary, Contingent Fund 1917-1918.....	\$ 800.00
Grand Secretary, Contingent Fund 1916-1917, Over-	
drawn	28.04
Grand Secretary, Salary.....	1,200.00
Grand Secretary, Clerical Assistance.....	150.00
Grand Treasurer, Salary.....	100.00
Grand Sentinel, Salary.....	21.00
Grand Chaplain, Salary.....	25.00
Help Furnished Grand Sentinel.....	4.00
Grand High Priest, Contingent Fund.....	100.00
Grand High Priest, Overdraft of Contingent Fund	250.00
Committee on Correspondence, Salary.....	150.00

1918.		
Sept. 23.	Paid Grand Treasurer.....	\$1,500.00
Oct. 31.	Paid Grand Treasurer.....	500.00
Nov. 15.	Paid Grand Treasurer.....	3,148.25 \$5,148.25

STATEMENT OF CONTINGENT FUND.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, Grand Secretary,

*In Account With*THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF
THE STATE OF ALABAMA

1917.		
Dec. 4.	Appropriation 1917-1918	\$ 800.00
1918.		
Nov. 15.	Printing and Stationery.....	\$ 602.79
Nov. 15.	Sundries	47.16
Nov. 15.	Coal	125.90
Nov. 15.	Postage and Express.....	184.21
Nov. 15.	Telegrams	11.08
Nov. 15.	General Grand Chapter Dues.....	52.92 \$1,024.06
	Amount Overdrawn	\$ 224.06

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,
Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL REPORT ON RITUALS.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following report on rituals, which was received and ordered printed in the proceedings:

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama:

Since my last report I have disposed of Cipher Rituals as follows:
Nos. 201, 202. Bullock Chapter No. 148. Purchased and paid for.
Nos. 203, 204, 205. Phoenix Chapter No. 149. Purchased but not paid for.

Nos. 206 to 300 are on file in the office of the Grand Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,

Grand Secretary.

REPORT ON BINDING.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following report on binding, which was received and ordered printed in the proceedings:

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama:

The following proceedings have been bound during the year and placed in the Grand Lodge Library:

Alabama 1914-1916 (2).....	2 volumes
Florida 1914-1918	1 volume
Idaho 1908-1916	1 volume
Illinois 1913-1915	1 volume
Iowa 1915-1917.....	1 volume
Kansas 1915-1918.....	1 volume
Kentucky 1915-1917.....	1 volume
Massachusetts 1914-1916.....	1 volume
Michigan 1915-1917.....	1 volume
Mississippi 1915-1918	1 volume
Missouri 1915-1917	1 volume
Nevada 1911-1916	1 volume
New Hampshire 1914-1917.....	1 volume
New Zealand 1892-1918.....	1 volume
North Dakota 1910-1916.....	1 volume
Nova Scotia 1913-1917.....	1 volume
Pennsylvania 1914-1916.....	1 volume
Tennessee 1913-1918.....	1 volume
Texas 1915-1917.....	1 volume
Washington 1914-1917.....	1 volume
Wisconsin 1915-1917.....	1 volume
Wyoming 1914-1917.....	1 volume

23 volumes

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,

Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN
CORRESPONDENCE.

Most Excellent Companion Lawrence H. Lee, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted his Annual Report, which was received and ordered printed with the proceedings. (See Appendix.)

SPECIAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN
CORRESPONDENCE.

Most Excellent Companion Lawrence H. Lee, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted the following special report, which was received and adopted:

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama:

In re. recognition of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland, Australia. Your committee has given this matter such consideration as was possible with the data before it, and think it inadvisable to recommend recognition at this time.

Judging from the summary of the proceedings leading up to the organization of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland furnished your committee, there are within the jurisdiction claimed by this Grand Chapter fifteen subordinate Chapters holding allegiance to the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England, and segregated as a District Grand Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction. Also nineteen subordinate Chapters holding allegiance to the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, and segregated as a District Grand Chapter of that Grand Jurisdiction.

The Chapters joining in the movement to organize a Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland are only five; one under the Irish Constitution, and four under the Constitution of New South Wales. The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama occupies fraternal relations with all the Grand Chapters likely to be affected, and therefore should withhold recognition pending action by these grand bodies, or until it is made to appear that a respectable number of subordinate Chapters in the jurisdiction claimed by the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland shall have properly severed their present

allegiance and transferred it to the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland.

The data furnished your committee is appended hereto.

Fraternally submitted,

LAWRENCE H. LEE,
Chairman.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

On account of the unavoidable absence of various committeemen, the following Companions were appointed to act on the committees named for this Annual Convocation:

ON BY-LAWS.

Daniel W. Munn.

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 1.

William P. Cobb.

Allie E. Baker.

ON DIPENSATIONS.

John J. Crary.

REGRETS.

Telegrams expressing regrets at their inability to be present were read from Excellent Companions Charles A. L. Johnstone and George Pegram. The former was detained by the illness of his father, the latter on account of being in the service.

The following letter was received from Excellent Companion George W. Hays:

Birmingham, Alabama, December 2, 1918.

Mr. George A. Beauchamp, Grand Secretary,
Montgomery, Alabama.

DEAR SIR AND COMPANION:—I had made my plans to attend the Grand Chapter this year, and was looking forward with pleasure to meeting again with the Companions, inasmuch as I was unavoidably kept away last year, and regret more than words can express my inability to be with you this time.

I have two sisters that are very, very sick, who have called in relatives to be with them, and you will agree with me that my first duty is to be with them. In addition, our bookkeeper and two foremen are sick, all of which makes it impossible for me to leave.

Please extend my cordial best wishes to the Companions and my excuse for not being present.

Yours fraternally,

GEORGE W. HAYS.

SYMPATHY FOR EXCELLENT COMPANION WILLIAM H.
COOPER.

Most Excellent Companion Basil M. Hill offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Whereas, Our Grand Sentinel, Excellent Companion William H. Cooper, is detained from his post of duty on account of the illness of his wife,

Therefore, be it resolved, That this Grand Chapter extend to him our sympathy and pray for a speedy recovery of his loved one.

Be it further resolved, That the Grand Secretary send a copy of these resolutions to Companion Cooper and that they be spread upon the minutes.

PROPOSITION TO AMEND SECTION 1, ARTICLE II, OF THE
CONSTITUTION.

Most Excellent Companion Lawrence H. Lee called up, and the Grand Chapter proceeded to consider, his proposition offered at the last Annual Convocation.

Be it resolved, That Section 1 of Article II of the Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1. The elective officers of the Grand Chapter shall be as follows: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest, Right Excellent Grand King, Right Excellent Grand Scribe, Right Excellent Grand Treasurer, Right Excellent Grand Secretary, Right Excellent Grand Chaplain, Right Excellent

Grand Captain of the Host, Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner, Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain, Excellent Grand Master of the 3rd Veil, Excellent Grand Master of the 2nd Veil, Excellent Grand Master of the 1st Veil, Excellent Grand Sentinel and the officers thus elected shall be duly installed as soon thereafter as practicable, and when so installed shall hold their offices respectively until their successors are duly elected and installed.

And the Grand Chapter adopted the amendment.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORK.

The Committee on Work made report on the Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch degrees.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RITUAL.

On motion, it was resolved that a special committee of three be appointed to consider certain changes made in the ritual at the last Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

Whereupon the Grand High Priest appointed Most Excellent Companions Lawrence H. Lee, George A. Beauchamp and Robert S. Teague, as members of said committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

Most Excellent Companion Charles R. Bricken, Chairman of the Committee on the Grand High Priest's Address, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama:

Your committee, to which was referred the annual address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, beg leave to report as follows:

We commend the action of the Grand High Priest in issuing the St. John's Day letter for the Alabama Masonic Home, and recommend that his action be approved.

We approve the action of the Grand High Priest in making an appeal to the Chapters for donations to the Illiteracy Campaign in Alabama, and recommend that this Grand Chapter express its gratification at the liberal response of the subordinate Chapters.

We recommend that so much of the message as refers to dispensations of every nature be referred to the Committee on Dispensations.

That so much of the message as deals with the institution of new Chapters U. D. be referred to the Committee on Dispensations.

That his action in granting authority to Marion Chapter No. 12 to execute a mortgage to secure a joint indebtedness upon the joint property of the Lodge and Chapter be concurred in and in all respects ratified.

That so much thereof as refers to our Fraternal Dead be delivered to the Committee on Necrology.

That so much of his message as treats of Charters reinstated, and dispensation to continue work under Charters forfeited, be referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

That all appointments of Grand Representatives and recommendations for appointment be concurred in.

That his decisions be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much thereof as refers to the powers and duties of the Grand High Priest be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That in all other respects not herein specially mentioned the action of the Grand High Priest be approved.

This committee wishes to express to the Grand High Priest its cordial approval of the patriotic spirit that pervaded all his acts and utterances and to commend to the Royal Craft a careful perusal of the sentiments uttered in his splendid address.

The Grand Chapter is to be congratulated upon its wise choice of a patriotic and prudent leader in a time of great national stress.

That he has done well and wisely is abundantly evidenced by the gratifyingly great increase in membership and in the peace and harmony which prevails within our Grand Jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES R. BRICKEN,

NORMAN GUNN,

LAWRENCE H. LEE,

Committee.

RITUALS FOR ANNISTON CHAPTER NO. 105 AND DOTHAN
CHAPTER NO. 113.

On motion the Grand Secretary was authorized to furnish Anniston Chapter No. 105 and Dothan Chapter No. 113 three copies of the Cipher Ritual each, their rituals having been destroyed by fire.

LABOR TO REFRESHMENT.

After prayer by the Right Excellent and Reverend Grand Chaplain, the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until nine thirty o'clock tomorrow morning.

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

TUESDAY MORNING, December 3, 1918.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at nine-thirty o'clock, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Henry Fontaine Reese, presiding, and the other Grand Officers at their respective stations.

Prayer by the Right Excellent and Reverend Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES WELCOMED.

The representatives of the Grand Chapters present were received and given a most hearty welcome by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Companion Lew Lazarus, responding on behalf of the Grand Representatives.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS.

Excellent Companion Walter Smith, Chairman of the Committee on Dispensations, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama:

Your Committee on Dispensations have carefully examined the minutes of Abbeville Chapter No. 147, and Phoenix Chapter No. 149, and find the same neatly and correctly kept.

We recommend that Charters be granted to both of said Chapters.

We have received minutes of Bullock Chapter No. 148, written on loose sheets. They have never held but one meeting, which was the meeting at which they were organized.

This Chapter must present here their minutes in a properly bound book in order to have the same considered. We recommend that the dispensation of this Chapter be continued.

Fraternally submitted,

WALTER SMITH,

GABRIEL M. SALIBA,

JOHN J. CRARY,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUSPENSIONS, EXPULSIONS
AND APPEALS.

Excellent Companion William E. Bingham, of the Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama:

Your Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals beg leave to report that nothing has been presented to them for their consideration.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM E. BINGHAM,

SIDDONS STOLLENWERCK,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROPOSITIONS AND
GRIEVANCES.

Excellent Companion John Philip Melvin, Chairman of the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama:

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances beg leave to report that nothing has been submitted to them for their consideration.

JOHN PHILIP MELVIN,

JULIAN F. SPEARMAN,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 2.

Excellent Companion Robert C. Williams, Chairman of the Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 2, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama:

Your Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 2 have carefully examined the returns submitted them, and find the following correct:

Montgomery No. 22

Eufaula No. 24

Decatur No. 38

Landmark No. 71

Jefferson No. 81

Springville No. 88

Roanoke No. 100

Sylacauga No. 104

Piedmont No. 111

H. Clay Armstrong No. 114

Jasper No. 118

Ensley No. 120

Bladon Springs No. 124

Cordova No. 131

Floralda No. 135

Castleberry No. 141

Delta No. 143

Millport No. 145

No seal was affixed to the returns of St. John's No. 28 and Pratt City No. 108.

No seal and no signatures by the High Priest and Secretary to the returns of James E. Cobb No. 129 and Phoenix No. 149.

The High Priest failed to sign the return of Marion No. 12.

The Secretary failed to sign the return of Dadeville No. 56.

In the return of Eunomia No. 5, William D. Barnes, William R. Delworth, Oscar Dreger, Robert N. Davis, Joe F. Poyner and John E. Sanford were members in 1916; no return in 1917, and return fails to show how and when they were dropped from roll of 1918 return. J. H. Guire, E. F. Hummel, O. W. Hyatt, J. N. Howell, P. W. Peler, W. H. Pettus and C. F. Striplin were not members in 1916, and return fails to show how and when they were admitted.

Hillabee No. 79 shows J. P. Arant was member in 1917, and dropped in 1918, without showing how and when. James A. Goggans was not a member in 1917, and report fails to show when admitted.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT C. WILLIAMS,

T. DEWALT CRAIG,

WILLIAM S. KILBY,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 1.

Most Excellent Companion Basil M. Hill, Chairman of the Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 1, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama:

Your Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 1, beg leave to report as follows:

We have examined the returns of Chapters submitted to us and find the following correct:

Tuscaloosa No. 1
Tuscumbia No. 10
Mobile No. 21
Talladega No. 23
Union No. 26
Hermon No. 34
Tyrian No. 54

Central No. 64
Elyton No. 76
Myles J. Greene No. 80
Coosa No. 86
Mineral City No. 101
Anniston No. 105
Blocton No. 109

Dothan No. 113	Palmyra No. 130
Clanton No. 116	Elba No. 134
Jackson No. 119	Samson No. 137
Covington No. 123	James Penn No. 144
Tallassee No. 126	Woodlawn No. 146

We find errors in returns as follows:

Ben Bricken No. 99: William C. Colquitt, member 1917, dropped 1918. Desire to know how and when dropped. Walter H. Sharp, not member 1917. Desire to know how and when admitted 1918.

Cherokee No. 142: James W. Patty, member 1917, dropped 1918. Desire to know how and when dropped.

Abbeville No. 147: Curtis Arnold, Oscar L. Bradshaw, Hugh L. Flowers, Wyatt A. Johnson, Loeb Kraselsky, Samuel L. Kelly, Lucius S. Nichols, Thomas D. Richards, Holt Simonton, Lazarus E. Wills, not members 1917. Desire to know how and when admitted 1918.

We are glad to note that the number of correct returns is increasing and that Secretaries seem to be, as a rule, keeping better records.

Fraternally submitted,

BASIL M. HILL,

WILLIAM P. COBB,

ALLIE E. BAKER,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

Right Excellent Companion George A. Joiner, Chairman of the Committee on By-Laws, submitted the following report, and it was adopted:

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama:

Your Committee on By-Laws beg to report as follows: In the case of Abbeville Chapter No. 147, we recommend that Article IV, Section VII, and Article X of Section V be stricken out.

In the case of Phoenix Chapter No. 149, we recommend that the clause in Article IV, Section VI, providing for the suspension of members who are in arrears for six months be stricken out.

In the case of Bullock Chapter No. 148, we recommend the adoption of the By-Laws as submitted.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE A. JOINER,

CHARLES H. TOMLINSON,

DANIEL W. MUNN,

Committee.

SPECIAL REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON CHARTERED
CHAPTERS.

Excellent Companion Robert C. Williams on behalf of the two Committees on Chartered Chapters made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama:

Your Committee on Chartered Chapters beg leave to report that the following Chapters have sent in the Honor Roll as requested, and we earnestly urge those not having sent in this Honor Roll to do so at once:

Tuscaloosa No. 1	Springville No. 88
Eunomia No. 5	Ben Bricken No. 99
Tuscumbia No. 10	Roanoke No. 100
Marion No. 12	Mineral City No. 101
Mobile No. 21	Anniston No. 105
Montgomery No. 22	Pratt City No. 108
Talladega No. 23	Blocton No. 109
Eufaula No. 24	Piedmont No. 111
Union No. 26	Dothan No. 113
St. John's No. 28	H. Clay Armstrong No. 114
Hermon No. 34	Clanton No. 116
Decatur No. 38	Jasper No. 118
Tyrian No. 54	Jackson No. 119
Dadeville No. 56	Ensley No. 120
Elyton No. 76	Centreville No. 125
Myles J. Green No. 80	Palmyra No. 130
Jefferson No. 81	Cordova No. 131

Elba No. 134	Cherokee No. 142
Floralia No. 135	Delta No. 143
Samson No. 137	James Penn No. 144
Columbia No. 138	Abbeville No. 147
Castleberry No. 141	Phoenix No. 149

On motion the Grand Secretary was ordered to notify the non-reporting Chapters at once of the action taken and urge their prompt compliance with the request of the Grand Chapter.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, Most Excellent Companion Lew Lazarus and Excellent Companion William S. Kilby acting as tellers, and which resulted as follows:

JOSEPH D. MATLOCK.....	Grand High Priest.
JOHN PHILIP MELVIN.....	Deputy Grand High Priest.
WILLIAM L. LEE.....	Grand King.
ROBERT T. WARD.....	Grand Scribe.
JOHN WILSON TERRY.....	Grand Treasurer.
GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP.....	Grand Secretary.
STEWART McQUEEN.....	Grand Chaplain.
JACOB BLEY.....	Grand Captain of the Host.
JOSEPH LEON GUNTER.....	Grand Principal Sojourner.
CHARLES A. L. JOHNSTONE.....	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
JOHN B. BETHEA.....	Grand Master 3rd Veil.
SIDDONS STOLLENWERCK.....	Grand Master 2nd Veil.
LEONIDAS W. KOLB.....	Grand Master 1st Veil.
WILLIAM H. COOPER.....	Grand Sentinel.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Excellent Companion Samuel Stein, of the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was adopted.

To the Most Excellent, Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred the annual

reports and books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined same and find them neatly and correctly kept.

The Grand Treasurer had on hand from last report\$2,602.21
 Since that time he has receipted to the Grand Secretary for 5,148.25 \$7,750.46

The Grand Treasurer has vouchers for the following expenditures:

Grand Secretary, Contingent Fund 1917-1918.....	\$ 800.00
Grand Secretary, Contingent Fund, 1916-1917, over-	
drawn	28.04
Grand Secretary, Salary.....	1,200.00
Grand Secretary, Clerical Assistance.....	150.00
Grand Treasurer, Salary.....	100.00
Grand Sentinel, Salary.....	21.00
Grand Chaplain, Salary.....	25.00
Help Furnished Grand Sentinel.....	4.00
Grand High Priest, Contingent Fund.....	100.00
Grand High Priest, Overdraft of Contingent Fund	250.00
Committee on Correspondence, Salary.....	150.00
Henry F. Reese, Expenses attending George Wash-	
ington Masonic National Memorial Associa-	
tion	87.50
George A. Beauchamp, Expenses attending George	
Washington Masonic National Memorial As-	
sociation	87.50
Lawrence H. Lee, Expenses attending George	
Washington Masonic National Memorial As-	
sociation	87.50
Donation to Masonic Home.....	500.00
C. L. Ruth & Son, Jewel for Past Grand High	
Priest	30.00
Dispatch Printing Co., Printing 1,014 Manuals.....	811.20
Books for Library.....	23.25

Donation to George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association	200.00	
Paragon Press, Binding Books for Library.....	46.00	
Grand High Priest, Expenses attending General Grand Chapter, Triennial Convocation.....	125.00	
Grand Secretary, Expenses attending General Grand Chapter, Triennial Convocation.....	125.00	
George A. Beauchamp, extra expenses in compiling Manual	33.50	\$4,984.49
Balance on hand and in bank.....		\$2,765.97
The Grand Secretary has collected and has on hand since his last settlement with the Grand Treasurer.....		1,542.50
Total cash on hand.....		\$4,308.47

We find the Grand Secretary has received the following amounts for the year ending November 15, 1918:

Dues collected—

General Fund	\$3,912.50	
Widows and Orphans Fund.....	927.75	\$4,840.25

Certificates issued	3.00	
Dispensations issued	180.00	
Rituals sold	5.00	
Manuals sold	120.00	\$5,148.25

All of which has been paid to the Grand Treasurer, as shown by proper vouchers.

STATEMENT OF CONTINGENT FUND.

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Amount appropriated 1917 Convocation of the Grand Chapter	\$ 800.00
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Printing and Stationery.....	\$ 602.79
Sundries	47.16

Postage and Express.....	184.21	
Coal	125.90	
Telegrams	11.08	
Dues to General Grand Chapter.....	52.92	\$1,024.06
Amount Overdrawn	\$	224.06

We recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:

Contingent Fund, Grand Secretary, 1918-1919.....	\$	900.00	
Contingent Fund, Grand Secretary 1917-1918, over-			
drawn		224.06	
Contingent Fund, Grand High Priest, overdrawn....		35.00	
Grand Treasurer, payable quarterly.....		100.00	
Grand Secretary, payable monthly.....		1,200.00	
Clerical Assistance to Grand Secretary.....		200.00	
Committee on Foreign Correspondence, payable			
quarterly		25.00	
Grand Sentinel, to cover all expenses.....		25.00	
Library		75.00	
Grand Chaplain, Salary.....		25.00	
Past Grand High Priest Jewel.....		30.00	
Contingent Fund, Grand High Priest.....		100.00	
Expenses Delegates to George Washington Ma-			
sonic National Memorial Association, Feb-			
ruary, 1919.....		262.50	
Grand Secretary, Special Appropriation.....		25.00	
Donation to George Washington Masonic National			
Memorial Association		200.00	\$3,551.56

Fraternally submitted,

LOUIS J. WRIGHT,

SAMUEL STEIN,

JOHN H. McCORMICK,

Committee.

SPECIAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Excellent Companion Samuel Stein, of the Committee on Finance, submitted the following special report and,

on motion, the report was adopted and the resolution concurred in:

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred the resolution authorizing the Grand Secretary to turn over, to the present Board of Control funds for the Masonic Home, beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Be it resolved, That the Grand Secretary is hereby authorized and empowered to deliver to Ben M. Jacobs, Chairman of the Board of Control of the Alabama Masonic Home all funds now in his hands for the use of the Alabama Masonic Home, and that the receipt of Ben M. Jacobs as Chairman of the Board of Control of the Alabama Masonic Home shall be to him a legal and proper voucher for the receipt of said funds.

Fraternally submitted,

LOUIS J. WRIGHT,

SAMUEL STEIN,

JOHN H. MCCORMICK,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

Most Excellent Companion Lawrence H. Lee, Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, submitted the following reports, which were severally adopted:

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to which was referred the decisions of the Grand High Priest, beg leave to report as follows:

We approve decision No. 1. Lest some expressions therein contained, unnecessarily to the decision, be construed as permitting under some circumstances, the granting of dispensation to confer degrees for a sum less than that prescribed by the Constitution, the committee recommend that it be made plain and that under no circumstances can the Grand High Priest grant dispensation to confer degrees for less than the constitutional fee.

We approve decision No. 2, but express the opinion that Edict No. 33 is not in conflict with Article III, Section 1, of the By-Laws. A local Chapter may reinstate a member suspended N. P. D. without the payment of dues. In other words it may reinstate and remit dues. The power to assess carried with it the power to remit. The By-Laws refer to Grand Chapter dues, and not to subordinate Chapter dues. Remission of dues in subordinate Chapter is not a remission of Grand Chapter dues to the Chapter.

We approve the action of the Grand High Priest as set forth in decision No. 3.

We approve decision No. 4.

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to which was referred that portion of the address of the Grand High Priest relating to the powers and duties of the Grand High Priest being somewhat vague and uncertain, as set out in the Constitution and By-Laws, and directing your committee to report a more definite scheme, beg to report as follows:

The powers and duties of the Grand High Priest are such as ancient custom and usage sanctions, provided such custom and usage is not subversive of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Chapter. His powers are limited by the Constitution and By-Laws and he may not transcend their plain mandates.

His duties are whatever he finds for his hands to do, guided by his heart and head, that are not inconsistent with our landmarks, and written Constitution, By-Laws and approved Edicts.

The committee is also of the opinion that in no case where the Chapter is alive can the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue dimit to one of its members. If a Chapter through neglect, inattention or for unlawful reasons fails to issue a dimit where properly requested, then the Grand High Priest has the power, and it is his duty to arrest the charter of such Chapter and having declared it forfeited, our rules prescribe how the Grand Secretary can then issue the required dimit.

We are of the opinion that it would be a dangerous, perhaps a disastrous, practice to permit the Grand Secretary to issue dimitts, except in cases where the Chapter is dead—that is to say—has no further charter powers.

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to which was referred the following resolution introduced by Companion Harry C. Creely:

"Whereas, the Grand Chapter has changed all appointive offices to elective officers,

Therefore, be it resolved, That all subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction may either elect or appoint the following officers:

Royal Arch Captain, Masters of the three veils and Sentinel." beg leave to report in lieu thereof the following, and recommend its adoption:

Amend Article II, Section 10, of the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter, so as to read as follows:

ELECTIONS AND INSTALLATIONS.

Section 10. Every regularly constituted Chapter under this jurisdiction shall annually, at the regular convocation immediately preceding the Anniversary of St. John the Baptist, elect by ballot, and by a majority of the votes cast, the High Priest, King, Scribe, Treasurer, Secretary, Captain of Host, Principal Sojourner, Royal Arch Captain, Chaplain, and the three masters of veils and the Sentinel. The several officers of such Chapter, when so elected, shall be duly installed into office by some Past or Acting High Priest, as soon after their election as practicable, and the names of the officers thus elected shall be communicated to the Grand Secretary immediately after their installation.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Officers, with the exception of the Grand Royal Arch Captain, were then installed by Most Excel-

lent Companion Charles R. Bricken, Most Excellent Companion Norman Gunn acting as Grand Marshal.

On motion, Most Excellent Companion John H. McCormick was authorized to install Excellent Companion Charles A. L. Johnstone, as Grand Royal Arch Captain, in the hall of Mobile Chapter No. 21.

JEWEL PRESENTED TO RETIRING GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

Most Excellent Companion Charles R. Bricken, on behalf of the Grand Chapter, presented the retiring Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Companion Henry Fontaine Reese, with a Past Grand High Priest's jewel, as follows:

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest has assigned to me a most pleasant duty, that of giving expression of the appreciation and high esteem of this Grand Chapter to a worthy Companion—our retiring Most Excellent Grand High Priest. Companion Reese, the happy consciousness of a duty well performed must be gratifying to you. Your administration of the affairs of this Grand Chapter for the Capitular Masonic year just passed has been admirable and the success you have attained has no doubt called for and necessitated many sacrifices of a personal and professional nature upon your part. The encomium of "well done" is always welcome, and how truly can it now be said to you in this connection, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." Royal Arch Masonry has prospered wonderfully under your active and highly intelligent administration, and in giving expression to you of the high esteem, fraternal regard and brotherly love of this Grand Chapter, it is indeed a happy thought that I can couple therewith my personal sentiments of similar or closer character, based upon our intimate and cordial friendship of many years.

On behalf of this Grand Chapter I now present you this badge; it is the jewel of a Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest. The beauty of its design is emblematic of the beautiful sentiment entertained for you by the brotherhood of this noble Order throughout the entire State, and the purity of the metallic substance of which it is made may be taken as symbolic of the esteem, confidence and brotherly love accorded you by the officers and members of this Grand Chapter.

I feel sure that in accepting this beautiful emblem you will value it as one of your most precious possessions, and will transmit it to your posterity as an heirloom priceless beyond computation. Take it and when occasion requires wear it over your loyal heart, a heart so well known to respond to the call of friend or brother, and whose pulsations are always for God, for country, and for right.

Companion Reese accepted the jewel and in most eloquent and feeling terms expressed his thanks to the Grand Chapter and his assurance that its welfare and interest would at all times be near his heart and although he had ceased to wield the gavel, he would not cease to labor for the good of the Craft.

STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest then announced the following Standing Committees:

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

LAWRENCE H. LEE.....Montgomery.

ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

LAWRENCE H. LEE.....Montgomery.

NORMAN GUNN.....Jasper.

OLIVER DAY STREET.....Guntersville.

ON FINANCE.

LOUIS J. WRIGHT.....Talladega.

SAMUEL STEIN.....Bessemer.

JOHN H. MCCORMICK.....Mobile.

ON WORK

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP.....Montgomery.

JACOB BLEY.....Demopolis.

JOHN B. BETHEA.....Birmingham.

ROBERT T. WARD.....	Dadeville.
WOOLSEY FINNELL.....	Tuscaloosa.
ERNEST E. MATTHEWS.....	Birmingham.
JOHN MOFFETT.....	Selma.
ROBERT E. HOWARD.....	Birmingham.
HEZERIAH G. EARNEST.....	Anniston.

ON BY-LAWS.

GEORGE A. JOINER.....	Talladega.
CHARLES H. TOMLINSON.....	Columbia.
DANIEL W. MUNN.....	Ozark.

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 1.

BASIL M. HILL.....	Springville.
GEORGE PEGRAM.....	Faunsdale.
SETH MABRY.....	Eufaula.
GEORGE W. HAYS.....	Birmingham.

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 2.

ROBERT C. WILLIAMS.....	Dothan.
FRENCH H. CRADDOCK.....	Sylacauga.
THOMAS DEWALT CRAIG.....	Ensley.
WILLIAM S. KILBY.....	Anniston.

ON DISPENSATIONS.

WALTER SMITH.....	Tuscaloosa.
CHARLES A. L. JOHNSTONE.....	Mobile.
GABRIEL M. SALIBA.....	Birmingham.

ON NECROLOGY.

STEWART McQUEEN.....	Montgomery.
LEONIDAS W. KOLB.....	Ozark.
HORACE J. SALTER.....	Birmingham.

ON PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES.

JOHN PHILIP MELVIN.....Tuscaloosa.
JULIAN F. SPEARMAN.....Anniston.
JERE C. DENNIS.....Dadeville.

ON SUSPENSIONS, EXPULSIONS AND APPEALS.

JACOB U. RAY.....Woodstock.
WILLIAM E. BINGHAM.....Tuscaloosa.
SIDDONS STOLLENWERCK.....Faunsdale.

INSPECTORS.

The Grand High Priest appointed the following Companions as Inspectors for the ensuing Capitular year:

First District, Joseph Leon Gunter, Albany.
Second District, Thomas Bradford, Centre.
Third District, Harry C. Crelly, Birmingham.
Fourth District, Norman Gunn, Jasper.
Fifth District, Hezeriah G. Earnest, Anniston.
Sixth District, John Philip Melvin, Tuscaloosa.
Seventh District, Robert T. Ward, Dadeville.
Eighth District, John Moffett, Selma.
Ninth District, James M. Frazer, Opelika.
Tenth District, William H. Cooper, Montgomery.
Eleventh District, Jacob Bley, Demopolis.
Twelfth District, Charles A. Simpson, Troy.
Thirteenth District, William L. Lee, Columbia.
Fourteenth District, Sims M. Seaton, Florala.
Fifteenth District, Charles A. L. Johnstone, Mobile.

MINUTES READ.

There being no further business to come before the Grand Chapter, the minutes were read and approved.

CLOSED.

After solemn prayer to the Throne of Grace, by the Right Excellent and Reverend Grand Chaplain, the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama was closed in Ample Form.

Geo. A. Deaulon
Grand Secretary



PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Council of Anointed High Priests
OF THE
STATE OF ALABAMA

The Forty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Council of Anointed High Priests of the State of Alabama was held in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Montgomery, at twelve-thirty o'clock P. M., Tuesday, December 3, 1918, with the following officers and members present:

OFFICERS.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP.....	M. E. President.
LEONIDAS W. KOLB.....	as E. Vice-President.
WILLIAM E. BINGHAM.....	E. Chaplain.
ROBERT C. WILLIAMS.....	as E. Treasurer.
BASIL M. HILL.....	E. Recorder.
WILLIAM W. RANSOM.....	E. Master of Ceremonies.
JOSEPH DIXON MATLOCK.....	E. Conductor.
JOHN B. BETHEA.....	E. Herald.
JOHN PHILIP MELVIN.....	E. Steward.
ARCHIBALD L. R. THOMPSON.....	as E. Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Charles R. Bricken.....	Past Grand High Priest.
Robert S. Teague.....	Past Grand High Priest.
Lawrence H. Lee.....	Past Grand High Priest.
Norman Gunn	Past Grand High Priest.
John H. McCormick.....	Past Grand High Priest.
Henry F. Reese.....	Past Grand High Priest.

Walter Smith.....	Tuscaloosa Chapter No. 1.
Henry C. Davidson.....	Montgomery Chapter No. 22.
Guy T. Smith.....	Montgomery Chapter No. 22.
John Wilson Terry.....	Montgomery Chapter No. 22.
Louis J. Wright.....	Talladega Chapter No. 23.
Horace J. Salter.....	Elyton Chapter No. 76.
Ernest E. Matthews.....	Mineral City Chapter No. 101.
Samuel Stein.....	Bessemer Chapter No. 110.
Lamartine O. Hicks.....	Jackson Chapter No. 119.
Charles S. Allred.....	Elba Chapter No. 134.
Charles H. Tomlinson.....	Columbia Chapter No. 138.

The Council was opened in Ample Form.

The Recorder then presented and read the petitions for the Order of High Priesthood, from the following six Companions:

Thomas A. Himes, Jr.....	Montgomery Chapter No. 22.
Roy E. Osborn.....	Elyton Chapter No. 76.
Harry C. Crelly.....	Mineral City Chapter No. 101.
Lew Lazarus.....	Mineral City Chapter No. 101.
William S. Kilby.....	Anniston Chapter No. 105.
Ferdinand H. Bryant.....	Woodlawn Chapter No. 146.

All of the candidates being present, they were separately admitted, anointed, solemnly consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood in due and ample form.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Council then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

George A. Beauchamp.....	M. E. President.
Woolsey Finnell	E. Vice-President.
William E. Bingham.....	E. Chaplain.
Archibald L. R. Thompson.....	E. Treasurer.
Basil M. Hill.....	E. Recorder.

William W. Ransom.....	E.'. Master of Ceremonies.
Joseph D. Matlock.....	E.'. Conductor.
John B. Bethea.....	E.'. Herald.
John Philip Melvin.....	E.'. Steward.
William H. Cooper.....	E.'. Sentinel.

MINUTES READ.

There being no further business to be brought before the Council, the minutes were read and approved.

CLOSED.

And then, after solemn prayer to the Throne of Grace, by the Excellent Chaplain, the Forty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Council of Anointed High Priests of the State of Alabama was closed in Ample Form.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,
President.

Attest:

BASIL M. HILL,
Recorder.

LIST OF ANOINTED HIGH PRIESTS OF ALABAMA

FROM THE ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNCIL IN 1869 TO THE
PRESENT TIME, WITH DATE OF THEIR CONSECRATION.

Adams, David, Jr.	Jackson No. 119	December 1, 1903
Adams, Joseph A.	Columbus No. 93	December 6, 1876
Aldrich, William F.	Central No. 64	December 6, 1892
Allred, Charles S.	Elba No. 134	December 2, 1913
Anderson, James T.	Auburn No. 136	December 6, 1910
Anderson, Sven J.	Montgomery No. 22	December 6, 1892
Avent, Joseph C.	Tyrian No. 54	December 7, 1870
Archer, George	Blocton No. 109	November 30, 1915
Armstrong, B. Dixon	Myles J. Greene No. 80	December 4, 1893
Armstrong, H. Clay	Notasulga No. 92	December 2, 1869
Arnold, William A.	Landmark No. 71	December 3, 1895
Atkeson, Clarence L. C.	Columbia No. 138	December 5, 1911
Bailey, James O.	Marion No. 12	December 5, 1899
Barclay, J. P.	Mt. Moriah No. 19	December 4, 1893
Barr, John R.	Eufaula No. 24	December 6, 1892
Battle, Lee W.	Pine Level No. 75	December 7, 1870
Bates, Francis H.	Marion No. 12	December 1, 1902
Beasley, Stephen H.	Montgomery No. 22	December 6, 1876
Beauchamp, George A.	Eufaula No. 24	December 5, 1899
Beck, James T.	Camden No. 40	December 6, 1892
Benson, James C.	Camden No. 40	December 5, 1905
Bethea, John B.	Mineral City No. 101	December 5, 1911
Bethea, Morrison E.	Auburn No. 136	December 7, 1909
Betts, William F.	Evergreen No. 127	December 5, 1905
Biddle, John	Mineral City No. 101	December 2, 1913
Biggs, William H.	Tyrian No. 54	December 6, 1869
Bingham, William E.	Tuscaloosa No. 1	December 1, 1902
Blacke, Simeon L. B.	Heflin No. 128	December 5, 1905
Blackledge, Edward	Gordon No. 73	December 4, 1878

LIST OF ANOINTED HIGH PRIESTS OF ALABAMA—*Continued.*

Bley, Jacob	Jefferson No. 81	December 5, 1905
Bloch, Jacob D.	Mobile No. 21	December 1, 1903
Bloch, Solomon D.	Camden No. 40	December 4, 1893
Brewer, Thomas P.	Mobile No. 21	April 30, 1875
Bricken, Charles R.	Thomas M. Bragg No. 99	December 6, 1892
Bridges, James M.	Landmark No. 71	December 10, 1869
Brooks, Andrew K.	Delta No. 143	December 4, 1916
Browder, John N.	Montgomery No. 22	December 6, 1872
Brower, Joseph	Mineral City No. 101	December 1, 1903
Brown, Peleg	Alabama No. 66	December 2, 1869
Bryant, Ferdinand H.	Woodlawn No. 146	December 3, 1918
Brundidge, James M.	Clinton No. 9	December 2, 1869
Burchell, Edwin	Mineral City No. 101	December 5, 1905
Caldwell, John M.	Anniston No. 105	December 6, 1892
Cargile, Thomas	Eufaula No. 24	December 2, 1869
Carmichael, Duncan C.	Dothan No. 113	December 5, 1911
Cartright, John	Alabama No. 66	December 10, 1869
Cassidy, Benjamin F.	Landmark No. 71	December 7, 1881
Chilton, William P.	Tuskegee No. 43	December 6, 1869
Christian, John B.	Union No. 26	December 5, 1899
Christian, Robert	Union No. 26	December 10, 1869
Christian, Walter H.	Columbia No. 138	December 3, 1912
Clark, Henry W.	Pine Level No. 75	December 6, 1869
Clark, William L.	Blocton No. 109	December 5, 1899
Clayton, Littleberry	Roslin No. 88	December 10, 1869
Clopton, David	Tuskegee No. 43	December 10, 1869
Cobb, James E.	Tuskegee No. 43	December 6, 1872
Cobb, Rufus W.	Shelby No. 97	December 6, 1876
Cobb, William P.	James E. Cobb No. 129	December 7, 1909
Cochran, William A.	Tuscaloosa No. 1	December 10, 1869
Coggin, George W.	H. Clay Armstrong No. 114	December 1, 1903
Cornish, Leonard	Jefferson No. 81	December 5, 1905
Comstock, Charles D.	Pratt City No. 108	December 5, 1905
Conaway, Magnus E.	Sylacauga No. 104	December 6, 1904
Cook, John T.	Camden No. 40	December 3, 1879
Cooper, William H.	Montgomery No. 22	December 6, 1910

LIST OF ANOINTED HIGH PRIESTS OF ALABAMA—Continued.

Copeland, Anderson G.	Danville No. 78	December 6, 1869
Cotnam, Thomas T.	Russell No. 65	December 7, 1871
Cotten, Samuel R.	Tyrian No. 54	December 6, 1892
Creely, Harry C.	Mineral City No. 101	December 3, 1918
Cunningham, Russell M.	Pratt City No. 108	December 4, 1893
Curtis, Christopher C.	Lower Peach Tree No. 69	December 10, 1869
Daniel, Zadock J.	Eufaula No. 24	December 6, 1872
Davidson, Henry C.	Montgomery No. 22	December 1, 1914
Davidson, James	Montgomery No. 22	December 3, 1873
Davies, Jacob	Ensley No. 120	December 4, 1916
Dawson, Walter R.	Zerubbabel No. 56	December 4, 1893
DeCottes, John M.	Montgomery No. 22	December 7, 1909
Dedman, James M.	St. John's No. 28	December 10, 1869
Delashaw, Noble G.	Moulton No. 87	December 8, 1880
Dingley, William H.	Montgomery No. 22	December 6, 1869
Dodson, Marvin N.	Tyrian No. 54	December 1, 1914
Doe, John W.	Fort Payne No. 107	December 4, 1893
Douglass, Robert L.	Mobile No. 21	December 6, 1904
Dowd, Benjamin	Columbus No. 93	December 10, 1869
Driskill, William A.	James Penn No. 30	December 6, 1876
Duke, William T.	Notasulga No. 92	December 1, 1902
Dunlop, Andrew H.	Pratt City No. 108	December 6, 1910
Dunn, Alex M. P.	Eunomia No. 5	December 1, 1908
Earnes, Henry A.	James Penn No. 30	December 7, 1871
Earnest, Hezeriah G.	Anniston No. 105	December 4, 1916
Eastburn, Theodore L.	Mobile No. 21	December 3, 1873
Edwards, George W.	Pratt City No. 108	December 5, 1911
Edwards, Joseph H.	Cunningham No. 120	December 1, 1902
Elliott, Green S.	Cordova No. 131	December 2, 1913
Elliott, William	Cunningham No. 120	December 7, 1909
Evans, Augustus F.	Clinton No. 9	December 7, 1870
Evans, Josiah E.	Thomasville No. 115	December 1, 1914
Etheridge, Malachi	Farriorville No. 67	December 7, 1870
Fagan, Charles S.	Piedmont No. 111	December 3, 1912

LIST OF ANOINTED HIGH PRIESTS OF ALABAMA—Continued.

