Proceedings
of
Grand Chapter
of
Royal Arch Masons
of Alberta
1949
To Scribes E.

PLEASE OBSERVE AND COMPLY WITH
THE FOLLOWING:

Acknowledge to the Grand Scribe E. the receipt of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter—these are the property of the Chapter.

The financial year of Subordinate Chapters ends the 31st December, and Scribes E. are required to forward their returns to the Grand Scribe E. before the 28th of February, following.

Write the names of Companions in full, plainly, in the returns so that there may be no errors in filling out the Grand Chapter Certificate. Also see that the AGE, OCCUPATION and PLACE OF RESIDENCE are not omitted. Where deaths are included, THE DATE OF DECEASE should accompany the record.

Send a full list of the officers of your Chapter immediately after installation.

The list of Companions deleted must be read out at the next Regular Convocation following the receipt of these Proceedings.
ALFRED LEROY WILLIAMS
Grand First Principal
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Grand First Principal

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Alfred LeRoy Williams was born on March 26th, 1889, at Corbetton, Ontario, and follows the profession of Barrister-at-Law.

He received his education at Public School, Meaford High School, University of Illinois at which he received his B.Sc. degree, Queen's University at which he received his B.A. degree, also studied at Osgoode Hall Law School.

On June 23rd, 1917, he married Miss Louise Nicholls and was blessed with a son, Flight Officer Erle Keith, who was killed in World War II in 1944, also a daughter Doris Louise.

He has been very active in Municipal Affairs and Community Activities for the past two decades.

Initiated into Masonry in Hussar Lodge No. 130, Hussar, Alberta, September, 1922, and raised in December of the same year. He was the first Master of Standard Lodge No. 152, Standard, Alberta, in 1928 and is a Past District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 16, Drumheller, Alberta.

He was Exalted in Harmony Chapter No. 26, Bassano, Alberta, on April 16th, 1924, and was First Principal of Strathmore Chapter No. 21, Strathmore, Alberta, in 1939.

Consecrated in Cyprus Preceptory No. 33, Calgary, on January 11th, 1929, and was Presiding Preceptor of Edmonton Preceptory in 1949.

He is a member of Zohar Council, Royal & Select Masters, and of Al Azhar Temple, Calgary, A. & A. O. N. M. Shrine.

We trust this kindly Companion will be spared for many years of useful endeavour and that we may benefit by his advice and wise counsel in our deliberations.
PROCEEDINGS

of the

Grand Chapter of
Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

at the

Thirty-fifth
Annual Convocation
1949

Held in the
City of EDMONTON, Alberta
May 11th, 1949
Minutes of the Proceedings of the Thirty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, on the 11th day of May, A.D. 1949, A.L. 2479.

OFFICERS PRESENT

M.E. Companion A. L. Williams .............. Grand First Principal
R.E. Companion J. L. Innes .................. Grand Second Principal
R.E. Companion H. E. Bentley ............... Grand Third Principal
R.E. Companion A. A. Cashman .............. Grand Superintendent
R.E. Companion E. J. Bell .................... Grand Superintendent
R.E. Companion P. Dougherty ............... Grand Superintendent
M.E. Companion F. J. Hand ................... Grand Scribe Ezra
R.E. Companion G. Grieve ................... Grand Scribe Nehemiah
R.E. Companion F. P. Galbraith ............. Grand Registrar
R.E. Companion H. E. Bentley ............... Grand Lecturer
V.E. Companion Wright Roper ............... Grand Senior Sojourner
M.E. Companion R. M. Lambertson .......... Grand Director of Ceremonies
R.E. Companion J. V. Dodds ................ Grand Organist
V.E. Companion W. F. Urquhart ............. Grand Steward District No 1
V.E. Companion S. W. Cameron ............. Grand Steward District No. 3
Companion J. Frankland .................... Grand Tyler

PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS PRESENT

M.E. Companion M. M. Downey ............... M.E. Companion J. E. Rannard
M.E. Companion G. B. McLeod ............... M.E. Companion E. G. Ellerton
M.E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison ........ M.E. Companion F. J. Hand
M.E. Companion J. V. Follett ................ M.E. Companion R. M. Lambertson
M.E. Companion H. Sandilands ............... M.E. Companion W. A. Irving
M.E. Companion A. B. McCurdy ............. M.E. Companion Frank Van Demark (Honorary)
M.E. Companion H. W. B. Bell ............... M.E. Companion W. H. Scott
**PRINCIPALS AND PAST PRINCIPALS PRESENT**

**Alberta Chapter No. 1**
F. J. Hand, A. Anderson, J. C. Haglund.

**North Star Chapter No. 2**

**Assiniboia Chapter No. 3**

**Shekinah Chapter No. 4**
J. E. Rannard.

**Golden West Chapter No. 5**
A. E. Neal Z., P. Dougherty.

**Kether Chapter No. 8**
E. C. Finders.

**Otuskwan Chapter No. 9**

**Bow Valley Chapter No. 10**
W. A. Irving.

**Calgary Chapter No. 11**
Frank Van Demark.

**Keystone Chapter No. 12**

**Capital City Chapter No. 13**

**Vermilion Chapter No. 14**

**Tau Cross Chapter No. 16**
M. S. Weatherhead.
Mount Olivet Chapter No. 17

Norwood Chapter No. 18

The Hiram Chapter No. 19

Crescent Chapter No. 24

Harmony Chapter No. 26
H. W. B. Bell, M. M. Downey.

Strathmore Chapter No. 21
E. J. Bell, H. W. B. Bell, L. E. Newby.

Eheyeh Chapter No. 27

Hanna Chapter No. 28
M. Baldwin Z.

Edson Chapter No. 30
S. W. Bridges, H. Goldstick, Frank Mayer.

Parklands Chapter No. 31
L. A. Myggland Z.

Viking Chapter No. 32

Hamar Chapter No. U.D.
J. H. Cochrane.

Wapiti Chapter No. U.D.

Empress Chapter No. U.D.
J. Campbell.
The Committee on Credentials having reported that a constitutional number of Chapters were represented by their qualified representatives the Thirty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta was Opened in Ample Form at 9:50 O' clock A.M. Wednesday, May 11th, A.D. 1949, A.I. 2479.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

M.E. Companion C. M. Pitts, Grand First Principal of The Grand Chapter of Canada, M.E. Companion A. A. Wilson, Past Grand Z. and Grand Scribe Ezra of The Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan and M.E. Companion W. E. Bristowe, Grand First Principal of The Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, were presented and introduced by M.E. Companion A. B. McCurdy.

Ill. Brother A. M. MacLeod, Ill. Deputy for Alberta, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, was presented by M.E. Companion R. M. Lambertson.


These distinguished guests were accorded a most cordial welcome by M.E. Companion A. L. Williams, Grand First Principal, who invited them to the seated on the Dais.


Rt. Wor. Brother W. F. Empey was cordially received by The Grand First Principal who stated that it was a pleasure to have Grand Lodge represented and sincerely hoped that the bonds of friendship and co-operation would always exist between the two great fraternal organizations.

Rt. Wor. Brother W. F. Empey thanked the Companions for their warmth of welcome, and brought fraternal greetings from the Grand Master, M. Wor. Brother W. H. Henry, who was unable to be present.
through circumstances beyond his control, and expressed the hope that much good would be gained and accomplished at the Annual Convocation and extended a warm invitation to all to attend the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in June.

Acting Mayor George Gleave, representing Mayor H. D. Ainlay of Edmonton, was presented by M.E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison, and given a hearty welcome to the Convocation by The Grand First Principal, and invited to be seated on the Dais.

The Acting Mayor then addressed the Companions, stating that Mayor H. D. Ainlay was progressing very favorably, after his accident and expressed the hope that all visitors to the City of Edmonton would enjoy themselves and that anything he, as Acting Mayor, could do for their further enjoyment would be very willingly done as it was the policy of the Civic Officials to make visitors feel at home in Edmonton.

ROLL CALL OF PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

The following Past Grand First Principals answered their names and proceeded to the Altar:

M.E. Companion M. M. Downey  
M.E. Companion G. B. McLeod  
M.E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison  
M.E. Companion J. V. Follett  
M.E. Companion H. Sandilands  
M.E. Companion A. B. McCurdy  
M.E. Companion H. W. B. Bell  
M.E. Companion W. H. Scott  
M.E. Companion J. E. Rannard  
M.E. Companion E. G. Ellerton  
M.E. Companion F. J. Hand  
M.E. Companion R. M. Lambertson  
M.E. Companion W. A. Irving

The Grand First Principal welcomed and thanked the Past Grand First Principals present for their interest, guidance and kindly assistance during the past year and expressed the hope, which was echoed by all present, that they would be spared for many years to assist in Royal Arch Masonry in Alberta. The Grand Chapter then stood in silence in memory of those Past Grand First Principals who had answered their final earthly call. Special mention being made of M.E. Companion W. T. Coote and M.E. Companion N. T. Macleod, who had very recently passed away.

READING OF MINUTES

On the motion of M.E. Companion H. W. B. Bell, seconded by M.E. Companion E. G. Ellerton, it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes as printed in the proceedings be taken as read.
ADDRESS
of the
Grand First Principal

My Companions,

Time marches on and once more finds us assembled at our Thirty-Fifth Annual Convocation. It is my privilege to extend a warm fraternal welcome to all. May our association be profitable and enjoyable and entwine us in true and lasting friendships. The presence of so many real friends warms our hearts and is always a source of inspiration and encouragement. We extend a special welcome to new members.

I humbly appreciate the honor conferred upon me last year of being elected to the highest office of the Royal Craft in Alberta, and in assuming that mantle of office of being able to be of service to my Companions. The greatest experience in all human activity is the satisfaction and enjoyment of being helpful to others. I have been unable to accomplish many of the things which seemed desirable, but I have earnestly endeavored to render faithful stewardship and to merit your confidence and approbation.

It is gratifying to have our Convocation graced with the presence of so many Distinguished Guests of other Grand Bodies and Sister Grand Jurisdictions. We give you all our most cordial and warmest welcome. Your presence is of much encouragement and inspiration to us. I am most grateful for the hospitality and warmth of friendship you extended to me as representative of this Grand Chapter on my visits with you. Our personal association with you is a real pleasure. We hope you will enjoy your visit with us.

Please convey to your respective bodies our sincere appreciation of your attendance and our best wishes for their progress and attainments. The exchange of fraternal visits knits closer ties of friendship and contributes to the progress and good will of all.

It is a pleasure to welcome in his official capacity our highly esteemed Grand Master, of the Grand Lodge of Alberta A.F. and A.M., Most Worshipful Brother Doctor W. A. Henry. We assure him of the warmest feelings and loyalty of all our Companions. The Symbolic Lodge is the foundation of all Freemasonry and the Royal Arch is the summit or cope stone. We are proud of its sure foundations and the leadership of our Grand Lodge. It is a special honor and omen of Masonic Brotherhood to be able to welcome the Grand Master to our Convocation.
NECROLOGY

We pause to honor the memory of our Companions and those from other Grand Jurisdictions who have passed through the veils to the Grand Chapter above. We cherish their memory and commend their spirits to God. To their loved ones we extend sympathy and comfort. It is with deep regret we report the passing of Most Excellent Companion W. T. Coote. He was a true and faithful and a wise counsellor who will be sorely missed.

INVITATIONS

Invitations were received to attend the Grand Convocations of the Sister Jurisdictions of British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Canada, Montana, North Dakota and the General Grand Chapter. Owing to lack of time and conflicting engagements I was unable to accept all of these.

On May 21st, I attended the 25th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan at Saskatoon; on February 9th, accompanied by Rt. Ex. Comp. J. M. Donaldson, I attended the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba at Winnipeg. I was warmly received on both these occasions and greatly enjoyed their hospitality. I also appreciate the high honor which was conferred upon me of being made an Honorary Past Grand Z. of these respective Grand Chapters.

I was unable to attend the Annual Convocations of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia, North Dakota and Montana, due to other engagements and attendance at the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Alberta was ably represented at Montana by our Grand Scribe E., Rt. Ex. Comp. H. E. Bentley. Our Grand Chapter was also represented at the General Grand Chapter in New York. I was unable to attend, as I had recently returned from Toronto.

An invitation was received to attend the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada at Ottawa on April 26th and 27th. I had hoped to be able to return the visit of Most Excellent Companion Fred W. Dean and most deeply regret that owing to the nearness of our own Grand Chapter Convocation I was unable to do so.

Invitations have been extended to the following Grand Jurisdictions to be present with us today:


Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan—M. E. Comp. Walter E. Bristowe, G.Z., together with M. E. Comp. Alfred A. Wilson, G.S.E.

Grand Chapter of Manitoba—Grand First Principal, together with M. E. Momp. T. Sellar Cook, G.S.E.

Grand Chapter of Canada—M. E. Comp. Fred W. Dean, G.Z., together with M. E. Comp. Edwin Smith, G.S.E.

Grand Chapter of Montana—M. E. Comp. Earl S. Bardwell, G.H.P., together with M. E. Comp. Luther T. Hauberg, Grand Secretary.


Order of High Priesthood—M. E. President, H. W. B. Bell.

Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Knights Templar—M. E. Dr. Ben S. Bailey, Supreme Grand Master.

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons—Ill. Deputy for Alberta, Ill. Brother A. M. MacLeod.


VISITS TO OTHER MASONIC BODIES

On June 9th, I attended the Forty-Third Annual Convocation of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and enjoyed the finest of fraternal intercourse with the Brethren. On September 12th-14th I attended the Sixty-Fifth Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, at Toronto, Ontario. I was honored by being received officially as your representative along with the Grand Z's of several other Canadian Grand Chapters.

During the year I attended many regular, special and gala or festive meetings held by the Craft Lodges. Space does not permit particulars other than to refer to such outstanding occasions as R.C.M.P. Night, Young Canadian Night (when members invite their Sons), Empire Night, Dominion Night, Burn's Night, etc. These special meetings encourage fraternal visits and social intercourse and are of great interest and encouragement to the Brethren. Special reference must be made to the Annual Church Service sponsored by Unity Lodge, held in McDougall Church on October 17th, and headed by the Grand Master and his Officers, some 250 being present. This service was an inspiration to all. A belief in God is a fundamental of our order and we would do well to be most active in our devotions to Him.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

I attended all the District Meetings. On each occasion I was an honored guest and favored with a most cordial fraternal welcome by the Companions. Each meeting was well attended, a keen interest was shown in Masonry and active discussions were held. Each of the Grand Superintendents has been very active and enthusiastic in the performance of his duties and in the organization of the District Meetings. I heartily commend them for their faithful service.

I am pleased to confirm the election of the following Grand Superintendents for the ensuing year:

Ex. Companion L. B. McCoome, District No. 1.
Ex. Companion J. W. N. Beamish, District No. 2.
Ex. Companion R. J. Smith, District No. 3.
Ex. Companion Walter Marcellus, District No. 4.

District No. 1 has become entirely too unwieldy and should be divided or a new district formed at this Convocation.
DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

Alberta Chapter No. 1—To change time of Regular Convocation.
Bow Valley Chapter No. 10—Install and invest Officers out of time.
Kether Chapter No. 8—Change date of Regular Convocation.
Banff Chapter No. 20—Change date of Regular Convocation.
Vermilion Chapter No. 14—Confer the Degrees of M.E.M. and H.R.A. on the same day.
Kether Chapter No. 8—Change date of Regular Convocation.
Banff Chapter No. 20—Change date of Regular Convocation.
Vermilion Chapter No. 14—Confer the Degrees of M.E.M. and H.R.A. on the same day.
Edson Chapter No. 30—Confer the Degrees of M.M.M., M.E.M., and H.R.A. on the same day.
Edson Chapter No. 30—Install as First Principal Z. one who has not served as Second Principal H.; also to install as Second Principal H. one who has not served as Third Principal J.
Golden West Chapter No. 5—Change date of Regular Convocation.
Viking Chapter No. 32—Change date of Regular Convocation.
Calgary Chapter No. 11—Install as Second Principal H. one who has not served as Third Principal J., and to hold joint installation and investiture with Otuskwan Chapter No. 9.
Banff Chapter No. 20—Change date of Regular Convocation.
Norwood Chapter No. 18—Install as First Principal Z. one who has not served as Second Principal H., and to install as Second Principal H. one who has not served as Third Principal J.
Claresholm Chapter No. 16—Install and invest Officers out of time.
Keystone Chapter No. 12—Change date of Regular Convocation.
Eheyeh Chapter No. 27—Install and invest Officers out of time.
Capital City Chapter No. 13—Install Third Principal J. out of time.
North Star Chapter No. 2—Change date of Regular Convocation.
The Hiram Chapter No. 19—Install and invest Officers out of time.
Vermilion Chapter No. 14—Confer the Degrees of M.E.M. and H.R.A. on the same day.

CONFERENCE OF CANADIAN GRAND CHAPTERS

It was my pleasant duty to attend as your representative, the Second Annual Conference of Representatives of all the Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masonry in Canada. Every Canadian Grand Chapter was represented by official delegates, some 25 to 30 representatives and visitors being present.

This Conference was a most happy and successful occasion, and makes a real and lasting contribution to mutual understanding and goodwill as well as a forum for the discussion of our common problems and finding a wise solution thereof. The Conference does not in any way affect the Jurisdiction of any Grand Chapter but like the Banff Grand Lodge Conference, permits full and free discussion of matters of interest to all. Most Excellent Companion Reg. V. Harris, P.G.Z., of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia was Chairman. Ten papers were given as follows:

1. Grand Representatives—Selection and Duties; M. E. Comp. R. V. Harris, P.G.Z., Nova Scotia.
2. Attracting the Outstanding to Our Membership—Rt. Ex. Comp. C. M. Pitts, G.H. Canada.


The following recommendations were made:

1. That a standing Committee on Fraternal Relations be appointed to make a Report to the Conference next year.

2. A recommendation that the selection of Grand Superintendents should be by quality rather than by rotation.

3. That a committee on Education be appointed with one member from each Canadian Grand Chapter.

4. That all Grand Z's be requested to include a summary of the proceedings of the Conference in The Grand Z's address in their respective Grand Chapters.

5. Recommendation that a Royal Arch Masons' Chapter of Research be organized in Canada.

6. That an Executive Committee of the Conference be elected and be comprised of the following:

   President, I.P. President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and Two Directors (or Committee Members).

The following nominations were made and unanimously approved:


   Vice-President: Rt. Ex. Companion C. M. Pitts (Canada).

   Secretary-Treasurer: Most Ex. Companion T. Sellar Cook (Manitoba).


   Alberta was highly honored in having Most Excellent Companion Archdeacon S. H. Middleton elected as President of the Conference for the next year.
The time and place of the next Conference was left for the Executive to decide. It was suggested that it be held in Winnipeg about August 24th or immediately after the meeting of Sovereign Great Priory of Canada. This Annual Conference should prove of great profit to Capitular Masonry in Canada and I recommend that this Grand Chapter continue to co-operate in the same.

**NEW CHAPTERS**

**Viking Chapter No. 32.**

At our last Convocation a Warrant was issued to Viking Chapter No. 32. On May 28th it was my pleasant task to Consecrate this Chapter in Ample Form and install their Officers. I was accompanied and ably assisted by several Companions from Edmonton, including the Grand Superintendent Rt. Ex. Comp. A. A. Cashman, Most Ex. Comp's W. T. Coote and R. M. Lambertson, Rt. Ex. Comp's G. Grieve, W. L. Mundy and J. V. Dodds and V. Ex. Comp A. Peart. There was a large attendance of Companions from the District. Viking Chapter is to be complimented on the excellent progress made. On January 28th I made an Official Visit to this Chapter and conducted the Installation Ceremony. Most Ex. Comp. R. M. Lambertson, Rt. Ex. Comp W. L. Mundy and myself were honored on this occasion by being made Honorary Life Members in appreciation of our labors in the formation of the Chapter.

**Hamar Chapter U.D.**

A dispensation having been issued for the formation of Hamar Chapter U.D. at Hughenden, I was pleased to Institute this Chapter on June 21st. I was assisted by the Grand Superintendent, Rt. Ex. Comp. A. A. Cashman, Most Ex. Comp R. M. Lambertson, Rt. Ex. Comp. W. L. Mundy, Ex. Comp's C. Gillis and Lars Osberg.

**Wapiti Chapter U.D.**

For more than a quarter of a century we have endeavored to establish a Chapter in the Great Peace River block, which lies some 400-500 miles to the Northwest of Edmonton. I am happy to report that this year our efforts have been brought to fruition, and that I was privileged to play an active part in this worthwhile achievement. An application was received, recommended by the Grand Superintendent, and found to be in order and the Dispensation granted for the formation of Wapiti Chapter U.D. at Grande Prairie. Great credit is due the Grand Superintendent Rt. Ex. Comp. A. A. Cashman for working out all the necessary details and organizing degree teams and transportation for a Field Day. I was accompanied by Most Ex. Comp. R. M. Lambertson, Rt. Ex. Comp. J. L. Innes, Rt. Ex. Comp. A. A. Cashman, Rt. Ex. Comp. G. Grieve, Rt. Ex. Comp. W. L. Mundy, Rt. Ex. Comp. J. V. Dodds, V. Ex. Comp. A. Peart, Ex. Comp. Lars Osberg, Ex. Comp. J. McGruther, Comp. M. Robertson and Comp. R. E. Parton. We arrived in Grande Prairie the evening before and on August 14th I Instituted the Chapter. Immediately after the ceremony twenty candidates representing leading Masons from every Lodge in the great Peace River country were advanced, received and Exalted to the Holy Royal Arch. I extend my thanks and appreciation to the Grand Superintendent and his team for their excellent work. While all the work was outstanding, that of Companion M. Robertson as Senior Deacon and Principal Sojourner received special commendation. We received a royal welcome, and will be happy to return whenever possible. This
Chapter is doing good work and making great progress. We hope that in the near future they will mother another Chapter about one hundred miles north of Grande Prairie.

I wish to thank Companion S. Harris, Past Grand Master, for assisting in our entertainment and presenting each of us with a Grande Prairie souvenir in commemoration of this important event.

**Empress Chapter U.D.**

An application was received, recommended by the Grand Superintendent, and found to be in order and a Dispensation issued for another new Chapter to be known as Empress Chapter U.D., at Empress, Alberta. This Chapter was instituted on December 17th by the Grand Superintendent Rt. Ex. Comp. E. J. Bell, assisted by Rt. Ex. Comp. J. L. Innes, Grand Second Principal, and Rt. Ex. Comp. H. E. Bentley, Grand Scribe E. I was prevented from attending by an attack of influenza and delegated the Grand Superintendent to perform this ceremony.

I have kept in close touch with all the new Chapters and have very favorable reports on the progress made. Alberta is entitled to be commended in having achieved a new record of consecrating one Chapter and instituting three in one year.

I am pleased to report that harmony prevails and that we have made a net increase of 223 or 10.5 per cent during the year. The following Chapters have qualified for the General Grand Chapter Certificates, showing a net gain of 10 per cent or over:

- Otuskwan Chapter No. 9, Calgary, Alberta —— 12.95%
- Vermilion Chapter No. 14, Vermilion, Alberta —— 12.50%
- Norwood Chapter No. 18, Edmonton, Alberta —— 13.15%
- Crescent Chapter No. 24, Calgary, Alberta —— 10.22%
- Harmony Chapter No. 26, Bassano, Alberta —— 19.30%
- Eheyeh Chapter No. 27, Drumheller, Alberta —— 10.58%
- Edson Chapter No. 30, Edson, Alberta —— 27.77%
- Parklands Chapter No. 31, Wainwright, Alberta —— 22.72%
- Viking Chapter No. 32, Viking, Alberta —— 29.16%

More Chapters should strive to reach this goal. While quality is more important than quantity, we must realize that normal increase and activity are essential to healthy growth and progress.

**VISITS TO CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS**

I made an effort to visit as many of the Constituent Chapters as possible but found Alberta is of vast expanse. The weather man is temperamental and there are many conflicting engagements as well as many demands made upon your Grand Z. It was impossible to visit all Chapters during a short and very busy year and I could not accept all the invitations so warmly extended to me.

In every case where I was unable to attend in person I endeavored to have an Official visit made by a member of the Grand Council or other distinguished Companion as my representative, so that every Chapter would have an Official visit. I derived a great deal of pleasure and encouragement from my visits with my Companions and greatly appreciate the honors of fraternal welcome and hospitality I received.
Many feature evenings were held by the Chapters during the year such as the Annual Game Banquet at High River where over two hundred were present. The annual visit of the members of the Calgary Chapters to Banff, Red Deer and Strathmore and other Chapters. The visit of the Edmonton Companions to Edson and other Chapters. The various social and Ladies' Nights, joint Installations, etc. It was my privilege to attend many of these. These annual events promote fraternal friendships and hospitality and become highlights of the year and encourage visiting and closer companionship within the Jurisdiction.

While my term of office was most enjoyable it has also been an active and busy one and I have travelled over fifteen thousand miles in the performance of my duties. I extend my personal thanks and appreciation to Most Ex. Comp. W. Irving, Rt. Ex. Comp's J. L. Innes, C. G. Gaskell, W. L. Mundy and E. J. Bell for so ably acting as my representatives.

I would urge the Chapters to extend more invitations to the other members of the Grand Council, so that a number of visits could be made prior to assuming the sceptre of Grand First Principal thereby easing the work during the year as Grand Z.

I would not worry you with too much detail and submit the following brief report:

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RESIGNATION OF GRAND THIRD PRINCIPAL

I regret to report that for reasons of health Rt. Ex. Comp. C. S. Gaskell, Grand Third Principal, found it necessary to resign his office and leave Alberta to reside at the Coast. We extend to him our heartiest best wishes and assure him that he will be greatly missed in Alberta.

Due to his resignation, it became my duty to fill the office until your Annual Convocation. It was my good fortune to have a most active Companion who has rendered outstanding service to the Royal Craft available for this position. I deem it a great privilege to be able to appoint Rt. Ex. Comp. H. E. Bentley to the office of Grand Third Principal, and I am confident that his preferment meets with your unanimous approval. I have appointed Most. Ex. Comp. F. J. Hand to fill the office of Grand Scribe E. vacated by Rt. Ex. Comp. H. E. Bentley.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED

The following Grand Representatives have been recommended and approved:

To the Grand Chapter of Texas—Comp. Clarence A. Young.

To the Grand Chapter of Maryland—Comp. George M. Harris, Westminster, Md.

To the Grand Chapter of South Dakota—Most Ex. Comp. Charles Trethowan, Lead, South Dakota.

To the Grand Chapter of North Carolina—Comp. W. C. Lassiter, of Laurinburg, North Carolina.

To the Grand Chapter of Iowa—Comp. Frederic M. Miller, 4910 Pleasant Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

To the Grand Chapter of Delaware—Ex. Comp. James P. Pierce, of Milford, Delaware.

CHANGES IN BY-LAWS APPROVED

Viking Chapter No. 32—To change date of Regular Convocation. Tau Cross Chapter No. 16—To increase dues to $5.00.
Otuskwan Chapter No. 9—Revising By-laws.
Alberta Chapter No. 1—To raise Exaltation fee to $50.00.