Falck, John V.	Mobile No. 21	December 6, 1910
Falkner, Jefferson	Concord No. 37	December 9, 1874
Farrar, Henry H.	Blocton No. 109	December 3, 1912
Fason, John C.	Pratt City No. 108	November 30, 1915
Finnell, Woolsey	Tuscaloosa No. 1	December 4, 1906
Ford, William S.	Notasulga No. 92	December 5, 1877
Foster, T. Boyd	Russell No. 65	December 6, 1869
Foster, William S.	Mobile No. 21	December 6, 1872
Fountain, Jeremiah	Bessemer No. 110	December 5, 1905
Frazer, James M.	Myles J. Greene No. 80	December 6, 1910
Gamble, Frank A.	Jasper No. 118	December 2, 1913
Garner, Albert Early	Dothan No. 113	December 1, 1903
Garner, James H.	Landmark No. 71	December 3, 1879
Garner, J. Thomas	Tuscaloosa No. 1	December 3, 1907
Garrett, Charles C.	Dayton No. 27	December 6, 1871
Garrison, John W.	Bell No. 83	December 10, 1869
Gatchell, Edward S.	Saint John's No. 28	December 6, 1892
Gilmore, John N.	Gaston No. 85	December 6, 1892
Gledhill, Arthur	Mineral City No. 101	December 3, 1912
Goldthwaite, John R.	Tyrian No. 54	December 7, 1881
Goodwin, Joseph A.	Jasper No. 118	December 4, 1917
Graham, Kenneth W.	Mobile No. 21	December 4, 1916
Gray, Alanson J.	Choctaw No. 44	December 9, 1874
Green, Henry	Dothan No. 113	December 7, 1909
Greene, James T.	Anniston No. 105	December 5, 1905
Greene, Myles J.	Loachapoka No. 80	December 6, 1869
Groves, Joseph A.	Fulton No. 32	December 6, 1892
Gunn, Norman	Jasper No. 118	December 7, 1909
Gunter, Joseph Leon	Decatur No. 38	December 7, 1909
Hafner, Alexander	Mt. Moriah No. 19	December 4, 1916
Hagood, Middleton H.	Brewton No. 112	December 5, 1911
Haley, Abijah	Farriorville No. 67	December 9, 1874
Hammett, Ernest A.	Sylacauga No. 104	December 5, 1905
Hanks, J. Frank	Talladega No. 23	December 1, 1908
Harder, William W.	Jefferson No. 81	December 2, 1869

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Iyman, Edward S.	Central No. 64	December	3, 1912
Lyons, John B.	Myles J. Greene No. 80	December	1, 1903
Mabry, Seth	Eufaula No. 24	December	5, 1905
Mainor, James T.	Eufaula No. 24	December	6, 1910
Mandy, Charles H.	Cunningham No. 120	December	1, 1902
Marks, Hugh M.	Montgomery No. 22	December	4, 1916
Marsh, George T.	Eunomia No. 5	December	3, 1907
Martin, John M.	Tuscaloosa No. 1	December	6, 1871
Mason, William H.	Marion No. 12	December	5, 1905
Matlock, Joseph D.	Mineral City No. 101	December	1, 1908
Matthews, Emmett A.	Clanton No. 116	December	5, 1905
Matthews, Ernest E.	Mineral City No. 101	December	4, 1916
Matthews, Henry H.	Montgomery No. 22	December	5, 1899
Mayton, William R. K.	Thomasville No. 115	December	5, 1911
Meeds, Frank W.	Tuscaloosa No. 1	December	3, 1912
Melvin, John Philip	Coleman No. 125	December	1, 1908
Mertins, Gustave F.	Montgomery No. 22	December	1, 1903
Mewhinney, Nath'l L.	Mineral City No. 101	December	5, 1899
Miller, John M.	Jasper No. 118	December	1, 1903
Milner, John A.	Mineral City No. 101	December	3, 1873
Mitchell, Andrew C.	Bessemer No. 110	December	4, 1906
Milton, James	Eufaula No. 24	December	6, 1869
Moffett, John	St. John's No. 28	November	30, 1915
Moore, George F.	Montgomery No. 22	December	5, 1899
Moore, James Alex.	Central No. 64	December	4, 1906
Moore, Jack S.	Jasper No. 118	December	1, 1903
Moss, Elmer L.	Woodlawn No. 146	December	4, 1916
Murphy, David R.	Anniston No. 105	December	2, 1913
Murphy, Oscar M.	Dothan No. 113	December	3, 1912
McCollister, Alexander	Cross Plains No. 102	December	5, 1877
McCollum, William W.	Saint John's No. 28	December	8, 1875
McCormick, John H.	Mobile No. 21	December	1, 1908
McCreless, John	Farriorville No. 67	December	10, 1869
McKinnon, John A.	Saint John's No. 28	December	6, 1892
McMath, William M.	Central No. 64	December	7, 1871

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McQueen, Joseph P.	Mt. Moriah No. 19	December 5, 1899
McRae, Philip	Montgomery No. 22	December 4, 1906
McSpadden, Samuel K.	Cherokee No. 68	December 10, 1869
Neal, William T.	Brewton No. 112	December 5, 1911
Neeley, William M.	Union No. 26	December 4, 1906
Norman, Felix G.	Tuscumbia No. 10	December 6, 1876
†Norris, George D.	Eunomia No. 5	October 1, 1869
Oakley, Nathaniel J.	Columbia No. 138	December 2, 1913
Oakley, William E.	Decatur No. 38	December 3, 1895
O'Hara, William A.	Lawrenceville No. 73	December 10, 1869
Osborn, Roy E.	Elyton No. 76	December 3, 1918
Otts, John M. P., Jr.	Phoenix No. 121	December 1, 1903
Pace, Albert E.	Dothan No. 113	December 7, 1909
Page, Thomas S.	Pratt City No. 108	December 7, 1909
Pate, John F.	Choctaw Corner No. 70	December 10, 1869
Peck, Coleman L.	Decatur No. 38	November 30, 1915
Pegram, George	Union No. 26	December 3, 1912
Penick, William C.	Wetumpka No. 17	December 7, 1870
Penn, Richard L.	Hartselle No. 140	December 7, 1909
Perry, William Walter	Blocton No. 109	December 6, 1910
Pierce, William J.	Mineral City No. 101	December 3, 1895
Pillans, Palmer J.	Mobile No. 21	December 6, 1869
Pinnell, John W.	Dadeville No. 56	December 5, 1905
Pope, Benjamin F.	Coosa No. 86	December 6, 1892
Porteous, George	Ensley No. 120	December 5, 1911
Porter, George W.	Hillabee No. 79	December 4, 1893
Powell, Richard H.	Hermon No. 34	December 7, 1870
Prince, Frank M.	Dayton No. 27	December 6, 1869
Rahm, William W.	Decatur No. 38	December 4, 1917
Ramsey, Richard A.	Columbus No. 93	December 4, 1878
Randall, George W.	Blocton No. 109	December 5, 1905
Randolph, William C.	Covington No. 123	December 7, 1909
Ransom, William W.	Mineral City No. 101	December 1, 1902

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Reaves, John	Bell No. 83	December 3, 1879
Reese, Henry F.	Saint John's No. 28	December 5, 1905
Reid, George P. L.	Marion No. 12	December 6, 1869
Renfroe, Wellborn J.	Dothan No. 113	December 7, 1899
Rentz, Eugene A.	Thomasville No. 115	December 1, 1908
Rhodes, William J.	Talladega No. 23	December 3, 1895
Richards, David G.	Pratt City No. 108	December 1, 1914
Robinson, Felix	Montgomery No. 22	November 30, 1915
Rodenbeck, Fred	Elyton No. 76	December 4, 1916
Rodgers, Richard D.	Blocton No. 109	December 1, 1903
Roeck, William C.	Dadeville No. 56	December 1, 1914
Rogers, Jesse M.	Tuscaloosa No. 1	December 4, 1917
Rowland, Thomas T.	Tuscumbia No. 10	December 4, 1878
Sadler, William H.	Mobile No. 21	December 6, 1869
Saliba, Gabriel M.	Roanoke No. 100	December 6, 1910
Salter, George W.	Evergreen No. 127	December 2, 1913
Salter, Horace J.	Elyton No. 76	December 2, 1913
Salter, Llewellyn	Elyton No. 76	December 1, 1914
Salter, Q.	Monroe No. 122	December 5, 1911
Savage, John A.	Jackson No. 119	July 30, 1914
Sayre, Daniel	Montgomery No. 22	December 2, 1869
Saywell, Charles E.	Tuscumbia No. 10	November 30, 1915
Saywell, Frederick T.	Decatur No. 38	December 1, 1908
Scott, Angus M.	Columbus No. 93	December 9, 1874
Screws, Wm. Wallace	Montgomery No. 22	December 7, 1881
Seale, Robert L.	Gaston No. 85	December 3, 1873
Sears, John A.	Rockford No. 62	December 10, 1869
Seaton, Sims M.	Floralala No. 135	December 4, 1916
Sharpe, Henry M.	Bessemer No. 110	December 4, 1917
Shelnutt, John N.	Anniston No. 105	December 3, 1907
Shelton, Humphrey S.	Pickensville No. 36	December 10, 1869
Shepherd, James R.	Floralala No. 135	December 1, 1908
Simpson, Charles A.	Tyrian No. 54	December 1, 1914
Simpson, John M.	Somerville No. 89	December 7, 1870
Sims, Marlon H.	Talladega No. 23	December 1, 1903
Sindlinger, William H.	Talladega No. 23	December 6, 1910

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Sitton, Andrew J.	Cross Plains No. 102	December 8, 1875
Slaton, Charles C.	Heflin No. 128	December 6, 1904
Slaughter, Martin G.	Hillabee No. 79	December 6, 1869
Smaw, Isaiiah B.	Mt. Moriah No. 19	December 7, 1870
Smaw, William	Mt. Moriah No. 19	December 4, 1893
Smith, Daniel	Alabama No. 66	December 4, 1878
Smith, G. Franklin	Choctaw No. 44	December 6, 1869.
Smith, Guy T.	Montgomery No. 22	December 1, 1908
Smith, George W.	Elyton No. 76	December 6, 1876
Smith, James M.	Zerubbabel No. 56	December 5, 1899
Smith, John Gilbert	Mineral City No. 101	December 4, 1893
Smith, Samuel P.	Daniel Pratt No. 96	December 6, 1876
Smith, Walter	Tuscaloosa No. 1	December 1, 1903
Smith, William L.	Tuscumbia No. 10	December 4, 1916
Snodgrass, John H.	Anniston No. 105	December 1, 1914
Southerland, Robert W.	Mobile No. 21	December 1, 1902
Spearman, Julian F.	Anniston No. 105	December 7, 1909
Sprague, Myron T.	Mobile No. 21	December 7, 1909
Stein, Samuel	Bessemer No. 110	December 1, 1903
Stewart, Oliver L.	Piedmont No. 111	December 3, 1912
Stiffler, Andrew J.	Tuscumbia No. 10	December 6, 1892
Street, Oliver D.	Palmyra No. 130	December 4, 1906
Stollenwerck, Siddons	Union No. 26	December 7, 1909
Suttle, Isaac W.	Rockford No. 62	December 6, 1869
Tancre, William H.	Eunomia No. 5	December 4, 1878
Taylor George W.	Rock Mills No. 100	December 6, 1872
Taylor, Morris K.	George D. Norris No. 91	December 6, 1871
Teague, Robert S.	Montgomery No. 22	December 1, 1902
Terrell, Foster B.	Dayton No. 27	December 7, 1870
Terry, John Wilson	Montgomery No. 22	December 6, 1904
Thomason, Thomas J.	Graham No. 106	December 4, 1893
Thompson, Arch'd L. R.	Montgomery No. 22	December 3, 1907
Thompson, Samuel	Elyton No. 76	December 6, 1869
Thornton, Newell M.	Gordon No. 73	December 6, 1876
Threadgill, Charles F.	Gaston No. 85	December 3, 1879
Thurmond, Jones W.	Castleberry No. 141	December 1, 1914

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Tomlinson, Charles H.	Anniston No. 105	December 3, 1912
Townsend, Samuel J.	Pine Level No. 75	December 4, 1893
Townsend, Samuel T.	Union No. 26	December 1, 1914
Tunley, George I.	James Penn No. 30	December 8, 1875
Turley, Thomas F.	Decatur No. 38	December 3, 1895
Turner, J. Morgan	Blocton No. 109	December 4, 1917
Turrentine, Daniel C.	Coosa No. 86	December 7, 1870
Vance, J. Robert	Mineral City No. 101	December 5, 1911
Vance, Samuel F.	Mineral City No. 101	December 6, 1904
Van Derveer, Joseph P.	Clanton No. 116	December 6, 1904
Wadsworth, William D.	Montgomery No. 22	December 8, 1875
Waldo, William W.	Montgomery No. 22	December 4, 1916
Walker, Edward G.	Central No. 64	December 6, 1869
Wallace, Thomas B.	Tallassee No. 126	December 1, 1903
Walton, Simeon	Gaston No. 85	December 10, 1869
Walton, Thomas Peyton	Talladega No. 23	December 1, 1914
Ward, Daniel W.	Tuscaloosa No. 1	December 4, 1916
Ward, Robert T.	Dadeville No. 56	December 5, 1911
Ward, Thomas R.	Phoenix No. 11	December 10, 1869
Ward, Thomas R.	James Penn No. 144	December 4, 1917
Washburn, Stuart E.	Montgomery No. 22	December 2, 1913
Weathers, Benjamin F.	Roanoke No. 100	December 1, 1908
Weaver, J. Richard	Blocton No. 109	December 5, 1899
Weaver, Levi P.	Brewton No. 112	December 1, 1908
Webb, Alfred P.	Beauchamp No. 117	December 6, 1910
Webb, Robert D.	Livingston No. 20	December 6, 1869
West, Ernest H.	James Penn No. 144	December 2, 1913
Westcott, Charles R.	Montgomery No. 22	December 1, 1903
Whitby, Thomas P.	Saint John's No. 28	December 1, 1902
White, Charles F.	Tyrian No. 54	December 1, 1903
White, DeWitt C.	Moulton No. 87	December 7, 1870
Whiteside, William W.	Anniston No. 105	December 1, 1908
Wiley, Henry C.	Tyrian No. 54	December 6, 1892
Wiley, J. McCaleb	Tyrian No. 54	December 2, 1869
Wilkerson, Charles A.	Marion No. 12	December 3, 1907

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Williams, Robert C.	Dothan No. 113	November 30, 1915
Williams, Stephen C.	Oxford No. 98	December 8, 1880
Williams, Zaccheus H.	Smedley No. 77	December 7, 1870
Willoughby, John H.	Cherokee No. 68	December 7, 1870
Wills, Edward Houston	Central No. 64	December 4, 1917
Wilson, Isaiah A.	Hermon No. 34	December 7, 1871
Wimberly, Louis T.	Loachapoka No. 80	December 5, 1877
Wise, Leonard	Mobile No. 21	December 1, 1914
Wood, Thomas B.	Roanoke No. 100	December 4, 1917
Wood, William B.	Cyrus No. 6	December 5, 1877
Wright, Louis J.	Talladega No. 23	December 6, 1904

No meetings were held in the years 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1894, 1897, 1898, 1900 and 1901.

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APPENDIX

NAMES AND NUMBERS OF CHAPTERS MAKING RETURNS.

With the Number of Members Returned, Amount of Dues Paid to the Grand Chapter, and the Number of Those Advanced, Presided, Received and Accepted, Exalted, Affiliated, Reinstated, Died, Dimitted, Suspended and Expelled, Since Last Return.

Number	NAME OF CHAPTER	No. Members	Amt. of Dues Paid	Advanced	Presided	Rec'd & Accept.	Exalted	Affiliated	Reinstated	Died	Dimitted	Suspended	Expelled
1	Tuscaloosa	183	\$ 183.00	9	10	12	12	1	5	9			
5	Eunomia	61						1	1				
10	Tuscumbia	84	80.00	32	32	32	32	1	3	1		2	
12	Marion	76	67.00					2		1	1	3	
19	Mt. Moriah§	16											
21	Mobile	126	126.00	9	9	9	8	1	2	3	3	5	
22	Montgomery	262	262.00	65	65	65	65	1	6	6	1		
23	Talladega	81	75.00	3	3	3	3				3	8	
24	Eufaula	59							1	1			
26	Union	47	47.00					2	2	3	5		
28	St. John's	235		67	67	67	68	3	4	1	1		
34	Hermon	38							1	1	4		
38	Decatur	164	153.00	22	24	24	25	2	2	2	5		
54	Tyrian	97	97.00	5	5	5	5	5	1				
56	Dadeville	88	86.00						1	1	6		
57	Collinsville§	22											
63	Clayton§	21											
64	Central*	41	66.50	6	6	6	6	1					
71	Landmark	59	58.25	29	29	29	29	6	1				
76	Elyton	128	128.00	32	32	34	35	3			2		
79	Hillabee	24								6	15		
80	Myles J. Greene* ..	76	130.00	19	19	19	19	1		2	14		
81	Jefferson	58	55.00	2	1	2	2	1			1		
86	Coosa	132	132.00	22	22	22	22	6		1	4		
88	Springville	24											
99	Ben Bricken†	86	55.50	19	19	19	19			1	8		
100	Roanoke	93		3	3	3	3			1	1	5	
101	Mineral City	582	582.00	60	66	66	67	4	6	14	10	33	
104	Sylacauga†	124	83.25	9	9	9	9	2	1		1	4	
105	Anniston*	260	370.25	98	98	96	96	1		3	5		
107	Fort Payne§†	31	23.25										
108	Pratt City	128	128.00	7	7	7	7			2		2	
109	Blocton	32	32.00				3					1	
110	Bessemer	278		79	79	79	79	3	2		1		
111	Piedmont	78	78.00	18	18	18	18	1	1		1		
113	Dothan	172	162.00	55	55	55	55	2	2	1	3	2	
114	H. C. Armstrong** ..	44	63.75										
115	Thomasville§†	22	13.50										
116	Clanton*	51	98.25					1	1	1	2	10	
118	Jasper	139	124.00	39	39	39	39	3	1	1	1	1	1
119	Jackson*	40	64.00						1		2	4	

NAMES AND NUMBERS OF CHAPTERS—Continued.

Number	NAME OF CHAPTER	No. Members	Amt. of Dues Paid	Advanced	Presided	Rec'd & Accept.	Exalted	Affiliated	Reinstated	Died	Dimitted	Suspended	Expelled
120	Ensley	270	264.00	68	68	68	68	1	2	4	...	1	...
122	Monroe†	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
123	Covington†	41	30.75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
124	Bladon Springs	16	16.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
125	Centreville†	34	20.25	5	5	5	5	...	5	...	1	2	...
126	Tallassee	78	...	20	20	20	20	...	...	...	...	...	...
127	Evergreen†	39	25.50	2	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...
128	Heflin§	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
129	James E. Cobb*	30	52.50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
130	Palmyra†	18	12.75	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...
131	Cordova	60	59.00	5	5	5	5	...	3	1	...	1	...
134	Elba†	20	20.75	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
135	Florala	82	75.00	24	24	22	22	2	6	...	4	7	...
136	Auburn§	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
137	Samson	69	64.00	21	21	21	21	2	1	2	1	...	...
138	Columbia	18	...	3	3	3	2	...	1	...	1	...	...
140	Hartselle**	22	27.00	3	3	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
141	Castleberry	36	36.00	1	1	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...
142	Cherokee	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
143	Delta	34	34.00	10	10	10	10	...	3	1	...	...	...
144	James Penn	27	27.75	15	15	13	13	...	1	1	...	...	...
145	Millport†	28	21.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
146	Woodlawn†	699	430.50	132	132	132	130	2	...	3	6	28	...
147	Abbeville U. D.	36	...	19	9	8	5	...	...	...	2	...	...
148	Bullock U. D.	22	...	14	15	14	14	9	...	1	...	...	...
149	Phoenix U. D.	25	...	15	15	15	14	11	...	...	...	...	...
Totals.....		6153	\$4,840.25	1066	1062	1060	1059	59	74	75	85	173	1

* Dues paid for 1917 and 1918.

** Dues paid for 1916 and 1917.

† Dues paid for 1917 only.

‡ Dues paid for 1916 only.

§ Membership estimated. No return received.

Despite repeated and urgent appeals to the High Priests and Secretaries, the Annual Returns have not been received from eight (8) Chapters, as follows:

Mt. Moriah No. 19.

Collinsville No. 57.

Clayton No. 63.

Ft. Payne No. 107.

Thomasville No. 115.

Monroe No. 122.

Heflin No. 128.

Auburn No. 136.

We regret to say that we are therefore unable to give the correct membership of the above named Chapters and in making out this tabular statement we are compelled to estimate same.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

MEMBERSHIP OCTOBER 15, 1917..... 5,292

GAIN.

Exalted	1,059	
Affiliated	59	
Reinstated	74	
Errors	3	1,195

LOSS.

Died	75	
Dimitted	85	
Suspended N. P. D.....	172	
Suspended U. C.....	1	
Expelled	1	334

Net Gain..... 861

MEMBERSHIP OCTOBER 15, 1918..... 6,153

Chartered Chapters 1917.....	63	
Chapters Chartered 1918.....	2	
Charters Restored 1918.....	1	66

Charters Forfeited..... 2

Chartered Chapters on the Roll 1918.....	64
Chapters under dispensation.....	1

Present number of Chapters.....	65
Number of Chapters represented.....	54
Number of Chapters making returns.....	59
Number of Chapters paying dues.....	52

CHAPTERS DELINQUENT FOR NOT MAKING RETURNS.

Mt. Moriah	No. 19
Collinsville	No. 57
Clayton	No. 63
Fort Payne.....	No. 107
Thomasville	No. 115
Monroe	No. 122
Heflin	No. 128
Auburn	No. 136

CHAPTERS DELINQUENT FOR NOT PAYING DUES.

Eunomia	No. 5
Mt. Moriah.....	No. 19
Collinsville	No. 57
Clayton	No. 63
Hillabee	No. 79
Fort Payne.....	No. 107
Thomasville	No. 115
Monroe	No. 122
Covington	No. 123
Heflin	No. 128
Auburn	No. 136

CHARTERS ISSUED.

Abbeville	No. 147
Phoenix	No. 149

CHARTER RESTORED.

Hartselle	No. 140
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CHARTERS FORFEITED.

- Mt. Moriah No. 19. No dues paid for two successive years.
 Monroe No. 122. No returns made and no dues paid for two successive years.

CHAPTER REINSTATED.

HartselleNo. 140

DISPENSATIONS ISSUED.

BullockNo. 148

PhoenixNo. 149

DISPENSATION CONTINUED.

BullockNo. 148

EXALTED.

Tuscaloosa No. 1: Thomas Branch Betty, Richard Alvis Chrisenhall, J. Thomas Davis, Henry Roy Faucette, George Stewart Hall, Thomas Crittenden Hays, Charles Edward Moore, Spencer Jack Pearson, Edward Emanuel Pirtle, Thomas Hagerman Read, Lee Hamp Roberson, Moses Montrose Yaretsky.

Tuscumbia No. 10: John B. Blalock, Jesse A. Booth, Tom W. Blasingame, Joel S. Brown, Arthur R. Carter, James Madison Casper, Oscar H. Crowell, George H. Davis, James H. Goyer, Joseph B. Gill, Wiley H. Gracey, William Hannum, Ambrose W. Haley, Oscar R. Hanson, Dial Hughston, Frank W. Lewis, William B. Mahan, J. R. Moody, Samuel C. McClellan, Arthur R. McGarry, Edgar Lee Perryman, Frank G. Powers, Chester P. Price, Harry P. Redding, George H. Ross, James W. Rutland, William E. Sanford, Rawlins Young Sibley, Robert A. Smith, Arthur South, William C. Thomas, William M. Yerbe.

Mobile No. 21: Thomas H. Bowen, William M. Evans, Edgar C. Harris, Frank J. Imahorn, Henry O. Leuders, Frank H. Mallory, Edward J. Roberts, Boone B. Trawick.

Montgomery No. 22: Cole Acker, Claud S. Allen, Charles H. Bailey, Chester F. Baker, Edward S. Bell, William Bell, Guy H. Bishop, Carl W. Boockholdt, John A. Boyers, Clifton M. Brown, John F. Butler, Edward M. Byles, William F. Campbell, Lafe B. Chapin, Charles W. Clifford, Jesse N. Cogburn, Howard S. Coil, Fred Dankert, William V. Davenport, James W. Davidson, James C. DeLong, Leopold W. Dupuy, James L. Drake, Fred J. Dreher, Alfred C. Ellis, Leslie D. Fairchild, John N. Fields, Harry E. Fischer, John O. Garrett, Pettus M. Gill, Luther H. Goree, William R. Greene, Charles E. Hathaway, Karl E. Henion, William S. Hoover, Elbert A. Holt, Albert S. Hudson, Thomas R. Hughes, Joshua E. Jessee, Norwood Johnson, James W. Kendrick, Nicholas T. Kontos, Dudley W. Lang, Henry C. Lenoir, C. Pope Lifsey, John

EXALTED—*Continued.*

R. Miller, Jacques M. Morrell, Luther F. Murphy, Silas S. Nettles, Howard L. Norton, Albert F. Oeming, Arlington M. Ogden, Washington D. O'Neal, Clarence R. Rice, Rankin R. Rossell, Jasper A. Scott, Evan B. Shine, Eli S. Shorter, William L. Simpson, Flem J. Smith, James S. Taylor, Thomas S. Thweatt, Benjamin W. Venable, Herman E. Winston, Joseph J. Zoller.

Talladega No. 23: Robert L. Burkes, Arthur D. Langston, Oscar L. Michael.

St. John's No. 28: Emmett F. Andrews, John Ballas, W. Bibel Berry, Thomas W. Berry, M. J. Bouterse, Andrew D. Breslin, Charles F. Breslin, Ernest L. Burfett, John H. Bolinger, Eugene C. Bruce, Raymond L. Chollar, Richard D. Carothers, Jr., Othra A. Carneal, William O. Cresman, Edward M. Cothron, John W. Doris, Thomas J. Doran, Benjamin E. Dunnaway, Macon C. Ellis, Charles A. Fisher, William A. Fisher, John A. Fuller, Edward W. Gamble, W. Sturgeon Gillis, L. R. Gilmore, Walter E. Harrison, William B. Hicks, William C. Holman, Arthur H. Hudson, E. Powell Lee, A. Lockwood, W. A. Lockwood, Moses R. Lilenthal, J. H. Martin, A. T. May, Edwin K. May, Thomas H. Meller, Thomas L. McDonald, David N. McDowell, Felix C. McDonald, Ralph D. Nicholson, W. Frank Ormond, Robert E. Peake, William H. Roberts, Ernest T. Rouse, James E. Robbins, R. A. Ross, Archie M. Russell, Foster C. Riggs, Russell I. Rawls, Bishop M. Redley, Philip T. Shanks, L. J. Smith, Robert L. Sutton, Andrew J. Stocks, Stephen W. Spivey, Ernest L. Stroud, Peyton O. Thomas, James W. Voltz, Jr., John W. Wilson, Norman P. Williams, W. Ross Woods, James B. Worrell, Beckman L. Youngblood, W. Clarence Day, Harry Howard, Edwin W. Hagood, William F. Singleton.

Decatur No. 38: William Clifford Bailey, J. Oscar Camp, Jack E. Gray, Robert E. Graves, Ambrose T. Grayson, John Garrison, Abram R. Haisfield, John Henry Hartung, A. Luther Handley, John W. Jones, James H. Johnson, William R. Johnson, Thomas G. Mundy, Samuel H. Ma-

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lone, James Frank McClary, Ralston G. Osborn, J. Thomas Rainy, William Randolph Shelton, Neal M. Speake, Herman L. Turner, Fred Wall, J. Stanley Wyatt, Harry A. Wyatt, Leon Kendall Wiggins, Jesse A. Yarbrough.

Tyrian No. 54: Wilbon Boswell, Druid Homer Conrad, William Henry Chaffin, James Alexander Henderson, George Thomas Wingard.

Central No. 64: Charles T. Acker, Millard G. Adams, Zollie S. Cowart, John Wheeler Greenwood, John Wesley Little, Thomas Cook McKibbin.

Landmark No. 71: Daniel Neal Crosby, Henry B. Steagall, Robert L. McSwain, Benjamin W. Bingham, Walter Synes Wills, Homer R. Smith, Harvey B. Windham, Woodfin G. Mizell, Orlando Segeer Dillard, William S. Gamer, Samuel N. Saliba, William G. Carroll, William S. Jemmerson, Louie F. Sessions, James R. Dowling, Daniel W. Matthews, Philip Jones Belcher, Frank S. Howell, J. Lafayette Barnes, John A. Anglin, Thomas I. Beasley, Henry J. Jackson, Sylvester S. Jones, Cadwalader Jones, Samuel A. Austin, Joseph L. Matthews, Oger K. Weed, Augustus D. Carden, Bascom F. Faust.

Elyton No. 76: Charles G. Alley, Joseph P. Atkinson, Coleman Birchfield, William H. Britt, Mack D. Benton, William Benson, Robert D. Dawkins, Clarence A. DeWitt, Charles C. Ellis, Thomas M. Edwards, Logan E. Glover, Benjamin H. Huddleston, Byron O. Hargrove, Isaac A. Keith, Harry M. S. Kleyensteuber, William E. Mauk, Robert L. Mosley, Robert A. Moses, Luther McAnally, William L. McGraw, Louis M. McLemore, Robert G. McGahey, William T. Neil, Maurice H. Proctor, Jesse W. Plemons, Percy D. Reese, William S. Routt, Charles Schwend, Roger W. Snyder, James T. Summers, William G. Taylor, William W. Turnbull, George Veitch, Jr., John R. Wilcox, John M. Wesson.

EXALTED—*Continued.*

Ayles J. Greene No. 80: Clifford T. Brown, Reed A. Banister, Ira W. Ballard, Thomas R. Booth, James M. Britton, W. Earle Cole, Homer D. Cobb, Amos E. Day, Edgar Q. Horn, Charles D. Hays, Henry Kent, J. Roy Pratt, H. Grady Sullivan, James G. Spann, J. F. Snelling, James D. Tallison, Oscar H. Tatum, Ernest L. White, Clifford H. Williams.

Jefferson No. 81: Edward H. C. Bailey, John J. Caldwell.

Coosa No. 86: Thomas G. Belcher, John Henry Coleman, William B. Connally, Jesse M. Childress, Manley A. Davis, George E. Gay, James D. Hunter, Harry Louis Mankin, Marion W. Mims, Ervin Joseph Owen, John Smith Riddle, Robert Riddlesburger, William Fletcher Rose, June C. Rogers, Thomas Sterling Sells, William Berkley Seay, James A. Smith, Alonzo T. Taylor, William Thomas Willingham, Charles M. Wiggins, Edwin Hall Woodruff, George P. Walker.

Ben Bricken No. 99: Thomas J. Bozeman, Jay D. Bradley, Wylie C. Calhoun, Ralph C. Carlisle, Henry R. Horn, I. D. Hawkins, Joe S. Lansdor, Robert L. Mullins, James T. Wilson, Thomas W. Pegler, R. Hugh Roberson, Frank A. Sykes, James O. Sentell, Justice D. Smith, Earl H. Smith, Park Thompson, John Veal, James B. Walden, Charles Fred Winkler, James E. Barnes, James I. Beeland, Edward J. Hancock.

Roanoke No. 100: George Henry Beaty, John Morgan Spence, Wallace W. Bonner.

Mineral City No. 101: Jesse Hook Adkins, Robert William Bain, John Allen Bell, Zere Edmond Bellah, Needham Walter Benefield, Charles Joseph Betras, Leroy Quimby Box, Aramanus Graham Brown, Thomas Henry Brown, Edward Troy Beatty, Robert Henry Campbell, Louis Edwin Crump, George Porter Caldwell, William James Cameron, Jr., Stephanus Melton Carroll, Edgar Sumpter Center, Jr., William Claude Clary, Martin Jones Collins, Jr., John Randolph Crye, Horace Leon Cunningham, Clarence Montgomery Crawford, Thomas Steele Darnall,

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Jones Fronto Deadwyler, Adrian Augustus Fendley, John Sidney Fendley, Jr., Robert Lee Fuller, William Goodwin, Joseph Grissom, Arthur Alexander Greenwood, Walter Mark Hagood, Fred Andrew Hanlin, Samuel Charles Hane, Walter Sylvester Harris, Faris Azas Hawie, Seay Smith Hendley, David Oliver Hill, Charles William Horn, Frank Daniel Horton, John Wesley Hunter, Elbridge Eastman Hydinger, Verttle True Kissell, Elliott Knight, Adolph Napoleon Laurell, Foster Clanton Manasco, Frank Walter Marlow, Thomas Branch Marshall, Robert Willis Matthews, Bramlitt Perkins Mims, Wade Hampton Oldham, Thomas Houston Parker, William Piez, Pryor Harris Plumlee, John William Porter, Frank Ludwig Powell, Robert Matthew Rankin, Milton Earnest Reaves, Albert Leslie Reese, Thomas Arthur Robinson, Samuel Sanders, Louis Tom Sarris, Edward Henry Shoedinger, James Patrick Shepherd, Harvey Louis Spaunburg, Joseph Homer Stallings, John Harris Taylor, Jodie William Taylor, Philip Sheridan Webber.

Sylacauga No. 104: Henry B. Foster, Avery D. Iles, Rush R. Gross, Wayland Ivey Foote, C. W. Moore, W. L. Holdridge, J. A. Strickland, William O. Edwards, William R. Parker.

Anniston No. 105: Clifton G. Arberry, Edwin A. Becker, Grover C. Bryant, William M. Blair, E. G. Bosworth, Oscar E. Barnes, Simon E. Boozer, Vins L. Causey, Clifton G. Crumpacker, James T. Carter, Calvin C. Crowder, William J. Coleman, Donald M. Clark, Archie L. Carroll, David C. Cole, Edwin A. Darden, L. O. Drew, Ben A. Dunlap, Charles B. Dubose, Herbert M. Foster, William B. Flack, William H. Gay, Ulysses S. Henderson, Martin J. Hawk, C. L. Harkins, Leonard G. Henry, Richard L. House, Joel E. Henderson, Noel T. Hammett, Charles Hahn, Howard S. Helland, Charles N. Henderson, Jesse A. Hitchcock, George T. Hollingsworth, Earle D. Harvey, John M. Handley, John J. Helff, Charles H. Ikerman, Roy F. Jolly, Goodson E. Jones, James C. Jessup, Young C. Keene, Erasmus H. Klossman, William Z. Kidd,

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Thomas King, Robert E. Kelly, Hosea W. Lee, Reuben F. Landham, Arthur W. Lamy, C. Elbert Lighto, James F. Littlejohn, Guy T. Levi, Thomas J. B. Lang, Samuel Morgan, Dwight Mohr, Oscar Myers, Edward A. Munroe, J. L. Montgomery, Dan J. Meadows, Lock L. McLawton, Edwin A. McCleese, James C. Norton, Robert A. Norris, Chesley L. Nelson, Doctor F. Owen, William T. Olin, Robert A. Poland, Guy S. Pfzing, Clifton A. Pritchett, O. Jefferson Posey, Frank Powell, Wm. A. Pardon, Frederic C. Reynolds, Paul E. Stephens, Moses M. Sewell, Archibald N. Smith, Guy D. Sewell, C. Forest Simms, William M. Salter, William H. Sims, William T. Smith, George C. Tilman, John W. F. Thomas, William W. Talberton, George W. Turnipseed, William B. Ullry, Frederick H. Vinup, Bert R. Watson, Pinkney M. White, Richard L. West, Frank K. T. Warick, John D. Wade, Beverly C. Wilkes, John A. Wegur, William O. Ward, Whit A. Whiteside.

Pratt City No. 108: Frank Briner, Joseph V. Calvin, Claud B. Edwards, John W. Groves, Lewis Jones, Virgil B. Milwee, Julius W. Walden.

Blocton No. 109: W. T. Griffin, E. M. Griffin, O. A. Griffin.

Bessemer No. 110: James Barrett, Charles R. Brewer, James G. Bruce, George H. Bumgardner, Ben Davis Batson, Charles B. Brown, William M. Bruns, George E. Brown, Henry W. Adkins, W. Sidney Bruce, James J. Baird, Barren C. Barren, William L. Baxley, Felton Collin, Clifton S. Carter, Reuben W. Chambers, William T. Carroll, Benjamin J. Cowart, Garland H. Denson, William H. Davidson, John W. Davenport, James M. Dean, Leonard B. DeRamus, Edward W. Duncan, David C. Davis, William D. Eastis, Balcie J. East, James W. Foster, James A. Fitzpatrick, Daniel W. Farr, Amherst H. Guyes, Clarence E. Gaines, James W. George, Ira F. Hawkins, James J. Haley, Leonidas H. Higginbotham, Luther M. Harris, Allie C. Haygood, John A. Horton, Thomas J. Jones, George Washington Jones, James W. Lowery, Wil-

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liam E. Lewis, Lennie Y. Lipscombe, Forest L. Maxwell, Alonzo W. Mock, Joseph Elmore McAdory, Daniel McPherson, Henry W. Oliver, Richard R. Partis, Thomas L. Parsons, Noble C. Powell, Robert Bruce Ragsdale, R. H. Ruddle, William G. Rush, Walter L. Riley, Thomas G. Robertson, William S. Reed, Charles A. Rush, Robert Toombs Smith, James B. Stevens, David E. Stretch, John Martin Slockett, John Robert Sellers, Vernon C. Sims, Ray Tillman, I. Read Thomason, Ollie B. Terrell, Edward F. Vennum, Jesse M. Woods, Louis A. Winters, James H. Wilkes, Dee Carty Woods, John W. Wilson, William H. Whare, Thomas M. Weed, Edward Hixon, Kelly M. Johnson, Silas I. Wooten.

Piedmont No. 111: Lindsey Brannon, Walter W. Crymes, Lamar Hanvey, Ernest C. Harris, Henry Hardin, Robert Ivey, Walter Knowles, William V. Little, Victor Macon, William A. Moore, Zach Scoggins, C. Walter Thompson, L. Guy Webb, Joseph Coney, Thomas Garner, John H. Morgan, Emmett Sharp, Isaac H. Whorton.

Dothan No. 113: Albert A. Alford, Walter A. Barnes, Alto L. Barnes, Andrew P. Blatsios, Thomas E. Buntin, Henry B. Burdeshaw, Willis L. Brazil, George W. Clark, George Cotton, Walter M. Deal, John A. Deal, Alfred S. Frazier, Byrd G. Farmer, Jr., Mather E. Gay, Frank G. Granger, John H. Griffin, Atticus H. Gregory, Robert J. Haskew, Louis Hilson, Robert J. Harrison, John J. Hardy, John R. Jones, Emery E. Jones, William B. Jeffries, James O. Lisenby, Gustave Lambrecht, John L. Leslie, Herbert B. Law, Jasper R. McArthur, Mack D. McCaskill, George S. Mickle, Ewell A. Middlebrooks, Wiley B. Pearce, James M. Quinn, William W. Stringfellow, Carl P. Simon-ton, Leslie M. Smart, Abe T. Saliba, Wilbur O. Stewart, Lester Radney, Thomas H. Ripley, Arthur D. Ussery, John H. Williams, Mitchell A. Williams, Thomas J. Whatley, Jr., John C. Walden, James F. Walden, David A. Walden, Charles E. Bell, Lester A. Farmer, Joseph F. Nowell, Isaac F. Tatom, J. E. Brim, R. W. Carswell, Harry K. Martin.

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- Jasper No. 118: John Everett Buzbee, William J. Boshell, Henry Curley, Thomas H. Childers, Edward C. Clark, William V. Dodd, Warren S. Fleuvebin, Edgar S. Gultine, James Everett Jenkins, John M. Johnson, Gustav A. Kropp, J. Carson King, Harry Michael, Thomas H. Moore, Lester McCain, Bodine Manasco, William F. McDonald, Floyd M. McCullom, William O. Neln, George Wesley Newell, James C. Nicol, Jr., Michael Persinger, William A. Powell, Elbert C. Phillips, Linwood C. Preston, Charles O. Peake, George W. Powell, Samuel C. Remburg, Curtis L. Robins, Robert H. Shepherd, Lawrence C. Smith, Thomas R. Simmons, Howard J. Sanbery, George D. Scruggs, Robert Jackson West, George W. Wood, George Edgar Wilson, Young W. West, Thomas J. York.
- Ensley No. 120: Otis Parsons, Charles H. Patterson, Euda Carroll Phillips, George Walter Pratt, Jr., Julius Eugene Reese, William Robert Scholl, Benjamin Hill Smith, Gilbert Frain Smith, Robert Lee Stephens, Robert Marshall Toney, Martin Luther Turner, John Thomas Underwood, Jacob August Valentine, William Lovell VanDyke, Leonard Rush Vines, Adrian Walker, Thomas Gifford Warren, Oscar Hilliard Wilson.
- Centreville No. 125: Frank P. Goodson, John F. Johnstone, Oliver J. Quinn, James D. Riddle, John Stewart Word.
- Tallassee No. 126: William M. Benson, Charles L. Duke, C. Frazier Elliott, Clarence O. Graham, Jesse T. Garrett, Millage H. Hart, F. Daniel Horn, John R. Hinson, Joseph C. Howard, Ocie Haynie, R. L. Hogan, Ollie B. Mathis, Arthur H. Murphy, William W. McKenzie, James M. Piper, Charles E. Wilkerson, Daniel A. Woodall, Benjamin F. Woodall, Andrew J. Sanders, Willie S. Johnson.
- Cordova No. 131: Lonnie C. Brown, Arthur R. Disney, Bennie I. Gibson, Charles Wolford, Allen M. Waldrop.
- Floral No. 135: Alto Z. Bryan, Mal Chavers, William Madison Crysel, Neely Vanderbilt Carpenter, William E. Duggan, Marion Ellis Donaldson, Joseph R. Green, James Russell Josey, James J. Johnston, Henry Owen King, W. T. Long,

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Walter Perry Matthews, Oscar Mosely, Henry Grady McDaniel, John Coleman McLeod, James Edward Poore, Sidney J. Rawson, Wiley Andrew Radney, Earl B. Rodwell, Neill Bryant Smith, William Harvey Smith, Gus O. Spears, Thomas Monroe Yarbrough.