There can be no doubt that the success of the past Capitular Year is due in no small measure to the efficiency and zeal of the Grand Superintendents and I take great pleasure in recommending to the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry that the rank of Past Grand Superintendent be conferred on:

Rt. Ex. Comp A. A. Cashman, District No. 1.
Rt. Ex. Comp. E. J. Bell, District No. 2.
Rt. Ex. Comp. J. McDonald, District No. 3.
Rt. Ex. Comp. P. Dougherty, District No. 4.

CONCLUSIONS

I thank all of my Companions who have been so helpful and friendly and who have assisted in so many ways during the year. It has been a great help to me and is appreciated very much.

I wish to record my appreciation of the wholehearted co-operation and assistance of Rt. Ex. Comp. H. E. Bentley, our Grand Scribe E., his knowledge, skill and efficiency have been invaluable.

I am happy to pay tribute to your Grand Chapter Officers, both present and past. I assure you that no Grand Z. could have their equal in efficiency and enthusiasm. They are actuated by the spirit of love and service. It has been a real pleasure to work with them. I have found them most willing and able and they enthusiastically comply with every request.

It is a special pleasure to express my thanks and appreciation to the other two members of the Grand Council. They have been most generous in giving every assistance and support during the year and made their full contribution to the welfare of the Royal Craft.

I am most happy to express to Rt. Ex. Comp. J. L. Innes my heartiest congratulations on his election and to assure him the love and affection of his Companions and wish him and his officers a happy and successful year.

May the Most High give you all His RICHEST BLESSINGS.

We live in momentous times. During the year we have seen Newfoundland join the Dominion as a Tenth Province. Great new oil fields have been discovered and developed right around our own doorsteps, resulting in a rapid development of the oil industry which is of great importance both to Alberta and the whole Dominion. We have even had assurances of the long-overdue Trans-Canada Highway which should be beneficial to us all.

We have also seen the bared-fangs of a nation that believes "Might is Right"; that denies God and the moral laws of the Divine Creator; that is utterly devoid of truth and honor; and will stop at nothing to obtain its ends. It is known by its evil works and deceives only itself and those it entices to do its bidding. We have seen its
"Berlin Blockade" and other unholy actions. We have also seen the drawing together of some of the Democratic Nations in self-defence under the Atlantic Pact, formed for the purpose of defence, and for the assurance of Peace. Be not deceived; Communism is Godless and subjects the individual to the State. There can be neither Freedom nor Freemasonry under Communism. History is replete with the record of those who have defied God and His Laws and of their ultimate downfall.

I am pleased to find so many of our members taking an active part in Church, School, Community and Public Affairs. These matters are vital to the welfare of our Nation and I would spur you all to still greater effort; Christians are greatly in the minority in the world today. The Christian Church and Freemasonry are our most powerful influences for good. May we do our part in spreading the doctrines of our Christian Faith and the virtues of toleration, brotherly love, charity and truth.

The world has made great progress in discovery, invention and science, but the education, moral and spiritual development of man has not kept pace. It is of other men that people are afraid. Hitler showed the world the enormous power for evil that can be wielded by the perverted training of a nation's youth. It only remains for us to make the same effort and wield the same influence in the training and developing of future generations for good. Are we failing in the education and training of future generations? In the training of our children and youth? Are we making the most of our opportunities and providing them with proper spiritual and moral values? Any plan that leaves out God is bound to fail. Let us think about these things. We must be alert and diligent. There is work for all and each must play his full part.

May our deliberations be profitable; may we all go forth resolved to apply ourselves with renewed energy in the service of God and our fellow men, and be worthy of the great teachings of our order.

Fraternally submitted,

A. LEROY WILLIAMS,
Grand First Principal.

On the motion of M.E. Companion G. B. McLeod, seconded by M.E. Companion M. M. Downey, it was resolved that the address of The Grand First Principal be referred to The Committee on The Grand First Principal's address.
PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS

To the Most Excellent The Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta:
Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee has under consideration the request of Hamar Chapter U.D., Wapiti Chapter U.D. and Empress Chapter U.D. for the granting of a Charter or Warrant of Constitution.

Fraternally submitted,
J. W. G. MORRISON, Chairman,
M. M. DOWNEY,
T. J. CUMBERLAND.

On the motion of M.E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison, seconded by M.E. Companion M. M. Downey, it was:

RESOLVED that the preliminary report of the Committee on Warrants be received.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions were requested to assemble before the altar and were welcomed by The Grand First Principal. Fraternal greetings and expressions of goodwill were conveyed by the various Grand Representatives and these were received by The Grand First Principal who requested that each representative convey by letter the fraternal greetings of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Arkansas ...................... M.E. Companion W. H. Scott
District of Columbia ........ M.E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison
Idaho ...................... M.E. Companion J. L. Innes
Illinois ...................... R.E. Companion R. C. Rankin
Maryland ................ M.E. Companion A. L. Williams
Massachusetts ................ M.E. Companion E. G. Ellerton
Montana ................ M.E. Companion J. E. Rannard
New Hampshire ................ M.E. Companion R. M. Lambertson
New South Wales ................ R.E. Companion H. E. Bentley
New York ................ M.E. Companion G. B. McLeod
New Zealand ................ R.E. Companion Frank Mayer
North Dakota ................ M.E. Companion W. A. Irving
Oklahoma ................ M.E. Companion J. V. Follett
Queensland ................ R.E. Companion Charles Scaife
Quebec ................ M.E. Companion A. B. McCurdy
South Dakota ................ M.E. Companion H. W. B. Bell
Vermont ................ M.E. Companion H. M. Downey
Washington ................ R.E. Companion G. Grieve
West Australia ................ R.E. Companion P. Fielding
West Virginia ............... M.E. Companion F. J. Hand
British Columbia ............. M.E. Companion H. Sandilands
New Mexico ................ R.E. Companion G. L. Tipp
Nevada ................ R.E. Companion J. Cleveley
CORRESPONDENCE

Letters and telegrams of regret at unavoidable absence were received from: M.E. Comp. W. E. Pool, General Custodian of the work, Grand Chapter of Minnesota; M.E. Comp. T. Sellar Cook, Grand Scribe E., Grand Chapter of Manitoba; M.E. Comp. E. E. Grant, Grand First Principal, Grand Chapter of Manitoba; M.E. Comp. E. S. Bardwell, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Montana.

Communications were read from M.E. Comp. E. G. Ironsides, M.E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, M.E. Comp. S. H. Middleton and Rt. Ex. Comp. J. M. Donaldson.

Telegram received from Roscoe R Walcutt, General Grand Secretary, as follows: Duties in State Senate prevent my leaving on plane scheduled, error in routing on later plane made connections impossible, notified too late to get through by any other combination of routes, regret intensely inability to be present as planned for many weeks, wanted to discuss Canadian sectional meeting also change of date of Triennial to first week in October 1951. Hope to see some of your Companions in Saskatchewan next week. If you wish will arrange visit to your next Convocation to exclusion of everything else. Too late to procure substitute this time. Please extend to Grand First Principal and Companions personally and for General Grand Chapter fraternal greetings. Letter follows.

Letter from Illustrious Potentate W. C. Yuill, expressing regrets at not being able to attend and wishing Grand Chapter outstanding success in their deliberations.

Letter from The Hon. J. C. Bowen, Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta, expressing regrets at not being able to attend and extending heartiest greetings.

Letter from the Secretary with information regarding Mayor H. D. Ainlay's accident and being confined in hospital at New Westminster, B.C., also informing us that Alderman Gleave would be pleased to attend in his place.

Letter from M.E. Companion Earl E. Dusenbery, General Grand High Priest, with information of the 47th Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter which was held in the city of New York on October 6th and 7th, 1948, giving an outline of White, Silver, Gold and Bronze Certificates.

Letter from M.E. Comp. W. E. Pool, General Grand Custodian of the work, conveying his thanks for 1948 proceedings and commenting on the healthy gain in membership.


Letter from Rt. Ex. Comp. Charles Gaskell, Grand Third Principal, resigning on account of ill health.
Letter from M.E. Comp. E. E. Dusenbery, General Grand High Priest, with a request that a copy of Proceedings be sent to eighteen subordinate Chapters with a list of Chapters attached.

On the motion of M.E. Comp. J. V. Follett, seconded by M.E. Comp. G. E. McLeod, it was RESOLVED that the Grand Scribe E. forward copies of our annual Proceedings to the various Chapters as requested by the General Grand High Priest.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee reports that applications for Warrants since last Grand Chapter Convocation have been received from the following:

Hamar Chapter, U.D. .................Hughenden
Wapiti Chapter, U.D. ................Grand Prairie
Empress Chapter, U.D. ................Empress

These Chapters are presently working under Dispensation and have received the approval of the Grand Superintendents on their applications.

Your Committee, therefore, recommends that Warrants be issued to the aforesaid Chapters and each be designated by the name and number as follows:

Hamar Chapter No. 23.
Wapiti Chapter No. 34.
Empress Chapter No. 35.

Your Committee desires to extend to these respective Chapters a sincere welcome as members of the Grand Chapter of Alberta and to wish them every success.

Fraternally submitted,

J. W. Morrison (Chairman)
M. M. Downey
T. J. Cumberland.

On the motion of M.E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison, seconded by M.E. Companion M. M. Downey, it was RESOLVED that the report of the Committee on Warrants be received and adopted and that the proper Representatives of the new Chapters be given ballots.

The Grand First Principal then requested R.E. Comp. A. A. Cashman, Grand Superintendent District No. 1, to present Representatives from Hamar and Wapiti Chapters and R.E. Comp. E. J. Bell, Grand Superintendent District No. 2, to present the Representatives of Empress Chapter; R.E. Comp. A. A. Cashman presenting Ex. Comp. J. H. Cochrane of Hamar Chapter, Hughenden, and Comp. Dr. R. L. Gamey of Wapiti Chapter, Grande Prairie. R.E. Comp. E. J. Bell presented Ex. Comp. J. Campbell of Empress Chapter, Empress. They were then handed their Charters and congratulated on having become fully-fledged members of The Grand Chapter of Alberta.
Grand Superintendent’s Reports

DISTRICT NO. 1

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:
I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 1 for the past Grand Chapter year.

VISITS

Hamar Chapter U.D.—On June 21st, I accompanied M.E. Companion A. L. Williams along with M.E. Companion R. M. Lambertson and R.E. Companion J. C. Mundy, when Hamar Chapter was instituted, the fourteen Charter Members and four visitors being in attendance. A splendid meeting was conducted by the new Officers, the business consisting of adopting of by-laws, appointing committees, etc.

The social hour that followed showed a spirit of optimism and determination.

I paid my official visit to this Chapter on September 20th, when there were twelve members and three visitors present. There was no degree work but some applications for exaltation were received and I was greatly impressed with the way the business of the evening was carried on, all officers showing a high state of efficiency as well as fervency and zeal.

The social hour that followed showed a keen interest is being taken in the new chapter and that a strong companionship and fraternal union is being built up.

Viking Chapter No. 32—My first official duty as Grand Superintendent was to accompany M.E. Companion A. L. Williams and other Grand Chapter officers to Viking on May 29th, when their Chapter was Consecrated and the Officers installed.

I paid my official visit to this Chapter at their regular meeting on July 23rd, when there were fifteen members and three visitors present. There was no degree work, the business was carried out in a very efficient manner by the regular officers. The Chapter was called off and we repaired to a new hall which the Chapter had an option to lease, and after a careful examination I gave my approval.

A social hour followed the meeting in which a splendid spirit of fraternal fellowship prevailed.

I again visited Viking Chapter, accompanying M.E. Companion A. L. Williams on his official visit on January 27th, the occasion being their installation of Officers, and found them located in their new hall, which I consider to be one of the best in the District. This move made it necessary to change the regular meeting to the fourth Tuesday.
Viking Chapter has a lease on this property for ninety-nine years at ($1.00) one dollar per year, plus heat and light, but they did not advise me as to what their plans are after this lease expires.

**Wapiti Chapter U.D.**—On May 14th I received an enquiry from Companion Dr. L. R. Gamey of Sexsmith re the forming of a Chapter at Grande Prairie and M.E. Companion A. L. Williams and myself immediately started work with the result that on the morning of August 13th, Friday, twelve Companions left Edmonton for Grande Prairie, arriving there around 8:00 o'clock p.m., and after helping the Companions to complete the arrangements as to furniture, etc., that evening and the following morning, a Chapter was opened by Grand Chapter Officers at 10:00 o'clock a.m., when Wapiti Chapter U.D. was duly instituted, the Officers placed in their respective stations and the business transacted, such as adopting by-laws, appointing Officers, etc.

After lunch the visiting companions conferred the degrees of M.M.M. and M.E.M. on a class of twenty candidates; Lodge was closed and the Companions and Brethren enjoyed a splendid banquet.

After the banquet the Chapter was called on and the Royal Arch Degree was conferred, after which the Chapter was closed in due form by the new officers of the Chapter.

The party left Grande Prairie at 7:00 o'clock a.m. Sunday morning for Edmonton, arriving at 6:00 o'clock p.m. with a deep sense of satisfaction that they could look back on a task well done.

My deep appreciation to the following who made the trip and did the work in a very proficient manner: M.E. Companions A. L. Williams and R. M. Lambertson, R.E. Companions J. L. Innes, J. C. Munday, A. Peart, G. Grieve and J. V. Dodds; Ex. Companions W. Mc-Gruther and L. Osberg and Companion S. Harris.

I paid my official visit to Wapiti Chapter U.D. at a special meeting on February 19th at which there were twenty-seven members and one visitor present, the H.R.A. Degree was conferred on a class of ten candidates by the regular officers, the work being done in an almost perfect manner, which I consider remarkable owing to the fact that the Principal Sojourner was exalted at the August meeting, and the First Principal is only a young R.A. Mason, yet the lectures were given perfectly and the floor work carried out with precision in every point.

The books and records of the Chapter are very well kept and the finances are in excellent shape; they have a splendid group of Companions and the warmth of welcome received made us soon forget the forty below zero, that prevailed in Grande Prairie that night.

**Vermilion Chapter No. 14**—I accompanied M.E. Companion A. L. Williams on his official visit to this Chapter on June 8th and was greatly impressed with the enthusiasm and determination of the Companions, and I greatly enjoyed the fraternal spirit that prevailed.

I paid my official visit on September 14th, when there were fourteen members and two visitors present.

The conferring of the M.M.M. Degree was on the agenda, but owing to the harvest season the candidate could not be present. The business was carried out in a splendid manner, the books are in capable hands and the finances are in good shape.
M.E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison was presented with a Certificate of Life Membership. His reply was in eloquent terms expressing sincere thanks to Vermilion Chapter and giving some sound and timely advice to all Royal Arch Masons.

The social hour that followed was packed full of the very finest of fraternal fellowship and goodwill.

Mount Olivet Chapter No. 17—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on September 15th, the weather and roads were good and there were sixteen members and two visitors present.

There was no Degree work owing to the fact that the H.R.A. Degree had been conferred at the previous meeting.

Their books are kept in splendid shape and their finances are in good condition. Altogether Mount Olivet is in a very healthy condition despite the fact that she has given birth to two very splendid daughters, Viking Chapter No. 32 and Hamar U.D. which drew practically one hundred per cent of their Charter membership from Mount Olivet.

At the social hour that followed the meeting several short talks were given which showed definitely that the Officers and Companions are keenly interested in Capitular Masonry and are determined to keep their work, also the fraternal fellowship, at a high level.

Parklands Chapter No. 31—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on September 23rd at the Regular meeting with twelve members and seventeen visitors present.

This was my last official visit in the eastern section of the District and there were visitors from each of the other four Chapters in that section of the District as well as from Saskatoon and Edmonton. It is indeed gratifying to see the splendid support these Chapters give to each other and to The Grand Chapter.

There was no degree work but a number of candidates were balled on and I fully intended to go back for one of the Degrees, but found it impossible to do so, but a report brought to me by a visitor was that the work was done in a splendid manner.

I again visited Parklands Chapter on January 27th, being invited by R.E. Companion W. L. Mundy to assist in the installation of their Officers, and I found them to be in a very healthy condition and a good group of Companions going into office.

The fine fraternal spirit that prevailed at the social hour showed the companions to be alert and aggressive and thoroughly enjoying Capitular Masonry.

Edson Chapter No. 30—I paid my official visit to Edson Chapter on November 13th at a special meeting called for the purpose of conferring the M.M.M., M.E.M., and H.R.A. Degrees on a class of Candidates.

The Edson companions were assisted in the work by the Companions from Edmonton, twelve members and thirty visiting Companions being present.

In checking their mailing list I found that prior to 1948 only four members resided in the Town of Edson, the remainder being scat-
lettered from Prince Rupert to Halifax, so it is easy to understand the
difficulty in holding meetings; but according to their minute book
they have held the meetings with the required number of Compan-
ions in attendance.

With the new members exalted in 1948 they now have ten mem-
ers residing in Edson, fourteen on the Coal Branch, eight in Edmon-
ton, six throughout Alberta, Ontario and Nova Scotia, and nine mem-
ers reside in B.C.

This Chapter exalted twelve new members and lost one by Demit
from January 1st, 1948, to November 13th, 1949, leaving a net total of
forty-seven members.

With the optimism and determination of the Edson Companions I
feel sure that they will be taking over some, if not all, of the shields
offered for a ten per cent increase in membership in 1948, 1949 and
1950.

Norwood Chapter No. 18—I paid my official visit to this Chapter
November 25th, at a Regular Convocation, the weather being fine and
there were nineteen members and sixteen visitors present.

Five Candidates were exalted to the Supreme Degree of the H.R.A.
by the regular Officers, with some assistance from the Past Principals,
the work being done in a very creditable manner.

This Chapter is in a strong position and making good progress.
Their books and records are kept in a very able manner; finances are
in good shape, and they have a splendid group of very good workers
who take a pardonable pride in doing their work well. Their social
hour at the close of the meetings shows a warmth and depth of good-
will and fraternal fellowship.

Capital City Chapter No. 13—I paid my official visit to this Chapter
at the Regular meeting on February 11th, and despite the fact
that we were having the worst blizzard of the winter there were twenty-
three members and three visitors present. The mercury stood at thirty
below and a forty-mile wind blew steadily.

The M.E.M. Degree was conferred on two candidates by a special
Degree team, the work being done in an excellent manner.

I have attended all of the meetings of this Chapter throughout
the year. Their work is constantly kept at a very high standard, their
books and finances are in very good shape and a warm spirit of fra-
ternal fellowship permeates every meeting.

North Star Chapter No. 2—I paid my official visit to this, my own,
Chapter at the Regular meeting on February 17th and although the
mercury stood at thirty below and the annual bonspiel was on, there
were twenty-seven members and two visitors present beside the three
Candidates for the M.M.M. Degree.

This degree was very ably conferred by the regular Officers, some
of the lectures being given by Past Principals.

On account of ill health, M.E. Companion W. T. Coote was com-
pelled to retire from active Chapter work and Ex. Comp. G. A. Kirby
was elected to fill the office of Scribe E., which he is doing in a very capable manner.

The Companions and the large circle of friends of M.E. Companion W. T. Coote wish for him a speedy and complete recovery.

**District Meeting**—The District Meeting was held at Edmonton on October 29th. R.E. Companion A. A. Cashman was introduced by E. Companion L. Osberg, accorded the grand honours, welcomed and requested to assume the Sceptre. He then requested E. Companion J. H. Cochrane to retire and introduce the Grand First Principal, M.E. Companion A. L. Williams, who was accompanied by M.E. Companions H. Sandilands, A. B. McCurdy, E. G. Ellerton and R. M. Lambertson, was accorded the grand honours, welcomed and requested to assume the sceptre. Before returning the sceptre he thanked the Companions for their welcome and hoped that all would receive instructions, guidance and light.

Very encouraging reports were given on behalf of their respective Chapters, showing that progress was being made and bright prospects for the future were anticipated.

A resolution was passed to divide the District with one of the Edmonton Chapters and the five Chapters east of Edmonton, forming one District. No specific Edmonton Chapter was mentioned, but in my contact with the Chapters I am convinced, and will recommend, that Vermillion No. 14, Mount Olivet No. 17, Parklands No. 31, Viking No. 32, and Hamar U.D. form one District and that North Star No. 2, Capital City No. 13, Norwood No. 18, Edson No. 30 and Wapiti U.D. form the other. Any new Chapter in Peace River could be added to the latter District.

E. Companion L. B. McCoomb of Capital City Chapter was chosen Grand Superintendent of District No. 1 for the ensuing year, subject to the approval of the Grand First Principal.

In a summary of the year’s work I find that all Chapters have exalted new members and that each Chapter has a fine slate of officers for the year 1949, and while it is true that some of the officers in important places are young Royal Arch Masons, particularly Edson No. 30, yet this Chapter is fortunate in having older Companions capable of giving splendid leadership, and I have no hesitation in predicting that Edson is well on the road to prosperity, and the same is true of the new Chapters of District No. 1.

I wish to express my thanks to every Chapter and to each Companion of the District for the warm welcome and the hearty cooperation extended through the year; my special thanks to M.E. Companion A. L. Williams and M.E. Companion R. M. Lambertson, Rt. Ex. Comps. J. C. Mundy and G. L. Tipp for their valued assistance.

During the year I travelled a total of 5,300 miles and attended forty-two Chapter meetings.

Fraternally submitted,

A. A. Cashman,
Grand Superintendent.
DISTRICT NO. 2

To the Most Excellent The Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.
Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 2 for the past Grand Chapter year.

VISITS

Bow Valley Chapter No. 10—Gleichen, Alberta, April 12th, 1948—
There were twenty members and one visitor present, the H.R.A. Degree was conferred on six candidates in a very efficient manner by the Officers of the Chapter. With so many young upstanding Companions being exalted, renewed interest is apparent in older Companions and I am sure that Bow Valley Chapter is decidedly on the move.

Due to circumstances beyond my control I was unable to visit this Chapter and install the Officers before July.

Hiram Chapter No. 19—Youngstown, Alberta, September 20th, 1949—There were thirty-five members and twelve visitors present; the regular business was conducted in a very able manner; a very enthusiastic and inspiring meeting. Most of the members live on farms and some are quite a distance, resulting in small attendance when weather and roads are bad.

On December 22nd I again visited this Chapter, leaving Hussar at 2:30 p.m. and arriving home at 4:30 a.m., but enjoyed the trip, and the meeting very much. At this meeting I asked for and received the unanimous consent of the Chapter for the Instituting of Empress Chapter U.D.

Hanna Chapter No. 28—Hanna, Alberta, September 28th, 1949—Joint meeting with Hiram Chapter No. 19, there were thirty-five members and fourteen visitors present, two petitions for Exaltation were accepted. This Chapter is making good progress and have a good background of older Officers and Companions. Good results may be expected in the future.

Eheye Chapter No. 27—Drumheller, Alberta, October 7th, 1948—There were twenty-two members and six visitors present; the M.M.M. Degree was conferred on six candidates.

On December 2nd, 1948, the H.R.A. Degree was conferred on four candidates by the Past Principals of the Chapter. On April 7th the M.M.M. Degree was conferred on six candidates. The Officers are alert and doing fine work. Their meetings are always enjoyable and instructive; each succeeding group of Officers are very efficient under the able tutorship of M.E. Companion W. A. Irving.

Harmoney Chapter No. 26—Bassano, Alberta, October 27th, 1948—There were thirteen members and three visitors present. The H.R.A. Degree was conferred on six candidates. On December 8th the M.M.M. Degree was conferred on five candidates and the election of Officers. on March 23rd the M.E.M. Degree was conferred on five candidates. This being my own Chapter I visited all meetings and installed the
Officers. A very fine group of young Companions have been exalted and the prospects are very fine for the future. At this meeting we left Calgary at 5:00 p.m. and arrived home at 4:30 a.m., encountering heavy snow, but managed to make the trip without mishap. I was accompanied by M.E. Companion F. J. Hand and Companion B. D. Fessenden.

**Empress Chapter U.D.—Empress, Alberta, December 20th, 1948—**

There were eighteen members and five visitors present at the Institution of this Chapter. Applications are being received at almost every meeting and, under the able guidance of V.E. Comp. J. Campbell, I am sure they will grow strong and healthy.

I was very pleased to have the opportunity of Instituting this Chapter with the guiding assistance of R.E. Companion J. L. Innes, Grand H., and R.E. Companion H. E. Bentley, Grand Scribe E., and it was an experience that I will cherish as long as life endures.

**District Meeting—** The District meeting was held in Drumheller on October 21st, 1948, and opened by the Officers of Eheyeh Chapter No. 27, at 8:30 p.m. R.E. Companion E. J. Bell, Grand Superintendent, accompanied by other Grand Chapter Officers, was duly received, welcomed, accorded the grand honours and requested to assume the sceptre.

Reports were received from representatives of the different Chapters, showing that the District as a whole was in a good substantial position and that good results could be expected in the future. During the question period, R.E. Companion H. E. Bentley answered all questions asked on the work.

Ex Companion J. W. N. Beamish of Hiram Chapter No. 19 was elected Grand Superintendent of District No. 2, subject to the approval of the Grand First Principal.

Ex. Companion A. B. Hunter and the Officers of Eheyeh Chapter conferred the M.M.M. Degree on four candidates in a very creditable manner.

M.E. Companion A. L. Williams addressed the meeting which was very much appreciated by the Companions. R.E. Companion J. L. Innes, Grand H., and R.E. Companion H. E. Bentley, Grand Scribe E., spoke briefly, congratulating the Companions on a splendid meeting.

The past year has been very enjoyable and I feel that we have every reason to be optimistic for the conditions of Capitular Masonry in District No. 2. Harmony has prevailed and there have been no appeals or grievances, and all meetings have been held regularly or under dispensation. All Chapters have changed their by-laws to conform with the Thirty-five dollars minimum fee for Exaltation.

The Chapters are doing quite a lot of charity work in their respective Districts with relief to families of needy Companions, flowers and gifts to hospital patients and all civic and social functions find Chapter members giving a helping and guiding hand.

Fraternally submitted,

E. J. Bell,
Grand Superintendent.
DISTRICT NO. 3

To The Most Excellent The Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.
Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 3 for the past Grand Chapter year.

Banff Chapter No. 20—Banff, Alberta, October 23rd, 1948 — There were fifteen members and thirty-nine visitors present. The M.M.M. Degree was conferred in an excellent manner by the Officers of the Chapter. On April 23rd there were seventeen members and thirteen visitors present. The H.R.A. Degree was conferred in an excellent manner by the Officers of the Chapter, their books and records are in fine shape and their financial standing good. Great credit is due to this Chapter for the interest they take in Capitular Masonry and the true Royal Arch welcome which they extend to all visitors.

Strathmore Chapter No. 21—Strathmore, Alberta, November 11th, 1948.—There were thirty members present and twenty visitors; the H.R.A. Degree was conferred in an excellent manner by the Officers of the Chapter; the books and records are in fine shape. This Chapter is known for its hospitality in looking after visitors and practising the true Masonic spirit.

Crescent Chapter No. 24—Calgary, Alberta, November 3rd, 1948.—There were thirty members and twenty-nine visitors present. The H.R.A. Degree was conferred by the Officers of the Chapter in a very impressive manner. The books and records are in fine shape and the financial standing sound. This Chapter is to be commended on the spirit of Companionship prevailing among its members and the manner in which they entertain visitors.