Samson No. 137: William M. Anderson, Edward C. Boswell, Robert M. Carswell, James L. Chancy, Homer A. Dauphin, John B. Daughtry, John R. Fondren, William H. Gaines, John J. Hardy, William Oscar Mulkey, Claud C. McEachin, William F. McCartney, John J. Rivenbark, Oscar L. Rivenbark, Abb J. Smith, J. Pinck Strickland, Charles W. Segrest, William F. Stough, Grover C. Simpson, Joseph T. Stansell, Rhett L. Williamson.

Columbia No. 138: Isaac P. Roberson, Espy W. Smith.

Hartselle No. 140: John T. Cooper, Robert Grady Sherrill, Ray B. Williams.

Castleberry No. 141: John Barron.

Delta No. 143: Oliver Webster Brooks, John Floyd Boggs, Albert Henry Cofield, Grover William Garrett, Joseph Benjamin Garner, Wyley Benjamin Jones, William A. McLeod, John Wyatt Neil, Bennett Garrett Rogers, Cecil Sims.

James Penn No. 144: John D. Batton, Fred Bantleman, Stephen Preston Broward, Thomas D. Cartledge, John H. Caldwell, Henry M. Clark, Willis Earle Clark, Robert L. Crew, Arthur W. Crump, Charles Henry Enway, John B. Nesbitt, Daniel O. Stephenson, Joseph S. Webb.

Woodlawn No. 146: William Henry Adams, Briggs Turner Alverson, Jesse Lee Adams, Henry Eustis Brown, John Henry Burkhardt, Rollo Earl Beck, Timothy Oscar Bowman, Henry Baird Block, Arthur Curtis Branyan, Nathaniel Aldredge Barrett, Jacob Bube, Hamilton Wilder Bostwick, Amos Charles Blankenship, John Laxton Bell, James Talbert Bell, Jr., George Washington Burt, Jr., James Thomas Burg, Joseph Crawford Bartlett, DeWitt Graves Baird, Harry Louis Bumstead, George H. Bube, Jr., Ernest Carl Creel, Edward Wheeler Crump, William Davis Crawford, Thomas Landers Clay, William Wilson

EXALTED—*Continued.*

Crow, Andrew Jackson Crull, John Hamilton Carr, William Ira Carter, John Herman Cook, Paul Henry Copeland, Francis Eugene Chapman, Daniel Charles Carrick, James Davis Dickson, James Collins Dickerson, Leonard John Durr, Thomas Lee Downey, Herbert M. Davis, Cecil Brown Davis, Alber Burden Clifford Drake, Hiram Thomas Dorman, William Elias Davidson, William Thomas Dickerson, Charles Day Ellison, Gip Morgan Evans, Deronda Lee Edmundson, Frederick Leon Eggler, Harry Mike Flinn, Thomas Lumpkin Floyd, John Henry Fritz, John Wyche Fabel, James Asberry Farley, John Reynolds Farmer, Frederick Augustus Bartholdi Freeman, Jay Pullen Gaines, William Edge Gideon, Elie Gray, Frank Sale Harden, Jacob Hibbeler, John Stephen Hawkins, Robert Felix Hendricks, John Richard Humphrey, John Whitfield Howell, John Hurt, Demetrius Henry Hart, Walter Hill, Roscoe Benjamin Hogan, John William Hawthorn, Willis Foster Hays, Elandus Jackson Johnson, Craig Jeffrey, James Marrow Jones, Jr., Harry Morgan Killingsworth, Fred Kernodle, Thomas Reid Lee, Charles D. Ledyard, Joseph Madison Moore, Andy Vernon McCoy, Guy Roderick McKenley, Oscar Jackson Mooney, James Anderson McConnell, George Franklin McCown, Walter Flint McDaniel, Jackson Clesbourn Moorer, John Irby Morgan, Rufus Alford Nix, Lester Amazon Norden, Charles Whilman Nucholls, Charles Blanton Nelson, Abe Oden, Albert Cecil Payne, Hugh Stanford Peake, Hugh Taylor Phillips, John Isaac Walter Pool, Albert Lee Pace, Robert Ingram Parham, Charles Edward Rodgers, Thomas Watkins Riddle, Jr., William Lee Roueche, James Bradley Reid, Hugh Wellington Regan, James Mudd Riley, John Daniel Reynolds, George William Reitzel, Edward Lee Reaves, Robert McLester Strong, Judson Virgil Stuart, William Samuel Self, Hule Hawkins Sullivan, John Franklin Stern, Jesse Lee Smith, Carl Boyd Selman, Robert Power Sudderth, Lillernun Thurston Shiftet, Paul Lee Taylor, Joseph G.

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Thompson, Benjamin Worten Taylor, Jr., John Edward Thomas, Homer Paris Theatford, Howard Van Valkenburg, Clarence Lucien Vance, William Johnston Veitch, William Lemuel White, Robert Andrew Waldron, Daniel Henry Waters, Floyd Morgan Williams, Arthur James Tomlinson, Jesse Henry Waide, John Johnson West, Clarence A. White.

Abbeville No. 147: Leroy A. Coleman, Austin H. Hawley, John H. Oates, Andrew J. Starling, John L. Whatley.

Bullock No. 148: Augustus H. Hill, Malcolm McSweann, John Frank Colquitt, Nowell J. Ganey, John F. Everage, Samuel E. Boroughs, James O. Raley, Malcolm W. Gilchrist, Richard W. Gilchrist, James W. Horn, Andrew J. Wyatt, Robert W. Meacham, Harvey D. Segrest, Ollie F. Clowers.

Phoenix No. 149: John Anthony, J. Walter Anthony, J. Thomas Betterton, George Foster Cain, Martin P. Cain, Robert L. Cain, Richard G. Grimes, John A. Jones, Elisha L. Johnston, George L. Newsome, Otis D. Richards, Charles T. Stillwell, Clark B. Stillwell, Willie B. Stillwell.

AFFILIATED.

- Tuscumbia No. 10: Joseph B. McClellan.
Marion No. 12: S. G. Boyd, F. K. Fleagle.
Mobile No. 21: Henry K. Hill.
Montgomery No. 22: Joseph A. Klarp.
St. John's No. 28: John A. Davison, Robert L. Harrington, William P. Lambert.
Decatur No. 38: Wesley A. Coppage, Jesse C. Persinger.
Central No. 64: Frank Weaver.
Elyton No. 76: Amos C. Blankenship, Jackson C. Moorer, John R. Smith.
Myles J. Greene No. 80: William Y. Fleming.
Jefferson No. 81: James B. Laseter, Jr.
Mineral City No. 101: Lon White Long, William Ivy Pittman, Edwin M. Sellers, William David Sellers.
Sylacauga No. 104: William H. Boozer, Adin Batson.
Anniston No. 105: Jerry L. Turner.
Piedmont No. 111: Charles T. Thomason.
Dothan No. 113: Joseph P. Hanks, A. T. McRae.
Clanton No. 116: Charles M. Roy.
Jackson No. 119: D. F. Ellison.
Ensley No. 120: James Ephraim Hixon.
Floralda No. 135: J. W. Britt, Thomas W. Dollar.
Samson No. 137: Ben J. Austin, William T. McVay.
Woodlawn No. 146: Jesse Thomas J. Knight, Clarence B. Williams.
Bullock No. 148: Samuel William May, Gerald Franklin Pollard, William Driscoll Colquitt, Richard Kersey Horn, George Henry Trantum, Lois Edward Stephenson, Gideon Benjamin Tisdale, Benjamin Wesley Head, McCage Marshall Bentley.
Phoenix No. 149: Homer D. Cobb, Ernest L. White, H. Grady Sullivan, J. Frank Snellings, Thomas R. Booth, Amos E. Day, James M. Britton, Henry T. Kent, C. D. Hays, Edgar Q. Horne, James F. Freeman.

REINSTATED.

- Tuscaloosa No. 1: William Weslie Powers.
- Tuscumbia No. 10: George Geise, John A. McWilliams, Surrey P. Waddy.
- Mobile No. 21: William J. Donahey, Claude E. Hill.
- Montgomery No. 22: John F. Hattermer, Charles H. Kreuger, Claude L. Patterson, Edgar E. Price, Fred E. Robinson, James W. Smith.
- Eufaula No. 24: Jasper Cronin.
- Union No. 26: George W. Long, Samuel T. Townsend.
- Decatur No. 38: Joseph C. Brumbelow, William H. Mitchell.
- Tyrian No. 54: Ebenezer G. Craffin, Arthur L. Crouch, William H. Murphree, Jr., George W. Penton, Davis B. Wilkerson.
- Landmark No. 71: J. E. Laney, D. W. Thompson, A. L. Townsend, A. B. McLeod, W. F. Monk, I. W. Reynolds.
- Coosa No. 86: Harold G. Davis, George W. Echols, John L. Franklin, Judge D. Glasgow, Frank K. Setz, Matt M. Turner.
- Mineral City No. 101: Joseph Matthew Anderson, Bunyan Graves Alverson, James Mercer Barnett, William Thomson Berry, Charles A. Ellis, John W. Reed.
- Sylacauga No. 104: J. Ben King.
- Bessemer No. 110: H. W. Weaver, John E. West, Thomas E. Hurst.
- Piedmont No. 111: Thomas C. Cowan.
- Dothan No. 113: William D. Sanders, James C. Knight.
- Clanton No. 116: Thomas J. Pinson.
- Jasper No. 118: George S. Golden, Henry Long, Charles Roland.
- Ensley No. 120: R. L. Gray, Walker Ward.
- Centreville No. 125: William J. Hand, Wiley A. Propst, J. D. Walker, W. L. White, R. S. Wildsmith.
- Evergreen No. 127: John R. Brooks, Homan Long, Jesse D. McCrary, Ernest E. Newton, George W. Salter.
- Cordova No. 131: Richard A. Cain, D. H. Chilton, Samuel W. Vann.
- Floralia No. 135: Zolph Stephen Adams, Robah Gray Hoover, Charles C. McRae, Albert T. McRae, Lee R. Turner, Samuel M. Baggett.
- Samson No. 137: James L. Lewis.
- Columbia No. 138: Wurtum C. Metcalf.
- Delta No. 143: George Raymon Fuller, James Dock Knight, William H. Foster.
- James Penn No. 144: M. H. Owen.

DIMITTED.

- Marion No. 12: Robert W. Wooley.
- Mobile No. 21: Thomas M. Curry, Andrew P. Smith, James H. Webb.
- Montgomery No. 22: Wesley E. Allen.
- Talladega No. 23: Rufus J. Fulbright, Arthur D. Langston, D. Parmer McDermid.
- Union No. 26: William P. Lambert, John B. Mackie, Eugene L. Nonnemacher.
- St. John's No. 28: Allie P. Bradley.
- Hermon No. 34: Thomas M. Francis.
- Dadeville No. 56: Columbus B. Huggins.
- Hillabee No. 79: William R. Battle, Charles H. German, E. C. Harris, Robert F. Mask, Walter F. Posey, Warren F. Smith.
- Myles J. Green No. 80: Thomas R. Booth, James M. Britton, Homer D. Cobb, Morris Cohen, Amos E. Day, James D. Farley, Edgar Q. Horn, Charles D. Hays, Henry Kent, John B. Lyons, H. H. McNeill, H. Grady Sullivan, J. F. Snelling, Ernest L. White.
- Jefferson No. 81: D. H. Stubbs.
- Coosa No. 86: Judge D. Glasgow.
- Ben Bricken No. 99: Gerald F. Pollard, William F. Arnold, McCagear M. Bentley, Benjamin W. Head, Louis E. Stephenson, George H. Traunn, Gideon B. Tisdale, Richard R. Horn, William C. Colquitt.
- Roanoke No. 100: George J. Turner.
- Mineral City No. 101: Zere Edmond Bellah, Leroy Quimby Box, Atticus Benjamin Carlton, Adrian Augustus Findley, John Sidney Fendley, Jr., William Mark Hagood, George H. Irving, Jacob Usry Ray, LeRoy Smith, Fred S. Warren.
- Sylacauga No. 104: Wade H. Brannon.
- Anniston No. 105: A. A. Batson, E. M. Sellers, W. D. Sellers, S. K. Reed, Newsom Cooper.
- Piedmont No. 111: William H. Boozer.
- Dothan No. 113: Peter M. Metcalf, George W. Williamson, William I. Pittman.
- Clanton No. 116: J. Frank Bilbro, John H. Cox.
- Jasper No. 118: Charles Roland.
- Jackson No. 119: Ralph M. Harold, Kimball I. Hicks.

DIMITTED—*Continued.*

- Centreville No. 125: Oliver P. Head.
Floralda No. 135: Charles C. McRae, Albert T. McRae, Samuel M.
Baggett, A. J. Sellers.
Samson No. 137: Thomas W. Dollar.
Columbia No. 138: James O. Appling.
Woodlawn No. 146: James E. Hixon, Jesse C. Persinger, John W.
Inzer, A. C. Blankenship, J. C. Moorer, J. R. Smith.
Abbeville No. 147: Henry A. Ethridge, William P. Armstrong.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.

- Tuscaloosa No. 1: Horace Glenn Boyd, John T. Bradford, William W. Birchfield, Samuel Francis Clabaugh, James W. Darden, Henry James King, Miles Pleasant Meador, Benjamin Franklin Nicholls, Joseph Saks.
- Tuscumbia No. 10: Joseph W. Miller, Peter W. Norris.
- Marion No. 12: Charles H. Greer, William H. May, Charles F. True, M. Bradford True, Lewis A. Turpin.
- Mobile No. 21: James D. Atkins, Pat Byrne, Porter W. McAdams, John L. A. Peuhls, Edward B. Wheyland.
- Talladega No. 23: George R. Burton, John W. Carden, Robert B. Centerfit, Anton J. Meavers, William L. Northern, Roland G. Spearman, Wiley J. Waters, John W. Willis.
- Union No. 26: Alexander H. Archie, Jr., John W. Barkley, William L. DeSears, Walter J. Hearn, William C. McKnight.
- St. John's No. 28: Elihu F. Green.
- Hermon No. 34: William T. Edwards, Matthew W. Hall, Milus Reeves, James D. Norman.
- Decatur No. 38: William H. Driskill, James A. Forman, John B. Graham, William J. Lee, William B. McCulloch.
- Dadeville No. 56: Allen J. Driver, Jr., Claude Holston, John J. Pinnell, Thomas S. Piper, Graves R. Shaffer, Otis Belon Starr.
- Elyton No. 76: Thomas W. Flowers, Foy A. McDaniel.
- Hillabee No. 79: Charles A. Dean, John R. Gilbert, Miles P. Heath, John Irvin, Daniel B. Nabors, I. D. Nolen, Ernest C. Nolen, Robert B. Owens, James L. Penton, J. A. Penton, George C. Radford, Andrew J. Smith, Lofton Thomas, Sim A. Thomas, George R. Ware.
- Coosa No. 86: W. Frank Denman, Eugene Underwood, Wilburn Hill, William J. Beggs.
- Roanoke No. 100: S. D. Lewis, Thomas C. McCallon, C. V. Riddle, Rea Schuessler, L. L. Welch.
- Mineral City No. 101: Charles S. Brice, Daniel U. Burgin, Branch Bernard Burton, Welborn Thomas Dozier, Bartow Eberhart, John Philip Evans, Cary Otto Gilmer, Daniel Arthur Greene, Raymond G. Greene, Samuel Williamson Hawkins, George J. Hunt, Charles Williamson James, George H. Lowell, John Thomas Meredith, David Law-

SUSPENDED N. P. D.—*Continued.*

son Massey, Henry Clanton Miller, Arthur D. McCormick, Alexander Pierce New, Louis Fletcher Parrish, Thomas Francis Parker, Jr., James Lemuel Pledger, Ernest Fountain Rowley, Joe Karl Saks, James Marshall Simpson, William Toney, George Benjamin Tarrant, Richard Thomas Tyler, James Scott Vance, Harry Wilson, Charles Frank Williams, John C. Willox, David Weir Wood, Samuel Julius Erckert.

Sylacauga No. 104: W. P. Harrison, Daniel P. Kirk, Joseph P. McClusky, Harry Scheler.

Pratt City No. 108: Charles T. Helton, Joseph A. Walker.

Blocton No. 109: Alfred H. Gentry.

Bessemer No. 110: R. H. Carter.

Dothan No. 113: Henry L. McArthur, William H. Williams.

Clanton No. 116: Philip O. Barrett, Daniel Donovan, James T. Daniel, Marion Q. Foshee, Joseph B. Hicks, H. Archie Harris, Herbert King, James N. Langston, R. P. Richardson, H. Grady Reynolds.

Jasper No. 118: Owen Gamble.

Jackson No. 119: J. Winter Calhoun, Rolly O. Hicks, Eustis M. McLeod, Osborne R. Moore.

Ensley No. 120: Richard Moxley.

Centreville No. 125: D. L. Aldrich, J. H. Hayes.

Cordova No. 131: Abner B. Aldridge.

Floralda No. 135: John W. Andrews, W. L. Gordon, John W. Lemais-tre, John W. Prestwood, Ira M. Riles, Mack Tyner, E. Porter Webb.

James Penn No. 144: J. W. Long.

Woodlawn No. 146: Robert H. Allen, William P. Blare, John B. Bunt, Asher S. Bragan, George W. Bragan, Jr., James L. Dorrough, Thomas K. Drake, Norman Z. Gentry, William F. Gilliam, Overton T. Goodman, Otto G. Gladden, Ottis L. Helm, John M. Hankins, Henry V. House, Joseph D. Killough, Charles S. Logan, Benjamin F. McKee, Henry G. Odom, Bush Parson, John I. Reeder, James C. Stat-ham, James McLendon, Arthur P. Roper, Van L. Spruell, John M. Spruell, Milton M. Spencer, Harry M. Smith, John J. Yancey.

SUSPENDED U. C.

Bessemer No. 110: R. H. Carter.

EXPELLED.

Jasper No. 118: James H. Craig.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD

<i>No.</i>	<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
1	Tuscaloosa—	Robert Kirk Bell.....	January 8, 1918
1	Tuscaloosa—	Simon Flarian Herman.....	August 29, 1918
1	Tuscaloosa—	James Kilgore.....	June 18, 1918
1	Tuscaloosa—	Charles H. Morgan.....	November 10, 1918
1	Tuscaloosa—	Lester Jared Snow.....	September 30, 1918
5	Eunomia—	Augustus F. Evans.....	April 11, 1918
10	Tuscumbia—	John B. Blalock.....	October 11, 1918
12	Marion—	John Howze	February 11, 1918
21	Mobile—	Robert B. Russell.....	January 25, 1918
21	Mobile—	Charles D. Willoughly.....	July 4, 1918
21	Mobile—	Leonard Wise	June 30, 1918
22	Montgomery—	Sven J. Anderson.....	January 22, 1918
22	Montgomery—	Austin L. Brooks.....	June 10, 1918
22	Montgomery—	David Fleming	January 10, 1918
22	Montgomery—	Milton Goocher	March 1, 1918
22	Montgomery—	John W. Martin.....	February 14, 1918
22	Montgomery—	John H. Smith.....	December 26, 1917
24	Eufaula—	James D. Holmes.....	January 15, 1918
26	Union—	John S. Kennedy.....	September 19, 1918
26	Union—	John E. West.....	January 17, 1918
28	St. John's—	Samuel V. Horn.....	March 29, 1918
28	St. John's—	J. Wylie Fancher.....	August 7, 1918
28	St. John's—	David M. Scott.....	August 7, 1918
28	St. John's—	Frank F. Wise.....	April 18, 1918
34	Hermon—	Bascom C. Glenn.....	January, —, 1918
38	Decatur—	William H. Jarvis.....	February 27, 1918
38	Decatur—	Samuel Speilburger.....	May 19, 1918

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD

<i>No.</i>	<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
54	Tyrian—Fox	Henderson.....	June 13, 1918
56	Dadeville—Rowan Lee	Johnston.....	April 29, 1918
71	Landmark—Joseph H.	Adams.....	February 1, 1918
80	Myles J. Greene—John T.	Brooks.....	June 14, 1918
80	Myles J. Greene—W. D.	Burkhead.....	September 16, 1918
99	Ben Bricken—John W.	Turner.....	June 12, 1918
100	Roanoke—J. Edward	Brown.....	February 19, 1918
101	Mineral City—Frank	Arrico.....	August 16, 1918
101	Mineral City—William	Manning Brock.....	November 24, 1917
101	Mineral City—Aramanus	Graham Brown.....	August 13, 1918
101	Mineral City—William L.	Delheim.....	August 8, 1918
101	Mineral City—John Branch	Donelson.....	January 15, 1918
101	Mineral City—Robert	Wickliffe Ewing.....	October 14, 1918
101	Mineral City—Charles F.	Hahn.....	April 4, 1918
101	Mineral City—James William	Hughes.....	December 31, 1917
101	Mineral City—Samuel Hannibal	Norton.....	March 18, 1918
101	Mineral City—William Carson	Shannon.....	October 5, 1918
101	Mineral City—Frank Ford	Snedecor.....	October 14, 1918
101	Mineral City—Samuel B.	Stern.....	November 24, 1917
101	Mineral City—Marcus	Weil.....	March 13, 1918
101	Mineral City—Joseph Tyler	Wiley.....	February 18, 1918
105	Anniston—J. M.	Dick.....	January 19, 1918
105	Anniston—James Keith, Jr.	.....	July 24, 1918
105	Anniston—William W.	Whiteside.....	April 30, 1918
108	Pratt City—Wm. T.	Sloan.....	March 5, 1918
108	Pratt City—Poney J.	Rogers.....	November 30, 1917
110	Bessemer—Arthur L.	Griffiths.....	August 10, 1918

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD

<i>No.</i>	<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
110	Bessemer—	Charles Burt Lytle.....	September 14, 1918
113	Dothan—	John G. Wilkinson.....	May 26, 1918
116	Clanton—	Emmett A. Matthews.....	June 16, 1918
116	Clanton—	J. P. Van Derveer, Jr.....	October 12, 1918
118	Jasper—	Walter Strey	March 9, 1918
120	Ensley—	Richard Wells Murphy.....	June 7, 1918
120	Ensley—	Henry F. Rape.....	June 22, 1918
120	Ensley—	Lawrence Reid	April 25, 1918
120	Ensley—	George W. Swann.....	March 23, 1918
130	Palmyra—	Samuel Rex Kennamer.....	March 10, 1918
130	Palmyra—	Allan Todd	December 17, 1917
131	Cordova—	John Kelley	December 15, 1917
134	Elba—	James L. Larkins.....	April 26, 1918
137	Samson—	Robert E. Byrd.....	September 29, 1918
137	Samson—	James L. Lewis.....	June 11, 1918
141	Castleberry—	James A. Baggett.....	September 11, 1918
143	Delta—	James Dock Knight.....	April 30, 1918
144	James Penn—	Joseph S. Webb.....	September 28, 1918
146	Woodlawn—	John Thomas Moore.....	May 4, 1918
146	Woodlawn—	George L. Olive.....	October 14, 1918
146	Woodlawn—	John Bradley Reid.....	September 15, 1918
148	Bullock—	Richard W. Gilchrist.....	October 7, 1918



In Memoriam

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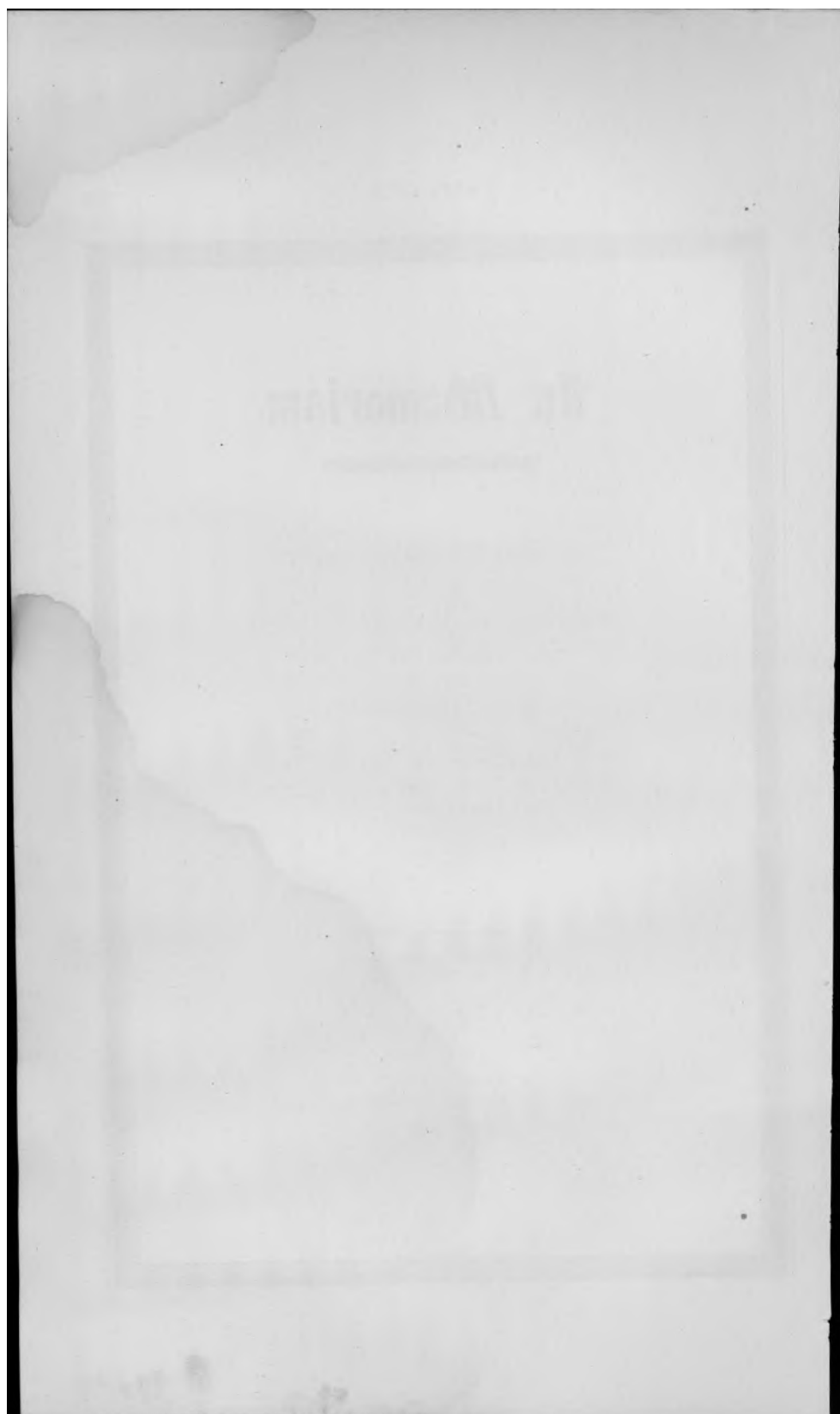
OF

OUR BELOVED DEAD

JURISDICTION OF ALABAMA

1918

"So one by one the dear old faces fade,
Hands wave their farewell while beckoning us
Across the river all must pass alone."



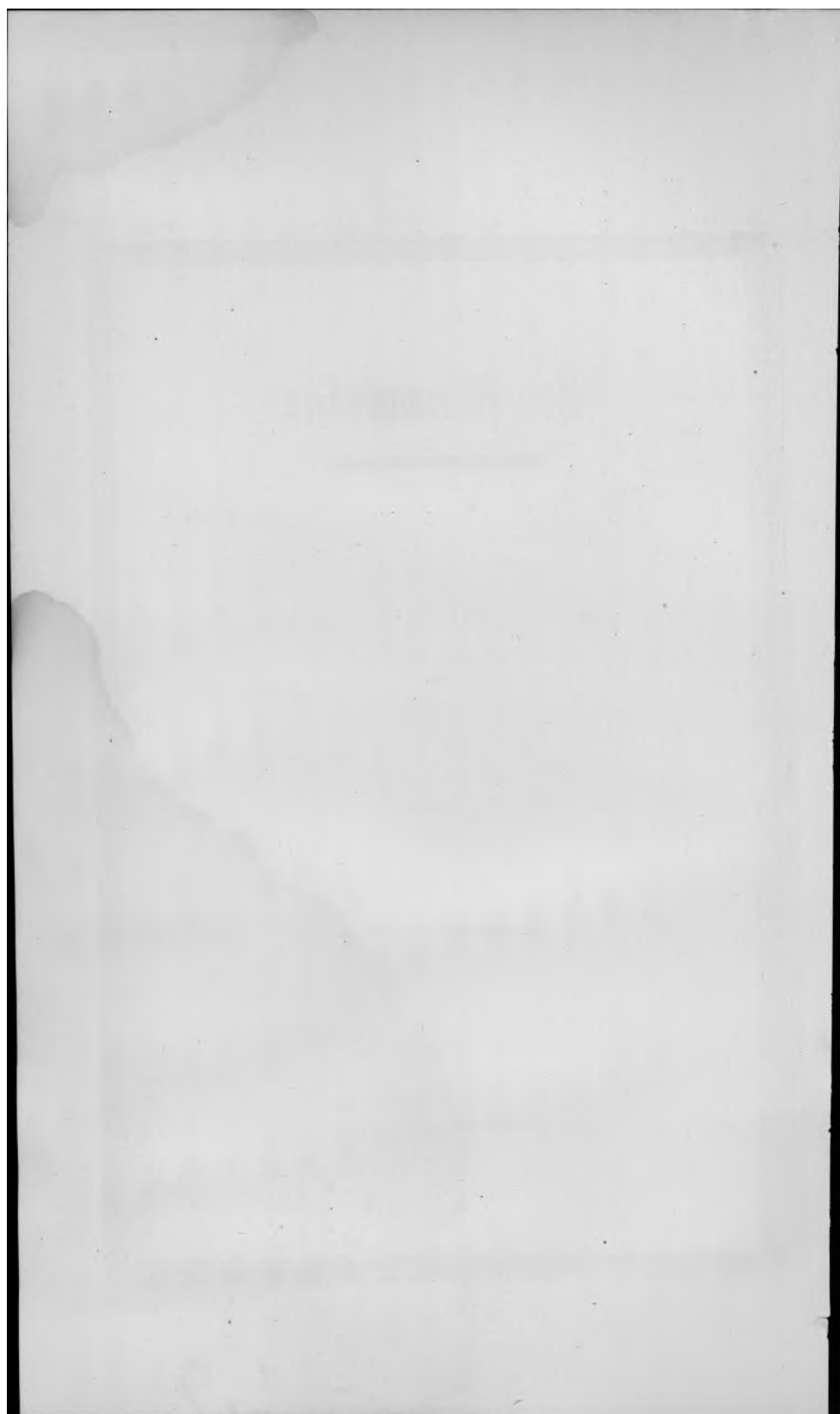
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GEORGE ALBURTUS JOINER
PAST GRAND SECRETARY

Born October 23, 1843

Died December 8, 1918

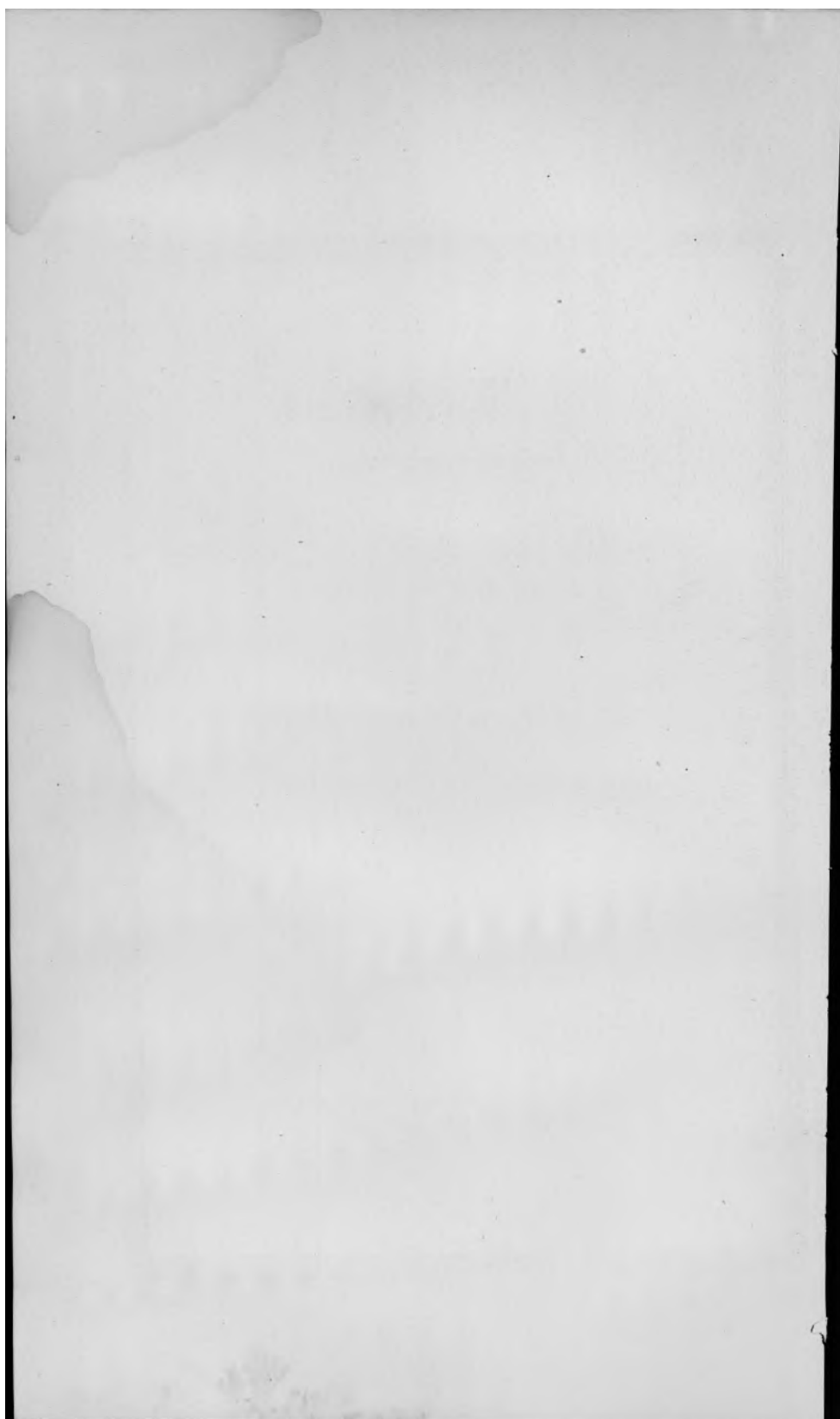
"Sleep on, dear brother, such lives as thine,
Have not been lived in vain,
But shed an influence, rare, divine,
On lives that here remain."



In Memoriam

SACRED TO THE MEMORY
OF
THE DISTINGUISHED DEAD OF
SISTER GRAND JURISDICTIONS
1918

"They are not lost in distant worlds above;
They are our nearest link in God's own love;
The human hand-clasps of the Infinite,
That life to life, spirit to spirit knit."



REGISTER OF CHAPTERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA.

NUMBER.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	HIGH PRIEST.	SECRETARY.	SECRETARY'S ADDRESS.	CONVOCATION
1	Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa	John P. Crutcher	Sam'l H. Sprott	Tuscaloosa	2 Tuesday.
5	Eunomia	Huntsville	Madison	James L. Kendall	Edw. F. Hummel	Huntsville	4 Tuesday.
10	Tuscumbia	Tuscumbia	Colbert	Wm. W. White	Wilson F. Trump	Tuscumbia	1 Monday.
12	Marion	Marion	Perry	Lee Secors	Edgar E. Howell	Marion	1 Tuesday.
21	Mobile	Mobile	Mobile	Percy B. Dixon	Chas. S. Shawhan	Mobile	2 and 4 Friday.
22	Montgomery	Montgomery	Montgomery	T. A. Himes, Jr.	David W. Crosland	Montgomery	1 and 3 Monday.
23	Talladega	Talladega	Talladega	Carl H. Burger	James H. Rogers	Talladega	2 Friday.
24	Eufaula	Eufaula	Barbour	Seth Mabry	James P. Hill	Eufaula	1 and 3 Thursday.
26	Union	Uniontown	Perry	Alvin M. Spessard	Junie T. Harwood	Uniontown	1 Thursday.
28	St. John's	Selma	Dallas	John Moffett	F. L. Milhous	Selma	4 Monday.
34	Hermion	Union Springs	Bullock	James W. Dykes	James B. Hunter	Union Springs	1 and 3 Tuesday.
38	Decatur	Albany	Morgan	Wm. W. Rahm	Andrew B. Harvey	Albany	4 Tuesday.
54	Tyrian	Troy	Pike	Chas. A. Shupson	Hugh J. Segars	Troy	2 and 4 Friday.
56	Dadeville	Dadeville	Tallapoosa	Jere C. Dennis	William C. Roek	Dadeville	2 Friday and 4 Thurs.
57	Collinsville	Collinsville	DeKalb	Solon E. Heard	William R. Roberts	Collinsville	1 Friday.
63	Clayton	Clayton	Barbour				
64	Central	Montevallo	Shelby	Chas. L. Meroney	Charles T. Acker	Montevallo	1 and 3 Tuesday.
71	Landmark	Ozark	Dale	L. W. Kolb	Barlow Garner	Ozark	2 Tuesday.
76	Elyton	Birmingham	Jefferson	Roy E. Oshorn	G. A. Allison	Birmingham	1 and 3 Monday.
79	Hillabee	Alexander City	Tallapoosa	H. O. Dean	Newton S. Walker	Alexander City	1 Monday.
80	Myles J. Greene	Opelika	Lee	Wm. C. Davis	Henry K. Dickinson	Opelika	1 Tuesday.
81	Jefferson	Demopolis	Marengo	J. I. Lee	J. B. Laseter, Jr.	Demopolis	1 and 3 Monday.
86	Coosa	Gadsden	Etowah	G. E. Christopher	A. L. Morton	Alabama City	2 and 4 Thursday.
88	Springville	St. Clair	St. Clair	Chas. W. Allison	Edw. M. McCleendon	Springville	3 Tuesday.
99	Ben Bricken	Laverne	Crenshaw	Geo. O. Dickey	Charles L. Kettler	Laverne	1 and 3 Friday.
100	Roanoke	Roanoke	Randolph	J. P. Radney		Roanoke	1 and 3 Tuesday.