Otuskwan Chapter No. 9—Calgary, Alberta, November 18th, 1948.—There were seventy-four members and fifty-three visitors present. The H.R.A. Degree was conferred in an excellent manner. This Chapter is making very good progress, having exalted over twenty-four candidates this year. Their books and records are in fine shape and their financial standing very good. They are to be commended in still continuing their interest in the Annual Picnic for the Children of the Woods Christian Home.

Alberta Chapter No. 1—Calgary, Alberta, December 13th, 1948.—There were thirty-five members and twenty-two visitors present. The H.R.A. Degree was conferred in an excellent manner by the Officers of the Chapter; the books and records are very well kept and their financial standing sound. This is a friendly Chapter and is making steady progress in Capitular Masonry.

Calgary Chapter No. 11—Calgary, Alberta, November 16th, 1948.—There were forty-four members and ten visitors present. The H.R.A. Degree was conferred in an excellent manner by the Officers of the Chapter. This is my own Chapter and I have followed its progress with eager anticipation this year, and find that they are making steady advancement; their books and records are in fine shape and their financial standing good.
Keystone Chapter No. 12—Red Deer, Alberta, February 26th, 1949.—

There were thirty-eight members and thirty-eight visitors present. The H.R.A. Degree was conferred in an excellent manner by the Officers of the Chapter. This Chapter is to be commended on the attendance; because of the distance the Companions have to travel to attend the meetings. The books and records are in good shape and their financial standing good.

District Meeting—The District Meeting was held on November 5th, 1948. The Grand Superintendent, R.E. Companion J. McDonald, was received, welcomed, accorded the grand honours and requested to assume the sceptre. He then received the Grand First Principal, M.E. Companion A. L. Williams, and the accompanying Grand Chapter Officers, who were welcomed, accorded the grand honours, and requested to approach the East. The Grand First Principal then thanked the Companions and requested the Grand Superintendent to carry on with the business of the District Meeting. Progress reports were received from representatives of each Chapter and gave a very good picture of the conditions of Capitular Masonry, showing steady but sure progress. Ex. Comp. R. J. Smith of Crescent Chapter No. 24, was elected Grand Superintendent for the ensuing year, subject to confirmation by the Grand First Principal. M.E. Companion A. L. Williams gave a very inspiring address, touching on many topics of interest to Capitular Masonry. R.E. Companion J. McDonald thanked the Grand First Principal for his remarks.

I visited each Chapter in the District and found that all Chapters are doing good work and that Capitular Masonry is making steady progress in District No. 3.

Fraternally submitted,
J. McDonald,
Grand Superintendent.

DISTRICT NO. 4

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta. Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 4 for the past Grand Chapter year.

VISITS

Assiniboia Chapter No. 3, Medicine Hat—My official visit to this Chapter was made on November 18th, 1948.

There were forty members present, as well as ten visitors. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred in a very impressive manner, for which this Chapter is noted.

This Chapter is very active and reflects great credit on the officers.

Shekinah Chapter No. 4, Lethbridge—An official visit was made on November 10th, 1948, at which Convocation there were 32 members and 3 visitors present.
The Mark Master Mason Degree was conferred in a very satisfactory manner.

The Chapter is making real progress, their records are very well kept, and harmony prevails in the Chapter.

Golden West Chapter No. 5, High River—This being my own Chapter, my official visit was made on October 26th, 1948. There were 30 members present, and the Most Excellent Master Degree was conferred in an excellent manner. Everything points to another successful year and the records are kept in good order.

Kether Chapter No. 8, Pincher Creek—The date of my official visit was October 21st, 1948. Sixteen members and three visitors were present. The average attendance of this Chapter is quite good, and progress is being made. The Companionship displayed is very noticeable and they make their welcome very sincere. Future prospects are very good.

Hillvue Chapter No. 15, Hillcrest—I made my official visit to this Chapter on October 15th, 1948. Ten members were in attendance with four visitors present. No degrees were conferred, but the business was transacted with efficiency. There is every reason to believe that this Chapter will continue to carry on with vigor.

Tau Cross Chapter No. 16, Claresholm—On November 9th, 1948, I paid my official visit to this Chapter, with 24 members and seven visitors being present. The Mark Mason Degree was conferred at this time in a very able manner. The business was well carried out, and the books and records are being kept in a very satisfactory manner. The finances of the Chapter are in good shape.

District Meeting—The District Meeting of District No. 4 was held in High River, November 23rd, 1948, with all Chapters of the District represented with the exception of Hillvue Chapter. A total of 160 Companions were in attendance, including the Grand Council and other Grand Chapter officers. The highlights of the District Meeting were the address of the Grand First Principal, M.E. Comp. A. L. Williams, and the very able manner in which the question period was handled by the Grand Scribe, E., R. Ex. Comp. H. E. Bentley.

The election of the incoming Grand Superintendent of District No. 4 was deferred.

At this time I would like to express my appreciation to the Companions of Golden West Chapter No. 5, who accompanied me on my official visits. In conclusion, I wish to thank the Companions who elected me to this high office and for the warm welcome I received on each visit.

Fraternally submitted,

P. C. Dougherty,
Grand Superintendent.
Report of the Grand Scribe E.

To the Most Excellent The Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, I have the pleasure of presenting my report for the past Grand Chapter year, ending February 28th, 1949, together with the Grand Treasurer's financial statements and the Auditor's reports.

We have passed through a busy and successful year, much has been accomplished, returns have been received from all Chapters and Scribes E., are to be commended on their co-operation.

Our present membership shows a net increase of 223 for the past year ending December 31st, 1948.

**STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP**

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**Increase**

| Admissions | 235 |
| Affiliations | 58 |
| Restorations | 3 |

**Decrease**

| Demitted | 28 |
| Deleted | 4 |
| Deaths | 41 |
| Number of members as at December 31st, 1948 | 2,334 |

Net Increase—223.

**CONSTITUENT CHAPITERS STATEMENT**

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**Affiliations**


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Banff No. 20 ........... C. McLeeod Rennie.
Hanna No. 28 ........... E. O. Coults.
Viking No. 32 ........... W. L Mundy, A L Williams, R. M. Lambertson.

**Restorations**

Capital City No. 13 ........... J. B. Oliver, H. J. Armitage.
Vermilion No. 14 ........... N. McClelian.

**Demitted**

North Star No. 2 ........... N. G. Rusk, W. M. Byers
Shekinah No. 4 ........... E. R. Nicholls, R Neil.
Golden West No. 5 ........... R. F. Hunt.
Bow Valley No. 10 ........... E. O. Coults.
Keystone No. 12 ........... H. B. George, H. S. Mann.
Capital City No. 13 ........... H. J. Armitage.
Mount Olivet No. 17 ........... D. V. Gilmour, F. B. Reishus, W. D. Murdock.
The Hiram No. 19 ........... E. G. Parsons.
Strathmore No. 21 ........... D. A. Perry, G. Thubron.
Crescent No. 24 ........... F. McFarlane.
Hanna No. 28 ........... A. B. Maclean, W. C. Noble, R. E. Newcom.
Edson No. 30 ........... J. E. Bell.
Parklands No. 31 ........... F. F. Mitchell.

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Crescent No. 24 ........... J. W. Munro.

**AUDITOR’S REPORT**

To the Audit and Finance Committee, Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

(1) I have audited the books and accounts of the Grand Chapter for the year ending February 28th, 1949, and submit herewith:—

(a) Treasurer’s Statement.
(b) Benevolence Fund Statement.
(c) Expense and Revenue Account.
(d) Constituent Chapters’ Statement.
(e) Balance Sheet as at February 28th, 1949.

(2) I have inspected the securities in (b) and (e) and find them to be in accordance with the records.

(3) Inventories of supplies on hand have been listed and priced by the G.S.E. who certifies them to be correct.
(4) The statements presented herewith are correct and in accordance with the books.

(5) In view of the surrender of the Charter of Mount Horeb No. 6, I recommend the balance of $8.64 be written off.

Fraternally submitted,
HENRY W. FORD, C.A.
Auditor.

GRAND TREASURER'S STATEMENT

RECEIPTS
Balance on hand February 29th, 1948 .................................................. $3,442.36
Received from Chapters ........................................................................... 2,851.47
Cash Sales, Supplies .................................................................................. 9.65
Interest ........................................................................................................ 99.00
Dominion of Canada Bond Redeemed .................................................... 100.00
Jasper Park Debentures redeemed ........................................................... 300.00

$6,802.48

PAYMENTS
Orders on Treasurer ................................................................................. $2,728.21
Bank S.D. Box .......................................................................................... 3.00
Exchange ..................................................................................................... 11.07

2,742.28

Balance in Bank .......................................................................................... 4,060.20

$6,802.48

BENEVOLENCE FUND
As at February 28, 1949 .......................................................................... $2,690.00
Consisting of Dominion of Canada Bonds and War Savings Certificates.

EXPENSE AND REVENUE STATEMENT

EXPENSES
Grand Convocation:
Proceedings .............................................................................................. $ 447.12
Notices ......................................................................................................... 11.34
Hall Rent ..................................................................................................... 25.00
Grand Tyler ............................................................................................... 5.00
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Fraternally Submitted,
F. J. Hand,
Grand Scribe E.

On the motion of M.E. Companion F. J. Hand, seconded by M.E. Companion J. V. Follett, it was

RESOLVED that the report of the Grand Scribe E. be received and referred to the Committee on Audit and Finance.
### Balance Sheet as at February 29, 1949

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.
Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your committee on the Grand First Principal's address reports as follows:

In perusing the address of our Grand First Principal, it is very evident that he has, at all times during his term of office, laboured increasingly in and without our jurisdiction for a greater advancement in the Royal Craft, and renewed interest in work.

We join with the Grand First Principal in welcoming the Distinguished Visitors in our midst today. The presence of our visitors from the various Grand Chapters in Canada is always welcome. We are pleased to have with us Representatives of other Grand Bodies in Alberta and today we are honored by the presence of Rt. W. Brother Waldo Empey.

In the address we note the passing of two Past Grand First Principals, M.E. Comp. Norman T. McLeod and M.E. Comp. William T. Coote. We will miss these two Companions who have contributed so much to the Royal Craft. We endorse what the Grand First Principal says of these outstanding Companions.

We congratulate the Grand First Principal on being elected an Honorary Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan. His presence at the Convocations of these Grand Chapters will do much to cement the good feeling existing between the bodies in Western Canada. We regret his inability to attend the Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, but we were ably represented by M.E. Companion J. E. Rannard as Proxy. The Grand First Principal was in attendance at Great Priory in Toronto and was received officially by that body. At Montana our Grand Scribe E., R.E. Companion H. E. Bentley, represented Alberta.

We were pleased that M.E. Companion A. L. Williams was able to attend many Craft gatherings and was present at the Session of Grand Lodge.

We would recommend that part of the address referring to changes in the District be referred to the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry.

We concur in all the Dispensations issued by the Grand First Principal.

We note, with pleasure, that M.E. Companion Williams was able to attend and take part in the Conference of Canadian Grand Chapters. We congratulate M.E. Companion S. H. Middleton on being chosen as chairman for this year. We concur in the recommendation of the Grand First Principal "That this Grand Chapter continue to co-operate in future meetings."
We were pleased that the Grand First Principal issued a Dispensation for Wapiti Chapter at Grande Prairie. This Chapter should have a bright future; also Empress Chapter, which was granted a Dispensation and started out with a fair membership.

It is worthy of note that nine of our Chapters had an increase of over ten per cent.

We concur in the appointment of R.E. Companion H. E. Bentley as acting Grand J., and M.E. Companion Fred J. Hand as acting Grand Scribe E. We regret that R.E. Companion Gaskell found it necessary to move to British Columbia.

We endorse the appointments of Grand Representatives which were made during the year.

Fraternally submitted,

M. M. DOWNEY.
Chairman.

G. B. McLEOD
E. G. ELLERTON
J. E. RANNARD
J. V. FOLLETT
E. J. HAND
J. W. C. MORRISON

A. B. McCURDY
H. W. B. BELL
W. H. SCOTT
R. M. LAMBERTSON
W. A. IRVING

On the motion of M.E. Companion M. M. Downey, seconded by M.E. Companion W. H. Scott, it was

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee on the Grand First Principal's address be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT AND FINANCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee has examined the reports of the Grand Scribe Ezra and the Grand Treasurer, as well as the report of R.E. Companion H. W. Ford, C.A., Auditor for the past Grand Chapter year ending February 28th, 1949.

1. We recommend the acceptance of the reports of the Grand Scribe Ezra, Grand Treasurer and Auditor.

2. We recommend to the Executive Committee of Grand Chapter that R.E. Companion H. W. Ford, C.A., be continued as Auditor for the ensuing Grand Chapter year at the same honorarium, $25.00.

3. We recommend that the printing of the Proceedings for 1949 be awarded to The Albertan Job Press Ltd., who submitted the best tender, on the same basis as last year.

4. We recommend that $2,000.00 be invested in Dominion Government Bonds.
5. In accordance with Clause C, Section 21, of the Constitution, your Committee submits the following estimate for the probable expenditure or expenses of Grand Chapter for the year ending February 28th, 1950:

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All of which is fraternally submitted,

H. W. B. BELL,
Chairman,

J. V. FOLLETT T. S. JEFFERY
C. H. MINCHIN H. E. BENTLEY
R. M. LAMBERTSON

On the motion of M.E. Companion H. W. B. Bell, seconded by M.E. Companion J. V. Follett, it was

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY IN ALBERTA**

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry report as follows:

We have examined the reports as received from your District Superintendents and are glad to note Progress in all Districts and in practically all Chapters in each District. Royal Arch Masonry continues on the march in our jurisdiction, and again the totals show a very nice overall increase in membership and in attendance.

The District meetings were well attended by representatives of the Constituent Chapters and from the many questions asked and comments made there is more than an ordinary amount of interest being taken in matters strictly confined to the Royal Craft. We would point out, however, that the passing of resolutions that are contrary
to the Grand Chapter regulations is only a waste of time. If Grand Chapters statutes do not meet with your approval, we suggest that the proper course to follow is to give notice of motion to the Grand Scribe E., in ample time, so that it can be inserted in the Grand Chapter notice of Annual Convocation and can be decided at the meeting.

**District No. 1**—Owing to the activity in forming new Chapters in the North Country we find that this District now comprises ten Chapters with the probable founding of still another Chapter in the Peace River Country in the near future. This, we think, is far too large a district, and are therefore recommending that a new district—District No. 5—be formed to consist of Vermillion No. 14, Mount Olivet No. 17, Parklands No. 31, Viking No. 32, and Hamar U.D.

This will leave District No. 1, consisting of Capital City No. 13, North Star No. 2, Norwood No. 18, Edson No. 30 and Wapiti U.D. To this District would be added any new Chapter that may be formed in the Peace River District.

We note that the District Superintendent recently elected for District No. 1 is Ex. Companion L. B. Mccoombe of Capital City No. 13. As Ex. Comp. L. B. Mccoombe will now be a member of District No. 1, we suggest that he be confirmed as District Superintendent of District No. 1 and that District No. 5 elect its District Superintendent at this Grand Chapter Convocation and that the Grand First Principal appoint a Steward for this new District.

Every Chapter in this District showed an increase in membership, and we heartily congratulate the following Chapters for 10 per cent or more increase: Viking No. 32, 29.16%, the best record in the jurisdiction; Edson No. 30, 27.77%; Parklands No. 31, 22.77%; Norwood No. 18, 13.15%; and Vermillion No. 14, 12.50%. Certificates of merit will be mailed from the General Grand Chapter in due course.

Your Committee offers its very heartiest congratulations to R.E. Companion A. A. Cashman for performing his duties in a very capable manner, he having travelled some 5,300 miles in the course of his term of office and attended forty-two Chapter meetings. A very excellent achievement. We trust his successors in Districts No. 1 and No. 5 will show equal zeal and accomplish equally good results.

This Committee joins with all Royal Arch Masons in Alberta in expressing its deepest sympathy to North Star Chapter No. 2 in the loss it has sustained in the passing of our beloved M.E. Companion W. T. Coote.

**District No. 2**—This District seems to have had more than the usual amount of unexpected difficulties owing to unfavourable weather conditions during the winter season. The District Superintendent found it almost physically impossible to visit the individual Chapters as he would have liked. All Chapters, except Eheyeh No. 27, have most of their membership in the country districts and consequently meetings were not so well attended. This also applied to the District meeting, which was held in Drumheller. However, while there was lack of members, there was no shortage of enthusiasm.

Under the leadership of R.E. Comp. E. J. Bell, this District has had one of its best years, all Chapters being very active and promoting the cause of Royal Arch Masonry in their respective areas.
We congratulate the District Superintendent on having the privilege of instituting Empress Chapter U.D. during his term of office and also on the fine showing this new Chapter has made to date under the leadership of E. Comp. J. Campbell. We wish this new Chapter at Empress every success and trust that all Grand Chapter Officers, Past and present in District No. 2, will do everything to assist and support it.

While Bow Valley No. 10 and the Hiram No. 19 showed a slight decrease and Hanna No. 28 remained stationary for the year, we are happy to congratulate both Harmony No. 26 and Eheyeh No. 27 on increasing their memberships 19.30% and 10.58% respectively. We note that M.E. Companion W. A. Irving has been of great value in this District by his enthusiasm and leadership. This is just what we would expect from our M.E. Companion, and trust he will have many more years to devote to Royal Arch Masonry in this District.

We note with great pleasure that all Chapters in this District are actively engaged in charitable work, more particularly as it is chiefly devoted to local needs and assistance to Companions and their families when in trouble. Truly "Charity begins at home", but on occasions it is desirable to extend the barriers.

The presence of the Grand First Principal at the District meeting at Drumheller was an inspiration; all Chapters were represented; the Grand Scribe E. was at his best in answering all questions asked about the "work". Ex. Comp. J. W. Beamish of the Hiram Chapter No. 19 was elected Grand Superintendent for the ensuing year.

While winter weather conditions often prevent members from attending their various Chapters, there is no shortage of enthusiasm and a very high standard of Fraternal love and belief in Capitular Masonry is abroad and very evident in the whole District.

District No. 3—With the exception of Keystone Chapter No. 12, which showed a decrease of one member, all the other Chapters increased their membership for a total of 56; Otuskwan No. 9 increased by 12.96%, and Crescent No. 24 by 10.22%.

The District meeting in Calgary under the direction of R.E. Companion James McDonald was well attended. Every Chapter was well represented; enthusiasm was the keynote, and the address of the Grand First Principal was an outstanding feature.

Owing to the Woods Christian Home being located in this District all the Chapters contributed handsomely towards the funds of this charitable institution. Keystone No. 12 is to be specially mentioned for having donated $110.00 cash for charitable purposes during the year and Otuskwan No. 9 for its continuation of the Annual Woods Home Picnic.

We note that this District appears to give more attention to educational work than is usually reported—not only do they confer degrees with impressiveness and solemnity, but at all regular meetings some addresses or discussions are arranged. This is a feature that is probably carried on much more widely than is reported to this committee. We commend it to the incoming Superintendents and hope they will induce the Chapters under their supervision to increase this very worthy and worthwhile part of our meetings and activities.
District No. 4—This District has had one of its best years in a long time. Every Chapter shows an increase in membership although none was in the 10% increase category. We are looking for that honour to be gained by at least one of these Chapters in the current year.

We congratulate Assiniboia No. 3 on its very excellent benevolent activities and the delightful fraternal spirit exhibited on all possible occasions, and also Golden West No. 5 on the continuance of its Annual Game Dinner meeting. This is, without doubt, the highlight meeting of any Chapter in this District, and we would strongly recommend this gathering to any Royal Arch Mason who has not had the opportunity of being present heretofore.

In our last Annual Report this Committee recommended that the Chapters in District No. 4 discuss the possibility of moving Hillvue Chapter No. 15 to another locality. We have no knowledge or report of this having been considered, and would draw the attention of the Grand Scribe E. to our 1948 recommendation so that action can be taken during 1950.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Shekinah No. 4 on the recent death of their esteemed Companion and our Past Grand First Principal of 1920, M.E. Companion Norman T. McLeod. We wish to compliment Shekinah Companions for their visits and cheer to this Companion during a long and tedious hospital illness.

General—We note a total of 28 demits during the year. We wonder how many of these could have been kept in the fold if sufficient thought and personal contact had been properly exercised, although we realize that a goodly percentage of demitting Companions affiliate with other Chapters. This is one place where a strong membership committee in each Chapter could tighten a very substantial loss in membership. Is it possible for the Grand Scribe E. to have a reason sent him from each local Scribe E. for demissions. During the year we increased our total membership by 223 net. This is a very creditable showing and Qualifies the Grand Chapter for a 10% Certificate.

For efficient work and faithful services rendered we recommend that the rank of Past Grand District Superintendent be conferred on R.E. Companions A. A. Cashman, E. J. Bell, James McDonald and P. D. Dougherty, and that each be allowed an honorarium of $25.00.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. B. BELL
E. G. ELLERTON
W. A. IRVING

On the motion of M.E. Companion J. V. Follett, seconded by M.E. Companion H. W. B. Bell, it was

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry in Alberta be received and adopted.

ELECTION OF GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

In accordance with the report of the Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry, and a communication sent to the Grand Superintendent of District No. 1, R.E. Comp. A. A. Cashman, to be prepared
to elect a Grand Superintendent for the new District No. 5. M.E. Comp. J. W. G. Morrison nominated Ex. Comp. Lars Osberg of Viking Chapter No. 32 as Grand Superintendent for District No. 5. There being no other nomination, Ex. Comp. Lars Osberg was declared elected and his election Confirmed by the Grand First Principal.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS
To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Nothing requiring the attention of your Committee has been submitted. We commend the Chapters on the harmony which prevails.

Fraternally submitted,
S. H. MIDDLETON, Chairman.
H. SANDILANDS
W. H. SCOTT
A. B. McCURDY
F. J. HAND

On the motion of M.E. Companion F. J. Hand, seconded by M.E. Companion H. Sandilands, it was
RESOLVED that the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE
To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence herewith submits its report for the year 1948-49.

No matter requiring the attention of your Committee has been referred to it for consideration since our last Grand Convocation.

Fraternally submitted,
J. W. G. MORRISON, Chairman.
M. M. DOWNEY
F. J. HAND
C. H. MINCHIN
A. B. McCURDY
W. A. IRVING

On the motion of M.E. Companion F. J. Hand, seconded by M.E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison, it was
RESOLVED that the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE
To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.
Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The Committee on Benevolence reports that no requests for assistance from the Benevolence Fund of Grand Chapter were received during the past year.

We understand that many of our Constituent Chapters have made contributions to worthwhile charities. We commend the action of these Chapters.

Grand Chapter should keep in mind that we have been and are passing through years that are plentiful and in consequence should keep up the funds of this Committee. The time will come in the near future when this Committee will be more active than at present.

We recommend the following grants be made:
- Fifty dollars to the Woods Home.
- Fifty dollars to the Anglican Old Folks Home.
- Fifty dollars to the United Church Old Folks Home.

Fraternally submitted,
M. M. DOWNEY, Chairman.
G. B. McLEOD
J. E. RANNARD
T. J. CUMBERLAND
C. H. MINCHIN

On the motion of M.E. Companion M. M. Downey, seconded by M.E. Companion G. B. McLeod, it was RESOLVED that the report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Once again, as is the custom of this Grand Chapter, we pause in our deliberations to pay our respect and reverence to the memory of those of our Companions, together with those of other Grand Jurisdictions, who have passed the veils that separate this mortal existence from that Undissolving Lodge Above.

'Tis hard to take the burden up
When these have laid it down;
They brighten'd all the joys of life,
They softened every frown.

But Oh! 'tis good to think of them
When we are troubled sore;
Thanks be to God that such have been
Although they are no more.

But while we revere the memory of our departed Companions, the thought comes to us all that we cannot add to, or take away, anything from the lives of those we honour, but rather that this message should be to the living that they may gain inspiration for the
tasks that lie before them, ere the week close and the Sabbath of Eternity begins.

With all my might  
I will essay  
Sweet comfort and delight  
To all I meet, upon the Pilgrim way;  
For no man travels twice  
The Great Highway  
That climbs through darkness up to Light,  
Through night to day.

To many persons, Death is a menacing shadow ever present throughout life, but this same shadow is the nourishing stimulus that forces man to realize his immortality. It is as natural to die as it is to be born, and we should realize that what has been done has gone; what we are now doing is entering the pathway to the past, and that it is only the future that holds promise of life.

We are deeply sympathetic to the loved ones who are bereaved by the passing of those whose memory we reverence today, and trust that our God will give to them His kindness, comfort and peace.

To weary hearts, to mourning homes,  
God’s meekest angel gently comes:  
No power has he to banish pain,  
Or give us back our lost again;  
And yet, in tenderest love, our dear  
And Heavenly Father sends him here.

There’s quiet in the angel’s glance,  
There’s rest in his still countenance:  
He mocks no grief with idle cheer,  
Nor wounds with words the mourner’s ear;  
But, ills and woes he may not cure,  
He kindly trains us to endure.

We have been graciously spared from open gaps in the ranks of our Grand Chapter Officers and for this mercy we are devoutly thankful, though we regret very much the enforced resignation of our Grand Third Principal through ill health.

We have, however, been parted from some of our older Companions. Most Excellent Companion William T. Coote, who was Grand First Principal in 1923, and who was beloved by all who came in contact with him, his kindly advice, sterling character, and decisive directness of purpose, together with a happy knack of saying the right things at the right time, endeared him to us; and we mourn the passing of this genuine Companion in Royal Arch Masonry.

Most Excellent Companion Norman T. MacLeod, Grand First Principal in 1920, passed the veils on April 5th, 1949. The older Companions will remember his cheery disposition and wise counsel.

Right Excellent Companion Frank Tuesdale, Past Grand Superintendent, and Most Excellent Companion Irving Stafford, Honourary Past Grand First Principal of this Grand Chapter, and Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, have received their final
earthly call, as have also 41 of our beloved Companions from subordinate Chapters, and for these Companions who have never been weighted down by high offices or titles, but who have proved themselves faithful, steadfast, true and noble to their trust, and who during the year have unalteringly answered the summons of the Great God of our faith, we extend our gratitude for having been permitted to know and associate with them, and to appreciate their worthwhile qualities and draw inspiration from their constancy.

To gain admission to, and to take part in, a higher spiritual life, are the aims and ideals which we are taught throughout the whole of our Masonic career, but we sadly realize that this can only be attained by passing from this life to another through the gate known to us as Death. Life is a never-ending roadway running on and into the eternal and everlasting dawns; death is but a passing incident in our journey, and so, tearful but smiling, lonely but brave, grieving but hopeful, let us bend all our energies to so perfect our thoughts and spiritual essence that, trusting in the Great Jehovah, we may, in the fulness of time, fearlessly tread the unknown paths to eternity, there to rejoin our Companions in perfect concord.

As distant lands beyond the sea,
When friends go thence, draw nigh'
So Heaven, when friends have thither gone,
Draws nearer from the sky.