REGISTER OF CHAPTERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA—Continued

NUMBER.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	HIGH PRIEST.	SECRETARY.	SECRETARY'S ADDRESS.	CONVOCAION
101	Mineral City.....	Firmingham.....	Jefferson.....	Harry C. Creely.....	Chas. J. Geohagan.....	Birmingham.....	2 and 4 Thursday.
104	Sylacauga.....	Sylacauga.....	Talladega.....	C. C. Atkinson.....	Wm. M. Landham.....	Sylacauga.....	2 and 4 Tuesday.
105	Anniston.....	Anniston.....	Calhoun.....	H. F. Williamson.....	H. G. Earnest.....	Anniston.....	2 and 4 Friday.
107	Fort Payne.....	Fort Payne.....	DeKalb.....	Robt. C. Cochran.....	D. Eugene Cook.....	Ensley.....	1 and 3 Tuesday.
108	Pratt City.....	Pratt City.....	Jefferson.....	G. R. Oliver.....	Geo. W. Randall.....	West Blocton.....	1 Monday.
109	Blocton.....	Blocton.....	Bibb.....	Henry M. Sharp.....	James W. Leggett.....	Bessemer.....	2 and 4 Tuesday.
110	Bessemer.....	Bessemer.....	Jefferson.....	Ernest Harris.....	Oliver L. Stewart.....	Piedmont.....	Thurs. bf. 2 Sunday.
111	Piedmont.....	Piedmont.....	Calhoun.....	John H. Saxon.....	Edmund C. Hall.....	Dothan.....	2 and 4 Monday.
113	Dothan.....	Dothan.....	Houston.....	Robert F. Peters.....	J. Newton Collins.....	Fayette.....	1 Monday.
114	H. C. Armstrong.....	Fayette.....	Fayette.....	M. C. Broadhead.....	William H. Sartor.....	Clanton.....	3 Saturday.
115	Thomasville.....	Thomasville.....	Clarke.....	Lynn S. Long.....	Moses Newburger.....	Jasper.....	1 and 3 Tuesday.
116	Clanton.....	Clanton.....	Chilton.....	L. O. Hicks.....	Love N. Pugh.....	Jackson.....	2 Thursday.
118	Jasper.....	Jasper.....	Walker.....	Robt. King, Jr.....	Samuel B. Fort.....	Ensley.....	2, 4 and 5 Monday.
119	Jackson.....	Jackson.....	Jefferson.....	Julius A. Nance.....	Richard H. Jones.....	Andalusia.....	1 and 3 Wednesday.
120	Ensley.....	Ensley.....	Covington.....	T. R. Lenoir.....	Samuel Alman.....	Gilbertown.....	Thurs. bf. 3 Friday.
123	Covington.....	Covington.....	Choctaw.....	John C. Hicks.....	T. E. Schoolar.....	Centreville.....	2 and 4 Saturday.
124	Bladen Springs.....	Gilbertown.....	Bibb.....	H. D. Matthews.....	John T. Jarman.....	East Tallassee.....	2 Tuesday.
125	Centreville.....	Centreville.....	Elmore.....	Wm. F. Betts.....	Frank J. Dean.....	Evergreen.....	4 Friday.
126	Tallassee.....	Tallassee.....	Concuh.....	L. C. Lewis.....	H. A. Vaughan.....	Tuskegee.....	2 Monday.
127	Evergreen.....	Evergreen.....	Cleburne.....	Oliver D. Street.....	Wm. C. Rayburn.....	Guntersville.....	Fri. on or bf. F. M.
128	Heflin.....	Heflin.....	Macon.....	W. J. Grant.....	A. D. Thorne.....	Cordova.....	2 and 4 Monday.
129	James E. Cobb.....	Guntersville.....	Marshall.....	Jno. M. Garrett.....	Charles S. Allred.....	Elba.....	4 Friday.
130	Palmyra.....	Guntersville.....	Walker.....	Shus M. Seaton.....	James P. Doster.....	Floralala.....	2 and 4 Friday.
131	Cordova.....	Cordova.....	Coffee.....				
134	Elba.....	Elba.....	Covington.....				
135	Floralala.....	Floralala.....					

136	Auburn	Auburn	Lee	W. F. McCartney	James W. Brooks	Samson, R. 3	2 and 4 Wednesday.
137	Samson	Samson	Geneva	C. H. Tomlinson	C. L. C. Atkeson	Columbia	2 and 4 Tuesday.
138	Columbia	Columbia	Houston	R. B. Sherrill	R. L. Sherrill	Hartselle	1 and 3 Friday.
140	Hartselle	Hartselle	Morgan	J. W. Thurmond	Jesse F. Albrest	Castleberry	4 Friday.
141	Castleberry	Castleberry	Concuth	Thos. Bradford	Joe W. Baker	Centre	2 Thursday.
142	Cherokee	Centre	Cherokee	Andrew K. Brooks	Thomas K. Miller	Delta	Sat. bf. 1 & Thurs. bf. 3 Sun.
143	Delta	Delta	Clay	Sam'l H. Bennett	Albert P. Johnston	Jacksonville	2 and 4 Monday.
144	James Penn	Jacksonville	Calhoun	James E. Dowdle	Robert F. Conner	Millport	2 and 4 Saturday.
145	Millport	Millport	Lamar	F. H. Bryant	Elmer L. Moss	Birmingham	2 and 4 Friday.
146	Woodlawn	Birmingham	Jefferson	James E. Searcy	William C. Vickers	Abbeville	1 and 3 Tuesday.
147	Abbeville	Abbeville	Henry	S. W. May	L. E. Stephenson	Brantley	2 and 4 Tuesday.
148	Bullock	Brantley	Crenshaw	Homer D. Cobb	James F. Freeman	Phoenix	1 and 3 Thursday.
149	Phoenix	Phoenix	Lee				

LIST OF CHAPTERS BY DISTRICTS

FIRST DISTRICT.

- No. 5. Eunomia, Huntsville.
- No. 10. Tuscumbia, Tuscumbia.
- No. 38. Decatur, Albany.
- No. 140. Hartselle, Hartselle.

SECOND DISTRICT

- No. 57. Collinsville, Collinsville.
- No. 86. Coosa, Gadsden.
- No. 88. Springville, Springville.
- No. 107. Fort Payne, Fort Payne.
- No. 130. Palmyra, Guntersville.
- No. 142. Cherokee, Centre.

THIRD DISTRICT.

- No. 76. Elyton, Birmingham.
- No. 101. Mineral City, Birmingham.
- No. 108. Pratt City, Pratt City.
- No. 110. Bessemer, Bessemer.
- No. 120. Ensley, Ensley.
- No. 146. Woodlawn, Birmingham.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

- No. 114. H. Clay Armstrong, Fayette.
- No. 118. Jasper, Jasper.
- No. 131. Cordova, Cordova.
- No. 145. Millport, Millport.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

- No. 23. Talladega, Talladega.
- No. 104. Sylacauga, Sylacauga.
- No. 105. Anniston, Anniston.
- No. 111. Piedmont, Piedmont.
- No. 128. Heflin, Heflin.
- No. 143. Delta, Delta.
- No. 144. James Penn, Jacksonville.

LIST OF CHAPTERS BY DISTRICTS—*Continued.*

SIXTH DISTRICT.

- No. 1. Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa.
- No. 109. Blocton, Blocton.
- No. 125. Centreville, Centreville.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

- No. 56. Dadeville, Dadeville.
- No. 79. Hillabee, Alexander City.
- No. 126. Tallassee, Tallassee.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

- No. 28. St. John's, Selma.
- No. 64. Central, Montevallo.

NINTH DISTRICT.

- No. 80. Myles J. Greene, Opelika.
- No. 100. Roanoke, Roanoke.
- No. 129. James E. Cobb, Tuskegee.
- No. 136. Auburn, Auburn.
- No. 149. Phoenix, Phoenix.

TENTH DISTRICT.

- No. 22. Montgomery, Montgomery.
- No. 99. Ben Bricken, Luverne.
- No. 116. Clanton, Clanton.
- No. 127. Evergreen, Evergreen.
- No. 141. Castleberry, Castleberry.
- No. 148. Bullock, Brantley.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

- No. 12. Marion, Marion.
- No. 26. Union, Uniontown.
- No. 81. Jefferson, Demopolis.

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

- No. 24. Eufaula, Eufaula.
- No. 34. Hermon, Union Springs.
- No. 54. Tyrian, Troy.
- No. 63. Clayton, Clayton.

LIST OF CHAPTERS BY DISTRICTS—*Continued.*

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

- No. 71. Landmark, Ozark.
- No. 113. Dothan, Dothan.
- No. 134. Elba, Elba.
- No. 138. Columbia, Columbia.
- No. 147. Abbeville, Abbeville.

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

- No. 123. Covington, Andalusia.
- No. 135. Florala, Florala.
- No. 137. Samson, Samson.

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

- No. 21. Mobile, Mobile.
- No. 115. Thomasville, Thomasville.
- No. 119. Jackson, Jackson.
- No. 124. Bladen Springs, Gilbertown.

REVISED AND CORRECTED LIST OF GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED BY THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1823 TO THE PRESENT TIME, WITH THE YEAR OF THEIR ELECTION.

Year	Grand High Priest.	Deputy G. H. Priest.	Grand King.	Grand Scribe.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Secretary.
1823 a	Dugald McFarlane*	John Elliott*	Horatio G. Perry*	William B. Patton*	John H. Vincent*	John B. Hogan.*
1824 b	Israel Pickens*	John Elliott*	Anderson Hutchison†*	James H. Weakley*	John H. Vincent*	John B. Hogan.*
1825	Israel Pickens*	John Elliott*	Anderson Hutchison†*	James H. Weakley*	Henry A. Snow*	William D. Stone*
1826	Nimrod E. Benson*	John Elliott*	Harry I. Thornton*	Thaddeus Sanford*	Andrew McBryde*	William D. Stone*
1827 c	John Murphy*	John Elliott*	Horatio G. Perry*	Benjamin B. Fontaine*	Henry A. Snow*	William D. Stone*
1827 d	John Murphy*	John Elliott*	Harry I. Thornton*	Benjamin B. Fontaine*	Henry A. Snow*	John G. Aikin.*
1828 e	John Murphy*	John Elliott*	Harry I. Thornton*	Charles O. Foster*	Henry A. Snow*	John G. Aikin.*
1829 f	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1830	Thomas B. Creagh*	James Penn*	James H. Saxon*	Anderson Hutchison†*	Henry A. Snow*	John G. Aikin.*
1831	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1832	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1833	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1834	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1835	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1836	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1837 g	John C. Hickel*	George W. Esselman*	Isam Woodward*	Thomas B. Jones*	Major Cook*	Doric S. Ball.*
1838	John C. Hickel*	James L. F. Cottrell†*	Armistead B. Dawson*	Felix G. Norman*	Major Cook*	Doric S. Ball.*
1839	John C. Hickel*	Armistead B. Dawson*	William A. Ferrell*	Robert H. Dalton†*	Major Cook*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1840	Armistead B. Dawson*	Edward Herndon*	David Moore*	John A. Whetstone†*	Major Cook*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1841	David Moore*	Edward Herndon*	Nathaniel W. Fletcher*	Felix G. Norman*	Luther S. Skinner†*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1842	David Moore*	Edward Herndon*	Felix G. Norman*	Gerard W. Creagh*	William Garrett*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1843	David Moore*	Gerard W. Creagh*	Charles Whelan*	Eugene V. LeVert*	William Garrett*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1844	James Penn*	Gerard W. Creagh*	Charles Whelan*	Eugene V. LeVert*	William Garrett*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1845	Felix G. Norman*	James McCaleb Willey*	Stephen F. Hale*	William Hendrix*	Edward Herndon*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1846	Felix G. Norman*	William Hendrix*	Sterling A. M. Wood*	Sidney Smith*	William Garrett*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1847	William Hendrix*	Rufus Greenet*	James M. Brundidge*	Moses F. Holt*	Nimrod E. Benson*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1848	William Hendrix*	Rufus Greenet*	James M. Brundidge*	John R. Clark*	Nimrod E. Benson*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1849	William Hendrix*	Rufus Greenet*	William P. Chilton*	John R. Clark*	Nimrod E. Benson*	Amand P. Pfister.*

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Year	Grand High Priest.	Deputy G. H. Priest.	Grand King.	Grand Scribe.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Secretary.
1850	Rufus Greene*	William P. Chilton*	John R. Clark*	Sidney Smith*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1851	William P. Chilton*	James L. Price*	William H. Norris*	Thomas J. Clark*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1852	William P. Chilton*	James L. Price*	William H. Norris*	Thomas J. Clark*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1853	William P. Chilton*	James L. Price*	Thomas J. Clark*	Malachi W. Davis*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1854	William A. Ferrell*	John R. Clark*	Humphrey S. Shelton*	Malachi W. Davis*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1855	William A. Ferrell*	Thomas C. Hartwell*	Hugh Parks Watson*	Thomas F. Flournoy*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1856	David Clopton*	Sterling A. M. Wood*	Hugh Parks Watson*	Robert D. Huckabee*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1857	David Clopton*	Sterling A. M. Wood*	Hugh Parks Watson*	Robert D. Huckabee*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1858	David Clopton*	Sterling A. M. Wood*	Hugh Parks Watson*	John R. Clark*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1859	Sterling A. M. Wood*	Thomas F. Flournoy*	Hugh Parks Watson*	Stephen D. Moor*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1860	Sterling A. M. Wood*	Thomas F. Flournoy*	Hugh Parks Watson*	Humphrey S. Shelton*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1861	Hugh Parks Watson*	James McCaleb Willey*	James E. Harrison*	Noah B. Cloud*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1862	Hugh Parks Watson*	James McCaleb Willey*	Peleg Brown*	Thomas F. Flournoy*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1863	Hugh Parks Watson*	James McCaleb Willey*	Peleg Brown*	Stephen C. Williams*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1864	James B. Harrison*	Peleg Brown*	Isaac W. Suttle*	William Kerr*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1865	James B. Harrison*	Peleg Brown*	William Kerr*	George D. Norris*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1866	George D. Norris*	Richard F. Knott*	James H. Joiner*	Palmer J. Pillans*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1867	Peleg Brown*	Richard F. Knott*	James H. Joiner*	James B. Luckie*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1868	Peleg Brown*	H. Clay Armstrong*	James E. Luckie*	James M. Dedman*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1869	H. Clay Armstrong*	James B. Luckie*	James M. Dedman*	Myles J. Greene*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1870	H. Clay Armstrong*	James B. Luckie*	James M. Dedman*	Myles J. Greene*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1871	H. Clay Armstrong*	James B. Luckie*	James M. Dedman*	Myles J. Greene*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1872	Myles J. Greene*	James M. Dedman*	James Milton*	James E. Cobb*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1873	Myles J. Greene*	James M. Dedman*	James Milton*	James E. Cobb*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1874	Myles J. Greene*	James E. Cobb*	James Milton*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1875	James E. Cobb*	James Milton*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	James Kent*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1876	James E. Cobb*	James Milton*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William S. Foster*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1877	James E. Cobb*	James Milton*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William S. Foster*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*

1878	James H. Joiner*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William S. Foster*	William D. Wadsworth*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1879	James H. Joiner*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William S. Foster*	William D. Wadsworth*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1880	James H. Joiner*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William S. Foster*	William D. Wadsworth*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1881	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William S. Foster*	William S. Foster*	John R. Goldthwaite*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1882	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William S. Foster*	William W. Screws*	William W. McCollum*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1883	William S. Foster*	William W. Screws*	William W. McCollum*	John G. Harris*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1884	William S. Foster*	William W. Screws*	William W. McCollum*	John G. Harris*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1885	William W. Screws*	William W. McCollum*	John G. Harris*	James T. Beck*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1886	William W. Screws*	William W. McCollum*	John G. Harris*	James T. Beck*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1887	Joseph H. Johnson*	John G. Harris*	James T. Beck*	John A. McKinnon*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1888	John G. Harris*	James T. Beck*	John A. McKinnon*	Henry C. Wiley*	William H. Dingley*	Myles J. Greene.*
1889	John G. Harris*	James T. Beck*	John A. McKinnon*	Henry C. Wiley*	William H. Dingley*	Myles J. Greene.*
1890	James T. Beck*	John A. McKinnon*	Henry C. Wiley*	Andrew J. Nunnally*	William H. Dingley*	Myles J. Greene.*
1891	James T. Beck*	John A. McKinnon*	Henry C. Wiley*	Andrew J. Nunnally*	William H. Dingley*	Myles J. Greene.*
1892	John A. McKinnon*	John A. McKinnon*	Andrew J. Nunnally*	Josiah Jernigan*	William H. Dingley*	H. Clay Armstrong.*
1893	John A. McKinnon*	John A. McKinnon*	Andrew J. Nunnally*	Josiah Jernigan*	William H. Dingley*	H. Clay Armstrong.*
1894	John G. Smith*	Andrew J. Nunnally*	Josiah Jernigan*	William J. Rhodes*	William H. Dingley*	H. Clay Armstrong.*
1895	Josiah Jernigan*	Josiah Jernigan*	Edward S. Gatchell*	Edward S. Gatchell*	William H. Dingley*	H. Clay Armstrong.*
1896	Josiah Jernigan*	William J. Rhodes*	Edward S. Gatchell*	George F. Moore*	William H. Dingley*	H. Clay Armstrong.*
1897	Josiah Jernigan*	William J. Rhodes*	Edward S. Gatchell*	George F. Moore*	William H. Dingley*	H. Clay Armstrong.*
1898	Edward S. Gatchell*	George F. Moore*	Charles R. Bricken*	George A. Beauchamp.	William H. Dingley*	H. Clay Armstrong.*
1899	Edward S. Gatchell*	George F. Moore*	Charles R. Bricken*	George A. Beauchamp.	William H. Dingley*	H. Clay Armstrong.*
1900	George F. Moore*	Charles R. Bricken*	George A. Beauchamp.	Basil M. Hill.	William H. Dingley*	H. Clay Armstrong.*
1901	George F. Moore*	Charles R. Bricken*	Basil M. Hill.	Joseph P. McQueen*	William H. Dingley*	George A. Beauchamp
1902	Charles R. Bricken	Basil M. Hill.	Joseph P. McQueen*	Francis H. Bates*	William H. Dingley*	George A. Beauchamp
1903	Charles R. Bricken	Basil M. Hill.	Joseph P. McQueen*	Francis H. Bates*	William H. Dingley*	George A. Beauchamp
1904	Basil M. Hill	Francis H. Bates*	Robert S. Teague.	Lew Lazarus.	William H. Dingley*	George A. Beauchamp
1905	Francis H. Bates*	Robert S. Teague.	Lew Lazarus.	Robert W. Southerland*	William H. Dingley*	George A. Beauchamp
1906	Robert S. Teague.	Lew Lazarus.	Robert W. Southerland*	John B. Christian*	William H. Dingley*	George A. Beauchamp
1907	Lew Lazarus	Robert W. Southerland*	John B. Christian*	William E. Bingham.	William H. Dingley*	George A. Beauchamp
1908	Robert W. Southerland*	John B. Christian*	William E. Bingham.	Lawrence H. Lee.	William H. Dingley*	George A. Beauchamp
1909	John B. Christian*	William E. Bingham.	Lawrence H. Lee.	John B. Lyons.	William H. Dingley*	George A. Beauchamp
1910	William E. Bingham.	Lawrence H. Lee.	John B. Lyons.	Albert E. Pace.	William H. Dingley*	George A. Beauchamp
1911	Lawrence H. Lee.	John B. Lyons.	Albert E. Pace.	Norman Gunn	John Wilson Terry...	George A. Beauchamp

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1912	John B. Lyons.....	Albert E. Pace.....	Norman Gunn.....	William W. Ransom.....	John Wilson Terry.....	George A. Beauchamp.
1913	Albert E. Pace.....	Norman Gunn.....	William W. Ransom.....	John H. McCormick.....	John Wilson Terry.....	George A. Beauchamp.
1914	Norman Gunn.....	William W. Ransom.....	John H. McCormick.....	Henry F. Reese.....	John Wilson Terry.....	George A. Beauchamp.
1915	William W. Ransom.....	John H. McCormick.....	Henry F. Reese.....	Joseph D. Matlock.....	John Wilson Terry.....	George A. Beauchamp.
1916	John H. McCormick.....	Henry F. Reese.....	Joseph D. Matlock.....	John Philip Melvin.....	John Wilson Terry.....	George A. Beauchamp.
1917	Henry F. Reese.....	Joseph D. Matlock.....	John Philip Melvin.....	William L. Lee.....	John Wilson Terry.....	George A. Beauchamp.
1918	Joseph D. Matlock.....	John Philip Melvin.....	William L. Lee.....	Robert T. Ward.....	John Wilson Terry.....	George A. Beauchamp.

^a May, 1823.

^b January, 1824. Regular annual convocation, and at the same time henceforward until otherwise noted.

^c June; there being no convocation in January, the Grand Chapter being declared irregular by the General Grand Chapter, it was therefore re-organized in June, 1827, and a new constitution adopted.

^d December. At this time annual convocations were changed to July.

^e July; in accordance with previous order, and at the same time henceforward until otherwise noted.

^f No election, the Grand Chapter having "adjourned" on the evening of July 14th, until the next evening; but it did not convene again, the members having dispersed.

^g There had been no convocation of the Grand Chapter for upwards of seven years, in consequence, perhaps, of the Morgan excitement. In December, 1837, a few companions assembled in Tuscaloosa and reorganized by the adoption of a constitution, and the election of Grand officers. The constitution of 1827 was adopted, and the annual convocations fixed for December.

* Those marked thus (*) are dead.

† Removed.

‡ Expelled by Mobile Chapter No. 21.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS NEAR
THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA.

Grand Chapter.	Grand Representative.	Address.
Alberta.....	Robert E. Howard.....	Birmingham.
Arizona.....	George O. Dickey.....	Luverne.
Arkansas.....	William W. Ransom.....	Birmingham.
California.....	Basil M. Hill.....	Springville.
Canada.....	Lew Lazarus.....	Birmingham.
Colorado.....	Oliver D. Street.....	Guntersville.
Connecticut.....	William L. Lee.....	Columbia.
Delaware.....	Albert E. Pace.....	Dothan.
Dist. of Columbia.....	Norman Gunn.....	Jasper.
Florida.....	Robert T. Ward.....	Dadeville.
Georgia.....	Robert S. Teague.....	Montgomery.
Idaho.....	Charles A. L. Johnstone.....	Mobile.
Illinois.....	John Wilson Terry.....	Montgomery.
Indiana.....	Seth Mabry.....	Eufaula.
Iowa.....	Stewart McQueen.....	Montgomery.
Kansas.....	John B. Bethea.....	Birmingham.
Kentucky.....	Louis J. Wright.....	Talladega.
Louisiana.....	Robert L. Douglass.....	Mobile.
Maine.....	George Pegram.....	Faunsdale.
Maryland.....	Hezeriah G. Earnest.....	Anniston.
Massachusetts.....	.....	.....
Minnesota.....	Walter Smith.....	Tuscaloosa.
Mississippi.....	Leonidas W. Kolb.....	Ozark.
Missouri.....	William E. Bingham.....	Tuscaloosa.
Nebraska.....	Richard Henry Jones.....	Andalusia.
Nevada.....	Charles R. Bricken.....	Montgomery.
New Brunswick.....	John M. Miller.....	Cordova.
New Hampshire.....	Joseph P. Van Derveer.....	Clanton.
New Jersey.....	Robert C. Williams.....	Dothan.
New S. Wales.....	Q. Salter.....	Monroeville.
New York.....	Lawrence H. Lee.....	Montgomery.
New Zealand.....	James M. Pearson.....	Alexander City.
North Carolina.....	Siddons Stollenwerck.....	Faunsdale.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS—*Continued.*

Grand Chapter.	Grand Representative.	Address.
North Dakota.....	John Philip Melvin.....	Tuscaloosa.
Nova Scotia.....	Guy T. Smith.....	Montgomery.
Ohio.....	John G. Smith.....	Birmingham.
Oklahoma.....	William F. Betts.....	Evergreen.
Oregon.....	George A. Beauchamp.....	Montgomery.
Pennsylvania.....	Woolsey Finnell.....	Tuscaloosa.
Quebec.....	Joseph D. Matlock.....	Ensley.
Rhode Island.....	Austin F. Kendall.....	Huntsville.
Scotland.....	Jacob U. Ray.....	Woodstock.
South Carolina.....	Thomas DeWalt Craig.....	Ensley.
South Dakota.....	Jacob Bley.....	Demopolis.
Tennessee.....	George W. Hays.....	Birmingham.
Texas.....	James M. Frazer.....	Opelika.
Utah.....	John . Moffett.....	Selma.
Vermont.....	Joseph Leon Gunter.....	Albany.
Victoria.....	Gabriel M. Saliba.....	Birmingham.
Virginia.....	Henry F. Reese.....	Selma.
Washington.....	Samuel Stein.....	Bessemer.
Western Australia.....	John H. McCormick.....	Mobile.
West Virginia.....	Robert F. Lovelady.....	Birmingham.
Wisconsin.....	Julian F. Spearman.....	Anniston.
Wyoming.....	.....	.....

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA
NEAR OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS.

Grand Chapter.	Grand Representative.	Address.
Alberta.....	Albert R. Yates.....	Gleichen.
Arizona.....	Charles Augustus Peter.....	Prescott.
Arkansas.....	Fielding W. Harris.....	Mammoth Spgs.
California.....	Thos. O. Heydenfelt.....	Redwood City.
Canada.....	William Rea.....	Toronto.
Colorado.....	Tyler D. Heiskell.....	Fort Morgan.
Connecticut.....	Eugene A. Hall.....	Meriden.
Delaware.....	J. Grant Wilkins.....	Wilmington.
Dist. of Columbia.....	Charles F. Roberts.....	Washington.
Florida.....	R. J. Kishpaugh.....	West Palm Beach.
Georgia.....	Thomas H. Jeffries.....	Atlanta.
Idaho.....	J. M. Aldrich.....	Moscow.
Illinois.....	Adolph G. Voss.....	Chicago.
Indiana.....	Alvin G. Tillotson.....	Michigan City.
Iowa.....	L. F. Danforth.....	Lake City.
Kansas.....	Harry B. Sparks.....	Lawrence.
Kentucky.....	Laban T. Everett.....	Catlettsburg.
Louisiana.....	H. A. King.....	New Iberia.
Maine.....	Charles M. Sleeper.....	South Berwick.
Maryland.....	Gustav A. Eitel.....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	William B. Lawrence.....	Medford.
Minnesota.....	Thomas Morris.....	Crookston.
Mississippi.....	C. W. Bolton.....	Pontotoc.
Missouri.....	David M. Wilson.....	Milan.
Nebraska.....	Fred'k J. Shaufelberger.....	Hastings.
Nevada.....	Edward A. Ducker.....	Carson City.
New Brunswick.....	Allison B. Connell.....	Woodstock.
New Hampshire.....	Weston Wentworth.....	Nashua.
New Jersey.....	Joseph A. Behan.....	Ridgefield Park.
New S. Wales.....	Aubrey Halloran.....	Sydney.
New York.....	Frederick H. Tasker.....	Greenport.
New Zealand.....	Thomas Ross.....	Dunedin.
North Carolina.....	W. B. McKoy.....	Wilmington.

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North Dakota.....	Charles E. Best.....	Enderlin.
Nova Scotia.....	Andrew J. Munro.....	Amherst.
Ohio.....	John W. Parsons.....	Springfield.
Oklahoma.....	William H. Essex.....	McAlester.
Oregon.....	John B. Kilmore.....	Astoria.
Pennsylvania.....	William A. Rhoads.....	Philadelphia.
Quebec.....	Charles P. O'Connor.....	Montreal.
Rhode Island.....	John P. Sanborn.....	Newport.
Scotland.....	John Bowers.....	Edinburgh.
South Carolina.....	O. Frank Hart.....	Columbia.
South Dakota.....	Frank A. Brown.....	Aberdeen.
Tennessee.....	J. R. Spicer.....	Paris.
Texas.....	J. M. Strayhorn.....	San Antonio.
Utah.....	Angus Kennedy.....	Ogden.
Vermont.....	Carroll W. Black.....	Bellows Falls.
Victoria.....	Henry I. Scott.....	Melbourne.
Virginia.....	W. J. Phillips.....	Fredericksburg.
Washington.....	William G. Rowland.....	Tacoma.
Western Australia.....	Joseph Kendrick.....	Geraldton.
West Virginia.....	James A. Bryan.....	Parkersburg.
Wisconsin.....	Frederick Pollworth.....	Milwaukee.
Wyoming.....	Hudson W. Darrah.....	Cody.

GRAND SECRETARIES AND THEIR ADDRESSES.

Grand Chapter.	Grand Secretary.	Address.
Alabama.....	George A. Beauchamp.....	Montgomery.
Alberta.....	John E. Johnson.....	Calgary.
Arizona.....	George J. Roskrige.....	Tucson.
Arkansas.....	John C. Bone.....	Batesville.
California.....	Thomas A. Davies.....	San Francisco.
Canada.....	Henry T. Smith.....	Toronto.
Colorado.....	Charles H. Jacobson.....	Denver.
Connecticut.....	George A. Kies.....	Hartford.
Delaware.....	Stuart J. Horn.....	Wilmington.
Dist. of Columbia.....	Arvine W. Johnston.....	Washington.
England.....	P. Colville Smith.....	London, W. C.
Florida.....	Wilber P. Webster.....	Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	Edgar A. McHan.....	Macon.
Idaho.....	Lewis W. Ensign.....	Boise.
Illinois.....	J. E. Jeffers.....	Springfield.
Indiana.....	Calvin W. Prather.....	Indianapolis.
Iowa.....	O. F. Graves.....	Harlan.
Ireland.....	Archibald St. George.....	Dublin.
Kansas.....	Albert K. Wilson.....	Topeka.
Kentucky.....	G. Allison Holland.....	Lexington.
Louisiana.....	John A. Davilla.....	New Orleans.
Maine.....	Charles B. Davis.....	Portland.
Maryland.....	John H. Miller.....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	Frederick T. Comee.....	Boston.
Michigan.....	Charles A. Conover.....	Coldwater.
Minnesota.....	John Fishel.....	St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	Frederic Gordon Speed.....	Vicksburg.
Missouri.....	Robert F. Stevenson.....	St. Louis.
Montana.....	Cornelius Hedges.....	Helena.
Nebraska.....	Francis E. White.....	Omaha.
Nevada.....	Edward D. Vanderleith.....	Reno.
New Brunswick.....	J. Twining Hartt.....	St. John.
New Hampshire.....	Harry M. Cheney.....	Concord.
New Jersey.....	Peter McGill.....	Bound Brook.

GRAND SECRETARIES AND THEIR ADDRESSES—*Continued.*

Grand Chapter.	Grand Secretary.	Address.
New Mexico.....	Alpheus A. Keen.....	Albuquerque.
New S. Wales.....	Alfred J. Burbidge.....	Sydney.
New York.....	Charles C. Hunt.....	N. Y. City.
New Zealand.....	Herbert J. Williams.....	Wellington.
North Carolina.....	John B. Griggs.....	Elizabeth City.
North Dakota.....	Walter L. Stockwell.....	Fargo.
Nova Scotia.....	S. J. Waddell.....	Truro.
Ohio.....	Edwin Hagenbuch.....	Urbana.
Oklahoma.....	James A. Scott.....	Muscogee.
Oregon.....	James F. Robinson.....	Portland.
Pennsylvania.....	George B. Wells.....	Philadelphia.
Quebec.....	William M. Couper.....	Montreal.
Rhode Island.....	William R. Greene.....	Providence.
Scotland.....	Alfred A. A. Murray.....	Edinburgh.
South Carolina.....	O. Frank Hart.....	Columbia.
South Dakota.....	George A. Pettigrew.....	Sioux Falls.
Tennessee.....	Stith M. Cain.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	T. M. Bartley.....	Waco.
Utah.....	Walter Daniels.....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	Henry H. Ross.....	Burlington.
Victoria.....	G. L. Marquand.....	Melbourne.
Virginia.....	James B. Blanks.....	Petersburg.
Washington.....	Yancey C. Blalock.....	Walla Walla.
Western Australia.....	John C. Strickland.....	Perth.
West Virginia.....	D. K. Reed.....	Clarksburg.
Wisconsin.....	William W. Perry.....	Milwaukee.
Wyoming.....	Adrian J. Parshall.....	Cheyenne.
Gen. Gr. Chapter.....	Charles A. Conover.....	Coldwater, Mich.

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List of Members of Alabama Chapters in the Armed
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Woolsey Finnell	Spencer J. Pearson
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Alston Maxwell	Daniel W. Ward
Maxwell Moody	

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Dial Hughston	William P. Porter

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William Lavender Hogue	

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James C. DeLong	Albert F. Oewing
Leopold W. Depuy	Arlington M. Ogden
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Harry E. Fischer	James S. Taylor
Pettus M. Gill	Benjamin W. Venable
Leon H. Hattemer	Minor J. Watts
Elbert A. Holt	Herman E. Winston
Charles B. Hathaway	Joseph J. Zoller
Karl E. Heniow	

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Dan R. Bullard	Bishop B. Warwick
Robert L. Burk	Thomas V. Watson
Knox H. Camp	Merrit F. Woods
George A. Grills, Jr.	Oscar L. Michael
S. H. Henderson	F. Clark McAlpine
James W. Johnson	Frank G. Mullins
James A. Sims	William G. Merrill

EUFAULA No. 24

James A. Boswell	Joe Ernest Flowers
Joseph W. Fenn	

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S. T. Townsend	Hayward Spinks
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H. C. Bates	J. W. Fancher
J. W. Buffington	E. P. Russell
J. A. Davidson	E. R. Childers
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W. W. Harper	H. H. Jones
E. H. Hobbs, Jr.	W. R. Ferguson
James Kenan	A. D. Breslin
E. P. Lee	J. B. Converse
W. C. Manning	Charles Floyd
C. S. Robbins	R. E. Rease

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Oliver C. Lisman	D. Columbus Turnipseed
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Sam M. Bowen	James W. Riser
George F. Bell	John A. Snodgrass
James S. Coutsos	Chester L. Sartor
Fred F. Dawson	Neal M. Speake
Charles H. Eyster	Cecil Vantreese
Walton A. Hill	

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Joe K. Brantley	Graph J. Hubbard
William H. Chaffin	Calvin E. White

DADEVILLE No. 56

George C. Douville
Fletcher G. Fuller
Marion W. Gilbert

Joseph Bozeman Rylance
R. Frederick Scott

ELYTON No. 76

Alton P. Brooks
Fred Colvin
William B. Deason
Thomas E. Farr
Luther J. Heacock
LeRoy A. Johnson

Brewer R. E. Lee
James E. Lea, Jr.
John V. Osborn
William A. Tittle
Dan B. White

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Clifford T. Brown
Ira W. Ballard
Homer D. Cobb
John V. Denson
N. D. Denson, Jr.
John F. Jenkins

Velma A. Meadows
Ralph A. Palmer
William W. Palmer
Mac Ratchford
Dallas B. Smith
William A. Dickinson

JEFFERSON No. 81

Henry Bley

H. A. Shaffer

COOSA No. 86

Robt. A. Burns
Harold G. Davis
Jerry L. Echols

Willis T. Howard
Otis B. Hunter
Hartsford L. Ison

SPRINGVILLE No. 88

Madison W. Forman
J. Conley Merchant

Rubin R. Woodall

BEN BRICKEN No. 99

Irby R. Pollard
Robert R. Folmar

Henry Guy Folmar

ROANOKE No. 100

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H. M. Brittain	George Green
C. E. Ford	J. M. Radney
T. H. Denny	R. M. Saliba
P. F. Lane	C. E. Spence
J. R. Manley	J. M. Spence
R. G. Mushot	

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Hugo L. Black	Arno C. Cooper
William Fred Cobb	Thomas Steele Darnall
William Blanks Everett	Millard R. Lancaster
John Sears Francis	Harry Oliver Moore
Fred Fite	R. J. Monett
Arthur A. Greenwood	William Ivy Pittman
Robert William Hanby	Ernest Curtis Sellers
Charlton S. Harris	Athanasius Thomas
Robert Vernon Harris	Joseph Calloway Taylor
Richard H. McIntosh	Elzie A. Thomas
M. E. Oswald Newell	David R. Wilson

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W. G. Bean	L. P. Camslow
Luther Browning	A. E. Cole
George M. Brunie	E. M. Doehring
E. O. Bicker	L. O. Drew
William M. Blair	Charles B. Dubose
Cleo O. D. Beam	E. A. Darden
Harry Baxter	John C. Dyer
James Burkett	H. O. Earnest
Henry W. Brinkly	L. G. Earnest
Nim L. Causey	Herbert M. Foster
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Colin C. Crowder	George C. Green

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Julius E. Henderson
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H. S. Helland
Jesse A. Hitchcock
John Handley
John J. Helff
Joseph L. Hargrove
H. C. Hurts
John G. F. Hiss
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Young C. Keen
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Nicholson Keys
H. D. Lacy
Anthony Lamy
C. E. Lighter
Thomas J. B. Lang
George T. Lee
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H. N. Murphy
Estes H. Murphy
Roy L. Mason
D. H. Mohr
E. A. Munroe
D. J. Meadows
Charles L. Mason
William J. Murray
A. R. Moore
L. L. McLauren
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Chester L. Nelson
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Clifford A. Pritchett
O. Jefferson Posey
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James T. Phillips
Frederick C. Reynolds
Paul E. Stephens
Archibald N. Smith
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William T. Smith
Joseph W. Smith
Samuel G. Silas
Dwight C. Trevathan
Rossa Trahan
George C. Tillman
John W. T. Thomas
Arthur R. Timmons
Charles L. Trowbridge
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BLOCTON No. 109

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PIEDMONT No. 111

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H. B. Burdeshaw	Floyd J. Morris
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James Clay Easter	Zack Shepherd
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Rillar F. Davis	Robert Marion McNutt
Walter R. Day	Richard Wells Murphy
Hugh Russell Freeman	Claude Padget
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John Thomas Kent	David Hoyt Sparks
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Chris Marugg	Jacob August Valentine
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PALMYRA No. 130

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Theodore N. Cottrell	Charles G. Ledyard
Patrick G. Carmichael	David R. Murray
Victor Cassimus	Herbert H. Moreland
Bernie L. Frost	Charles H. Marsh
John W. Griffith	Oscar W. Martin
Fred W. Greene	Paul E. Nordon

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Hugh D. Peak	Robert H. Wood
John T. Robinson	Sidney G. Wood
John H. Ratliff	

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

BY

LAWRENCE H. LEE.

*To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of
Alabama:*

The committee herewith submits for your consideration a brief
review of the proceedings of the following Grand Chapter Jurisdic-
tions, at home and abroad:

Alberta	1918	Nebraska	1917
Arizona	1918	Nevada	1917
Arkansas	1917	New Brunswick	1917-18
California	1918	New Hampshire	1918
Canada	1918	New Mexico	1917
Colorado	1918	New York	1918
Connecticut	1918	New Zealand	1918
Delaware	1918	North Carolina	1917
District of Columbia	1918	Nova Scotia	1917
England	1917-18	Ohio	1917
Florida	1918	Oklahoma	1918
Georgia	1918	Oregon	1918
Idaho	1918	Pennsylvania	1917
Illinois	1917	Quebec	1918
Iowa	1917	Rhode Island	1917
Ireland	1917	South Dakota	1918
Kansas	1918	Tennessee	1918
Kentucky	1917	Texas	1917
Louisiana	1918	Utah	1918
Maine	1918	Vermont	1918
Maryland	1917	Victoria	1918
Massachusetts	1917	Virginia	1917
Michigan	1918	Washington	1917
Minnesota	1917	West Virginia	1917
Mississippi	1918	Wisconsin	1918
Missouri	1918	Wyoming	1918

ALBERTA, 1918.

FOURTH ANNUAL—HIGH RIVER—MARCH 13TH, 1918.

Chapters, 20; membership, 1,872; net gain, 136.

The Capitular year runs from January 1st to December 31st and the figures given above as to number of Chapters, membership and net gain are of December 31st, 1917.

The photo of the Grand Z. 1917, M. E. Comp. Robert Patterson, greets us as we open this interesting volume. His is a strong face, in keeping with his report of the administration of his high office. Seventeen Chapters, of the twenty, were given official visitation. Two were not ready to receive him at a time when he could visit them, and the other was under the direction of a Past First Principal, and did not suffer from the neglect. One new Chapter was constituted.

Canada came over altogether when it did come, as evidenced by its cordial relinquishment of Kether Chapter to the Grand Chapter of Alberta, upon petition of Kether Chapter. A charter was granted to this Chapter by Grand Chapter of Alberta.

The superintendents of Districts Nos. 1, 2 and 3 made interesting reports, showing excellent conditions to exist in almost all of the Chapters under their supervision.

During the year many commissions were issued to Grand Representatives, and as many of the companions of Alberta were recommended for commissions. Alabama is not among the Grand Jurisdictions mentioned. Dispensations for various purposes were issued, and duly tabulated.

The Grand First Principal rendered three decisions, all of them dealing with dual membership, and they were approved, although the Committee on Jurisprudence reports that no business had come before them.

The action of the Chapters which remitted the dues of those in the military service was highly commended.

All the Grand Officers, three Past Grand First Principals, thirteen Grand Representatives, and the representatives of nineteen of the twenty subordinate Chapters made up Grand Chapter.

Alberta's representative near the Grand Chapter of Alabama is E. Comp. Myron T. Sprague, of Mobile. Alabama's Grand Repre-

sentative near the Grand Jurisdiction of Alberta is E. . Comp. A. R. Yates, of Gleichen.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is by M. . E. . S. Y. Taylor, P. G. Z. He adopts for the present the topical plan, and makes it as interesting as such reports can be made.

He concludes with Dr. Kuhn's article on "The Necessity of the Royal Arch Degree to the Master Mason." Here's hoping that another year may see him reviewing the Grand Jurisdictions.

M. . E. . Andrew R. Dickson, Grand Z.

R. . E. . John E. Johnson, Grand Scribe E.

ARIZONA, 1918.

28TH ANNUAL—TUCSON—FEBRUARY 13TH, 1918.

Chapters, 10; membership, 896; net gain, 68.

Twelve Grand Officers were present at the fall of the gavel. The Grand High Priest, by appointment pro tempore, filled the Grand stations of Chaplain, Principal Sojourner, Third and Second Veil, and Grand Chapter was duly opened.

Nine Past Grand High Priests, one Past Grand King and one Past Grand Scribe were also present, and participating.

Nine regular Chapters and the one U. D. had representatives present. Twenty-five Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions answered the roll call. Alabama was conspicuous by the absence of her Legate.

The photograph of the Grand High Priest, M. . E. . Louis Gwaltney Moyers, is that of a sizeable young man, of strong features, and a straight look out of the eyes.