And as those lands the dearer grow,
When friends are long away;
So Heaven itself, through loved ones dead,
Grows nearer, day by day.

Trouble is that which brings forth the finer qualities of the soul, and since man is heir to trouble in this life, it must be for some high and noble purpose. Could there be courage if there were no danger, tenderness if there were no pain, sympathy if there were no hardship or immortality if there were nothing other than this life? Companions, there must be a high and noble purpose behind this arrangement of life which abounds in all manner of trouble, and the way we overcome them is the crucible which separates the gold from the dross and fits us for that higher life in that house not made with hands, Eternal in the Heavens.

And so, Companions, the commission sent to our departed loved ones is also to be our commission in the not too distant future; so let us to work with renewed energy, greater loyalty and higher devotion that the Great Architect will be graciously pleased to receive us with the greeting, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Fraternally submitted,

H. E. BENTLEY, Chairman.
A. WEST
A. B. McCURDY
J. E. RANNARD
"From life to dust and dust to life,
We trace the orbit of mankind;
From grief to joy and joy to grief,
Find passion flowers with thorns entwined.

Death's well-worn scythe shall gather all,
With sheaves from all the seeds they've sown;
But each will hear the reaper's call,
How well or ill God's work was done"
DEATHS IN OUR JURISDICTION

Golden West Chapter No. 5 ...................................... E. H. Schhardt, H. C. Eyres, G. W. Buchanan.
Otuskwan Chapter No. 9 ......................................... J. S. Murray, M.D.; E. M. Hatten, R. S. Hinton, F. V. Truesdale.
Calgary Chapter No. 11 ........................................... J. Brown, F. E. Osborne, C. Elliott.
Keystone Chapter No. 12 ......................................... M. O. Fletcher, J. Fraser, J. Horne, W. J. White.
Capital City Chapter No. 13 ..................................... C. F. Bradford, J. F. Clarke, N. McClellan.
Vermilion Chapter No. 14 ....................................... T. H. Jeffries, P.G.H.P. J. W. Riley, P.G.H.P.
Tau Cross Chapter No. 16 ....................................... O. Houde, R. M. Kinghorn, O. A. Hastings, W. Gibb.
Strathmore Chapter No. 21 ...................................... W. N. Watson.
Crescent Chapter No. 24 ......................................... D. L. Willetts.
Edson Chapter No. 30 ............................................. A. J. Boomer.
Viking Chapter No. 32 ............................................ R. M. Kinghorn.

DEATHS IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Arizona .............................................................. James Whitstine, P.G.H.P.
British Columbia .................................................. W. P. Marchant, P.G.Z. H. H. Watson, P.G.Z.
Delaware ............................................................ W. A. Trotter, P.G.H.P. J. W. Macklin, P.G.H.P.
Georgia .............................................................. T. H. Jeffries, P.G.H.P. J. W. Riley, P.G.H.P.
Iowa ................................................................. C. C. Hunt, P.G.H.P. C. A. Schlechter, P.G.H.P.
Illinois .............................................................. D. S. Watson, P.G.H.P.
Kentucky ............................................................. Allen Cook Terhune, P.G.H.P.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee reports that harmony and co-operation continue to exist between this Grand Chapter and all other Grand Chapters with whom we are in correspondence.

Gains in membership are the general rule in most Grand Jurisdictions with emphasis being placed upon quality as well as quantity.

The issuance of certificates by the General Grand Chapter for increases of ten per cent or over in membership has resulted in marked impetus by the Companions in this regard.

The Second Conference of Canadian Grand Chapters was held last fall and the minutes are in the hands of the Grand Scribe E. We urge the Companions to make full use of them.
Proceedings of most other Grand Chapters have been received and are being reviewed by your Committee. We recommend that these reviews be included in our proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,
J. W. VERGE, Chairman.
J. V. FOLLETT
J. E. RANNARD
E. G. IRONSIDES
J. W. G. MÓRISON
T. J. CUMBERLAND
W. H. SCOTT
H. E. BENTLEY
N. B. WILLIAMS
G. GRIEVE
J. V. DODDS
H. W. B. BELL
E. G. ELLERTON
R. M. LAMBERTSON

On the motion of R.E. Companion H. E. Bentley, seconded by M.E. Companion J. V. Follett, it was RESOLVED that the report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON WORK

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee reports that no matters have been referred to it with reference to the work.

There appears to be a keen desire on the part of Chapter Officers to confer Degrees efficiently and with the proper dignity and we trust this worthwhile endeavor will continue.

The District Meetings have been productive of much enquiry regarding certain matters in the conferring of Degrees which have been satisfactorily explained or exemplified.

Your Committee would reiterate its previous recommendation that the Past First Principals give their attention to the work as obtains in their respective Chapters by attending practices and Degrees and by offering constructive criticism and advice which cannot but contribute to the benefit of all concerned.

Fraternally submitted,
H. E. BENTLEY, Chairman.
S. H. MIDDLETON
W. H. SCOTT

On the motion of R.E. Companion H. E. Bentley, seconded by M.E. Companion W. H. Scott, it was RESOLVED that the report of the Permanent Committee on Work be received and adopted.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY, RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee in making this report can only stress the importance of the Grand Chapter Library and the many fine works that it contains and urge the Companions to make use of this fine selection of books in the preparation of addresses and talks.

The Committee is pleased to report that a considerable use has been made of the Grand Chapter Library during the year, and would again suggest that some Companion in each Chapter take up this interesting work and prepare short addresses to be given at some or all Regular Convocations when no Degrees are being exemplified.

The Committee would point out that the Proceedings sent to each Chapter are the property of the Chapter for the benefit of all Companions and would suggest that a careful perusal of the inside of the cover of each proceedings be carefully read and complied with.

Fraternally submitted,

F. J. HAND, Chairman.
H. SANDILANDS
J. E. RANNARD
J. W. G. MORRISON
S. H. MIDDLETON
T. J. CUMBERLAND
A. WEST

On the motion of M.E. Companion F. J. Hand, seconded by M.E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison, it was RESOLVED that the report of the Committee on Library, Research and Education be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE FORTY-SEVENTH TRIENNIAL CONVOCATION OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASON

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

It was my privilege and honour to act as proxy for the Grand Chapter of Alberta at the 47th Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, held in the City of New York, United States of America, on October 6th and 7th, 1948.

Owing to illness, M.E. Companion E. N. Spottswood of Montana the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, who is well and favourably known in Alberta, was unable to be present, and M.E. Companion Earl E. Dusenbery, the General Grand King, presided in his stead in a most capable manner and carried all the duties of the office to the entire satisfaction of all.

It will not be necessary for me to go into details as a resume Roscoe R. Walcutt, as well as several bulletins from the Grand High of the Convocation has been issued by the General Grand Secretary,
Priest, M.E. Companion E. E. Dusenbery, in connection with the principal programme for this Triennial—that of dispensing Light and Knowledge to the uninformed Mason and increasing, if possible, our Royal Arch membership by 10 per cent or more each year.

It was my privilege to introduce to the General Grand Chapter one of our Past Grand First Principals, the Rev. Archdeacon S. H. Middleton, as the Sovereign Grand Master of the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine of Canada, who was received with Grand Honours and heartily welcomed by the General Grand High Priest, M.E. Companion Earl E. Dusenbery. I would say at this time that I acted as proxy for Alberta due to the fact that M.E. Companion S. H. Middleton was only staying for the first day of the Convocation, October 6th.

I was gratified by being requested by M.E. Companion Earl E. Dusenbery to act as the member from Alberta on the Committee on Royal Arch Advancement, which honor I deeply appreciated and trust that my efforts in this connection will be of some value and that we will be able to increase our membership in Alberta by at least ten per cent.

The General Grand Chapter will continue to issue certificates to all Chapters of the Jurisdiction who make a ten per cent increase or more increase in their membership with a slight change from the former plan. All Chapters making the increase will receive a white certificate for 1948; if same Chapter makes ten per cent again in 1949 they will receive a silver certificate, and if they again make the same increase in 1950 they will receive a gold certificate; while if they make a ten per cent increase for four years in succession they will be entitled to a bronze certificate.

As suggested by M.E. Companion Earl E. Dusenbery, in one of his bulletins that the Grand Scribe E. issue a bulletin to all Chapters re this certificate plan, which could be sent out at the same time with the Proceedings of Grand Chapter, and in this way would not entail any additional expense, except the cost of the bulletin, which the writer would be pleased to take care of and the matter of the certificates and the ten per cent increase could be a duty of the Grand Superintendent to bring the matter up at the District Meetings and also when they make their official visits to the Chapters in their District.

There is also the Royal Arch Magazine issued by General Grand Chapter which I recommend most highly as a means of increasing interest in Royal Arch Masonry at a very small cost to our members.

Fraternally submitted,
J. EDGAR RANNARD.

On the motion of M.E. Companion J. E. RANNARD, Seconded by M.E. Companion R. M. Lambertson, it was RESOLVED that the report of Forty-Seventh Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons be received and adopted.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your Executive Committee recommends that a nominal fee of $150.00 be set as the amount to be paid by new Chapters for Regalia loaned by Grand Chapter, and this regalia to become their property.

Your Executive Committee also recommends that in view of the proposed visit of the General Grand High Priest, of the General Grand
Chapter, M.E. Companion Earl E. Dusenbery, to Alaska and his return through Alberta in August, that arrangements be made for a meeting to be held for the reception of the General Grand High Priest, and other Distinguished Companions, and that the Grand Council be authorized to make the necessary arrangements.

On the motion of R.E. Companion H. E. Bentley, seconded by M.E. Companion J. E. Rannard, it was RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Executive Committee be received and adopted.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

In accordance with the notice of motion given by R.E. Companion H. E. Bentley, seconded by M.E. Companion H. W. B. Bell, it was RESOLVED that Section 114 of the Constitution be amended by deleting the figures $3.00 where they appear after the word certificate in the twenty-seventh (27th) line, and substituting the figures $5.00 in lieu thereof.

Letter received from the Royal Arch Mason Magazine advising that the subscriptions for each Constituent Chapter expire with the current March issue.

On the motion of M.E. Companion M. M. Downey, seconded by M.E. Companion G. B. McLeod, it was RESOLVED that the matter of subscriptions be referred to the Committee on Finance.

**HONORARY MEMBERSHIP CONFERRED**

On the motion of M.E. Companion R. M. Lambertson, seconded by M.E. Companion W. H. Scott, it was unanimously Resolved that the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta confer Honorary Life Membership on Most Excellent Companion W. E. Bristowe, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, Most Excellent Companion R. W. Kirkby, Past Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, Most Excellent Companion W. R. Shanklin, Past Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, and Most Excellent Companion Clarence M. Pitts, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada, with the Rank of Honorary Past Grand First Principal.

The Most Excellent Companions expressed their appreciation of these honours and thanked the Companions for the many kindnesses shown them on their visit to Alberta.

On the motion of M.E. Companion Dr. J. V. Follett, seconded by R.E. Companion R. C. Rankin, it was resolved that the sum of $75.00 be voted to help defray expenses incurred in connection with entertainment and banquet provided for this Grand Chapter.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS**

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Credentials presents herewith the report for the Thirty-fifth Annual Convocation.
Number of Chapters represented—Twenty-six. Total vote—One hundred and thirty-five.

Fraternally submitted,
G. LYNN TIPP (Chairman)
A. A. CASHMAN
E. J. BELL
J. McDONALD
P. DOUGHERTY

On the motion of R.E. Companion G. L. Tipp, seconded by R.E. Companion A. A. Cashman, it was Resolved that the report of the committee on Credentials be received and adopted.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The Grand First Principal invited M.E. Companion Frank Van Demark, M.E. Companion A. A. Wilson and Companion John France-Hughes to act as scrutineers.

The election was then proceeded with, the following being elected:

Grand First Principal ........................................... M.E. Companion J. L. Innes
Grand Second Principal ........................................ R.E. Companion H. E. Bentley
Grand Third Principal .......................................... R.E. Companion A. Peart
Grand Treasurer ................................................ R.E. Companion T. S. Jeffery
Grand Scribe E. (Secretary) ................................. M.E. Companion F. J. Hand
Grand Scribe N. ................................................ R.E. Companion J. A. Dutton
Grand Principal Sojourner .................................. R.E. Companion J. N. Dodds
Grand Registrar ............................................... R.E. Companion E. J. Friend

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS**

R.E. Companions W. J. Bockling, F. W. McJunkin, W. Roper, J. W. Verge were elected for a two-year term.

M.E. Companion W. E. Bristowe, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, was requested by the Grand Z. to address the Companions when he gave an interesting address touching the many highlights of his year of office, and in closing brought greetings from the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan.

M.E. Companion R. W. Kirby, Past Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, upon being invited to address the Companions, thanked them for the honour conferred and for the wealth of friendship extended to him on his visit to Alberta.

M.E. Companion W. R. Shanklin, Past Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, upon being invited to address the Companions, concurred in all that had been said and thanked the Companions for the many kindnesses that had been extended to him.

M.E. Companion Clarence M. Pitts, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada, upon being invited to address the Companions, told of his visit to Edmonton over thirty years ago and thanked those responsible for his drive through Edmonton, stating...
that if over a period of years he made another visit that it might be necessary to have a guide for the growth of the City of Edmonton was beyond everything that he had imagined. He brought greetings from the Mother Grand Chapter of Canada and thanked the Companions for the many kindesses that he had received at their hands.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The Installation was then proceeded with, M.E. Companion W. A. Irving being requested by the Grand First Principal to perform this ceremony. M.E. Companion R. M. Lambertson acted as Director of Ceremonies.