His address is devoted in the first instance to historical references, doubtless called up by the fact that Grand Chapter was again meeting in the "Old Pueblo," where it had its birth. Changes have taken place in the city, and in the growth of the organization, but there remains three of the old timers and founders to advise and encourage the good work yet to be accomplished. They are Companions Roskrue, Goldwater and Brecht, all of whom are Past Grand High Priests, and one of whom is now serving Grand Chapter as its Grand Secretary, M. . E. . Comp. Roskrue. May they each live to meet in the same place a quarter of a century hence.

Of the war he says, among other things, "It has come to us and we must see it through. No divided allegiance or wavering loyalty is to be tolerated. *Our Country First.*"

He constituted Cochran Chapter No. 10, and instituted one chapter U. D. Six Grand Representatives were commissioned, and one recommended for commission.

He reports the request of the United States Civil Service Commission, addressed to the General Grand High Priest, asking for recruits to the ranks of typists and stenographers. The statement is therein made that promotion is reasonably rapid for those whose services prove satisfactory. The writer hopes this is true, but if so, it is a condition brought about by the war, for not so very long ago it depended on who's who whether promotion was regular and rapid.

This suggestion is not laid at the door of the commission, but at the door of certain clerks of the commission, who do not let the commissioners know just how things are done on the inside.

The Chapter U. D. was granted a charter and will be constituted Jeremie Chapter No. 11.

Other matters of routine occupied the rest of Grand Chapter's time.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The names of the three "old timers" mentioned in the former part of this review are among the officers of this Council of Anointed High Priests. Nine Companions were found qualified and were duly consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The only reference made to this subject is the report of the committee approving the action of the Grand High Priest in the appointment of Grand Representatives.

M. E. James H. Barrett, Grand High Priest.

M. E. George J. Roskrue, Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS, 1917.

68TH ANNUAL—LITTLE ROCK—NOVEMBER 27TH, 1917.

Chapters, 89; membership, 4,835; net gain, 220.

The Credentials Committee notes the presence of all the Grand Officers, except Grand King, eleven Past Grand Officers and the representatives of fifty-nine of the chartered Chapters, and one U. D.

The Roll of Grand Representatives shows the presence of twenty-three, Alabama's Legate, E. J. Comp. Fielding W. Harris, leading all the rest.

M. J. E. J. Comp. Charles N. Rix, then Grand Captain of the Host of the General Grand Chapter, now General Grand King, was received with due honors, and made adequate response.

Incoming Grand High Priest Thomas J. Woods has his picture in the volume. He looks like a fellow who means business. The scribe will be on the look out for him next year, God and the powers that be here below, willing.

Grand High Priest Allen Windham, in fitting terms, announces the passing of Past Grand High Priests Caleb H. Stone and Robert Liddell. Among the fraternal dead in other jurisdictions he mentions our own lamented Francis H. Bates.

He commissioned three Grand Representatives, and recommended four from his jurisdiction for commissions.

Ten dispensations were issued, some of them to ballot out of statutory time, in case of calls to the service of the country. This practice will doubtless be indulged to a large extent in most jurisdictions.

Four visitations were made. The Grand High Priest had the best of intentions along this line, but as usual, something interfered to change his plans.

One Chapter was instituted under dispensation, and received its charter.

The question came up, "Would an investigating committee be authorized to make an unfavorable report because the applicant owed one of the committee money?" The answer was, yes, if the money was due and the debtor evinced a disposition to defraud. Also that the Grand Council has no right to demand of the committee the reasons for an unfavorable report. Both had the favorable sanction of the Jurisprudence Committee.

The recommendation to invest the surplus in Liberty Bonds was concurred in, but an organizer was deemed a too expensive luxury at that time.

Other matters purely routine engaged the attention of Grand Chapter.

A search through the volume, and a careful reading of the index failed to disclose any reference to the Order of High Priesthood.

The report on Correspondence is by the splendid veteran, E. V. Companion Gordon Huffmaster. In his exordium he begs those who find his report good to whisper it to his neighbor, but those who find it bad, shout it from the housetops. He evidently understands some natures, too many being thus inclined, even in Masonic circles. Alabama, 1916, has cordial and fraternal review.

In speaking of the action of Grand Chapter relative to the constitutional amendment to permit a school tax, he quotes with approval E. V. Comp. Charles Albert Adams, California's Correspondence writer, fine comments on this subject in particular, and a Mason's duty in general in all matters touching the welfare of the state and nation.

The other Grand Jurisdictions had brotherly and able treatment at his hands.

Companion Adams, of California, is a favorite of his, and under California, he quotes what Comp. Adams has to say concerning the action of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of England, excluding from fellowship Companions of alien enemy birth.

The Correspondent fully agrees with the conclusion there stated.

M. V. E. V. Thomas J. Woods, Grand High Priest.

R. V. E. V. John C. Bone, Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA, 1918.

64TH ANNUAL—SAN FRANCISCO—APRIL 16TH-17TH, 1918.

Chapters, 108; membership, 14,026; net gain, 210.

A Special Convocation was held September 8th, 1917, near Covina, at the Masonic Home for children, to assist in dedicating that institution. A reading of the account of the dedication leads one to think it was a bit late. We note that an entertaining, instructive and educational program was rendered, in which the children of the

Home had their part. That they fulfilled all expectations—demonstrating the result of a thorough training. Also that the fine records and the successes of the children who in years past have gone forth from the Home, well merits all that can be done by the Order for those who are now or will be members of the Home.

The regular Convocation was well attended. Ninety-one of the 108 constituent Chapters were represented, and all of them made returns. Fourteen Chapters formerly chartered have had their charters revoked or have returned them—an unusually small number, when compared with some other Grand Jurisdictions.

All the Grand Officers were on hand, seven Past Grand High Priests, ten survivors of the earthquake and five of April 18th, 1906, who were in attendance at Grand Chapter and present on the morning session of that date, and the Grand Representatives of twenty-seven Grand Jurisdictions.

Credentials Committee also note the presence of fifty-five Past High Priests "not otherwise accounted for." A gavel made of the acacia tree, grown on Mount Moriah, and fashioned by the boys of the Masonic Home was presented to the Grand High Priest by the Trustees of the Home. "Old Glory" and the service flag of the Grand Chapter were presented and given the Grand Honors. The first was borne by a young Companion of the Army, and the other by a smiling Companion of the Navy. These Companions involuntarily clasped hands, to the great pleasure of all present. The Grand Secretary describes it as a most pleasing and beautiful feature—one which swelled the heart with pride—which so stirred the emotions of patriotism and loyalty as to cause tears of joy to come to the eyes of many.

Right here it is recorded that the Grand High Priest was denied the pleasure of receiving with due honors the Grand Master of Masons, who had been in the Convocation Hall, but who had been called away on business. We have a way down in Alabama of letting business wait on Masonic pleasure, but we are coming to realize that this will not do in matters concerning the country, and as the Grand Master's engagement was at the Custom House, we excuse him. Illness prevented the presence of Past Grand High Priests Petrie, Lott and Norton, while Past Grand High Priest Flint sent regrets.

Grand High Priest Edward Byron Spencer, had a fine address, couched in Royal Arch language in a large measure.

He pays splendid tribute to General Grand Scribe, Bestor Gaston Brown, of Kansas, and General Grand Treasurer, Thomas Jacob Shryock of Maryland, whose deaths he reports. Also to Past Grand High Priests Charles Joseph Willet, Grand Lecturer Henry Ascroft, and Grand Chaplain John Thomas Shurtliff, each of whom had entered the white Veil during the Capitular year, and left a vacant place in his own Grand Jurisdiction.

One Chapter was constituted as Golden Gate Chapter No. 121. Why that name had not been previously preempted, is a mystery to this scribe. The Grand High Priest declares he has had a busy year. Judging from the painstaking way he went about making the decisions he reported, and the number of visitations made, and the correspondence he had, his year was a busy one.

These decisions and some of his recommendations gave the Jurisprudence Committee a busy session also. The things that seem good were adopted, and those which did not make for the good of the craft were rejected.

Anent concurrent jurisdiction the Grand Chapter went a little further than most jurisdictions, and made it possible for the Chapters of a county to have concurrent jurisdiction. This ought to work well, especially in counties where there are active chapters, and chapters that do not meet as often as they might.

It would certainly give the active Chapters an advantage they deserve, and make it possible for a candidate to receive the degrees without waiting until his ardor was cooled. It may also have the effect of arousing the semi-dormant Chapters, and if so, would be well worth while.

Grand Chapter also approved his decision fixing residence and eligibility of soldiers and sailors as of the place where they were stationed, at least for the period of the war.

The physical qualification rule came up for discussion, but the matter was left to the judgment of the local Chapters, Grand Chapter deeming it unwise to declare any hard and fast rule on the subject.

Thus, are we coming to realize that such matters are best left to those thoroughly acquainted with the person, and best able to judge of his mental and moral fitness.

Other matters of interest transpired, but were of purely local concern.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Fifty-ninth Annual Convention was held at San Francisco April 16th, 1918. Routine business claimed the attention for the time being, and then twenty-three qualified candidates received the Holy Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

E.'. Companion Hugh King McKeivilt writes the report on Correspondence. He reports briefly those things that seem of interest in the various jurisdictions, without going into detail at all. He follows the suggestions and reasons put forth by Comp. Adams.

M.'. E.'. William P. Filmer, Grand High Priest.

R.'. E.'. Thomas A. Davies, Grand Secretary.

CANADA, 1918.

60TH ANNUAL—TORONTO—FEBRUARY 27TH, 1918.

Chapters, 165; membership, 19,601; net gain, 619.

Of the thirty Grand Officers, only nine were in their stations when Grand Chapter convened. The other twenty were recorded with the word "as" preceding the names of their stations. Eleven of the Grand Superintendents of Districts were present and filed reports upon the condition of the Chapters in their districts. Fifty-four Chapters were represented by their regular officers, eighteen were represented by proxy, and thirty-eight were represented by Past Z's, while fifty-five Chapters had no representative present.

Twenty-six Grand Representatives answered the call, among them R.'. E.'. Companion William Rea, Legate for Alabama.

The message of Grand Z. Arthur S. Gorrell is an interesting document, dealing with the war, and the duties of his office. Being a physician and engaged in war work he is clothed in war garb, and had no time to make visitations. He reports the death of Past Grand Z. Robert W. Hendry, and of the Grand Superintendents, during the year. He also gives a list of the dead in other Grand Jurisdictions.

He stresses the duty of all to support the second line of defense, the patriotic societies and hospital units, and the duty of restoring

to the returned maimed or disabled soldiers their old places, or of finding suitable employment for them.

He takes account of the terrible disaster at Halifax, N. S., and urges Grand Chapter to aid the sufferers, which Grand Chapter did.

On the physical disqualification rule he says: Physical fitness is laid down as a rule regarding initiates, and is in no way intended to debar a worthy Mason from advancement.

A dispensation was issued for the formation of a new Chapter at Toronto.

Alberta is given a word of encouragement and a neat sum of money to help it along. This attitude of Canada is most charming, and according to Capitular teaching.

R.'. E.'. Companion W. N. Ponton is Grand H., and seems to be the official mover of resolutions—at least he moved the great majority of them, but as all seem good, he is to be congratulated.

The reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts indicate a very satisfactory condition, notwithstanding the war. The honor roll shows upward of thirteen hundred Companions under arms for king and country. One Chapter, Shannavon Chapter No. 211, was granted a charter. Distinguished visitors from the Grand Jurisdictions of New Jersey and New York were received with signal courtesy and honors.

Grand Chapter dues were increased from 35 cents to 50 cents per capita. The sum of \$1,000.00 was donated to the Canadian Red Cross Society.

CORRESPONDENCE.

E.'. Companion Edward B. Brown submits his third review, beginning with Alabama and ending with Wyoming. His review of Alabama is for the year 1916, and he takes occasion to quote freely from the message of Grand High Priest Ransom. The review is courteous and fraternal.

Alberta is fully reviewed, and the excerpts concerning Canada are lengthy. He excerpts without comment as to these matters.

Better to let these matters rest.

M.'. E.'. A. S. Gorrell, Grand Z.

R.'. E.'. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E.

COLORADO, 1918.

44TH ANNUAL—DENVER—SEPTEMBER 19TH, 1918.

Chapters, 49; membership, 6,275; net gain, 189.

The book of the proceedings opens with a portrait of incoming Grand High Priest Herbert Stead Sands, followed by a history of him. A perusal leads to the observation that his has been a splendid career. Two special Grand Convocations were held during the year for the purpose of constituting two new Chapters, the first October 24th, 1917, at Denver with Mount View Chapter No. 50, the other at Las Animas January 24th, 1918, with Las Animas Chapter No. 49. Deputy Grand High Priest Sands officiated on both occasions.

At the Annual Convocation all the Grand Officers were present, except Grand Chaplain, and this important place having been supplied, Grand Chapter was opened in ample form. Seventeen Past Grand High Priests graced the occasion. Forty-six Chapters were represented, and thirty-seven Grand Jurisdictions had Grand Representatives on hand. Alabama's Legate, E. L. Companion Tyler D. Heiskell was on the job, and participated in the exercises incident to their reception.

But before all other receptions came the reception to "Old Glory," which moved the Grand High Priest to recommend a flag ceremony. Grand Chapter took to the idea, and referred the matter to the Board of Custodians to report such a ceremony, which when approved by the Grand High Priest, should be promulgated.

Eighteen Past Grand High Priests had passed within the veils, and the fine custom of calling this roll, with response by the Grand High Priest with the date of their death. Two had been added to the list since last Convocation, Past Grand High Priests James H. Peabody and George D. Kennedy, the one a man of many affairs and a former Governor of the State, the other and latter, a quiet and unassuming man of much courage and constancy.

Grand High Priest William S. Pickerill dealt briefly in his address with the affairs of his office. In consonance with all the others he touched upon the war, and expressed the opinion that history gave us no hope that this will be the end of war. He handled several requests for courtesies in his Grand Jurisdiction, and made several of other Grand Jurisdictions.

He issued three dispensations to ballot out of statutory time, and several to give the Lecture of the R. A. Degree to two or more trios at stated convocations. We pause here long enough to request M. E. Companion Foster to tell us just how this is in Colorado. In Alabama it requires no dispensation to give this lecture at even a special convocation, and to as many as may be entitled to receive it.

Grand High Priest joined the Grand Master and Grand Commander in an effort to raise a fund to be known as the "Colorado Soldier Mason's War Relief Fund." The effort met with fair success, and the Companions were urged to press the matter with those who had not joined the movement.

On recommendation of the Grand High Priest, and over the head of the Jurisprudence Committee, Grand Chapter raised the fees for special dispensations from one to five dollars.

A Committee on Revision of By-Laws was raised, with instructions to report at next annual. Also a Board of "Custodians of the Work" was created with Grand Lecturer as chairman.

The other things considered and enacted were of purely local interest.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Grand Council met at Denver September 19, 1918, with all its officers and a goodly number of members present, and after transacting the other business of a routine nature, proceeded to consider the claims of nineteen applicants. Eighteen were duly elected, presented and set apart to the Holy Office. The other one got away, as the Jew said to the Irishman.

CORRESPONDENCE.

M. E. Companion Ernest LeNeve Foster presents the Correspondence report. In his usual splendid way he reviews fifty-two Grand Jurisdictions. Well, he has had lots of experience, as this is his thirty-first. May he live to file as many more, if he wants to.

Alabama, 1917, has careful and fraternal treatment. He quotes with approval Grand High Priest McCormick's remarks as to dispensations to railroad candidates.

He is most kind to the writer of the Correspondence report, for which we give him thanks. His digest of decisions in jurisdictions

reviewed is very accurate, and denotes painstaking care in its preparation. It is of much value to the Committees on Jurisprudence looking for precedents; as well as to those interested in Capitular law.

M. E. Herbert Stead Sands, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Charles H. Jacobson, Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT, 1918.

120TH ANNUAL—HARTFORD—MAY 14TH, 1918.

Chapters, 40; membership, 10,401; net gain, 234.

The Grand Captain of the Host and Grand Chaplain's stations were filled by pro tempore officers. Otherwise the roster of Grand Officers was complete. Thirty-eight subordinate Chapters had representatives present. Fifteen Past Grand High Priests, and thirty-one Grand Representatives lent dignity and aplomb to the meeting. Alabama was well represented in the person of M. E. Companion Eugene A. Hall. The absence of the Grand Captain of the Host and Grand Chaplain was accounted for because of illness, and telegrams of sympathy were forwarded.

Distinguished visitors from the Grand Jurisdictions of New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Jersey and Pennsylvania were present, and were received with the customary courtesies and honors.

Grand High Priest Edward W. Avery, whose portrait adorns the volume, gave a detailed report of his official acts. He gave all of his spare time to efforts to apply his ability to promoting the highest ideals of freemasonry and the interest of the Grand Chapter.

He reports feelingly the passing of Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary James McCormick. Quite a loss to the Grand Jurisdiction, and to the ranks of Grand Secretaries. A capable and devoted man and Mason, who will be missed and mourned.

He also records the passing of two other distinguished Grand High Priests whose services to the Craft had been valuable, and whose death will leave a vacancy hard to fill; namely, M. E. Companions Wesley U. Pearne and Henry W. Coye.

Our friend and co-laborer, M. E. Companion George A. Kies, was appointed Grand Secretary. A most happy selection, as is indi-

cated by the record before us. He says in his review of Alabama, as an addenda, "Lawrence Lee maintains that Beauchamp is the very best Grand Secretary in the world, and we are thus far unable to contest that proposition." Note the "thus far," will you. But this scribe is not prepared to say that with more experience Kies will not equal the very best. The Grand High Priest thinks that he acted wisely and we all agree.

He recommends that a biographical sketch of each officer and permanent member of Grand Chapter be made and filed with the Grand Secretary. Companion Kies is too cheerful to be made the keeper of a morgue.

Quite a number of Masonic courtesies passed through his office during the year. In these war times this is the rule rather than the exception. And it serves a good Masonic purpose.

While being opposed to hurrying up candidates, he granted two such dispensations—men about to answer the call to the colors. The two decisions were on jurisdictional questions peculiar to Connecticut.

His visitations were numerous and pleasant to the Grand High.

The Masonic Home, Government support and General Grand Chapter came in for a good word. The Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe did their duty in visiting the Chapters assigned and made report of same.

The financial and numerical reports indicate a healthy condition of affairs.

An amendment was adopted raising the salary of the Grand Secretary from \$400.00 to \$600.00 per annum.

Two honorary members were added to the Masonic Charity Foundation.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

After transacting routine business, the Grand Council considered the claims of twenty-two applicants and they being found worthy, were duly anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Office.

CORRESPONDENCE.

M. E. Companion George A. Kies submits his tenth, and as he says his last, Correspondence report. It is done in his usual tactful,

clear way, and makes good reading. With Kies gone, Michie will be lonesome over his briarwood. But we note where he has been reappointed, and so we feel better about them both.

Alabama, 1917, has splendid treatment, and he has done for the writer what the writer would be pleased to do for him, quote liberally.

The time is coming when more leeway will be possible. Until then, here's hoping.

M. E. William R. Keavaney, Grand High Priest.

M. E. George A. Kies, Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE, 1918.

50TH ANNUAL—WILMINGTON—JANUARY 16TH, 1918.

Chapters, 4; membership, 1,371; net gain, 98.

In this Grand Jurisdiction there are more Past Grand Officers than any other we come across, although it is about the smallest. Preferment does not come as a matter of course there. As an example we find 13 Past Grand High Priests present, also 5 Past Deputy Grand High Priests, 4 Past Grand Kings, 6 Past Grand Scribes, 3 Past Grand Treasurers, and 3 Past Grand Chaplains. Present all the Grand Officers, seven Past High Priests, and a good representation from all of the subordinate Chapters.

The writer recognizes in the likeness of the Grand High Priest, M. E. George S. Scott, one he met at Alexandria last February, and a live wire. His address is in keeping with the estimate formed then.

Past Grand High Priest J. Harmer Rile passed the veils of the tabernacle during the year, as did Past Deputy Grand High Priest Frank C. Melvin. The dead of the subordinate Chapters are also recorded. Proper tribute is paid to their memories.

Nine Grand Representatives were recommended for commissions—one for Alabama, E. Companion J. Grant Wilkins. Two were commissioned to Alberta and New York.

One dispensation was granted to hurry up, the case being that of a young man called to the service of the country.

No decisions were requested.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association was recommended for favorable action. He departed from the usual custom and made several visits to each of the Chapters, and helped along in any way he could. He presented a well gotten up and properly digested plan for holding schools of instruction.

Old Glory, now crowned with a new glory, was given a place in the Grand Chapter, and recommended to be displayed in the subordinate chapters.

He called for, obtained and prepared an Honor Roll, very creditable indeed to the small number of Companions in his Grand Jurisdiction.

Not being pleased with the manner of preserving the proceedings of Grand Chapter, he recommended the binding in proper form of all the past proceedings. In fact, if he overlooked anything of interest, it does not so appear.

Most of the committees had no business referred to them, and hence nothing to report. Forty-one Grand Representatives answered the roll call. Among them Alabama's Ambassador, E. J. Comp. J. Grant Wilkins.

The centennial of the introduction of R. A. Masonry in Delaware was celebrated. An historical sketch of much interest and value was prepared and presented by M. E. Stuart J. Horn.

R. E. Warren S. Seipp, of the Maryland Grand Chapter, Grand High Priest Lowe of New Jersey, and Vice-President Thomas R. Marshall, Past Grand High Priest of Indiana, made excellent and timely addresses. These addresses were not only of historical and literary merit, but contained much that should be told to the world today. Why it is that men who have the public ear refrain from saying such things as was said on this occasion, passes understanding.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

A Convention was held January 1st, 1918, in the city of Wilmington, at which routine business was transacted. Three Companions were found to possess the requisite qualifications and were duly elected, anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

R. E. Thomas J. Day, for the committee, submitted the report.

It is well and interestingly done. Fifty-five Grand Jurisdictions have careful and fraternal review, including Alabama, 1916.

M. E. Leon Walker, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Stuart J. Horn, Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1918.

51ST ANNUAL—WASHINGTON—FEBRUARY 13TH, 1918.

Chapters, 13; membership, 3,524; net loss, 48.

Two Special Convocations are recorded, the first on April 10th, 1917, to pay the last sad rites to Past Grand High Priest Henry K. Simpson, the other on November 17, 1917, the occasion being the funeral of Past Grand High Priest Moses D. Mull.

The writer knew Comp. Simpson and also something of his Masonic activities in the District and elsewhere. His loss will be keenly felt in many fields of Masonic endeavor.

The Grand Annual was opened by Grand High Priest William W. Jermaine, assisted by all of his Grand Officers, twelve Past Grand High Priests, the representatives of all the chartered Chapters, and the Grand Representatives of thirty-three Grand Jurisdictions. E. Companion Charles F. Roberts, holding Alabama's commission, was present and actively participating. The Grand High Priest deplored the fact that conditions did not improve in a Capitular way in the District. The Royal Craft is not growing, rather it is suffering a loss. Efforts to correct this have been made, but the blame is placed upon the shoulders of the Craft. "Old General Apathy" comes in for a rasping, and his aids Disunity and Indifference are shown up as well.

He says: "Outsiders will never place a higher value upon R. A. Masonry than R. A. Masons themselves place upon it."

H. C. L. and war subscriptions are also given as one of the reasons for a dearth of applications.

Anent suspensions N. P. D. he says:

There might have been an increase but for the fact that certain of the Chapters made up their minds to suspend all Companions who were in arrears for dues. This action in every instance had my hearty approval. If all the Chapters had pursued that course, the reports would show a net decrease much greater than that just men-

tioned; but such a move, I believe, would have been in the interest of better things. Companions are not conferring a favor upon anybody by keeping their names on our rolls, and the moment they begin to think they are, steps should be taken to convince them of their mistake.

The writer agrees that all these things enter into the details of conditions in the District, but entertains the opinion, expressed on a former occasion, that the activity of another organization that draws its membership largely from Master Masons, and is a cheap social order, has somewhat to do with want of interest in the Chapter and other so-called higher Masonic bodies.

He regrets that General Grand Chapter is not to meet with them as they had hoped. The great number of people who had rushed to Washington to see how "unuseful" they could be in helping on the war rendered it impossible to procure proper entertainment for the delegates, and so Baltimore came to the rescue and received General Grand with open arms.

Grand Chapter wanted to do something so invited all the delegates to General Grand to spend the day with them, and set aside \$1,000.00 of the Triennial Fund for their entertainment.

Grand High Priest reports having visited every Chapter in the Grand Jurisdiction several times.

This is referred to Roe Fulkerson, who thinks that this is violating the prerogatives of this officer—who always intends but never does do it.

The Grand Visitor and Lecturer, E. V. Companion Orville Drown, did as well or better than the Grand High Priest. He also held two schools of instruction each month, except during July and August. Most of the committees report nothing to do.

The Triennial Committee made its third report, and was added to. It had done the best it could, but conditions were altogether against holding the Triennial at Washington, so the committee was helping Baltimore, of which Washington is the suburb, since prohibition in the District.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

A business session was held on February 23, 1917, at which the officers for the year were elected, and other routine business transacted. Thirteen Companions were elected to receive the Order, and

March 30, 1918, was fixed as the day for their consecration. On that day seven appeared and were duly set apart to the Holy Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The ninth from E. V. Comp. Roe Fulkerson, and just as full of fun and frolic, concealing a whole lot of wisdom, as is usual with him. One is tempted to quote from him, but the scissors can find no stopping place, when once started. Take the advice of some of the Correspondents, go get the book, and read it.

Fifty Grand Jurisdictions are dealt with in narrative form, bringing out clearly, and in a most readable way, whatever of interest transpired.

Alabama, 1917, comes in for kind treatment. He finds an old friend in Past Grand High Priest McCormick, who (he says and the writer knows), holds a comfy place in the hearts of all the Masons in the "District." He says of him:

He knocked another ancient landmark higher than Gilderoy's kite when he said that at the time of his election he had hoped to visit all the Chapters in the jurisdiction. *He did it.* That's no way for a Grand High Priest to act! He should have followed the usual custom of regretting his inability to do so. That's what comes of electing a Past Potentate. Those foolish Shriners haven't any better sense than to perform the duties of their offices. They learn that in the Shrine. No wonder somebody is always jumpin' on 'em. There were sixty-five of the Chapters and he went to every one. Good for you, Doctor; we are for you as always! We cannot express it as well next time you come to town as we did last time you were here, but Allah will provide! We are proud of you.

The writer wants to assure him that his sentiment of affection is reciprocated for the reason given, and some others.

M. V. E. V. Arthur C. Shaw, Grand High Priest.

R. V. E. V. Arvine W. Johnston, Grand Secretary.

ENGLAND, 1917-1918.

Just how many members there are within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, this writer has never been able to ascertain. Nor has he ever taken the time to figure out the number of Chapters, if that were possible from the proceedings sent out. The last number given is 3,779.

Despite the fact that England and all her colonies have been deeply engaged in fighting and financing the world war for liberty for the past four years, there seems to have been no loss of interest in things Masonic. Rather there seems to have been a constant and steady advance in membership and the formation of new Chapters.

At the August, 1917, Quarterly, ten Chapters were constituted, and none stricken. At the November, 1917, Quarterly four Chapters were constituted, and none stricken. At the February, 1918, Quarterly, ten Chapters were constituted, and one surrendered its charter and was stricken from the roll. At the May, 1918, Quarterly, five Chapters were constituted and none stricken.

Thus it appears that there was a net gain of twenty-eight in the number of Chapters.

As is usual, quite a number of the Chapters were authorized to remove from one place of meeting to another, usually to some inn, hotel or restaurant.

The Chapter of Hope No. 54, Rochdale, and Jerusalem Chapter No. 185 were granted charters permitting them to wear the Centenary Jewel. In order to obtain such a charter a Chapter must show a continued existence of one hundred years.

The Committee on General Purposes recorded a number of deaths during the year, but in view of the bitter struggle going on this is not to be avoided.

The usual purchase of war bonds and gifts to charity are recorded. To one accustomed to annual elections and not accustomed to promotions and honorable mention, this practice is bewildering. Some day the writer hopes to make a survey of the customs obtaining in this Grand Jurisdiction, and record his findings. In the meantime some well-informed Scribe can put the writer under lasting obligations to him, if he will point to some authority upon this subject.

At the May, 1918, Quarterly, a proposition was submitted to expunge Rule 70, Royal Arch Regulations, and substitute therefor a rule prohibiting the exaltation of more than two brethren upon the same day, except by dispensation from the First Grand Principal or Grand Superintendent. The application must state the names of the brethren and the special circumstances attending.

After an interesting discussion, participated in by several of the Companions, the motion was lost.

At this meeting also, the officers for the ensuing year were named. There were very few changes, but quite a number of promotions.

H. R. H. The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K. G., etc., etc.,
First Grand Principal.

P. Colville Smith, M. A., Grand Scribe E.

GRAND LODGE MARK MASTER MASONS.

Quarterly meetings are the rule here as in Grand Chapter, and the reports of the General Board contain the doings, aside from the election of Grand Officers.

The charity fund, and its disposition, seems to have the right of way, as it should. It is quite a pleasure to note the continued interest in and support of his fund by the general membership. Also the liberal use of the fund where needed. We note with peculiar pleasure a donation to the "Lord Roberts Memorial," a fund to aid in assisting all soldiers and sailors to acquire a trade suited to their bodily condition, that the wounded may be able to be producers instead of mere idle consumers.

From the last report in hand the total registered Mark Certificates are 72,895. Royal Ark Mariners, 13,488.

Quite a number of new lodges were instituted during the year.

The following proclamation, because of its many titles, and its solemn humor, will be of interest to Alabama Masons. We clip:

Be it known, that the Most High, Most Mighty, and Most illustrious PRINCE ARTHUR WILLIAM PATRICK ALBERT, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, Earl of Sussex, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick, Grand Master and First Principal Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, one of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Field-Marshal in the Army, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Fraternity of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England, Grand Zerubbabel of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, Sovereign of the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital for the United Kingdom, Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master in England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British

Crown and in Ireland, &c., &c., &c., has this day been elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, whom may the Great Overseer of the Universe long preserve.

V. V. W. Arthur David Hansell, G. Secretary.

FLORIDA, 1918.

72ND ANNUAL—JACKSONVILLE—MAY 21ST-22ND, 1918.

Chapters, 37; membership, 2,982; net gain, 243.

With the exception of the Grand Master of the Third Veil, who was detained by important business, all the Grand Officers were in their stations when Grand High Priest Dabney B. Palmer convened the Seventy-second Annual. Fourteen Grand High Priests were present, and thirty-three of the subordinate Chapters had representatives present. Twenty-six Grand Jurisdictions were represented, but Alabama's Legate was not among those present.

One of their distinguished and much beloved Past Grand High Priests had died during the year—M. V. E. Companion James Cornell. Splendid eulogy was pronounced upon him in letter and memorial exercises.

One Chapter was instituted under dispensation, and granted a charter by Grand Chapter.

Four dispensations were granted to railroad candidates, the reasons assigned being the usual ones—called to the colors. Because of press of business in getting movements of soldiers and war material promptly on the way, the Grand High Priest was unable to make visitations. He did something along that line that is somewhat unusual. He attended every convocation of his own Chapter during the year.

Dr. Kuhn's pamphlet entitled, "The Necessity of the R. A. Degree to the Master Mason," came to his notice, and he recommends something along that line for distribution among the Masons of Florida.

The Special Committee on Ritual asked for delay of action until after the meeting of General Grand Chapter, as changes were contemplated in the ritual of the General Grand that might necessitate other changes in Florida. The request was granted. Grand Chapter ex-

pressed its loyal approval of the President's great efforts in behalf of the country in its crisis.

The Committee on Masonic Relief had no requests for assistance, and so left the appropriation untouched.

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

Grand Chapter continues to exemplify the work on actual candidates, and Comp. Woods, of Indiana, continues to criticise.

The Red Cross was given \$100.00. To an outsider this seems a small donation to an organization that is trying effectually to answer in the affirmative the age-old question, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

A list of all the members of the Order in Florida is given, and it contains quite an array of names.

The annual Convention met in Jacksonville May 22, 1918, and transacted routine business.

Nine Companions found to possess the requisite qualifications were anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

E. Companion Ely P. Hubbell files his second report, and gives us a careful, intelligent and pleasing review of those Grand Jurisdictions coming to the editorial table. Alabama, 1917, has cordial treatment. Grand High Priest McCormick comes in for approving mention, and such other things as were of more than local interest have mention.

Hope he has entirely recovered from any private stage fright that may have had a tendency to promote irregular heart action, and that he may come again strong next year. He deserves the compliments passed to him by his Grand High Priest.

A word of advice; Companion Woods, of Indiana, does not mean to be taken too seriously in his criticism of things. Alabama has been under the ban for some time, and yet we are the best of friends.

M. E. Charles H. Ketchum, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Willer P. Webster, Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA, 1918.

96TH ANNUAL—MACON—APRIL 24TH-25TH, 1918.

Chapters, 157; membership, 10,689; net gain, \$52.

The picture of M. E. Comp. Thomas H. Jeffries, Grand High Priest, and Ambassador of Alabama, to the Royal Court of Georgia, greets us as we open the account of the doings of the Grand Chapter at its Ninety-sixth Annual Convocation. It is a good likeness and brings to mind the many admirable qualities of mind and heart of this splendid Companion.

The "Great Leveler" had visited the line of Grand Chapter Officers, and called to the Tabernacle Above the Deputy Grand High Priest, R. E. Comp. William L. Williams. An eloquent tribute to his memory was recorded on the minutes, and voiced in the Grand High Priest's address.

The Grand Master of the First Veil was detained at home by physical infirmities. A telegram of cheer and assurance of re-election was forwarded to Comp. Shell.

With these two exceptions the Grand Chapter roster was complete. Eight Past Grand High Priests were present, thirty-eight Past High Priests and the representatives of one hundred and four of the chartered Chapters.

The Credentials Committee report the presence of twenty-four Grand Representatives. Of course, Alabama was well represented.

Telegrams of hope and cheer were sent to Past Grand High Priests Henry Banks and W. G. England, who were absent on account of sickness in their family.

Grand Treasurer Griswold had answered the last summons early in the Capitular year, and his place had been supplied by the appointment of R. E. Comp. Weir. In speaking of him the Grand High Priest says, among other splendid things, "The very presence

of this Companion silently declared the manhood, the integrity, the real worth of the man."

Dispensations were issued for two Chapters, and also for the removal of two Chapters to more advantageous locations.

Special dispensations were issued for various purposes, occasionally to receive petitions and ballot out of statutory time, but only when the petition came from men in the Army and Navy, or men who were about to answer the call of the selective draft. On the subject of such dispensations he says:

I am unalterably opposed to the making or advancement of Masons except in the regular legal way. The discretion given the Grand High Priest to, by dispensations, grant the right to Chapters to receive and ballot upon applications for membership at one and the same convocation is an extremely dangerous power and one that should be exercised only in the most extreme emergency.

Only one ruling was asked for, and that was in reference to dues to Grand Chapter of members exempted from dues by subordinate Chapters. The reply was that while there was no law upon the subject of men in the Army and Navy, yet he felt authorized to say that subordinate Chapters might remit such dues while the men were in service, and have Grand Chapter dues for them remitted as long as they were in service, but no longer. Grand Chapter approved, as did the Jurisprudence Committee.

Two Chapters were constituted.

The recommendation that the office of Deputy Grand High Priest be abolished met with favor, and a constitutional amendment was submitted to that end. The Grand High Priest says that he has long been convinced that this office is unnecessary, useless and a superfluity, and should be eliminated from the Masonic system. The observation of the writer is that it may be ornamental, but otherwise is of no special use, and receives scant consideration on any occasion.

In his parting words he says:

The great outstanding thought in these historic degrees of Capitular Masonry is Loyalty to God and love of Country.

Judah had been led into captivity by the Chaldees and for a time, at least, made the servants of the households of their captors; however, their liberties were not wholly and continuously restrained. Many of them arose to eminence and attained to offices of supreme trust, and apparently enjoyed every desirable privilege save that of returning to Judea and the rebuilding of their city and temple. The

gilded temples and luxurious palaces of an Eastern potentate had little attraction for old Daniel, notwithstanding he possessed a power second only to the King. His heart yearned for the land of his fathers and his soul, with pure devotion, offered oblation to the King of Heaven.

All of the captivity longed for the fulfillment of the promise of God by the mouth of His prophet, "Thou shalt yet plant vines on the mountains of Samaria, for a time will come when the watchman upon Mount Ephraim shall cry aloud, 'Arouse ye! And come up unto the house of your God.'"

My beloved Companions, we confront a condition today infinitely more tragic in its possibilities than the realization of the Jewish captivity. We stand upon the regal heights of a civilization that was conceived in the minds and cherished in the hearts of the wisest philosophers and most magnanimous philanthropists the world ever knew. We have built up a republic founded in and based upon a Constitution and a Declaration that comprehends and expresses the highest conception of human liberty. We have demonstrated that, in the exercise of individual sovereignty, the most salutary laws and the wisest government may be maintained.

In the midst of our happiness, in the fullness of the enjoyment of our content, there stands before us an awful dragon from whose blazing eyes issue livid flames of hate, whose vicious claws reek with the blood of countless thousands and whose domineering insolence proclaims him the World Lord, the Master of all men. This monster would restrain our liberties, would deny our rights and forever crush our cherished institutions.

Loyalty to God and love of country not alone call for faith and patriotism but, liberty, impaled upon the sword of militarism, and democracy, crucified upon the cross of imperialism, cries aloud for men, valiant, courageous men, men through whose chivalrous veins flows the blood of martyrs, men of sacrifice, World men who honor God and love their fellow men, men who dare and swear to uphold the good over the evil, God above the devil.

The spirit of Callisthenes, the Greek historian, who at the sacrifice of his life, denied the Divine right to rule to the Great Alexander, lives in the world today and animates and dominates the spirit of humanity and, as the throne of Alexander the Great crumbled and fell and his dynasty passed away, so the sovereignty of God, displaying itself in humanity, shall drag the imperial Kaiser down and destroy the power of the Hohenzollern in the earth. God speed the day.

And so has the Allwise.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association came in for a contribution, and the honor membership already provided was taken in the name of M. E. Companion James W. Taylor, the senior living Past Grand High Priest.

The Grand Lecturer-Grand Secretary of Capitular Masonry in Georgia travels in an automobile, and as the one he was using was not

up to the standard in the eyes of the craft, Grand Chapter provided the funds for a new one, also funds for running it.

A close reading of the proceedings and a careful survey of the "Index," does not disclose anything relative to the Order of High Priesthood.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Companion Charles L. Bass submitted his usually good and readable report, reviewing thirty Grand Jurisdictions. Alabama has courteous and neighborly treatment at his hands. His partiality is appreciated and reciprocated. He quotes liberally from the address of Past Grand High Priest John H. McCormick.

M. E. Comp. Elliott W. Parish, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Edgar A. McHan, Grand Secretary.

IDAHO, 1918.

10TH ANNUAL—POCATELLO—MAY 16TH-17TH, 1918.

Chapters, 20; membership, 1,608; net gain, 76.

When Grand High Priest Homer David opened Grand Chapter in ample form fifteen of the subordinate Chapters were represented. All the Grand Officers were in their stations; two Past Grand High Priests, and sixteen Past High Priests, otherwise unattached.

After a reminder of the duty and pleasure of every Royal Arch Mason to uphold the administration and render all assistance possible to our nation in the conflict then raging, the Grand High Priest gives a brief, business-like resume of his official acts.

From it we gather that there was a considerable interchange of fraternal courtesies; Grand Representatives were appointed and recommended for appointment; two dispensations issued to ballot out of statutory time, one to elect officers and another to hold special convocation.

He ruled that Grand Chapter should not accept Liberty Bonds in payment of Grand Chapter dues, except in extreme cases. He called attention to a conflict between the obligation and that part of the Constitution which provides that nine or more R. A. M.'s should be present before a Chapter can be opened or closed, but if that number

should not be present the Chapter should be closed. This seems contradictory in itself, but doubtless means that nine must be present at the opening, and if the number is reduced in any way, the Chapter should cease operation until such time as a quorum might be obtained,—a calling off for want of the requisite number, so to speak.

The Jurisprudence Committee so construed it, in effect.

In giving an account of the installation of Grand Officers, not present for installation in Grand Chapter, a report is made of the installation of two E. V. Grand Sentinels. So Grand Chapter was well tiled.

One Chapter was constituted in ample form.

The unsettled condition of the country and the call of the selective draft prevented any official visits. Other of the Grand Officers, however, visited in their immediate sections and furnished interesting reports, showing a very satisfactory report.

Want of uniformity in the work and the desire for more nearly letter perfect ritualism, caused a recommendation for schools of instruction in various parts of the state.

A resolution was adopted remitting the dues of all those who had been called or had volunteered to the colors; also all Y. M. C. A. and Red Cross workers overseas. A Roll of Honor was created, and ordered incorporated in the printed proceedings. Here is a by-law that will always be a cause of confusion, and as time goes on, and the membership increases, a source of "balling up" one's Capitular membership:

Existing membership in this Jurisdiction of petitioners for a dispensation to form a new Chapter shall remain in abeyance (when dispensation is granted) and when charter follows, membership shall cease in the old and begin in the new or remain in the old at the option of the member, but if the member signs the petition for the charter, his membership shall automatically cease in the old and begin in the new Chapter as of the date the charter is granted, and the Grand Secretary shall so notify the Chapters affected. If no charter follows, membership is undisturbed.

The better plan is to have the limits of all petitioners for a dispensation to form a new Chapter, accompany the petition. If the petition is not granted and no Chapter follows, the petitioner can reinstate in any Chapter of his choice, and his Masonic record will be clear.

There is no report on the Order of High Priesthood.

E. V. Comp. Edward L. Gauger begins his report on Correspondence by reproducing the article of Past Grand High Priest Wm. F. Kuhn, on "The Necessity of the Royal Arch Degree to the Master Mason." He says it has proven an inspiration to him.

He does not make a tabulation of the jurisdictions reviewed, but after reading his report in full we are prepared to say he covered the ground well in those he did review.

Alabama is most admirably treated. Extended excerpts from the address of Grand High Priest McCormick are made. He also quotes liberally from the memorial circular issued by Comp. McCormick on the occasion of the death of Past Grand High Priest Bates.

The report contains many things of interest, but space forbids copying.

M. V. E. V. Comp. Albert A. Jessup, Grand High Priest.

R. V. E. V. Lewis W. Ensign, Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS, 1917.

68TH ANNUAL—CHICAGO—OCTOBER 25TH-26TH, 1917.

Chapters, 215; membership, 45,737; net gain, 2,147.

The largest Grand Jurisdiction in this country had a large and pleasant convocation; received and accorded the customary honors to distinguished visitors, and then got down to business with all the Grand Officers in their places. Fifteen Past Grand High Priests, thirty-three Grand Representatives, twenty-four Past High Priests, twenty-five Districts and Inspectors and four Grand Examiners, with the representatives of a constitutional number of subordinate Chapters made up the roster of Grand Chapter.

M. V. E. V. Grand High Priest James E. Jeffers gives a comprehensive review of the affairs of his office during the year. He was quite a busy man, as Grand High Priests go.

Death relieved Past Grand High Priest Robert L. McKinlay of his years of patient suffering. Tribute to his memory found expression in an eloquent notice from the Grand East, and in the report of the Committee on Necrology.

Six Chapters were constituted in full form, and two properly set forth under dispensation.

The district inspection plan, and schools of instruction came in for encomiums. The plan seeks to work admirably. Four Companions went before the Board of Grand Examiners and qualified as Grand Lecturers. Quite a number of interstate courtesies were requested and quite a number granted.

Army and Navy candidates caused the issuance of several dispensations to ballot out of time and confer degrees. This was almost universally the custom during the last two Capitular years. Alberta was recognized, and an interchange of Grand Representatives arranged for.

A new, or revised, Constitution was approved, and a new ritual for certain purposes was adopted. It embraces the "Constituting of New Chapters, Installation of Grand Officers, Installation of Chapter Officers, Instituting Chapters U. D., and Reception of Distinguished Visitors." Short and pointed, it is an improvement on most rituals.

The reports of the District Inspectors show a marked improvement in the ritual work, and an increase in attendance and interest.

The question of the delinquent Chapters provoked some discussion, but was finally left to the incoming Grand High Priest with authority to act.

Other matters of purely local interest had the attention of Grand Chapter.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Sixty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Council of the Order was held October 25th, 1917.

President George M. Moulton did himself proud in a short address.

Thirty-four candidates were found to possess the necessary qualifications and were set apart, after being anointed and consecrated, to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

CORRESPONDENCE.

As is always the case, Companion George W. Warvelle submits one of his entertaining and instructive reports. It is his sixteenth, and has lots of meat in the introduction, conclusion and observations section. His review of the different Grand Jurisdictions is short and pithy. Alabama, 1916, comes in for about as much space as some of the larger jurisdictions.

We clip the following as expressive of our sentiments on the subject:

WHEN THE SUN GOES DOWN.

During the year now ending many of the old guard have laid down the implements of earthly toil for a participation in the higher mysteries.

Among those who have thus passed away I note the venerable Brother, James McCormick, for more than twenty years the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut. Also, the venerable Brother, J. Gilman Waite, for many years the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, and until a few years ago the writer of the Correspondence Report. California mourns the venerable William A. Davies, long its efficient Grand Secretary and writer of the Correspondence Report.

All of these brethren died full of years and honors. All had attained the highest success vouchsafed to man. They were honored and loved in life; they are lamented and mourned in death. The greatest among us can achieve no more.

Since the foregoing was written I have received notice of the death of Josiah L. Seward, of New Hampshire, for a number of years the author of the Correspondence Report of that jurisdiction. He was a most estimable man, a ripe scholar, and a devoted member of the Craft.

And as I note this continual pouring of the finite into the infinite. As I see my old friends and associates passing into the beyond, the more do I become impressed with the worthlessness of those things for which men most do strive. The only thing that survives the grave is a good name, and love of those we leave behind.

M. E. Arthur E. Wood, Grand High Priest.

R. E. George W. Warvelle, Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

This interesting Grand Chapter failed to get its volume to us for review. We feel sure it is doing business in a large and Masonic way in its splendid Home. Past Grand High Priest Woods, also Correspondent, was in Illinois as usual, at the Annual Convocation of that Grand Chapter. Also he attended the banquet.

IOWA, 1917.

64TH ANNUAL—CEDAR RAPIDS—OCTOBER 11TH, 1917.

Chapters, 128; membership, 15,603; net gain, 969.

Some of the Correspondents have had a word to say about the change in methods of opening the Grand Chapter of Alabama, wherein the Grand Chapter was opened by the Deputy Grand High Priest, and after being opened the Grand High Priest was received with the Grand Honors, and escorted to the Grand East. This was an innovation in Alabama, but a pleasing one, likely to be followed until some Grand High Priest comes along who prefers to do it differently. In Iowa, the High Priest of Trowell Chapter called the assembled Companions together, called up Past Grand High Priest C. H. Cogwell to preside, and the Companions were welcomed to Trowell Chapter; response to the welcome was made by the Deputy Grand High Priest, and the Grand High Priest was then escorted to the East, presented with the gavel and with the assistance of the other Grand Officers, opened Grand Chapter in ample form. One hundred and one Chapters were represented, twenty-seven not represented. Three custodians of the work and seven deputy custodians were in attendance. Thirteen Past Grand High Priests, one Past Grand Scribe and thirty-nine Grand Representatives made up the rest of those participating in the proceedings.

The portrait of Grand High Priest Charles A. Dewey adorns the opening pages of the volume. One cannot tell whether he is a young old man or an old young man, but he looks straight at you out of a pair of eyes set well apart, has a firm large mouth, and like the writer, is barefoot on top of his head. His message is a good one, dealing with then present world conditions, and local Capitular affairs.

One Chapter was constituted, and two Chapters were consolidated as one, taking the name and number of the older Chapter.

Past Grand High Priest Wilbraham having moved to the Grand Jurisdiction of California, permanently, his place upon the various committees of Grand Chapter was filled by the appointees of the Grand High Priest.

While each Grand Jurisdiction is a law unto itself in matters of that ilk, it is interesting to note how this Grand Jurisdiction disposed

of some of the dispensations issued by the Grand High Priest. In three instances he granted dispensation to as many Chapters to elect officers at a convocation later than the Annual Convocation in December, because this convocation happened to fall upon Christmas night. In each instance the dispensation antedated the annual convocation, and for that reason each was disapproved. In two instances dispensation was issued to receive petitions and ballot out of time and confer degrees upon applicants who were called to the colors. The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence disapproved both of these dispensations, saying:

Section two (2) of Article thirteen (13) of the Constitution says: "No ballot shall be taken for the degrees except at a stated convocation other than the one at which the petition is received." Special dispensations seven and eight were issued in spite of this provision to receive and ballot upon petitions at the same convocation, and are disapproved.

It may be remembered that the motive for this action was supplied by the fact that the candidates involved were to advance brethren who were about to leave as soldiers in the army. The patriotic motive that served as an incentive for the issuing of these two special dispensations cannot be too highly commended, but that sentiment cannot be regarded as sufficient to justify the disregard of the above quoted provision of the Constitution.

This is the proper position to take, and the kind of courage to be exhibited by Grand Chapter.

This writer has made a diligent search, and has failed to find that Grand Chapter took any steps to heal the irregularity, and he wonders what is the status of the officers elected and the candidates who received the degrees under these dispensations.

In Iowa, under the decisions of the Grand High Priest, and the approval of the committee, a member of a Chapter cannot act as a substitute for a candidate in the R. A. Degree. This also looks good to this scribe, and in keeping with both the letter and the spirit of our undertaking.

Under existing law the secretary of a Chapter has authority, and it is his duty, to drop a member in arrears for dues, without action from the Chapter.

The Grand High Priest deemed this wrong, and Grand Chapter agreed with him, changing the rule so as to require action by the Chapter.

M. W. Grand Master Barry, of Iowa, and Deputy General Grand High Priest Craig, as the representative of the General Grand High Priest, were received and accorded due honors. The Grand Commander and the Grand Master of the Grand Council were later received with due honors.

The Board of Custodians of the Work, and the Deputy Custodians, made interesting reports. This seems an admirable system, worthy of imitation.

M. E. Companion Homer H. Hemingway, Grand High Priest in Iowa 1866-68, but now living in California, sent greetings and regrets that poor health prevented his attendance.

A fact of more than local interest developed in the report of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers; that is to say, that the Grand High Priest whose address they were reviewing, was the worthy son of a worthy and distinguished father, who a few short years before had also presided over the destinities of Grand Chapter as its Grand High Priest, M. E. Almon E. Dewey, now deceased.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Sixtieth Annual Convention was held at Cedar Rapids, October 11, 1917, with E. President George A. Riemcke, presiding.

Thirty-three candidates were found to possess the requisite qualifications, and were duly elected, and were received, anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order.

The E. President delivered an admirable address, replete with useful information. Others indulged in pleasing remarks.

CORRESPONDENCE.

E. Companion F. A. Lee writes his first report. It is quite a good one. Indeed he writes like a veteran, notwithstanding the many difficulties he encountered, which proves the rule that we thrive and build upon opposition.

Alabama, 1916, comes in for fraternal review and comment. Iowa was not reviewed for the reason that it failed to reach the sanctum in time. If there is anything this scribe likes to review, it is an Iowa proceeding. He is constantly expecting to find something good, whether he does or not, and he usually does. It is with regret that we note Comp. Lee is not to be with us regularly any longer.

M. E. Isaac T. Forbes, Grand High Priest.

R. E. O. F. Graves, Grand Secretary.

IRELAND, 1917.

The only matter in hand is the report of the Grand Registrar, V.'. W.'. Comp. H. E. Flavelle, accompanied by a statistical report and a list of the Chapters, together with the amount received from each.

The portrait of V.'. E.'. Oliver Fry, the newly-elected Grand Treasurer, adorns the first page. A fine face and form, but not typically Irish—more English.

The Grand King, the head of the Grand Chapter, is M.'. E.'. The Lord Muskerry, Drum Collogher, County Limerick. M.'. E.'. Col. William Taylor, M. D., was installed as Deputy Grand King, succeeding M.'. E.'. Richard Best.

Six warrants issued, constituting as many Chapters.

The condition of the craft, judging from the reports of the Grand Superintendents, is most encouraging and satisfactory.

The Grand King, Lord Muskerry, remarks as if in an aside, that during the five years he has had the honor to be at the head of the Order, he does not remember to have heard from the District Grand Chapter of Londonberry and Munster, or from M.'. E.'. Companion Gillespie. He regards this as disappointing. Rather, it seems to us, it should be regarded as calling for an investigation and disciplinary measures. It may be, however, that the ancient enemy is strong and able to retard the work there. If this be the case then it is time to go to the rescue.

The number of new members is in excess of any previous year and the amount received is correspondingly large.

KANSAS, 1918.

53RD ANNUAL—TOPEKA—FEBRUARY 18TH-19TH, 1918.

Chapters, 96; membership, 11,766; net gain, 545.

Portrait of Grand High Priest Charles A. Conkling opens the volume and it is a good opening.

Following the usual custom the Grand High Priest congregated the Companions and had Grand Secretary call the roll to ascertain if a constitutional number were present. This being found true, Grand Chapter was opened in ample form. A heavy black line takes the place of the name of the Grand Scribe, and looking further on it is

ascertained that he had passed the veils during the year. Otherwise all the Grand Officers were present.

The Credentials Committee also reported the presence of 13 Past Grand High Priests, 56 Past High Priests, the representatives of sixty-eight subordinate Chapters (twenty-eight not represented) and the Grand Representatives of 37 Grand Jurisdictions, among them E. V. Companion Harry B. Sparks, representing Alabama.

Grand High Priest notes the passing of 169 Companions of his Grand Jurisdiction, among them Grand Scribe Charles Henry Chandler. He also specially mentions the death of M. V. E. V. Bestor Gaston Brown, Past Grand High Priest and General Grand Scribe. He speaks of him as a ripe Masonic scholar and a diligent researcher for Masonic truth. Alas, there are too few of those sort to be able to spare any. His loss, therefore, is a national one from a Masonic standpoint.

Speaking of the war, which he dubs "Made in Germany," he says:

The present is an opportune time for the Masons of our country to not only emulate the splendid example of sacrifice left by our forefathers, but also to use all the influence of our organization in disseminating the *spirit* of sacrifice, to the end that this war may be settled soon and settled right. When the time comes for the readjustment of the world's affairs, Masonry will no doubt be a prominent factor in reestablishing the international friendships and brotherhood of man that existed before this world's greatest tragedy began.

Standing Regulation No. 12 was repealed on his recommendation, because it was not practical and had not been followed. Laws of useless application have no right to exist. Two Chapters were granted dispensation, and duly instituted and set to work. One such dispensation was refused. Masonic Home and General Grand Chapter were recommended to the favorable consideration of the Royal Craft, the Home especially to the Finance Committee.

Conditions of the subordinate Chapters were carefully gone into and fully reported upon. He announces that the usual number of official visits were made, but does not give a list of them. In some jurisdictions this would mean a very few, if any. Roe Fulkerson might be able to tell us the standard in Kansas, but this scribe is not familiar with it.

Eight special dispensations were issued, five without fee.

The new Masonic Temple at Topeka having been finished, Grand Chapter is congratulated upon having a safe and commodious place for its records, and a nice place for Grand Secretary.

Grand Chapter was present at the laying of the corner-stone of the new Masonic Home that had risen on the ashes of the old burned one. Grand Chapter had given liberally and so was prepared to enjoy itself.

Grand Secretary takes back nearly everything he said about the local secretaries being prompt and accurate the year before. He complains of inefficiency here, as does nearly every other Grand Secretary who says anything about it.

In connection with his report the Grand Secretary presents a most interesting table showing by comparison the number of Royal Arch Masons to each 1,000 Master Masons in each state.

Little Rhode Island has the largest and Alabama and North Carolina the smallest number. Ohio is sixth, Illinois is nineteenth and New York is eighth from the lowest. The average in the United States is about 250 in every thousand; or about one-fourth of the Master Masons in the United States become Royal Arch Masons.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The M. E. Grand Council met at Topeka February 19, 1918, and after transacting routine business, proceeded to elect thirty-four eligibles. The writer supposes they were duly set apart, but it does not so appear from the proceedings.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest Matthew M. Miller submitted his tenth annual report, prepared by him for the committee. As is his habit it is good, very good. Alabama, 1916, heads the list of Grand Jurisdictions reviewed. He quotes Grand High Priest Ransom, and highly commends Grand Secretary Beauchamp for his statistical summary. He wonders why several several blank Grand Secretaries do not adopt its simple form.

Scotland gets a warm one from him, and deservedly so. He says, "Comrades in battle are immemorially true to each other. We generally claim more for Masonry. Let those who have made it less, toe the line and come up to the mark in Masonry."

M. E. Herbert R. Hull, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Albert K. Wilson, Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY, 1917.

100TH ANNUAL—LOUISVILLE—OCTOBER 16TH-17TH, 1917.

Chapters, 114; membership, 10,109; net gain, 93.

Present, all the Grand Officers, sixteen Past Grand High Priests, forty-seven Past High Priests, and representatives from 103 of the subordinate Chapters, and one U. D.

In his opening remarks Grand High Priest George B. Winslow remarks upon changes wrought by time and custom. He had examined all the proceedings of Grand Chapter for the past century and noted especially the change of custom relative to the address of the Grand High Priest. At first there was no such thing, then short addresses began to appear; then longer ones, until, as he remarks, now Grand Chapter expects, or Grand High Priest insists, on afflicting Grand Chapter with long ones.

He records the death of Past Grand High Priest James W. Hopper, and Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary Howard R. French. These Companions held large places in the hearts of the Masons of Kentucky, who mourn their demise. It is pleasing to note that prior to the death of M. E. Companion Hopper he was visited by a committee from Grand Chapter and given a floral token, and what is infinitely better, words of love, comfort and cheer.

Suitable memorials were prepared and found a place upon the minutes of the proceedings.

The special committee upon the centennial celebration made report, and had great doings in accordance with the program.

Past Grand High Priest G. Allison Holland was appointed Grand Secretary to succeed M. E. Comp. French, and right well did he perform his duties.

Grand High Priest had to write a historical sketch of Grand Chapter and found that the Grand Secretary's office was without a complete set of the proceedings—in fact had very few. He recommended measures to supply this great deficiency.

The new system of inspection and visitation was tried out, and was found to work very well. Under it several Chapters were found delinquent, and some of them lost their charters.

Grand Chapter owns \$21,000 in bonds and Grand High Priest recommended that they be sold and the money invested in Liberty Bonds.

He gave his "opinion" on several questions, and quotes his replies as "opinions."

The report of the "Educational Trustees" shows the expenses of sixteen boys and girls paid to enable them to obtain the benefit of the higher schools of learning.

Harlan Chapter No. 164 was granted a charter.

We find no record of any convention of the Order of High Priesthood.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest (and present Grand Secretary) G. Allison Holland submits the report on Correspondence.

Alabama, 1916, has fine treatment at his hands. He notes with high approval Grand Chapter's action in making Grand Secretary a permanent representative to General Grand Chapter.

He is of the opinion that our hope of a settlement between Scotland and General Grand is without hope. Perhaps Scotland has seen in recent events the necessity of ceasing to be autocratic, and the advisability of self-determination of Chapters and will do the proper thing.

M. E. Isaac T. Woodson, Grand High Priest.

M. E. G. Allison Holland, Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA, 1918.

71ST ANNUAL—NEW ORLEANS—FEBRUARY 5TH-6TH, 1918.

Chapters, 45; membership, 4,479; net gain, 247.

Portrait of incoming Grand High Priest E. H. Addington is given.

Thirty-seven Chapters were represented. All the Grand Officers were present; ten Past Grand High Priests, quite a number of Past High Priests, and the Grand Representatives of forty-four Grand Jurisdictions. Alabama's Legate, E. Comp. H. A. King, was not present. Somehow or other the name and postoffice address sounds familiar to this writer. As a college student he met and knew several other students from Louisiana, from New Iberia, and one of them was nicknamed "Poss" but otherwise King, and the initials seem familiar. Could M. E. Comp. Duncan enlighten us?

Grand High Priest John S. Thibaut gave a brief resume of his work, concluding with expressions of regret that he had not been able to accomplish more for the good of the Royal Craft.

He notes the passing of the Grand Master of the Third Vell, E.'. Comp. D. B. Showalter, and pays tribute to his worth as man and Mason.

One Chapter was constituted, and one was instituted U. D.

No dispensations were granted to hurry up candidates.

He refused dispensation for a Chapter, giving the following excellent reasons:

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

Referring to a request to know the status of an applicant for the degrees, who had received the Mark Master in Scotland, the Grand High Priest said that in the United States we have no such thing as an independent Mark Master's Lodge, and that Scotland had such an independent Grand Body. Committee on Jurisprudence disagreed as to the last proposition, asserting that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland is the only organization that confers the Mark Master's degree that can be recognized by any Grand Chapter.

How about England and Pennsylvania?

Other matters of purely local interest transpired.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

A split session was held, occupying part of two days. Eleven petitions for the Order were received. Nine (two being absent) were duly anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest Herman C. Duncan writes a brief but interesting report, "for the Committee." Alabama, 1916, has fraternal treatment. The writer agrees thoroughly with him as to the "courtesy resolution" recommended by General Grand Chapter. In fact, General Grand does many things that seem unnecessary, and perhaps not altogether wise, but they must do something to justify their existence, and do not always consider well what is done. Ala-

bama is in line and our Grand Secretary something of a stickler for following General Grand. So there you are.

M. E. E. H. Addington, Grand High Priest.

R. E. John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary.

MAINE, 1918.

93RD ANNUAL—PORTLAND—MAY 7TH, 1918.

Chapters, 65; membership, 11,145; net gain, 205.

Fifty-five Chapters were represented. All the Grand Officers, including a Grand Secretary Emeritus, and four District Deputy Grand High Priests, and two Grand Chaplains, were present and participating. Fourteen Past Grand High Priests, two Past Deputy Grand High Priests, two Past Grand Kings and three Past Grand Scribes were among the permanent members present. Thirty-eight Grand Jurisdictions were represented, Alabama not being accredited as present.

Grand High Priest Frederic O. Eaton submitted a short address, dealing strictly with the business that had passed through his office. He reports having inspected all the Chapters assigned to him and remarks that during his seven years as an inspecting officer he had not failed to see every Chapter under his charge. A very fine record.

No decisions were made, other than directing attention to the Constitution or standing regulations. A good many dispensations were granted, some to ballot and confer degrees. Three schools of instruction were held according to the Grand High Priest, but the Grand Lecturer reports only two. It does not matter, so they were attended and gave benefit.

Dues of members engaged in the Army or Navy were remitted. All of the Inspecting Officers and the District Deputy Grand High Priests submitted reports. These reports show a healthy condition among the Royal Craft of Maine.

Most of the committees reported nothing to consider. The Finance Committee, of course, was busy.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Annual Convention met at Portland May 7th, 1918, and transacted the routine business before it, and then proceeded to elect

thirty-four candidates, thirty-three of whom were duly anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest Thomas H. Bodge is the author of the report, and takes the Grand Jurisdictions as they come. Also he treats matters as it seems to him they ought to be treated. He says if the Grand Chapter does not like his methods they should call in another to take up the work. Hope they keep him where he is.

Alabama, 1917, is reviewed at length, and candidly, with praise here and criticism there. He quotes liberally from Grand High Priest McCormick's address. He notes that one Chapter had its charter renewed at a cost of \$36.00, while another was not taxed, and wonders why. The answer is that the Chapter charged was indebted in that amount to Grand Chapter when its charter was forfeited, while the other owed nothing to Grand Chapter. The Grand Secretary was just collecting up dues that had not been paid when they should have been.

He does not believe in taking in either wooden legs or wooden heads. Neither do we, but prefer wooden legs to wooden heads if we must have either.

M. E. Clifford J. Patton, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Charles B. Davis, Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND, 1917.

120TH ANNUAL—BALTIMORE—NOVEMBER 22ND, 1917.

Chapters, 24; membership, 4,497; gain, 229.

The printer managed to "ball up" the copy of the proceedings that reached the editorial desk in such a fashion as to omit some things and duplicate others. As a result no statistical table appears, and it is found impossible to give the membership and gain, except as it appears in the address of the Grand High Priest.

The offices of Grand R. A. Chaplain and Grand Sentinel were filled by pro tem appointment. Otherwise the roster of Grand Officers was complete. Ten Past Grand High Priests were present. Nineteen Chapters were represented. Thirty-one Past High Priests, not other-

wise placed, were also in attendance. Alabama was represented by M. E. Companion Gustav A. Eitel, and twenty-nine other Grand Jurisdictions participated in the proceedings.

Grand Treasurer shows a balance to credit of Grand Chapter of \$9,981.95.

Most of the committees had nothing to report.

The sum of three thousand dollars was appropriated towards the entertainment of General Grand Chapter for a day. It turned out that the entertainment was to be for the entire Convocation, Washington being so crowded that it could not get accommodations for the delegates likely to attend.

Other business of a routine nature having been disposed of, Grand High Priest Emmett L. Pettit submitted his annual report, or address. Among his first acts was one to prepare to celebrate the 120th year of Capitular Masonry in Maryland. This celebration was staged in the various subordinate Chapters, according to the program arranged, and is said to have created considerable interest in Capitular affairs in the State.

Nothing else of a general nature appears, but many things of interest locally were presented.

Grand High Priest objected to the rulings of the War Department excluding Masonry from erecting places of recreation and entertainment in the Army cantonments, and said so in plain terms. All his correspondence was referred to the Commission on Training Camp Activities. The following quotation from one of his letters indicates just how strongly he felt upon the subject:

HONORABLE SIR:—My recent letter to you relative to Masons being debarred from Army camps was answered by the Committee on Training Camp Activities. In reply to that letter would say that I am reluctant to do or say anything to embarrass or add to the burden now being carried by the Government, but in the interest of those whom I represent, I am compelled to answer it, and not to let go unchallenged the statements contained in that letter. Permit me to say that they are contradictory and show bias of judgment or antagonism that is inexplicable. Over four thousand Masons of Maryland, whom I have the honor to represent, would like to know, and I am sure the hundreds of thousands of Masons of every branch of that great fraternity will ask the question why this discrimination against Masonry, the greatest exponent of Democracy, built on the foundation of liberty, equality and fraternity, and having for its capstone the freedom of conscience, freedom of speech and the freedom of thought—why it should be discriminated against in favor of a strictly

sectarian secret society, owing its allegiance to a foreign potentate, the greatest autocracy the world has ever known, and it, owing obedience to him above all else.

Let us know, Mr. Secretary, the real reason for this. Is it ignorance, favoritism or politics? Please enlighten us.

The answer to this was the resolution permitting Masonry and the other fraternities to engage in such activities.

The same conditions confronted us in Alabama, but we took care of it by providing club rooms in town. These proved more attractive and better suited to the needs of the men. While the announcement is not made in the proceedings, the whole Masonic world knows of and keenly regrets the death of M. E. Companion Thomas J. Shryock, Past Grand High Priest of Maryland and for thirty-three years Grand Master of Masons in Maryland. His Masonic honors came to him not alone from the Masons of his Grand Jurisdiction, but were showered upon him wherever he was known. He was useful, forceful and ornamental in all the stations of honor accorded him, and a wheel-horse in the ranks. He was always willing to pay for his honors by giving more than he got.

A commanding figure, one that will be missed in the councils of his own jurisdiction and in the national Masonic bodies.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Annual Convention (93rd year) met Thursday, November 22nd, 1917, with a full roster of officers and a good attendance of members.

Fifteen High Priests-elect were duly anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order. Matters of routine claimed attention.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report is by E. Companion Rev. Dr. Henry Branch, Chairman of the Committee. He reviews forty-eight Grand Jurisdictions, home and across seas. His treatment is concise, very few jurisdictions receiving as much as a page notice.

Alabama, 1916, has fraternal treatment at his hands.

M. E. J. H. Ferd. Hahn, Grand High Priest.

R. E. John H. Miller, Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1917.

119TH ANNUAL—BOSTON—DECEMBER 11TH, 1917.

Chapters, 83; membership, 26,385; net gain, 767.

The first Quarterly was held March 13th, 1917, with sixty-one Chapters represented, and the Grand Officers and permanent members in goodly number. Committee on Grand High Priest's address delivered at the Annual December previous were very complimentary, and properly so. Committees were appointed for various purposes, and other committees reported matters of purely local concern.

The time being near the eightieth birthday of Grand Secretary J. Gillman Waite, he was called to attention, presented with flowers, and with the congratulation and love of his Companions.

It was well and timely, for further on in the proceedings we note that he was gathered to his fathers: We cannot be too kind and considerate of those about us, especially those who are full of years, since we know not how soon our opportunity for kindness or service may have passed.

A splendid man, zealous craftsman, and accomplished officer, his Companions will miss him.

Alberta was recognized in view of the action of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

The second Quarterly was held June 12, 1917, with about the same attendance as at the first. Grand High Priest called attention to a great change in world conditions since last they met, and made certain recommendations to meet changed conditions brought about by the entrance of the United States into the conflict.

Mr. Alonzo Peck presented an illustrated lecture on the "Storm Heroes of Our Coast." Grand High Priest was presented with the Jewel of Past Grand High Priest, and responded eloquently.

Third Quarterly was held September 11th, 1917, with a large attendance of delegates, Grand Officers and permanent members.

Announcement is made, and suitable memorial submitted, of the death of Past Deputy Grand High Priest George E. Thacker.

M. E. Frederick T. Comee was unanimously elected Grand Secretary to succeed Grand Secretary Waite, deceased. Annual Convocation (December 11th, 1917) was given over, as to the morning, to the exemplification of the work of the degrees. This work was

done by picked teams, and was admirably rendered, according to Grand Secretary.

Announcement of the death of Past Grand Scribe Walter F. Medding, Past Grand King George M. Rice, Past Deputy Grand High Priest Warren P. Dudley was made, and suitable memorials were adopted.

Grand Master Harvey Lef. Marvin, of the Grand Council of California, was present and received with honors.

Committee on Regalia made a report, which was carried over for consideration at next Quarterly.

A proposition to duplicate the official ritual, on deposit in Grand Secretary's office, and place the duplicate at some central place in the western part of the state met with an adverse decision.

Grand High Priest Arthur D. Prince submitted his annual report. It is a well written document dealing clearly with matters under his charge.

Dual membership is allowed, and produced a conflict, a Companion being suspended in one Chapter and O. K. in another. Grand High Priest recommends that suspension in Chapter be a deprivation of privileges everywhere.

Better recommend abolition of dual membership, or look for confusion in records and figures in the future.

He reports twenty-two official visits, and other matters of local interest.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Massachusetts Convention of High Priests assembled at Boston March 23rd, 1917, and transacted the usual business, after which twenty-six were found eligible to membership, and twenty-five of these were duly anointed High Priests after the Order of Melchizedek.

A banquet enlivened the closing hours.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest (now Grand Secretary) Frederick T. Comee submitted his sixth annual report on Correspondence.

He denies indulging in criticism, and this writer is willing to admit his plea. He comments candidly on happenings of interest, giving his viewpoint, but never is harsh or combative. He is wise, and

makes his wisdom felt. He rightly says that his views may not suit conditions in other Grand Jurisdictions, but they have been found to work well in Massachusetts. Alabama, 1916, has courteous and fraternal notice.

M. E. Arthur D. Prince, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Frederick T. Comee, Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN, 1918.

70TH ANNUAL—DETROIT—MAY 21ST-22ND, 1918.

Chapters, 155; membership, 26,840; net gain, 1,150.

Ohio invaded this Grand Jurisdiction in force and distinction in the presence of Past Grand High Priests Nelson Williams, Graff M. Acklin, William T. S. O'Hara, William T. McLean, Lewis P. Schaus and William A. Belt. Also present Past Grand High Priest Horton F. Kimball, of Idaho. The private grand honors were given, and then the eloquence burst forth. It's a safe wager that all had a good time.

Credentials Committee report the presence of fourteen Grand Officers, fifteen Past Grand High Priests, twenty-two Past High Priests not otherwise accounted for, and the representatives of one hundred and thirty-four of the subordinate Chapters.

A pretty custom prevails there of calling the names of the dead Past Grand High Priests, when the date of their death is given. This is the "Honor Roll." Three names were added during the year, those of Past Grand High Priests Horace S. Maynard (then Grand Lecturer) William F. Durfeld and Reuben C. Webb.

Grand High Priest Elmer S. Atherton paid splendid tribute to their virtues.

Like other Grand Jurisdictions in which were located Army cantonments much courtesy work was done.

The death of the Grand Lecturer, denominated the "Grand Old Man of Masonry in Michigan," by the Grand High Priest, caused a hold up in official visitation, but the showing is a creditable one, nevertheless.

Because of want of interest and inattention to Masonic duties the charter of Grayling Chapter was arrested.

One Chapter was constituted. The granting of dispensations was a source of worry to the Grand High Priest. Judging from the formidable list he has granted he is likely to cause worry to such Correspondents as Comp. Woods, of Indiana.

The Grand High Priest hands Grand Secretary Charles A. Conover a splendid verbal bouquet, and one well deserved.

Accompanying the address is a supplement containing the reports of the other Grand Officers as to conditions in their districts. These reports are interesting, and show good work on the part of the inspectors.

Grand Secretary filed his usual concise, but highly interesting report. His membership register must have taken lots of thought and labor, but is most well worth while.

Grand Chapter had been paying a trust company to keep its securities and collect its interest thereon, but by resolution revoked this authority, and put all these matters in the hands of the Grand Secretary. Why not?

Grand Captain of the Host Gray being in the Army, and expecting to go over, which he did, was not present. He thought about his Companions, and sent them greetings. They remembered him also, and advanced him to Grand Scribe.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Fifty-eighth Annual Convention met in Detroit May 21st, 1918. The presence of the distinguished visitors from Ohio, named above in this report, added zest to the occasion. The Order was conferred by them upon fifty qualified Companions. So fine was their work that it is reported as a revelation to the Companions of Michigan, and received recognition in a rising vote of thanks.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Grand Secretary and Correspondent Charles A. Conover submits his "sixteenth whirl at reviewing" and incorporates in it the fourth edition of his scrap-book.

Always interesting is Conover, whether culling and clipping, or commenting, and this whirl is up to standard. He quotes what M. E. Comp. Charles A. Adams, of California, has to say about "Correspondence Reports;" also an article on "A Novel Royal Arch

Meeting in Shanghai, China;" an address by Bro. Fly, of Texas, on the "Two Rites;" and glories in the fact that "Jerusalem has fallen" into Christian hands.

Many other things of more than passing interest find their way into these excellent reports of Conover, and some day, when paper gets cheaper, this writer is going to do some real clipping.

Alabama, 1917, comes in for full and fraternal treatment. Charles likes the way Grand High Priest McCormick got into Grand Chapter. He quotes liberally from his address on the subject of Official Visitations, and especially the granting of dispensations to confer degrees out of statutory time.

Kentucky comes to the Michigan and New Mexico way of thinking, and abolishes Grand Representatives. This pleases Conover and he says so. It does seem an useless custom, without fruit or flavor.

M. E. Walter E. Booth, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Charles A. Conover, Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA, 1917.

56TH ANNUAL—ST. PAUL—OCTOBER 9TH, 1917.

Chapters, 77; membership, 10,297; net gain, 411.

Just prior to the convening of Grand Chapter, the delegates and other Companions were treated to an organ recital by Bro. George H. Fairclough, F. A. G. O., on the new pipe organ recently installed in the Masonic Temple.

Grand Master of Masons, Deputy Grand Commander K. T. and an Honorary 33° representing the Scottish Rite Bodies were received with Grand Honors and had seats in the East. All the Grand Officers, except Grand Scribe, were in their places. Twelve Past Grand High Priests, and two Past Deputy Grand High Priests were present. Sixty Chapters were represented. Twenty-eight Grand Representatives were presented and accorded the customary honors. Alabama was not represented.

Grand High Priest Trevanion W. Hugo sounded some new notes in his address. Not only did he render an account of his acts and doings as Grand High Priest, but he submitted some scholarly and thoughtful observations along lines not usually touched upon. Rela-

tive to increased efficiency he stresses with keen disapproval the too great reliance upon old customs and ways, or the doings of things in an antiquated way because Dr. Oliver said so, or some lodge a hundred years ago used such methods. In this connection he quotes Thomas Jefferson on the Federal Constitution, as follows:

"Some men look at constitutions with sanctimonious reverence, and deem them like the ark of the covenant—too sacred to be touched. They ascribe to the men of the preceding age a wisdom more than human, and suppose what they did to be beyond amendment. I knew that age well; I belonged to it and labored with it. It deserved well of its country. It was very like the present, but without the experience of the present. * * * I am certainly not an advocate of frequent and untried changes, in laws and constitutions. * * * But I know also that laws and institutions must go hand in hand with the progress of the human mind."

Anent the relations that should exist between all Masonic bodies, he says:

At no time in our history is it so essential and necessary that we present a united front to our enemies active and secret; we should look on all who disrupt the cordial relations between Masonic Bodies as traitors and undesirable Masons; the strength of Masonry is in its perfect solidarity, our Lodges, Chapters, Commanderries, Consistories are units for convenience.

He draws the distinction between jurisprudence and legislation, and recommends the addition of two standing committees: 1. Committee on Subdivision and Reference. 2. Committee on Legislation. Grand Chapter adopted the recommendations. He submitted an Installation Ceremony which was adopted. He wants Grand Chapter to take an active part in all worthy Masonic activities, and stressed doing something for the Home.

Americanization of aliens and the Americanization of Americans, both matters of much moment, were carefully presented, and found response in Grand Chapter. Solicitation for membership by letter was condemned as a violation of "Masonic ethics;" however, he added that personal suggestion by one friend to another was not objectionable.

According to Grand High Priest all of the official visits were occasions of pleasure and profit, and there were not a few of them.

Two Chapters were started under dispensation, and received charters from Grand Chapter.

Grand Chapter adopted the suggestion that a code be prepared, and appointed a committee to do the work.

Because of ill health Grand Scribe Dinwoodie declined advancement and was relieved from official duty.

Past Grand High Priest Ebenezer E. Corliss passed the veils during the year.

The annual school of instruction, the sixth, was held at St. Paul, October 8, 1917, with forty-three Chapters represented. Other schools were held in the Districts during the year.

Grand Chapter dues of Companions in the Army and Navy were remitted. Other matters of interest, but of a purely local nature, were transacted.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

With M. E. Comp. Henry M. Tresler as President, the Convention met at St. Paul, October 9th, 1917.

Sixteen High Priests were elected and duly anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order.

Comp. Tresler was reelected President with power to select his officers. The proceedings cover just one page.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Fifty-three Grand Jurisdictions come under the editorial eye and pen of R. E. Companion Irving Todd. Alabama, 1916, has full and fraternal consideration. One gets a pretty clear conception of the doings of the Grand Jurisdictions from the matter stated in the review. Referring to Alabama's action in exempting ministers, he says: "We meet upon the level and part upon the square, except in Alabama." That has been a sore theme to this scribe for some years, and he has made efforts to correct what he considers an unwarranted discrimination, but with apparently no effect.

A good many of the editorial writers have commented upon Alabama going backward in the matter of requiring the Chapter to be opened on the R. A. Degree, no matter what work was ahead, and to close the same way. This is a requirement of General Grand Chapter, and serves a very good purpose. It ought to be the rule everywhere, if practical effect is to be given the requirement that all business is to be transacted in the R. A. Degree.

M. E. William P. Roberts, Grand High Priest.

R. E. John Fishel, Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI, 1918.

70TH ANNUAL—NATCHEZ—FEBRUARY 21ST, 1918.

Chapters, 67; membership, 4,286; net gain, 89.

Fifty-two Chapters represented, fifteen not. All the Grand Officers present, also twelve Past Grand High Priests, one Honorary, twenty-six Past High Priests and thirty-four Grand Representatives. Alabama not represented.

Portrait and biographical sketch of incoming Grand High Priest Jere H. Power, a son of a Past Grand Lecturer.

Royal Arch Masonry first appeared in Mississippi in 1816 at Natchez, constituted under warrant from Harmony Lodge, received from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, until a warrant could be obtained from General Grand Chapter, or other competent authority.

As was the case of most of the Grand High Priests, writing before the signing of the armistice, Grand High Priest William H. Carter took account of world war conditions.

He mentions an unintentional invasion of his jurisdiction by a sister Grand Jurisdiction and says it is in process of amicable adjustment. As one of our colored friends used to say, "He names no names, and I names none."

Past Grand High Priest John S. Brooks passed to his reward during the year. He was much beloved and admired in Mississippi, having been presiding officer in all the Grand Bodies of that state.

The Grand Chapter builded the boys' dormitory at the Masonic Home, has recently remodeled it, and at the Convocation laid up the neat sum of \$1,000.00 per year for future needs, as they may arise. Grand Lodge thus gets material help in permanent form.

Grand High Priest made thirty-nine visitations, all of which were enjoyed. He thought to issue no dispensations to hurry candidates but made a record, issuing fourteen to twenty-eight candidates. In nearly every case he required the High Priest to assure him that the petitions (from men in the Army or Navy) could not take the usual course in time.

One Chapter was found in dormant condition, and by letter vote was consolidated with another Chapter in the same county.

Resolution on automatic suspension N. P. D. failed to be passed regularly, and was of no effect. Grand High Priest urged Grand Chapter to make it effective, and it made another attempt.

Grand Lecturer was presented with a Grand Lecturer's Jewel, a rarity, so much so that Grand High Priest found it necessary to work out a design for it.

Grand Secretary Speed came in for the usual (and deserved) encomium, but had a little fun poked at him for his trip to a well-known health resort. However, it is good to know that his health is now restored.

As a suggestion for development he suggests that Chapter Masons converse freely with the brother Blue Lodge Masons, telling them what is in store for them if they will progress by way of the R. A.

Three Chapters offered to surrender their Charters, but he advised against it, and hopes to see them revived. Grand Lecturer W. H. Wtaker thinks the present system of itinerary inadequate and not getting the results hoped for. He ought to be turned loose to go when and where needed. Some Chapters do not need him at all. Others need him badly.

Grand Chapter granted dispensation to organize a Chapter at Drew, and granted a charter to Clarksdale Chapter.

The Minutes of 1917 as published were made the official minutes by a resolution.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Grand Convention met February 20th, with all the officers and a goodly number of Companions present. Usual routine business was disposed of. Nineteen eligibles were regularly anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

As an introduction to his ninth annual report on Correspondence, Past Grand High Priest Oliver Lee McKay publishes two papers prepared and published by M. E. William F. Kuhn, of Missouri. We rather like Companion McKay's work better.

Alabama, 1916, has fraternal treatment. Comp. McKay says, "We excerpt from the introductory of Companion Kolb's excellent address." The excerpt is from the address of M. E. W. W. Ransom, then Grand High Priest. Other excerpts follow. The mistake is a natural one, since he had just been speaking of Mississippi's representative, E. Comp. L. W. Kolb.

Never mind, if you both live long enough, and behave yourselves, you can excerpt from the address of Grand High Priest Kolb. He is on the way.

Fifty-three Grand Jurisdictions have sympathetic review.

M. E. Jere H. Power, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Frederic Gordon Speed, Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI, 1918.

72ND ANNUAL—ST. LOUIS—APRIL 23RD-24TH, 1918.

Chapters, 109; membership, 16,797; net gain, 781.

Credentials report shows the presence of all the Grand Officers, thirteen Past Grand High Priests, thirty-four Grand Representatives (Alabama included in the person of E. Compañón David M. Wilson), ten chairmen of committees, forty-nine Past High Priests, and the representatives of eighty-eight Chapters, twenty-one not being represented.

Regrets were received from the General Grand High Priest and the General Deputy Grand High Priest. War and other matters of moment prevented them the pleasure.

Invitations for the meeting of 1919, and certain amendments to existing laws were presented, in order to meet constitutional requirements. A resolution was passed exempting soldiers and sailors from payment of dues. The resolution also includes ministers of the gospel and rabbis. The latter provision is respectfully referred to Comp. Irvin Todd, of Minnesota.

Turning from the portrait of Grand High Priest Albert E. Diamant to his biography, the writer was surprised to find he was a business man, and that his principal business was lumber.

His address would indicate, with one exception, that he was strictly business, as he dealt concisely and almost exclusively with the business of his office.

The exception noted was the reproduction of the splendid appeal from the Grand Master of Belgium to the Grand Lodges of Germany.

One Chapter was constituted by proxy.

Grand Secretary's office was moved and a new contract made, with the other Grand Bodies joining, for better quarters in the same city. No dispensations to hurry candidates.

The matter of joining the Masonic Temple Association of St. Louis, was to Grand Chapter without recommendation. No decisions were called for. He returned to the Grand Treasurer untouched \$2,500.00 appropriated for Red Cross or other relief work as needed. He made seventeen visitations; recommended quite a number of commissions as Grand Representatives; commissioned two, and received many requests for courtesy work, and asked for more, all of which were granted, except in Pennsylvania.

Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer each submitted excellent reports.

In certain cases concurrent jurisdiction was granted, the limits being not more than fifty miles, and the brother not living within ten miles of a Chapter.

The charter of a Chapter was revoked because of insubordination.

Other matters of local interest were transacted, Kansas City being chosen as the next place of meeting.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

With Alabama's Grand Representative, E.'. Companion David M. Wilson, as President, the Annual Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests assembled at St. Louis, April 23rd, 1918, and transacted the necessary routine business.

Thirty-nine Companions were certified by the Grand Secretary to have been duly elected and installed as High Priests of their respective Chapters, and they were regularly anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The excellent report of Companion John Henderson Miller comes to us bound with the proceedings, and in pamphlet form. In fact we enjoyed its perusal some time before receiving a copy of the proceedings. It is interesting to know if the method of distribution to the delegates to Grand Chapter does not produce a greater interest in and a more wide reading of these excellent reviews. Tell us about it, Companion Miller. He pays quite a tribute to General Grand High Priest Corson, calls him the "White Comrade," and presents a fine photo of him. He also reproduces Comp. Wm. R. Murphey's

comments upon, "Is Royal Arch Masonry Worth While," as a reply to the comments of Past Grand High Priest and Correspondent Frank E. Bullard, of Nebraska, anent General Grand Chapter.

Alabama, 1917, has cordial, careful review at his hands. He is quite taken with the address of Grand High Priest McCormick. He speaks of it as an unusually attractive document, one of those rare productions where one feels the influence of a highly educated mind lingering about every word, and each word appearing to have been the identical one that should have been used.

Doctor McCormick deserves (and gets with us) all the good things that could be said about him.

It would be a pleasure to the writer, and a profit to those who read these reviews in Alabama to follow Comp. Miller throughout his review, and excerpt the many good things he says. Time and space must forbid now.

Hope he continues to put his report in print and send it forward as he did the last.

M. E. Thomas F. Hurd, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Robert F. Stevenson, Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA, 1917.

51ST ANNUAL—OMAHA—DECEMBER 12TH-13TH, 1917.

Chapters, 53; membership, 5,504; net gain, 221.

Three of the stations were filled by pro tems. A black line occupies the space for the name of Grand Captain of the Host, E. Comp. John Kelly, who had just three days previous to the meeting of Grand Chapter "Dimitted to the Grand Chapter on High." His station was filled by Past Grand High Priest James Tyler.

Forty-one Chapters were represented.

Grand High Priest Carrol D. Evans considers, after a proper introduction, the subject of Masonic Homes, especially the dietetic problems of the very old and the very young. He declares that those in charge of the institution have arrived at a happy medium on an economic basis.

No decisions were made, but several "advices" were given that in this jurisdiction would amount to decisions.

He declined to permit the use of two substitutes in the R. A. Degree. The physical disqualification rule was up in a way, but was not clearly defined.

He appointed and commissioned several Grand Representatives, and recommended several for commission.

The question of continuing the Correspondence report was touched upon, and the matter was put up to Grand Chapter.

Two visitations were made, both of them being invitations.

One dispensation was granted to ballot out of time and confer degrees. The petition was grounded on the fact that the petitioner would leave in a short while for overseas service.

The charter of Rabboni Chapter was revoked.

He recommended concurrent jurisdiction for border Chapters, provided the other Grand Jurisdiction will grant the like courtesy.

Under the title, "Philosophy of Inhumanity," he considers the world war, and makes many timely observations, among others, this:

Shall we as men and Masons subject ourselves to the fagot, there to have the torch of Autocracy applied, whether it be by human force or under the cloak of the sentimentalities of a religion? Can we for a moment contemplate our glorious land being submerged in that awful sea of servitude and ignorance, cast into the fearful fathomless abyss of superstition and mental decline that for centuries Austria, Bohemia, Russia, Hungary, and other countries have been subjected to? Do we still want hierarchy to crawl insidiously within the confines of our country, our states, and our homes, and repeat upon us the terrible tortures of the inquisition that were laid upon John Huss, Constance, and others? Companions, the moment of decision has come, shall we permit Autocracy to predominate or even in the abstract partly rule, or shall we use all our endeavors to have a true democracy the world over, have the higher ideals of man govern, and have throughout the world and without recourse, free thought, free speech, and free consciences?

Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer filed reports showing a healthy condition as to finances, interest in Capitular affairs and the Masonic Home, and harmony among the Craft.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Forty-fifth Annual Convention of the Order met at Omaha, December 12th, 1917, with a full roster of Officers; routine business was disposed of, and twenty-nine High Priests were regularly anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order.

Special dispensation was granted to anoint, consecrate and set apart to the Holy Order, a comer on a delayed train.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The increased cost of printing caused Past Grand High Priest Frank E. Bullard to make a radical departure in his former method of preparing the report. It is short, partly on the topical plan, and is printed in the body of the proceedings, as are the other committee reports. This is to be regretted, and yet there is considerable basis for his observation that:

I am well aware that these reports are read by few, and that whatever amount of value they contain is practically thrown away. The Companions who have grown gray in the service of the Royal Craft, and without whose wise counsel it would soon drift upon the rocks, read them with interest, but in the Chapters generally the annual proceedings of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter are frequently not even opened, and but a comparatively small number of the Companions could name their own Grand High Priest.

The action of the Grand Chapter of Alabama anent the educational amendment to the State constitution meets his hearty approval.

It is to be hoped, for the pleasure and profit of the reviewers at least, that Grand Chapter will continue the publication of his reviews when times are normal again.

M. E. John R. Stine, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Francis E. White, Grand Secretary.

NEVADA, 1917.

44TH ANNUAL—RENO—JUNE 11TH-12TH, 1917.

Chapters, 11; membership, 536; net gain, 31.

Nine Chapters were represented. All the Grand Officers, except Grand Chaplain were present. Fifteen Past Grand High Priests were in attendance.

Grand Master of Masons Alfred W. Holmes was present and was accorded honors befitting his rank.

Thirty Grand Representatives were present and welcomed (as such). Alabama was conspicuous because of the absence of its Grand Representative.

Old Glory was presented and given the Grand Honors.

Grand High Priest Charles H. Gorman, to judge from his portrait, is a young man. His address indicates that he is conservative, but has enough enthusiasm for the work in hand to make for progress and good work. He confines himself largely to the business of the year. This, of course, is of purely local interest.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows the finances to be in good shape.

Grand Secretary is complimentary to the Chapter secretaries, and happy over the outlook for Capitular Masonry in Nevada.

Alberta was recognized, and conferring degrees as a matter of courtesy was confirmed.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

Present five officers and as many pro tems. Routine business was transacted, and four High Priests were anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order.

The candidates are styled "Postulants," after the ancient custom.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Grand Secretary E. D. Vanderleith writes the review of fifty-five Grand Jurisdictions in his usual clever and interesting style.

This fine sentiment and undoubted truth comes from his introduction:

The song of work pervades all Masonry; honest toil is holy service, and the crowning of all is Brotherhood. Over the arch of the Temple is inscribed, in symbols of living light, the great truth that labor is worship. We learn of the rewards for the diligent and industrious, of the duty we owe our brethren in particular, and the whole family of mankind in general, and that at all times our work must stand the test of the Overseer's square.

Alabama, 1916, has cordial and fraternal treatment.

Nevada did not reach us until too late to be incorporated.

We wish it reached us earlier than it does, as we always enjoy a perusal of the proceedings, especially the reviews.

M. E. Robert Lewers, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Edward D. Vanderleith, Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1918.

31ST ANNUAL—ST. JOHN—APRIL 24TH, 1918.

Chapters, 8; membership, 862; decrease, 16.

Five of the Grand Officers were in their stations, the other five stations being filled by pro tem appointment. All eight Chapters were represented.

Grand High Priest Jasper J. Daly confines his address to conditions brought about by the world war, announced the deaths among the Companions and reports three visitations.

All the reports were short and confined to the business transacted, all of which was of local interest only.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

Four candidates received a favorable vote, and three were duly anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order.

Other business of a routine character was transacted.

No report on Correspondence.

M. E. Horace A. Porter, Grand High Priest.

R. E. J. Twining Hartt, Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1918.

99TH ANNUAL—CONCORD—MAY 14TH, 1918.

Chapters, 26; membership, 4,629; net gain, 31.

M. E. Ephraim F. Boomer, Grand High Priest, dimitted from the earthly Grand Chapter to the Celestial Grand Chapter October 30th, 1917, and Deputy and Acting Grand High Priest Albert R. Jenkins officiated in his stead.

His portrait appears, as does that of Past Grand High Priest Seward whose passing was noted in the review of 1917. Truly two strong men have fallen in Grand Chapter. The Grand High Priest records the death of these and many other accomplished Companions of his Grand Jurisdiction.

Nineteen Chapters were represented, seven not represented. Ten Past Grand High Priests were present, also twenty-two Grand Repre-

sentatives, among them E. V. Companion Weston Wentworth, representing Alabama.

Two dispensations were refused by the Acting Grand High Priest. None seem to have been granted. He made the visitations assigned him, and some others.

He recommends representation to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. All the Grand Bodies ought to get into this association. Its success is assured, and those who do not get in are going to regret it.

Reports of visitations and other activities were made by the Grand King and Grand Scribe.

A resolution was passed authorizing the Grand Council to expend for war purposes, in connection with Grand Lodge, such an amount of money as they deemed wise. No matters were referred to the Judiciary Committee or to Grievance Committee.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

With M. V. E. V. Companion Albert Rand Junkins, as President, in the chair, the Annual Convention met at Concord on May 14, and after transacting the ordinary business, five eligibles were elected and severally anointed, set apart and solemnly consecrated in ancient form.

CORRESPONDENCE.

E. V. Companion Charles B. Spofford essays his first review, covering fifty-four Grand Jurisdictions, some for two years.

Alabama, 1917, has fraternal and intelligent treatment.

Naturally he hesitates to assume duties so admirably discharged by the lamented Seward, but he has worthily won his spurs, and deserves and will receive a high place at the round table. This scribe gives him cordial greeting, and invites him to place his feet confidently under the mahogany.

M. V. E. V. Albert R. Junkins, Grand High Priest.

R. V. E. V. Harry M. Cheney, Grand Secretary.

NEW MEXICO, 1917.

20TH ANNUAL—LAS CRUCES—OCTOBER 11TH, 1917.

Chapters, 17; membership, 1,217; net gain, 46.

The proceedings are ornamented with the photographs of Grand High Priest Alexander D. Goldenberg, Past Grand High Priests James G. Fitch, Cyrus B. Boucher, and John J. Kelly.

The death of Past Grand High Priest John C. Slack was announced, as having occurred during the year. He was a Past Grand Master, Past Grand Commander and Past Grand Patron as well.

Four emergent Convocations were held for the purpose of installing Grand Officers who were not present for installation at last Grand Chapter.

All the Grand Officers, six Past Grand High Priests, one Past Deputy Grand High Priest, one Past Grand King, a Past Grand Scribe, a Past Grand Treasurer, Past High Priests and the representatives of twelve of the subordinate Chapters composed the Grand Body.

The travelling Bible of Equity Lodge No. 878 A. F. & A. M. of Chicago was present and occupied a place upon the Altar.

The Grand High Priest dealt almost altogether with the business of his office. The State was divided among the four Grand Officers of the Grand Council for inspection, as had been provided, in lieu of District Deputies. This proved unsatisfactory and Grand Chapter went back to the District Deputy system of inspection.

Four dispensations were granted, none for railroading candidates, but one sought for that purpose was refused. Two decisions were reported, each of which is good Capitular law. One Chapter surrendered its charter and two others were in a precarious condition, but pulled through. Dues of Companions at service with the flag were remitted.

The report of the Committee on Necrology was so short as to present a most striking contrast to most of such reports.

\$3,000.00 was withdrawn from the Masonic Home Fund and invested in Liberty Bonds.

Grievance Committee was without grist, and so ground out nothing. A happy state of affairs.

There is no index to the proceedings, and a careful search failed to disclose any reference to the Order of High Priesthood.

CORRESPONDENCE.

E. V. Companion James H. Wroth reviews forty-six Grand Jurisdictions, some for two years, in his usual entertaining style. Alabama, 1916, has careful treatment.

Regret that he has any kick, but have mentioned his objections to the Grand Secretary and the printer with the hope that they will give heedful ear thereto.

My dear Companion, our comment as to the attention being paid to local and general laws was not intended as a criticism. Or if so couched it was an inadvertence, as the writer is of the opinion that too much attention cannot be paid to the laws of other jurisdictions if you would improve your own. Referring to the review of Massachusetts, the last sentence is rather suggestive that our Companion likes a scrap. He says: "I wish I could get up some disagreements." But perhaps he is merely accentuating his approval of Massachusetts. He is gratified that the Alberta question is settled. Scotland ought to read and ponder what he has to say as to its attitude. Unfortunately he seems to have the right of the matter. He quotes the statistical table anent Masonic Homes compiled by Past Grand High Priest Young, of Nebraska. This is somewhat misleading, and in no sense the test of or indicative of what the Homes are really accomplishing.

He is eminently right in saying that names and cost are too much exploited in the proceedings.

We speak of our people as "residents" and not as inmates, and never give names, unless death claims them. The matter of cost must necessarily be submitted to the Grand Bodies, but it is not necessary to work out the per capita expense. If any desire to do so, the report will give them all the data required.

These institutions can be made real homes, and not let it be known that there is any charity about it. This is our aim, and we are accomplishing it so far as our residents are concerned.

M. V. E. V. Herbert B. Holt, Grand High Priest.

R. V. E. V. Alpheus A. Keen, Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK, 1918.

121ST ANNUAL—ALBANY—FEBRUARY 5TH-6TH, 1918.

Chapters, 212; membership, 43,526; net gain, 1,449.

With the exception of Grand Captain of the Host, all the Grand Officers were present. Thirteen Past Grand High Priests and two Grand Kings were present, together with the representatives of two hundred and six Chapters and thirty-three Grand Representatives. Alabama was well represented in the person of E. Fay C. Parsons. Eight Grand Representatives filed satisfactory excuses for their absence.

Grand Captain of the Host Willard T. Chevalier sent regrets from "somewhere in France."

Five Past Grand High Priests sent regrets that they could not be present.

The Grand Representatives were welcomed, and proper response made.

The Grand Officers of the other Grand Masonic Bodies of New York were in attendance, and received cordial welcome.

Delegations of Grand Officers from the following Grand Jurisdictions were received with honors: Grand Chapters of New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and General Grand Chapter. Of course there were a lot of speeches, but all were short, and some of them very good.

Grand High Priest C. Wesley Orr submitted an address of the length and interest expected in a great Jurisdiction like New York.

He reports in fitting terms the passing of Past Grand High Priest Marvin I. Greenwood. He also notes the death of several Grand Representatives, and Past Grand Representatives, and quite a number of Past High Priests.

The sum of \$650.00 was appropriated for a charity, nature not given.

Grand King made thirty-four official visits, the Deputy Grand High Priest nineteen, and others delegated to do so pretty well covered the state.

Three Chapters were constituted. Carnarvon Chapter, of Montreal, was received by Manhattan Chapter, of New York, and conferred the R. A. Degree.

Other matters treated were of local interest only, and are not reproduced.

Lieut.-Colonel William L. Pohton, R.'. E.'. Grand Second Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada, was introduced with aplomb and received with honors.

His address was a notable one couched in simple earnest words. It would be a pleasure to reproduce it.

The Jurisprudence Committee had a long report dealing almost exclusively with proposed constitutional changes, the most of which they adversed.

The Grand Lecturer Emeritus was given \$1,000.00, payable in quarterly amounts. It is gratifying.

The annual oration by the Grand Chaplain, R.'. E.'. and Rev. Pierre Cushing, was a feature of the Convocation.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

This is an adjunct of the Grand Chapter, and meets when occasion requires, or the Grand High Priest thinks it necessary.

At the meeting of the Grand Council on January 26th, 1918, forty-three High Priests were anointed, consecrated and solemnly set apart to the Holy Order. At the meeting on February 5th, ninety-four were consecrated and set apart. On March 3, 1917, a special convocation was held and one High Priest received the Holy Order. March 28th, 1917, another special convocation was held and three High Priests were made eligible to be inducted into office. A dispensation was refused to empower a Past High Priest to confer the Order on a High Priest of his Chapter.

CORRESPONDENCE.

M.'. E.'. Companion Marvin I. Greenwood had just completed his fourteenth annual report when he fell a victim to disease, and soon his spirit winged its way to the Celestial Grand Chapter. Grand Secretary Hunt writes the "Finis," and fittingly quotes Comp. Greenwood's own words as his epitaph. These words were written by Comp. Greenwood concerning M.'. E.'. William A. Davies of California, and are: "The influence of such a life can never end, but will grow and extend through all the endless years of eternity." His

last work was as good as his best, and better by far than most of us can do.

Alabama, 1916, has careful treatment. He culls the things of real interest and presents them in a pleasing scholarly way.

Being the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of New York near the Grand Chapter of Alabama this scribe has always taken a keen interest in the Capitular affairs there, and feels greatly the loss of this able reviewer.

M. E. J. William Prouse, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Charles C. Hunt, Grand Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND, 1918.

26TH ANNUAL—NELSON—JANUARY 31ST, 1918.

Chapters, 36; membership, 1,612; net gain, 88.

As usual most of the time of Grand Chapter was devoted to a consideration of the report of Supreme Committee. This report was agreed to in part, amended in some particulars, and rejected in others.

The most important matters, and the ones provoking most discussion, were the questions of biennial meetings of Grand Chapter and the annual tax. Biennial won out and the tax was placed at 9d. per year per member.

The Grand Scribe E. reports matters in such a way that the reader feels as if he had been present. Those who discuss matters are named and their views stated.

Grand Chapter has suffered severely from the world war, but as Supreme Committee puts it, the flag is still flying and no Chapter has found it necessary to surrender its Charter.

A new edition of the ritual was ordered.

We note that Grand Scribe E. undertook and performed well the duty of superintending a District, and it is also noted that he conducted all the installations, and conferred the "Side Degrees" in three. Just what these side degrees are this writer would like to know. How about it, Companion Warvelle?

The death toll for the year was heavy.

M. E. J. H. Harkness, Grand Z.

R. E. Herbert J. Williams, Grand Scribe E.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1917.

69TH ANNUAL—FAYETTEVILLE—MAY 8TH-9TH, 1917.

Chapters, 54; membership, 4,187; net gain, 234.

There were three pro tem Grand Officers. Otherwise all were in their stations when Grand Chapter was opened. Twenty-eight Chapters were represented. Eight Past Grand High Priests were present.

Grand High Priest H. E. Reid, if his portrait was recently taken, is a young and handsome fellow.

His address is well prepared, and deals with Capitular affairs in his own Grand Jurisdiction. He notes, with fitting eulogy, the passing of Past Grand High Priest John C. Drewry and Grand Principal Sojourner Edwin Gladmon.

A novel scheme that proved to work admirably was conceived by the Grand High Priest, and put into execution. He divided the state in triangles, grouping three Chapters, and asked that Chapters so grouped hold a triangle meeting, each Chapter sending a team to put on at least one degree. Three joint meetings a year were suggested, each Chapter thus having the pleasure of being the host on one of the occasions. The reports indicate that the scheme proved beneficial to the Chapters participating.

Dispensations to organize three Chapters were granted. One charter was arrested. Two weak and discouraged Chapters were given aid and encouragement.

Quite a number of decisions were rendered, all of which passed muster with Jurisprudence Committee. Criticism as to one was indulged, and properly so in the judgment of this scribe.

It is always interesting to note the fact that this Grand Jurisdiction undertakes educational work of a practical kind. They now have four or five students in schools of higher education whose expenses they are bearing, and are giving aid to others. No greater work can be done.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

M. E. President Edwin Gladmon having been called to his appointed place in the Celestial Convention, Vice-President Joseph F. Rhem presided.

Routine business being gotten over with, petitions were entertained from seventeen qualified candidates. Later all except two presented themselves and were consecrated and set apart in solemn form.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We note \$100.00 appropriated for this work, but find no report. Hope for better results next time.

M. E. O. H. Spencer, Grand High Priest.

R. E. John B. Griggs, Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1917.

48TH ANNUAL—TRURO—JUNE 12TH, 1917.

Chapters, —; membership, 1,614; net gain, 66.

Nearly all of the Grand Officers were absent. The absence of Grand High Priest Joseph R. Bennett was accounted for by the critical illness of his wife.

Grand Scribe Wilbert A. Creelman acted as Grand High Priest, and the other officers were pro tem appointments, except Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Captain of Host, and the officers below him in rank. Ten Past Grand High Priests, four Past Grand Kings and as many Past Grand Scribes were present. Fourteen Chapters were represented. Alabama's Legate, M. E. Companion Andrew J. Monroe, and seventeen other Grand Representatives were present.

The Grand Secretary presented the annual address of the absent Grand High Priest.

He notes with sorrow the passing of Past Grand High Priest William M. Black, and records the distinguished dead in other Grand Jurisdictions.

Among the dispensations granted we note one to attend divine service in full regalia. It is forbidden in Alabama to wear the regalia, except upon a Capitular occasion.

Two decisions of local interest were rendered. Seven official visits were made.

Board of General Purposes met twice and transacted routine business. Alberta was recognized.

Grand Secretary Waddell had an interesting report, and a good time.

The Grand Treasurer's report showed a healthy financial condition.

All Past Grand High Priests were presented with jewels, that of deceased M. E. Companion Black being sent to his widow.

Goodly sums were voted to Y. M. C. A. Canadian Patriotic Fund and Canadian Red Cross. Grand Tyler was also rewarded for faithful service.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Annual Convention met at Truro, June 12th, 1917, with most of the officers in their stations.

Routine business being disposed of, eight candidates were found qualified and were severally invested with the Order of High Priesthood.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report is that of 1915. Grand Secretary, and one of the Correspondents, S. J. Waddell, explains that this was due to the illness and untimely death of the chairman of the committee, M. E. Companion W. Marshall Black, note of which was taken above.

We are promised a "double-header" next year, and by a new committee. Though late, this one is very good. Alabama, 1915, falls to the lot of M. E. Companion Waddell, and right well does he handle it. Waddell is a familiar and dear name to this scribe, as one of his best friends, Masonically and otherwise, bears that name, and wears it honorably and well.

He does not agree with our position on Alberta, but that has been satisfactorily settled between the parties most concerned, and we rejoice that it is so. Indeed, even for our pride of opinion, if there be such a thing, would we not reopen it.

M. E. Joseph R. Bennett, Grand High Priest.

M. E. S. J. Waddell, Grand Scribe.

OHIO, 1917.

101ST ANNUAL—TOLEDO—OCTOBER 3RD-4TH, 1917.

Chapters, 187; membership, 44,590; net gain, 2,875.

As usual, Grand Secretary Hagenbuck sends out an excellently prepared and attractive volume. Grand High Priest William A. Belt looks out at you from the frontispiece, and impresses you as a man well worthy of the high place he has attained in Capitular affairs. All the Grand Officers, except Grand Marshal, were in their stations. Fifteen Past Grand High Priests, a goodly array of splendid advisers, were present.

One hundred and sixty-nine Chapters were represented.

General Grand High Priest George E. Corson, Grand High Priest Elmer S. Atherton, of Michigan, and General Grand Secretary Charles A. Conover, were presented, cordially welcomed, and received with due regard to their high stations.

The Grand High Priest announces that the year past was the banner year, and the figures would seem to justify his conclusions.

Under the title, "They Have Gone," he announces the deaths in his own and sister Grand Jurisdictions. Past Grand High Priest William E. Evans had heard the toll of the bell, whose strokes were for him, and had passed on to join the world of spirits.

This I very much like. He says: "I am not a believer, much, in the statement, 'We are born to die.' Rather, we are born to live; we die when we get through."

Being pleased with the plan adopted by Grand Lodge, he divided the state into nineteen Districts, assigning a Grand Officer to a District where possible, and securing the services of a competent inspector in the others. In this way all the Chapters were visited and inspected, some twice. If Chapters were dormant, or were failing to perform their functions, they were notified, and placed on probation for the year. Thus the burden was placed where it belonged, and the Chapter lived or died automatically.

Two Chapters were granted dispensations to begin work, and charters were granted by Grand Chapter.

His heart and patriotism got the better of his head, and he granted three emergency dispensations to ballot out of time and confer degrees. His reasons were that the applicants could not get

the degrees otherwise, being under orders to proceed to port of embarkation. Good reason enough, but not sufficient to get by the Jurisprudence Committee. Would that all committees had the courage to not approve unauthorized acts.

His decisions appear O. K. under Ohio law, and the committee so found.

Grand Secretary Hagenbuch files an interesting report. Among other things he says: "I am compelled to admit by first failure in nineteen years to collect the entire amount due the Grand Chapter from its subordinates." Rather suspect it will be inconvenient for this to be generally known, for he will be overwhelmed with inquiries from Grand Secretaries, "How did you do it?"

It is noted that the report of the Trustees and Officers of the Ohio Masonic Home was referred to the Committee on Charity. This does sound good. It is a Grand Chapter activity—one of its very best—and should be handled, it seems to the writer, as other activities involving expenditures—by the Committee on Finance and Accounts. It is better to be viewed as a high duty than a charity.

Grand Chapter amended its code so as to suspend N. P. D. any Companion who fails, for a period of six months after day of payment, to pay Chapter dues.

Grand Secretary had his salary increased to two thousand per year. One Chapter was constituted.

Much business of a local and routine character was transacted.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Grand Council, with M. V. E. Companion Nelson Williams in the chair, convened at Toledo October 3rd, 1917. Distinguished visitors, as noted above, were present, and properly received and welcomed.

Following his custom the E. V. President delivered a short address, characterized by high thought and pure diction.

One hundred and five petitions were received, each had favorable action, and each was duly anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order.

President Williams, in his address, advised that he had the pleasure of being present at the Grand Convention of Texas, where the Companions assembled at sunrise, with the hall well filled. He expressed

doubt as to the attendance in Ohio, should such an hour of assembling be decided upon.

Grand Convention did a most graceful thing in covering the expenses of the E. V. President and his wife to the General Grand Chapter at its next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Fifty-three Grand Jurisdictions have fine and discriminating review at the hands of Past Grand High Priest O. P. Sperra.

Alabama, 1916, comes first, and has cordial and fraternal notice. He quotes from the annual address of Grand High Priest Ransom, and says that he was earnest in the work of the year.

His expectation that some Alabama Grand High Priest will use his "No" prerogative as to hurrying up candidates, has been met, but war conditions brought us back to the old custom.

M. V. E. V. John H. Baehr, Grand High Priest.

R. V. E. V. Edwin Hagenbuch, Grand Secretary.

OKLAHOMA, 1918.

29TH ANNUAL—ENID—APRIL 6TH, 1918.

Chapters, 73; membership, 6,549; net gain, 389.

Credentials reports shows the presence of all the Grand Officers, twelve Past Grand High Priests, and the representatives of thirty-six Chapters.

Grand Representatives from thirty-three Grand Jurisdictions answered to the call, among them M. V. E. V. William H. Essex, representing Alabama.

Grand High Priest Bert D. Ashbrook submitted his annual address, dealing largely with the affairs of his office. His first official act reported is the appointment of Past Grand High Priest James A. Scott, Grand Secretary, to succeed the lamented and accomplished Bennett.

Two Chapters were constituted, one by Grand High Priest, and the other by proxy.

Ten dispensations were issued to receive petitions and ballot without regard to time. In each instance the dispensation covered the

case of a soldier or sailor about to be called to the colors for foreign service.

Fifteen Chapters were officially visited, and on one of these occasions he met the Grand High Priest of Texas.

The usual pilgrimage to Mount Moriah was made by Union Council, R. & S. M., and Grand High Priest was a guest.

A war relief fund of \$1,988.50 was raised by contributions from the subordinate Chapters.

The Flag was made a part of the paraphernalia of Grand Chapter, and of subordinate Chapters.

The report of the Committee on Work and Inspections shows fifty-three Chapters inspected, and twenty not inspected.

Other matters of local interest only were transacted.

It is worthy of comment that more proposed legislation was lost than carried.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Council of Anointed High Priests met at Enid April 16th, and transacted its business of a routine nature. Twenty applicants were elected and duly appointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Without introduction and with assurance that "never again" as a conclusion, Grand Secretary Scott writes the Correspondence report.

Turning to committees we find that E. V. Companion William Noble is to succeed him.

His report is short, the kind Grand Secretaries like, but gives evidence that he could be an able successor to the gifted Bennett.

Alabama, 1917, comes under review. There are some errors in proof reading, and one as to Grand Lecturer, which office was not created, but the report is good.

M. V. E. V. Jabez H. Mann, Grand High Priest.

M. V. E. V. James A. Scott, Grand Secretary.

OREGON, 1918.

58TH ANNUAL—PORTLAND—JUNE 10TH, 1918.

Chapters, 37; membership, 4,379; net gain, 178.

Portrait of Grand High Priest Silas M. Yoran.

Credentials Committee reports the presence of all the Grand Officers, nine Past Grand High Priests, and the representatives of thirty-one of the subordinate Chapters.

Only fifteen Grand Representatives answered roll call. Alabama was one of the absentees.

From the address of the Grand High Priest, couched in quaintly eloquent phrases, we gather his duties were mainly discharged through correspondence, that his visits were few, and his dispensations rather large, some to receive petitions and ballot regardless of statutory time.

He directed the Chapters to issue, under seal, a certificate to all Companions with the colors, and gave them the form he wished used for that purpose.

He announces the death of Past Grand High Priests William T. Wright and Henry B. Thielsen, also Correspondent.

One Chapter was granted dispensation and instituted.

Grand Chapter of Belgium was brought to light, to be banished to outer darkness.

Grand Treasurer had \$4,477.82 on hand and interest-bearing securities to the amount of \$14,000.00.

Membership in Blue Lodge was made a condition to membership in Chapter. Dependent membership is the correct way.

The sum of \$500.00 was appropriated and placed at the disposal of the Masonic Home Committee for the purpose of maintenance.

Two Chapters U. D. were voted charters.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Grand Council convened at Portland, June 10th, 1918, with a part of the officers present, four acting. Routine business was disposed of, and thirteen eligibles were elected and duly anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order.

A note by the Grand Secretary says that M. J. E. Companion Thielsen died April 7, 1918, and consequently there is no report.

This scribe desires to record his sorrow and regret that he is not again to have the pleasure and profit of reading after Comp. Thielsen. His death will prove a serious loss, not only to the Companions of Oregon, but to all those who have been so fortunate as to have been his companions of the "Round Table."

M.°. E.°. Max Bollack, Grand High Priest.

R.°. E.°. James F. Robinson, Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1917.

122ND ANNUAL—PHILADELPHIA—DECEMBER 27TH, 1917.

Chapters, 145; membership, 38,459; net gain, 1,298.

There are two Mark Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Quarterly Grand Convocations were held March 8th, June 7th, September 6th and December 6th, 1917, respectively. The Grand Annual on the date named above.

E.°. Companion William A. Rhoads, Alabama's Legate near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, was present at each of the Quarterly Grand Convocations, and at the Grand Annual Convocation. It is pleasant to know that your Grand Representative is always on the job. At the first Quarterly the Mark Master's degree was exemplified in full form; Finance Committee and Committee on By-Laws reported and a petition for dispensation to institute a Chapter was received and referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

About the same business was transacted at the second Quarterly as at the first, except the degree exemplified was M.°. E.°. Master. Flags were presented to Grand Chapter by Chapter No. 256 and were received and ordered displayed in Grand Chapter.

Another application for dispensation to institute a Chapter was received and referred to Grand Officers with power to act. At third Quarterly Grand Secretary filed a report as to membership, and offered a resolution legalizing the return of fees in case the applicant was called to the service of the flag before receiving the degrees, which was unanimously agreed to. Certain constitutional amendments were submitted and ordered to lie over.

The Royal Arch degree was exemplified in full form.

At the fourth Quarterly the Trustees of Grand Chapter filed their report, showing investments amounting to \$45,100.00 and an income account of \$1,761.50.

Committee on Finance filed its quarterly report and its annual report.

Constitutional amendments formerly proposed were acted upon, nearly all receiving favorable consideration.

Grand Officers were re-elected, as is the custom.

The death of Emeritus Grand Secretary Charles Cary was announced and fitting eulogy pronounced.

At the Annual Convocation all of the principal Grand Officers were present, four minor stations being filled by pro tems. Six Past Grand High Priests were present; seven District Deputy Grand High Priests and seventeen Grand Representatives, together with the representatives of thirty-four of the subordinate Chapters; making up the official roster. A delegation of Grand Officers from the Grand Chapters of New York, New Jersey and Delaware were present and received with due honors.

In the year the two Chapters asking for dispensations were duly constituted by the Grand High Priest. Guess this procedure is peculiar to the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, as the course pursued usually is to first institute under dispensation, and when a Chapter has earned its spurs; then to charter and constitute.

Grand High Priest called a consultation of Grand Officers, Past Grand High Priests and District Deputy Grand High Priests to consider questions involving general welfare of the Craft. It was duly held and the following among other questions, were discussed:

1. Should the existing decisions requiring physical perfection as a qualification for initiation into Royal Arch Masonry be modified so as to conform to the language of Article 17, Section 1, of the Constitution of Grand Chapter?
2. Should the wearing of crowns in Grand Communications and Chapter meetings be confined to the officers, thus making it possible to adopt some measure of sanitation?
3. Should the Constitution of Grand Chapter be amended so that where a candidate for initiation applies to a Chapter not the nearest to his residence the Chapter nearest to his residence shall have notice, so that its members may communicate with the Committee appointed to investigate his character and fitness for such initiation, but shall not have the right to ballot on the inquiry as heretofore?
4. Should the per capita tax payable to Grand Chapter be increased to fifty cents?

The Grand High Priest reports an educational and interesting session and unanimous action, except as to the first, with only two or three negative votes as to that. This was advisory only, but indicated the sentiment of the leaders.

Among the decisions, the following appears, and because of some of the sweeping statements made therein it is reproduced. It appears that the preceding Grand High Priest had issued an order to Urania Chapter No. 192 to proceed to ballot upon twelve petitions, and if the vote was favorable, and there were no objections interposed by Companions of Urania Chapter, then to confer the degrees.

The Grand High Priest then says:

This order had been made in view of the fact that, upon inquiry by Urania Royal Arch Chapter No. 192 addressed to Connellsville Royal Arch Chapter No. 283 as to whether there was any Masonic objection to Urania Chapter acting upon said twelve petitions, a black ball had been cast in each case, all at the same meeting of Connellsville Chapter, and these being all the petitions concerning which inquiry was made. The Grand High Priest, in reporting said order in his address to Grand Chapter, said: "I am convinced that the action of Connellsville Royal Arch Chapter in the matter is such a flagrant case of assumed jurisdiction on the part of said Chapter that I can only characterize the action of said Chapter as subversive of the best interests of Capitular Masonry and clearly an invasion of the rights of another Chapter."

Shortly after my installation I received a petition from several members of Connellsville Chapter, who were also members of Grand Chapter, requesting me, as Grand High Priest, to take such action as might be necessary to stay proceedings in Chapter No. 192 until the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Chapter, at which time they might appeal from the order or take such action as is required by Masonic law to determine the validity of the said order.

I informed the Companions that in Capitular Masonry in Pennsylvania the orders and decisions of the Grand High Priest are final and subject to no appeal, and that his power over the making of Royal Arch Masons has no limitations, it being understood, of course, that he cannot make a Companion a member of a Chapter. This prerogative I consider one of the most important in the Fraternity, and have been and am determined to exercise it to the limit wherever convinced that the black ball is used in subversion of the interests of Royal Arch Masonry.

No Chapter has jurisdiction over man or territory. The black ball can only be properly used to defend our Fraternity from the admission of unworthy men, and surely in Royal Arch Masonry we have the right to expect broad, manly vision and the absence of narrowness and selfishness. Anyone using the black ball from a narrow or selfish motive, if he can be identified, should be dealt with as an enemy of the craft.

Are the orders and decisions of the Grand High Priest in Capitular Masonry in Pennsylvania final and subject to no appeal, and has no Chapter jurisdiction over man or territory?

Unfortunately the question is not answered in the proceedings. Possibly the next proceedings will contain something authoritative on the subject. In the main the decision is proper, for it would be an anomaly to permit one Chapter to dictate as to the action of another chapter, especially in the matter of its candidates for the degrees.

Grand High Priest gave some excellent reasons for the modification of the physical defect rule, and attempted to make a modification. His attempt does not help matters much. On October 22nd, 1917, at Harrisburg, in a meeting of Perseverance Chapter he caused a Royal Arch Mason to be made at sight, and by virtue of his presence he permitted the same Chapter to confer the Royal Arch degree upon five candidates without waiting the usual time. Hope the Kaiser does not see this until his status has been fully determined upon by the Peace Conference.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

There seems to be no Grand Council with stated meetings. When necessary to render one eligible to preside over a Chapter, the Order is conferred by dispensation or by the properly constituted officers of Grand Chapter.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Alabama, 1916, falls to the lot of M.'. E.'. Companion William B. Meredith, which is to say that it received careful, intelligent and fraternal treatment. He quotes from the address of Grand High Priest Ransom, declaring it quite lengthy.

He thinks, and properly so, that the prerogatives of the Grand High Priest cannot be above the constitution, and that therefore the granting of dispensations to hurry up candidates should be denied, or the constitution changed to permit it. We find nothing here to which we do not agree.

The system of division of Grand Jurisdictions among the committee for review makes for better work and clearer vision. We like it.

M.'. E.'. Thomas J. McConnell, Jr., Grand High Priest.

R.'. E.'. George B. Wells, Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC, 1918.

41ST ANNUAL—MONTREAL—MARCH 27TH, 1918.

Chapters, 14; membership, 1,811; net gain, 68.

Six Grand Officers were "acting," while the other stations were occupied by the regular Grand Officers.

Three Grand Superintendents of Districts were present, and submitted reports upon conditions in their neck of the woods.

Seven Past Grand Z's, one Past Grand King, Legate for Alabama, ten Past Grand Superintendents, one Past Grand Scribe N, and four Past Grand P. Sojourners were present. Twenty-two Grand Representatives were in attendance. All the Chapters were represented.

The immediate Past Grand Principal called the Companions together, causing them to assemble under their respective banners, and then received the Grand Principals, meaning the Grand Council.

Grand First Principal Z, "Dr." E. O. Dyer, announced the death of Grand Secretary and Past Grand Z, William H. Whyte. He says of him:

Royal Arch Masonry in general, and the Grand Chapter of Quebec, has suffered a most serious loss. * * * A Master workman, a wise counsellor, and a good friend. His place as Grand Secretary can be filled, but his ability and Masonic standing were such as to render it difficult to fill the place he occupied in Masonry on the continent.

He also announced the passing of M. E. Companion David Seath, Past Grand First Principal, R. E. Companion Holden, Past G. S. N., and several Past Superintendents.

The Grand Superintendents of Districts submitted interesting reports from which is gleaned the satisfactory fact that the work is progressing and nearly all of the Chapters live and active. Every Chapter except one received additions during the year. Grand Lecturer had a good report, indicating his own and the Chapter activities for the year. He was continued in office for another year. Other things of purely local interest transpired.

No mention is made of the Order of High Priesthood.

CORRESPONDENCE.

M. E. Companion E. T. D. Chambers submits the review, and tells us that, with the exception of the two years when he occupied the

chair of Grand First Principal, he has participated in the preparation of all the reports—a period of twenty-nine years. For this, he says, he is grateful. Rather the Companions of Quebec and the Capitular world should be grateful.

Many good things appear in his introduction, and in his review of the Grand Jurisdiction he is clear, careful and consistent, choosing the matters of interest, and passing the things of routine.

Alabama, 1917, is given courteous and fraternal notice. He quotes the conclusion of the report of the Committee on Grand High Priest McCormick's address, with approval. His figures are those of 1916 instead of 1917. Our membership was then 5,292 instead of 4,893, and is much larger now.

M. E. Richard S. Kinghorn, Grand Z.

R. E. William M. Couper, Grand Scribe E.

RHODE ISLAND, 1917.

119TH ANNUAL—PROVIDENCE—MARCH 13TH, 1917.

Chapters, 11; membership, 4,984; net gain, 181.

Portrait of Grand High Priest Leonard.

Grand Treasurer is not recorded as present. Otherwise the roster of Grand Officers was complete.

Eleven Past Grand and one Deputy Past Grand High Priests were in attendance. Ten Chapters were represented. A number of Past High Priests and thirty-four Grand Representatives made up the balance of those entitled to participate. Delegations of Grand Officers from the Grand Jurisdictions of New York, Vermont and Connecticut were present and received the proper courtesies. General Grand High Priest George E. Corson and General Grand Master of 3rd Veil Henry DeWitt Hamilton were then received as befitted their high stations.

In Rhode Island a Grand or Past Grand Master of Masons is, by virtue of his office, a member of the Grand Chapter. The deaths of Past Grand Masters Newton D. Arnold and Elisha H. Rhodes, Past Grand Scribe Ara Hildreth and Past Grand King Albert H. Cushman are announced and eloquent memorials spread upon the records of Grand Chapter commemorative of their lives and services.

R. E. Companion Hildreth had a remarkably long Masonic career. He was raised March 14th, 1846, and exalted August 17th, 1846. He died October 18th, 1916. He was a R. A. Mason seventy years and two months. He was 96 years, 1 month and 18 days old. During that time he was thirty-six years secretary of his lodge. He served four years as Junior Grand Warden, and was a Grand Scribe in 1861.

Grand High Priest made a number of visits, at times repeating his visits and found a strong interest among all the Chapters in the affairs and welfare of things Capitular. He also made visitations to several other Grand Jurisdictions. Dispensations granted were few.

He strongly urges the support of Grand Lodge in its efforts to erect a Masonic Home. They have put by a nest egg, and are striving to have the nest full before long. Here's hoping they meet with abundant success.

He is greatly impressed with the movement to erect a memorial to Washington, the Mason, and urges Rhode Island to give as much aid as possible to the movement.

The Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary each filed short and interesting reports.

Alberta was recognized, but the committee hesitated to take drastic action as to Scotland. Wise course.

The proposed Grand Chapter of Belgium received no encouragement.

Memorial to Past Grand High Priest Charles B. Manchester was prepared by Grand Treasurer William H. Scott, was read and spread upon the minutes.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

With R. E. Companion Wendell R. Davis, Vice-President, acting as President, the annual meeting was held at Providence, March 13th, 1917.

Routine business was gotten out of the way, and it was announced that a meeting would be called at another time for the conferring of the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

M. E. Companion S. Penrose Williams writes the report and gives Alabama, 1916, full and fraternal notice, in a short space. He

pays no attention to the Order of High Priesthood, and very little more to the Correspondents.

He is eloquently silent on both subjects, and it is doubtless just as well.

M. E. Charles T. Glines, Grand High Priest.

R. E. William R. Greene, Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1918.

29TH ANNUAL—ABERDEEN—JUNE 13TH, 1918.

Chapters, 36; membership, 4,122; net gain, 305.

Grand High Priest Babcock had just been operated upon. His message reminds me of something a friend said one day to a collector. He had been out the night before, and was not feeling fit, and when the collector presented the bill he said: "Nothing doing, I feel too badly; present it to my executor."

This is what Grand High Priest said:

Mighty sorry cannot be with you. Doctor operated on ear today. Am feeling miserably. If Grand Chapter allows me any expense money give it to the Grand Charity Fund.

Deputy Grand High Priest William A. Morris was called home to attend the funeral of a close family friend, so Grand King Frederick Trion opened Grand Chapter, with the other Grand Officers in their stations. Thirteen Past Grand High Priests, thirty-one Past High Priests, twenty-four Grand Representatives and the representatives of twenty-eight of the subordinate Chapters constituted Grand Chapter.

Old Glory was introduced and received with honors due its new glory.

During the year two Past Grand High Priests and one Past Grand Scribe had gone to appear before the Supreme Grand Council to have their future labors assigned them. Fifty-two Companions had joined them in the realm where crow, pick-axe and spade are unknown. Only two dispensations were asked for, and both were granted; one to hurry up candidates, and one to hold annual election on February 25th.

Four Chapters were visited. Grand High Priest says: "Owing to the usual excuse, I was not able to visit quite as many Chapters as I had hoped." Grand Lecturer visited and inspected twenty-two. He says he would have done better but for sickness, storms, railway delays and war activities.

Notwithstanding the seeming inactivity of Grand High Priest and Grand Lecturer, there was a fair increase in membership, and a seemingly healthy condition among the Chapters.

Grand Treasury is in good condition, the balance for the year being \$4,436.48.

Grand Secretary George A. Pettigrew presented his twenty-eighth annual report, and submitted an account of the activities of his office during the year.

Committee on Obituaries submitted memorials upon Past Grand High Priests Edward B. Bracy, and Park Davis and Past Grand Scribe Solomon Starr. Other Companions made appropriate remarks commemorative of their usefulness and other virtues.

Most of the Standing Committees had nothing to consider, and so reported.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The twenty-third Annual Convention was held at Aberdeen, June 13th, 1918, with E. V. Companion Louis G. Levoy presiding.

Routine business having been transacted, seventeen High Priests were presented, and duly anointed, set apart and consecrated to the Holy Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest Louis G. Levoy submits an interesting report covering forty-seven Grand Jurisdictions.

Alabama, 1917, has fraternal and careful review. Grand High Priest McCormick is approved. His address is denominated "able and interesting." His courage in refusing dispensations to hurry up is favorably commented upon.

The Committee on Resolutions pays Companion Levoy the compliment to say:

That we earnestly commend the sentiments so ably and forcibly expressed in the conclusion of the Report on Correspondence, and

that these patriotic sentiments be adopted and considered as the sense of this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

It is so well deserved that we clip the conclusion as our sentiments on the subject:

Autocracy, or right by might, must be blotted out and Democracy reign over a contented world. Until such time this war must go on; for we must and shall prevail, so that our glorious Flag, symbol of an enlightened people, may become a beacon of hope to the world at large.

Then let us pledge individually:

AMERICA SHALL WIN THIS WAR.

"Therefore I will work, I will save,
I will sacrifice, I will endure,
I will fight—cheerfully and to my uttermost!—
as if the whole outcome of the struggle
depended upon me alone."

It has been done.

M. .E. . William A. Morris, Grand High Priest.

R. .E. . George A. Pettigrew, Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE, 1918.

89TH ANNUAL—NASHVILLE—JANUARY 28TH, 1918.

Chapters, 89; membership, 6,007; net gain, 161.

Portrait of incoming Grand High Priest J. H. Swan. If he lives up to his likeness he ought to prove a firm and progressive presiding officer.

We thought we were going to be able to say that there was not an "as" in the roster of Grand Officers, but one appears preceding Grand Royal Arch Captain. Otherwise the roster is full. Seventy-one Chapters were represented. Nine Past Grand High Priests, twenty-one Past High Priests and twenty-nine Grand Representatives were in attendance. All the "A's" were represented except Alabama.

Grand High Priest C. H. Smart submitted a rather lengthy, but nevertheless, interesting address.

He recommends action by Grand Chapter in sending a representative to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, but Ways and Means Committee said no. Some day Tennessee

Grand Chapter is going to wake up and wonder what they were doing when the procession went by.

He recommended \$1,000.00 to the War Relief Association, and Ways and Means said only \$400.00. He appointed three Grand Lecturers for the three divisions of the state, but only M. E. Companion McClister could serve. We note the appointment of Companion A. G. Bowen for the Middle District, and regret that he was unable to serve. He went to Nashville from Alabama, where he also taught school.

Anent dispensations to elect officers, which he refused, he takes a fall out of the Jurisprudence Committees, saying that they often recommended things to Grand Chapter that were contrary to law. It seems a poor rule that denies to Grand High Priests the right to grant dispensation to elect officers, after the annual meeting for such election has passed without an election. Such a Chapter needs a change of officers, and there should be some power to grant them the requisite permission.

He opines that since the time Joshua commanded the sun to stand still that he might have a little more daylight in which to whip the enemy, the moon has, on several occasions, played havoc with the meeting nights of certain Lodges and Chapters, and he recommends that when this happens, or the moon gets "full" that too late or too soon for a meeting, that they change the method of fixing their meeting nights, or quit bothering the Grand High Priest for dispensations to get the moon sober. He devotes considerable space to this question, opining that all the farmers have Fords to show them the way, and no longer need moonshine. Tennessee moonshine and Fords would make an awfully dangerous combination, and notwithstanding the symbolism involved in moon dates, we guess, perhaps, that Grand High is right; and that Fords should replace the moon as a method of getting over rough and rugged roads. At least they do not go well together. He reports a number of visitations, among them one to his own Chapter, his first official visit, where he not only had to wait an hour for a quorum, but then had to be one of the quorum. The Chapter has 270 members, and he regards this as a "frost." Well, rather, but it did not nip his good intentions, for he continued to make these official visits, often reporting a bare quorum present. Grand Chapter had not provided expenses, so he paid his own eagles for the privilege. Ways and Means Committee came to

his aid, recommending reimbursement. Judging from the Circular Letter issued relative to suspensions N. P. D. it is the law in Tennessee that a member in arrears must be tried, or at least cited at a regular communication to show cause why he should not be suspended. With indifferent or careless secretaries a Companion may be ever so far behind, and still retain his good standing. This may apply to a majority of the members of the Chapter, and so the minority are bearing the burdens.

An easy, safe and fair way is to have the secretaries read out, at the annual meetings, those in arrears, and declare them suspended N. P. D., and so notify them. Payment automatically reinstates, and why the necessity of trial.

Lawrenceburg Chapter had its charter arrested for failure to make returns for two years.

The address went to Finance, Ways and Means and Jurisprudence Committees, with the results noted above. Dues of members in the Army and Navy were remitted.

From the report of Grand Treasurer Grand Chapter is in splendid financial condition, and able to do a great deal more than Ways and Means Committee were willing that it should do.

The Royal Arch degree was exemplified by the Grand Chapter Officers, the candidates being bona fide candidates from Cumberland Chapter. On recommendation of Jurisprudence Committee the Grand High Priest was given power to grant dispensation to elect officers, where a subordinate Chapter fails to do so at the proper time.

Ways and Means were averse to making an appropriation for portraits of Grand High Priests. Photographs after the latest methods, no doubt, being regarded as good enough.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Fifty-fourth Annual Convention was held at Nashville, January 29th, 1918, and anointed, consecrated and set apart twenty-two High Priests-elect to the Holy Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest J. H. McClister submits his fifteenth annual report, and as usual it is meritorious and interesting.

Alabama, 1916, comes in for careful treatment. In fact he is more than partial to us.

He makes a natural mistake in supposing that no fee is charged for the Order of High Priesthood. The fee is \$2.50, but is entirely consumed in the purchase of the Bible, and the incidental expenses, so there is never any report concerning it.

He advises the writer to get M. E. Companion Kuhn's article on "Why a Master Mason Should Join the Chapter," and read it carefully or thoughtfully. The advice has been followed, but the opinion has undergone no change. Candidly, the writer should not have made the comment referred to, whatever he may have thought of the writings. It is not wise to make public comment on such things, unless they have a tendency to be harmful, and perhaps it is not in good taste. At any rate, the writer regrets that he let his views on the matter get into the report.

M. E. J. H. Swan, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Stith M. Cain, Grand Secretary.

TEXAS, 1917.

68TH ANNUAL—WACO—DECEMBER 3RD, 1917.

Chapters, 284; membership, 23,231; net gain, 1,595.

Portrait of incoming Grand High Priest O. M. Longnecker. He appears to be quite a young man to have attained so exalted a position.

The Grand Chaplain and Grand Principal Sojourner were acting; otherwise all the Grand Officers were in their stations when Grand Chapter was opened. Ten Past Grand High Priests, one Past Grand Secretary, and one Past Grand Treasurer were in attendance.

Chapters showed a small representation, delegates from only eighty-six being present.

Twenty-six Grand Representatives answered present, among them M. E. Companion J. M. Strayhorn, representing Alabama.

The state is divided into fifty-five Districts, presided over by as many Grand Visitors.

Grand High Priest Ben F. Dwiggin submits a report full of local interest. He pays special attention to conditions produced by the world war, and instead of letting the eagles scream, he nests them in the mountains of time, but he says it better than any one else, so here it is: "As Washington's barefooted soldiers tracked the snow

of Valley Forge with their blood, so must we fall in line with our might and main to assist in planting the ensign of this Republic so high, that the eagles will pluck the moss off of its mighty heights for material to line their nests in the mountains of time."

This writer had hoped that the moss would never be permitted to grow on Old Glory.

He believes that Master Masons are our legitimate prey, and so went after them in rather a unique way, but a way that ought to prove effective. He wrote all of his Grand Visitors a letter asking them to get a "Lieutenant" in each Chapter to work under his direction, reporting the name of such an one to Grand High Priest. The duty of the Lieutenant was to divide his Chapter into teams of five, each team to bring in at least one new petition during the year, and to get the Chapters to exempt from dues, as an honorarium, the team bringing in the greatest number of petitions during the year. Lieutenants were to report to Grand Visitor once each month as to progress made, and if no progress, why not? Grand Visitors were to report to Grand High Priest once a month.

As a side line he advised that if there were any wealthy Mason that was willing to do something worth while, get him to send a cow to the Home at Arlington.

This worked well in some districts, but was disappointing as a whole. Keep it up. "Rome was not builded in a day," as you can hear at any college or high school commencement where boys and girls are being turned out to begin building Rome, or something just as worth while.

He constituted four Chapters and had two others constituted. Four Chapters were instituted U. D.

One Chapter had its charter taken up, and one had charter restored.

He classifies his dispensations and so reported General Dispensations to three Chapters to continue work, they having forfeited that right by a failure to meet for three consecutive months; also several to move to other buildings, also to elect and install officers. Under Special Dispensations he reports three dispensations to ballot and confer degrees out of time.

Just how many Chapters were visited he does not disclose, but he made some, and talked interestingly upon the subject of visitation.

He reports the deaths of Past Grand High Priests T. H. Haynie and W. L. Burdett, and several other distinguished Companions.

The Home for Aged Masons, maintained by Grand Chapter, and at which the widows of Master Masons are received as wards of Grand Lodge, receives considerable notice from him. Judging from conditions as he sees them, it is necessary to take some quick and drastic action, or greatly curtail the usefulness of the Home. The writer is glad to note that the committee did not agree that conditions were so desperate. He was troubled about the large number of suspensions, and probably hit upon the proper explanation—indifferent and careless secretaries. He wants Chapters charged a reasonable rate of interest where they withhold their dues beyond the statutory time. Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer had interesting reports as to finance and general conditions, all of which seems good. The supply of monitors and Past Grand High Priest jewels were exhausted, and were ordered replenished.

The Board of Directors of the Home for Aged Masons provided an interesting report, but subject to the criticism indulged by some of the Correspondents, that the names of the wards are published. By resolution adopted no member of the Committee on Work, after he has served a full term, is eligible to succeed himself. Since the work is written there is very little need for the committee, but if needed at all, the same men, if they are competent, should be retained for the consistency of the work.

Jurisprudence Committee concurred in all the decisions of Grand High Priest, except the fifth.

The effect of that decision was that the amendment to Article 172 and the repeal of Article 173 did not affect the status of Companions suspended N. P. D. In other words, the legislation was in no sense retroactive.

The report of Jurisprudence Committee was that every statute operates from the date of its enactment, and affects those coming within its terms, regardless of the former status. Jurisprudence Committee also adversed a resolution changing the rule that a Chapter forfeits its Charter for failure to meet for three consecutive months. The proposed change was from three to twelve consecutive months. If the law of Texas was put in operation in Alabama, and strictly enforced, we would have more dead numbers than at present, and we have more than enough as it is.

The final report of Credentials Committee shows one hundred and twenty-two Chapters represented. That is better than eighty-six

shown at the opening, but just a mite over one-third of all the Chapters.

Charters were granted to eight Chapters, in one instance the statutory distance being waived in the interest of the Craft there.

A resolution was adopted raising a committee to revise Grand Chapter and Grand Council Monitor.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

M. E. Companion Nelson Williams, of Ohio, said he met with the Grand Council of the Order at daylight, and this scribe wondered if the Companions of Texas would keep this up. Grand Council met at 6 a. m., December 4th, at Waco. This was soon enough for all purposes, even for early mass, but the officers and quite a goodly number of Companions were on hand. Thirty-two Companions, Present or Past High Priests, were present, and were regularly presented, and duly anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Chairman Carlton E. Mead presents his fifth report, covering forty-two Grand Jurisdictions, and 150 pages. Alabama, 1916, begins the review, and has fine treatment.

He quotes what Grand High Priest Ransom had to say relative to Masonic activity in getting more money for education in Alabama, and then says:

Masonry has ever been the foe of ignorance and superstition, and on this account has made some of its bitterest enemies. We have long felt that it is easier to combat with vice than with ignorance; and we congratulate the Masons of Alabama in giving a concrete example of the virility of our great institution.

He evidently agreed with the majority (adopted) report in reference to General Grand Chapter.

This writer has thought that if Henry Banks had been turned loose in Grand Chapter, and the other fellows had simply clapped, the result might have been different.

However, every one to their own notion, as one of our judges said when he found the other nine judges opposed to his way of thinking about a matter under advisement.

Guess he will have something to say anent the conclusion reached by this writer in our last on Texas.

M. E. Oscar M. Longnecker, Grand High Priest.

R. E. T. M. Bartley, Grand Secretary.

UTAH, 1918.

7TH ANNUAL—PROVO—MAY 8TH, 1918.

Chapters, 6; membership, 771; net gain, 22.

Portrait of presiding Grand High Priest Sam H. Goodwin.

All the Grand Officers were present, with the exception of five, and their places were supplied. Two past Grand High Priests, three Past High Priests and the representatives of four of the subordinate Chapters constituted the Grand Chapter.

Fifteen Grand Representatives answered roll call. Alabama was not present. Pleased to note that Utah's Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Alabama, E. Comp. John Moffett, sent greetings from Alabama.

E. Companion Angus Kennedy had been recommended for commission as Grand Representative, and doubtless has received his commission. Past Grand Secretary Shealey was ill in California, and had Grand Chapter's greetings and good wishes. Grand Captain of the Host R. W. Fisher was with the colors, and therefore could not attend. He sent regrets and best wishes, and was told to "carry on."

President Wilson was assured of Grand Chapter's loyalty in the World War, and otherwise.

Grand High Priest S. H. Goodwin is eloquent in all his expressions concerning the war and our duties as men and Masons.

His duties were not numerous. He visited all the Chapters; constituted one; installed officers in three; granted and made several requests for inter-jurisdictional courtesies; issued but one dispensation, and approved the revision of the lectures.

He asked Grand Secretary for certain information, and learned to his astonishment that the secretaries of local Chapters were derelict in four or five requirements.

He did not approve of remitting Grand Chapter dues on those Companions who had been called to the colors.

The publication of the Correspondence report came up for discussion, and it was decided to curtail it, and request the writers to use the topical plan for the time being. Grand High Priest hopes that this will not be necessary, and that it will not be followed, in the future. He does not approve the plan and gives some very good reasons why the report is important and should be read and published at length.

Since concurrent jurisdiction is effective in Utah he recommends uniformity in fees, and asks that the minimum be fixed at \$50.00.

Two Companions, Past High Priests, petitioned for membership in Grand Chapter, and were elected.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

Only three regular officers were present, but routine business was transacted, and four eligible Companions were elected, one of them being the immediate Past Grand High Priest. They were later presented, anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

E.'. Companion A. S. Chapman writes the report. He begins by saying that he hesitates to attempt to write it after the topical plan. He did very well indeed, but he does much better the old way. He quotes a page of decisions, criticises (and justly) the British idea of excluding all Companions of enemy birth, and comments on a happening or two in several Grand Jurisdictions.

Hope he will be given free reign another year.

M.'. E.'. Frank P. Sherwood, Grand High Priest.

R.'. E.'. Walter Daniels, Grand Secretary.

VERMONT, 1918.

101ST ANNUAL—BURLINGTON—JUNE 14TH, 1918.

Chapters, 30; membership, 4,655; net gain, 56.

Portrait of presiding Grand High Priest George N. Tilden.

All the Grand Officers, five District Deputy Grand High Priests, ten Past Grand High Priests, fourteen Past High Priests, and the representatives of twenty-three of the subordinate Chapters made up the Grand Body.

Twenty-four Grand Representatives were present, Alabama not participating.

Two Past Grand High Priests had passed the outer courts and entered the Holy of Holies during the year, M.'. E.'. Companions Edwin H. Martin and Henry D. Bryant.

One meeting of the District Deputies was held, and district meetings were held in five of the districts, but abandoned in three districts. This was due to transportation and fuel curtailment.

No grievances came up for adjustment.

Grand High Priest reports eleven dispensations granted to hurry up candidates. This was occasioned by war conditions. Alabama did worse and for like reason.

He recommends increase of transportation and per diem allowance, and more remuneration for the Correspondence Committee.

Grand Lecturer filed a short report covering the activities for the year. The District Deputies also submitted reports covering the conditions in their particular districts, all of which indicate a healthy state.

The committees had little to do, and there are no reports of interest from them.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The officers and twenty-seven anointed High Priests were present at the meeting of the Convention.

Eleven eligible Companions received the Holy Order. Grand P. S. Briggs of the New York Grand Chapter was present. M.'. E.'. Companion J. Ross Roberts, the President, gave an historical account of the Order in Vermont, and incidentally its early general history.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest Eugene S. Weston makes his second journey through the Capitular world and leaves well defined and guiding footprints along the way.

Alabama, 1917, has interesting review at his hands. He speaks of the innovation of Deputy Grand High Priest opening Grand Chapter and inviting Grand High to come in and give them a once or more over. Just a modification of the English custom, and something different. Not a bad idea, however.

My dear Companion, the oysters taste as good, but have been commercialized and when you pull up a limb, it is likely to be somebody else's limb and they want the quid pro quo.

M. E. William H. Brewster, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Henry H. Ross, Grand Secretary.

VICTORIA, 1916-17.

ANNUAL NOT GIVEN—MELBOURNE—APRIL 18TH, 1917.

Chapters, 21; membership, 1,000; net gain, 34.

Following the custom of the Mother Country quarterly convocations are held. The principal business is hearing and passing the report of the Committee of General Purposes. This consisted largely of dispensations granted, nominations confirmed and accounts passed for payment.

On two occasions addresses were delivered by R. E. Companion Rev. E. Rodda. The Grand Scribe E. speaks well of these lectures, and we must accept his judgment, as the lectures are not printed.

First Grand Principal Z., Rev. A. T. Holden, was absent on duty with the Australian soldiers part of the year, but returned in time for the Annual of April, 1917.

The only matter provoking discussion was the proposition to spend certain money for decorations and officers' regalia. This met strenuous opposition, and it was determined to put all money available into the war loans. More than 300 pounds sterling was so invested.

While away at his military duties M. E. Companion Holden wrote interestingly to Grand Chapter. The censorship prevented his giving them many interesting items, but on the whole, his message was worth while.

Several eminent and excellent Companions of that Grand Jurisdiction dimitted to Celestial Grand Chapter during the year.

M. E. A. T. Holden, Grand Z.

R. E. G. L. Marquand, Grand Scribe E.

VIRGINIA, 1917.

110TH ANNUAL—RICHMOND—OCTOBER 23RD-24TH, 1917.

Chapters, 69; membership, 8,209; net gain, 348.

Portrait of Grand High Priest J. E. W. Timberman, and it really "favors" him.

All the Grand Officers were there, but not all the familiar and loved faces, for Past Grand High Priest and Grand Lecturer William J. Hubbard has passed to the Grand Council on High, as had Past Grand High Priest S. W. Thompson.

Eight Past Grand High Priests, representatives from twenty-nine of the subordinate Chapters, quite a number of Past High Priests, and twenty-four Grand Representatives made up Grand Chapter. It was a crime not to mention, also, seven of the nineteen District Deputy Grand High Priests.

General Grand High Priest Corson was there, and said a few things to them about what he would love to do and say if they belonged to the Household of General Grand. He was deprived of the pleasure of calling them "my boys."

This scribe can imagine any one, even the General Grand, getting away with a thing like that in the capital city of the Old Dominion and to the grave and reverend seignors there assembled.

Grand Commander W. L. Davis and the personal representative of Grand Master K. T., also an officer of the Holy Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, R. E. Companion Andrew G. Williams, were duly presented and received with honors.

The name of Williams struck the scribe as a good old Virginia name, and sure enough he was born in Richmond.

The address of Grand High Priest Timberman was short. He deals with war conditions, necrology, appointments and by-laws.

Under dispensations he reports three suspensions of section 183 Methodical Digest, referring to waiver of statutory time for balloting and conferring degrees; and one dispensation to "destroy a ballot and reballet," a Companion having stated that he cast the adverse vote because of mistaken identity. This statement being made in open Chapter, why not have refiled the petition for the usual course?

He found three very good reasons why he could not and would not request waiver of jurisdiction as to a brother who had resided in Virginia but six months.

No new Chapters were instituted, but many were strengthened and set forward to a future of prosperity. Seven official visitations were made, which caused Grand High Priest to make a remark, the essence of which all Masons should absorb and appropriate. He said after one of his visits, "Life holds more pleasure than sorrow or labor in store for us, if we would accept it."

He mentions other matters of local concern.

After the address came the Roll of Honor—the Companions in the service—and it is a most creditable one.

Grand Lecturer Cochran filed a business-like report. He went where he was needed and stayed until something was accomplished.

Grand Representatives were introduced but Alabama's "live wire" was again away on his rounds.

Present Grand King Bowman, was by resolution, requested to continue a member of the Committee on Work. He was to be, and was, elected Grand High Priest, and the resolution was probably prompted by a custom obtaining almost everywhere that the Grand High, while ex-officio a member of all committees, does not appear actively on any.

Grand High Priest W. K. Cowden, of West Virginia, being present, was received cordially and with the customary honors.

Alberta was recognized.

Five Companions were elected to fill the five Life Memberships in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association subscribed by Grand Chapter. They are M. E. Companions William B. McChesney, Stanley W. Martin, Sol Cutchins and James E. Alexander and E. Companion Charles H. Callahan.

M. E. Companion Martin was in good hands, although not at Grand Chapter. He was at Camp McClellan and fraternizing with that lot of princely good fellows and Companions at Anniston, Alabama. Nevertheless he sent regrets.

Committee of the Whole took charge of things, as usual, and after threshing them out to suit itself, rose and reported progress. Grand Secretary was instructed in the future to use "earned titles," as if Grand Secretary did not know more about it than the whole committee, or Committee of the Whole.

Unless signed by the Grand Council, each of them, and attested by the Grand Secretary the minutes are not official. At least, at the end of each day's session, and finally, they are so signed.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Grand Council met October 24th, 1917, at Richmond. The E. V. President, William J. Hubbard, had been anointed on High during the year and Vice-President James E. Alexander presided. In January, the President had conferred the Order upon the High Priest of Jewel Chapter No. 49, making a total of 611 candidates who had received the Order at his hands. This was his last official act as President. Fifteen were found eligible and were duly anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order.

Routine business was transacted and an adjournment taken.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest Joseph W. Eggleston submits one of his usually entertaining and instructive reviews. He begins with the benediction, "It is done and the printer notified." Alabama, 1916, and fifty-two other Grand Jurisdictions have careful and fraternal notice.

Speaking to this writer's complaint that Alabama's Grand Representative, E. V. W. J. Phillips, is not or was not, at his post he says:

Alabama is represented here by E. V. W. J. Phillips, who is a very busy man and whose time belongs to others, and while he cannot always be present at Grand Chapter, we can tell his Alabama constituency that they are well represented. He can deliver *all the ritual*, including charges and prayers, in Lodge, Chapter and Commandery, without an error and with elocutionary force. He is the very life of Masonry in the large section he covers as a traveling salesman and force for good. He is habitually called "a live wire."

This makes him out as almost equal to our Beauchamp. They certainly ought to meet and swap fish stories.

Still claiming all the good things as having originated in Virginia, even if they did migrate, he says:

Alabama is filled with the descendants of Virginians, many of them relatives of this scribe. Having, as an artillery officer of remotest rank, seen Saunders' Alabama Brigade make the final charge which carried the Crater at Petersburg, it is a joy to review a volume which contains the names of many sons and grand sons of former army comrades and blood relations.

He pays Grand High Priest Ransom the compliment of clipping two excerpts from his address.

Companion, since the declaration of Assistant Secretary of State Polk all bets are off, and when we come to Alexandria in February, Deo volente, let's get off and console ourselves with the glories of the past and forget the disappointments of the future. As one of the Representatives in the Alabama Legislature once said, "What we have did is past, but we want our ancestors to know it."

M. E. James Bowman, Grand High Priest.

R. E. James B. Blanks, Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON, 1917.

33RD ANNUAL—BELLINGHAM—SEPTEMBER 10TH-11TH, 1917.

Chapters, 38; membership, 4,763; net gain, 98.

Portrait of Grand High Priest Frank G. H. Baker.

All the Grand Officers were in their stations; representatives from all the subordinate Chapters but one; ten Past Grand High Priests; quite a number of unattached Past High Priests, and a few visitors constituted Grand Chapter.

M. E. Peter Pickton, 87 years young, formerly Grand High Priest in the original state of Dakota, was introduced and received with honors due his station and worth. Later in the session he was made an Honorary Past Grand High Priest in the State of Washington.

Grand High Priest Baker devoted the major portion of his address to the subject of necrology, mentioning the names of all the Companions in his Grand Jurisdiction that had entered the Holy of Holies above during the year, as well as giving a faithful account of deaths in other Grand Jurisdictions of which he had notice.

He tells us something of the formation of Grand Chapter in the year 1884, and reviews with pride and satisfaction the progress made. Dispensations for various purposes and in large number were issued, but none to rush candidates.

Grand Representatives were commissioned for four states, and the usual interstate courtesies asked and granted. He travelled 3,000 miles and visited every Chapter in the state save one, and would have visited that Chapter but could not arrange a mutually convenient date. At three places he was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star, and found it delightful. He says they (the ladies) manifested

the utmost pleasure in showing us that they were our hearty friends and supporters. Guess so, we could not get along in Alabama without them.

He grows eloquent over the stand America has taken for the freedom of all the peoples and nations, and desires those principles adopted by Grand Chapter.

He recommended a system by which Master Masons could be proposed in Chapter for membership, but Grand Chapter wisely said no.

The proposal to reduce Grand Chapter dues was adversed.

Most of the changes proposed were laid over for another year. It is well to let them bake.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

With M. E. Horace W. Tyler presiding, the Annual Convention met at Bellingham September 10th, 1917.

Twenty-four petitioners were found eligible, and were duly anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order.

Routine business occupied the remainder of the session.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest Yancey Blalock submitted his twenty-seventh report, covering a review of fifty-two Grand Jurisdictions.

Naturally gifted, his long experience has made him one of the strong men of the guild.

Alabama, 1916, has careful and fraternal consideration. He clips well and writes better, so next time he clips, hope he will also comment some. This scribe desires to carry all good suggestions to Grand Chapter, and does not resent any comment on Alabama's action along any line.

M. E. Charles G. Smyth, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Yancey C. Blalock, Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1917.

47TH ANNUAL—PARKERSBURG—NOVEMBER 12TH-13TH, 1917.

Chapters, 43; membership, 7,437; net gain, 305.

A Special Convocation was held November 27th, 1916, for the purpose of installing Grand Scribe Stark L. Baker. Later we read that on May 27th, 1917, he passed out of the earthly tabernacle to the Celestial one, mourned by his Companions and friends.

The volume contains a number of portraits, Incoming Grand High Priest Clark, Presiding Grand High Priest Cowden, General Grand High Priest Corson, Past Grand High Priests John W. Morris, and Wyndham Stokes and Grand Scribe Baker, the last three having dimitted during the year to Celestial Grand Chapter.

Vacancies existing in the offices of Grand Scribe and Grand Master of 1st Veil were filled. All the other Grand Officers were present.

Fifteen Past Grand High Priests, quite a number of Past High Priests, and the representatives of thirty-six of the subordinate Chapters were also present.

Thirty Grand Representatives answered the call of the roll, and listened to an appropriate address from the General Grand High Priest.

Alabama's Legate, E. Companion William E. Krupp, was not present.

Two new Chapters were constituted.

The Grand High Priest reviews the inspection system adopted in 1909 and reaches the conclusion that it should not be abandoned at present, but should be perfected. As a step in that direction he suggests requiring inspection within a definite time.

His decisions look sound from the standpoint of the law as it is in Alabama.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association is boosted. West Virginia was in at its organization, and should stick by it.

He visited Grand Chapter of Virginia and reports a great time.

The war has a large place in his address, especially the Turk and the Holy Land.

Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer each had an interesting report concerning the activities of the year.

Two schools of instruction were held during the year. Only a fair attendance was reported, although expenses are paid by Grand Chapter.

The special committee to report on renouncing control of the Cryptic degrees deemed it better to further consider the matter, and asked that the question be passed.

Grand Chapter definitely decided to retain control.

While no mention is made elsewhere we find in the memorial appendix the portrait of Past Grand High Priest H. M. Gamble and a memorial to him as of March, 1917.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

M. E. Braxton D. Gibson, as President, opened a Convention November 13th, 1917. Present all the officers but two, and several anointed High Priests. Petitions were presented by thirteen eligible Companions and they were duly anointed, consecrated and set apart.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The committee was tired or the price of paper and printing scared them, so they submitted a brief report without regard to arrangement alphabetically of Grand Jurisdictions.

Alabama fared as well or better than some others, and occupied but nine lines on the first page.

North Carolina comes last and gets the most attention.

An essay on the Mark Degree by Companion George W. Warvelle is clipped.

Good stuff by an artist at such work.

M. E. L. H. Clark, Grand High Priest.

M. E. D. K. Reed, Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN, 1918.

68TH ANNUAL—MILWAUKEE—FEBRUARY 19TH-20TH, 1918.

Chapters, 94; membership, 13,217; net gain, 691.

Incoming Grand High Priest greets his admiring Companions, and us, from the frontispiece. He is a distinguished looking citizen, but of course he can't help that.

Grand Sentinel was acting, otherwise all the Grand Officers were present.

Sixteen Past Grand High Priests, thirty-five Grand Representatives and the representatives of eighty-eight (including U. D.) Chapters were actively present and participating.

As we near the end of the work the repetition that Alabama's Grand Representatives are not present becomes monotonous.

Grand High Priest John E. Langdon says that time and nature function regularly, and that you must either go on or get out of the way.

He further says truly that although no one could foretell what effect world conditions would have on Capitular Masonry, and many felt that it would mark time, yet it had been a good year, one above the average.

Past Grand High Priests John Grimshaw and Franklin P. Ainsworth, and Past Grand Scribe Levi Howland had answered the final summons during the year. Eloquent memorials were submitted.

Four Chapters received official visits. Three were constituted, each by proxy. A goodly number of dispensations were issued, for which the proper fee was charged and collected.

Committee on Jurisprudence approved all of the decisions. Here is one that looks contradictory, or at least is quite muddy:

2. Can a petition be received from one who has not been in the jurisdiction ninety days?

Ans. When a petition has been lawfully received by conforming to the statute as to length of residence in the state a special dispensation may be granted to receive the petition.

If the petition has been "lawfully received" why the necessity for a dispensation to receive it?

Two Chapters were instituted U. D.

In the report of the Grand Trustees we find a word that will please Grand Secretary Beauchamp. It is "amortization" and has reference to bonds.

Grand Lecturer presented an analytical report of great local interest.

General Committee had the disposal of the Grand High Priest's action relative to Chapters U. D. and special dispensations. They approved, and recommended charters for the two Chapters U. D. Other things of purely local interest had attention.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

All the officers were present. Seventeen were certified as eligible and were duly anointed and set apart to the Holy Order.

The balance in the treasury was \$390.92.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest Samuel Wright submitted the report on "Foreign Correspondence."

He does it exceedingly well. Alabama, 1916, is given careful and fraternal review. Fifty-three other Grand Jurisdictions are treated as well.

He wonders why we followed the lead of General Grand Chapter and passed the constitutional rule requiring the opening of the R. A. degree before anything could be done in the other Chapter degrees. Our answer is General Grand Chapter requested it, and it is proper. The other degrees are appendant and nothing is open unless the Chapter is opened. That has been the rule in Alabama for time immemorial.

M. E. Michael Barry, Grand High Priest.

R. E. William W. Perry, Grand Secretary.

WYOMING, 1918.

10TH ANNUAL—CHEYENNE—JULY 11TH, 1918.

Chapters, 12; membership, 1,125; net gain, 105.

Portrait of Grand High Priest Robert I. Turner.

All the Grand Officers, excepting Grand P. S. and Grand Master 1st Veil, were at their posts. In attendance were five Past Grand High Priests and the representatives of ten of the subordinate Chapters. One of the unrepresented sent a wire saying they were on the other side of a washout on the line, and not even an old and rotten bridge on which to cross.

Twenty Grand Representatives were present and were presented and gave greetings. The minutes record that "Grand Commander" welcomed them, but we guess it was Grand High, or possibly he is both, and Grand Secretary got his metaphors mixed.

Thinking of the date line and annual that had been stated above, the scribe was startled somewhat to read the opening sentence of the Grand High Priest's address, wherein he said: "Once more are we assembled for the Tenth Annual." The scribe thought possibly he had overlooked the other Tenth. As he read on it was all right and he enjoyed it.

Among his first duties was the installation of three Grand Officers who were not present for installation at the Ninth Annual. This was all properly attended to by proxy.

There was nothing doing in the way of new Chapters.

Two dispensations to ballot and confer degrees without regard to statutory time were granted.

He had the pleasure and satisfaction of visiting every Chapter in the Grand Jurisdiction.

Grand Secretary Parshall complained that attention had been frequently called to delinquent secretaries and that nothing had ever been done about it. This called forth a resolution fixing the date for returns and a penalty of one dollar per day for each day's delay beyond that time.

Dues of Companions in the service were remitted for the period of the war.

Grand Secretary was authorized to revise and publish the Code and Statutes, and make whatever changes to him seemed good. Some confidence, but doubtless deserved.

Very few of the committees had anything to do, and hence reported nothing before them. Easy money.

Grand High Priest is no longer expected to sign warrants, that duty being definitely delegated to Grand Secretary. That is where it belongs.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

A Special Convention was held at Laramie June 20th, 1918, for the purpose of electing officers, that matter not having been attended to at the regular time. This being attended to, and there being two eligible Companions in search of more light, they were duly anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order.

The regular Convention met at Cheyenne July 11th, 1918, transacted routine business, not however electing officers, and anointed, set apart and consecrated five Companions to the Holy Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest Adrian J. Parshall submits an admirable report, covering a large number of Grand Jurisdictions.

Alabama, 1917, has fine review. Grand High Priest McCormick furnishes him much food for favorable comment. He excerpts copiously from his address.

M. E. Arthur C. Jones, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Adrian J. Parshall, Grand Secretary.

CONCLUSION

As these lines are being written the world is celebrating the triumph of right over might. And the joy is justified for the time being, but there must come the hour of reality and the readjustment of conditions that for the past two years have been more or less chaotic.

We do not want to forget that no new standards have been erected. We want, rather, to remember that the world war has simply discovered that the principles for which Masonry has always stood are the principles that ought to underlie all relations, whether of nations or of peoples.

Our duty is now paramount to carry into our life, social, civic and political, those precepts that we have heard so often in the sacred precincts of our halls. All will be well if we live in the world as we learn in the Lodge.

Fraternally,

LAWRENCE H. LEE,
Chairman.

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