M.E. Companion J. L. Innes, R.E. Companion H. E. Bentley and R.E. Companion A. Peart, addressed the Grand Chapter, thanking the Companions for the confidence placed in them and assuring the Companions that with their aid and assistance they would try to live up to the examples set by their predecessors in office.

On the motion of M.E. Companion J. V. Follett seconded by M.E. Companion R. M. Lambertson, it was RESOLVED that the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to the Scrutineers for the excellent manner in which the results of the Election had been handled.

M.E. Companion J. L. Innes thanked M.E. Companion W. A. Irving and M.E. Companion R. M. Lambertson on behalf of the Grand Chapter for the splendid manner in which the Installation of Officers was conducted.

NEXT PLACE OF ANNUAL CONVOCATION

The Thirty-Sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, will be held in the City of Calgary on the Second Wednesday, May 10th, 1950.

GRAND CHAPTER CLOSED

The Thirty-Fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta was closed in AMPLE FORM at 4:30 p.m. by the Grand First Principal, M.E. Companion J. L. Innes.

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Grand Superintendent: R.E. Companion L.B. McCoombe
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No. 13. Capital City ................................................ Edmonton
No. 18. Norwood .................................................. Edmonton
No. 30. Edson ....................................................... Edson
No. 34. Wapiti ...................................................... Grande Prairie

District No. 2
Grand Superintendent: R.E. Companion J.W.N. Beamish
Address: Youngstown, Alberta

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No. 19. The Hiram ................................................... Youngstown
No. 26. Harmony .................................................... Bassano
No. 27. Eheyeh ...................................................... Drumheller
No. 28. Hanna ....................................................... Hanna
No. 35. Empress ...................................................... Empress

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Address: 520 - 12th Avenue East, Calgary, Alberta

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No. 9. Otuskwan .................................................... Calgary
No. 11. Calgary ..................................................... Calgary
No. 20. Banff ......................................................... Banff
No. 21. Strathmore .................................................. Strathmore
No. 24. Crescent .................................................... Calgary

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Grand Superintendent: R.E. Companion W. Marcellus
Address: Fishburn, Alberta

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No. 4. Shekinah ..................................................... Lethbridge
No. 5. Golden West ............................................... High River
No. 8. Kether ......................................................... Pincher Creek
No. 15. Hillvue ..................................................... Hillcrest
No. 16. Tau Cross ................................................... Claresholm

District No. 5
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No. 17. Mount Olivet ............................................... Killam
No. 31. Parklands .................................................. Wainwright
No. 32. Viking ....................................................... Viking
No. 33. Hamar ....................................................... Hughenden
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G. C. Burgess ......................................... Saskatchewan
H. de Roche ........................................... Saskatchewan
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*H. L. Adolph ........................................ Manitoba
*R. J. F. Coster .................................... Saskatchewan
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W. B. Hooker ......................................... Saskatchewan
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S. D. Cruden ......................................... Manitoba
C. E. Cole ........................................... Manitoba
S. H. Jackson ......................................... Saskatchewan
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I. Stafford ........................................... Ohio
J. E. Nunn ........................................... Saskatchewan
A. A. Wilson ......................................... Saskatchewan
C. F. Lidster ......................................... Manitoba
W. E. Bristowe ....................................... Saskatchewan
R. W. Kirby ........................................... Saskatchewan
W. R. Shanklin ...................................... Saskatchewan
Clarence M. Pitts ................................... Canada
GRAND SCRIBES E.

M. M. Downey ........................................ 1914 - 1916
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* C. K. Wentzel ...................................... 1925 - 1932
* C. A. MacPherson ................................ 1933 - 1945
Harold Bentley ...................................... 1946 - 1948
F. J. Hand ........................................... 1949 -

GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS SINCE ORGANIZATION
MAY 19th, 1914

*S. Y. Taylor ...................................... 1914
*J. N. Rankin ....................................... 1915
F. S. Watson ........................................ 1916
*R. Patterson ........................................ 1917
*A. R. Dickson ..................................... 1918
M. M. Downey ........................................ 1919
*N. T. Macleod ...................................... 1920
*H. Darling ......................................... 1921
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S. H. Middleton .................................... 1925
E. G. Ironside ...................................... 1926
*W. M. McNab ........................................ 1927
*F. S. Selwood ...................................... 1928
*J. R. Plan .......................................... 1929
J. W. G. Morrison .................................. 1930
J. A. McGhee ........................................ 1931

* Deceased.  † Demitted.

J. V. Follett ........................................ 1932
A. West .............................................. 1933
A. Davison ........................................... 1934
*W. E. Mercer ........................................ 1935
H. Sandilands ....................................... 1936
C. H. Minchin ........................................ 1937
A. B. McCurdy ....................................... 1938
H. W. B. Bell ........................................ 1939
W. H. Scott .......................................... 1940
*W. B. Way ........................................... 1941
J. E. Rannard ........................................ 1942
E. G. Elliott ......................................... 1943
F. J. Hand ........................................... 1944
T. J. Cumberland ................................... 1945
R. M. Lambertson .................................. 1946
W. A. Innes .......................................... 1947
A. L. Williams ...................................... 1948
J. L. Innes ........................................... 1949
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

R.E. Companion H. E. Bentley, Chairman
M.E. Companion J. L. Innes, First Grand Principal

R.E. Companion A. Peart ........................................... Grand J.
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R.E. Companion J. W. N. Beamish ................................. Grand Supt. District No. 2
R.E. Companion R. J. Smith ....................................... Grand Supt. District No. 3
R.E. Companion W. Marcellus ..................................... Grand Supt. District No. 4
R.E. Companion Lars Osberg ....................................... Grand Supt. District No. 5
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R.E. Companion F. J. Hand ........................................ Grand Scribe E.
R.E. Companion J. A. Dutton .................................... Grand Scribe N.

All Past Grand First Principals by virtue of Office.

ELECTED BY GRAND CHAPTER

R.E. Companion W. J. Bocking .................................. Two years
R.E. Companion Frank McJunkin ................................. Two years
R.E. Companion Wright Roper ................................... Two years
R.E. Companion J. W. Verge ..................................... Two years
R.E. Companion W. L. Mundy .................................... One year
R.E. Companion G. L. Tipp ...................................... One year
R.E. Companion R. C. Rankin ................................... One year
R.E. Companion G. Sweeting .................................... One year

APPOINTED OFFICERS

R.E. Companion H. E. Bentley .................................. Grand Lecturer
V.E. Companion A. W. Longson ................................ Grand Senior Sojourner
V.E. Companion T. F. Jones .................................... Grand Junior Sojourner
V.E. Companion C. W. Woolley ................................ Grand Sword Bearer
V.E. Companion G. R. Sterling ................................ Grand Master First Veil
V.E. Companion T. Gold ......................................... Grand Master Second Veil
V.E. Companion E. W. Taylor .................................. Grand Master Third Veil
V.E. Companion G. A. Kirby .................................. Grand Master Fourth Veil
M.E. Companion W. A. Irving ................................ Grand Director of Ceremonies
V.E. Companion S. W. Bridges ................................ Grand Organist
V.E. Companion O. Lindgren .................................. Grand Pursuivant
V.E. Companion A. C. Burnup ................................ Grand Steward
V.E. Companion A. E. Hunter .................................. Grand Steward
V.E. Companion F. P. Brady .................................. Grand Steward
V.E. Companion G. Lambert .................................. Grand Steward
V.E. Companion E. H. Targett ................................ Grand Steward
V.E. Companion Gaius Allen ................................ Grand Tyler
SUB-COMMITTEES

Grand First Principal's Address—M.E. Companion M. M. Downey, Chairman, and all Past Grand First Principals.

Credentials—R.E. Companion W. J. Bocking, Chairman, and all Grand Superintendents.


Permanent Committee on Work—R.E. Companion H. E. Bentley, Chairman; M.E. Companion Reverend S. H. Middleton; M.E. Companion W. H. Scott.


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The Grand Council of Annointed High Priests of the Province of Alberta, convened in Annual Convention in the Masonic Temple, Edmonton, on Wednesday, May 11th, A.D. 1949, A.E. 3862, at 5 p.m. The Convention was Opened in Ample Form with the following Officers:

M.E. Companion H. W. B. Bell ................................................. President
M.E. Companion J. L. Innes .................................................. Vice-President
M.E. Companion F. J. Hand .................................................. Chaplain
R.E. Companion H. E. Bentley ............................................... Recorder
R.E. Companion F. Mayer ..................................................... Master of Ceremonies
M.E. Companion J. E. Rannard .............................................. Conductor
M.E. Companion W. A. Irving ................................................ Herald
R.E. Companion G. L. Tipp ................................................... Steward
R.E. Companion P. Fielding ................................................ Sentinel

The Minutes of the previous Convention were adopted.

Petitions were received from the following Excellent Companions: W. G. Hartley, 3; L. E. Newby, 26; J. Campbell, 35; L. B. McCoomb, 13; E. J. Friend, 9; K. H. Walker, 19; R. J. Smith, 24; A. E. Neal, 5; P. Dougherty, 5; Wm. Smith Jr., 17; L. Osberg, 32; H. R. Brooke, 22; J. H. Cochrane, 33; L. Myggland, 31; N. S. Weatherhead, 16; W. L. Mundy, 2; J. D. H. Fraser, 24; Wright Roper, 2; S. W. Cameron, 9; H. S. Baird, 13; G. Acton, 9; A. Peart, 2.

It was moved by R.E. Companion H. E. Bentley, seconded by M.E. Companion J. E. Ranaard and adopted, that the Order be conferred upon M.E. Companion Alfred A. Wilson and M.E. Companion R. W. Kirby of Saskatchewan, as Honorary Members, and that the other applications be accepted and the Order conferred.

The above-named twenty-four Excellent Companions were then Introduced, Annointed and Consecrated in due and Ancient Form.

The Convention was then closed in Solemn Form at 5:45 p.m.

HAROLD BENTLEY, Recorder.

H. W. B. BELL, President.
MEMBERS


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GRAND CHAPTER PROCEEDINGS

REVIEWED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE COMMITTEE

Alabama  Montana  Nevada
British Columbia  New Brunswick
California  New Hampshire
Canada  New Jersey
Connecticut  New York
Delaware  New Zealand
District of Columbia  North Carolina
Florida  South Carolina
Georgia  North Dakota
Idaho  Nova Scotia
Illinois  Oklahoma
Iowa  Quebec
Kansas  Saskatchewan
Kentucky  South Dakota
Louisiana  Tennessee
Maine  Vermont
Manitoba  Victoria
Massachusetts  Washington
Minnesota  Wisconsin
Mississippi
Missouri
ALABAMA

The One Hundred and Twenty-second Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter of Alabama was held in the Masonic Temple, Montgomery, Ala., November 15, 1948. Set gain in membership was 477 standing at Oct. 15, 1948, being 8,539. Twelve Chapters had net 10% gain, one Chapter had over 100% net gain, this being No. 197 at Fort Payne, the membership of 83 being increased by 97 net. G.H.P. Most Excellent Companion James M. Jones gave an address worthy of very much note and consideration. He said in part: “Today, as never before, there is a greater need for the unity in thoughts, in words and in actions of all the people of the world at large to bring about peace on earth and goodwill toward men. Our thoughts are manifested and realized in act human or act Divine. The knowledge of the principles of right living have been in man’s mind since first his Creator breathed into him and he became a living soul, but principles alone never lifted society one step upward on the ladder whose top reaches Heaven EXCEPT when they have been applied through tried and proven personalities, through the words and actions of men who have seen their truth, and sought before God day and night to apply them in every relationship of life.” The report of the Committee on Masonry and American Citizenship is a very challenging document. In part it, too, said as follows: “Threatened as we are with the spread of totalitarian ideas and under the obligation of fighting fire with fire, it is necessary that during this period of uncertainty the old spirit of the Constitution be kept alive lest respect for the finest instrument of Government ever conceived by statesmen be one of the first post-war casualties. If one will examine the Constitution of the United States, he will soon discover so true and loyally the framers built that before centralization of government can be established the Constitution will have to be destroyed—that before human liberty, free thought, free assembly, freedom of the press, free speech and religious freedom can perish on this continent the Constitution must first perish—that before the voice of the people in Government can be silenced the Constitution must be torn to shreds. Its terms and its conditions provide one great design—that is to protect human rights and guarantee human liberty. It is a document which lifted the average man from a state of serfdom to that of a sovereign. It is something more than a legal document. It is a spiritual creation as well.”

Capitular Masonry in Alabama inspired by two such powerful addresses of Most Excellent Companion Jones and Col. Woolsey Finnell (Masonry and American Citizenship), will be on the march onward and upward.

E. G. E.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

A Special Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Salmon Arm on October 10th, 1947, for the purpose of Consecrating Granite Chapter No. 29, and Installing and Investing its officers. We congratulate British Columbia Grand Chapter on the Consecration of this new Chapter and express the hope that Granite Chapter will hold a leading and honorable place among the Constituent Chapters in
its Jurisdiction. This Convocation was under the direction of M.E. Comp. John H. Morgan, P.G.Z.

The Thirtieth Annual Convocation was held in the City of Vancouver on June 16th, 1948, under the direction of M.E. Comp. Edgar B. Baker, Grand Z. Among the Past Grand Zs present we note with satisfaction our own M.E. Comp. Ed. Ironsides. It also pleased us to see that our Grand Representative R.E. Comp. Andrew Coutts was present. Distinguished visitors from Missouri, Saskatchewan, Washington and Montana were received and given the usual Masonic welcome with suitable honours.

M.E. Comp. Baker certainly had a busy term of office. His visits to Constituent Chapters and the kindly receptions given him by the Companions are tributes to his industry and devotion to the cause of R.A. Masonry in our sister province, that he received such support and spiritual assistance from the Grand Architect is encouragement for all from leaders to humble members, to never forget the Great name and purpose on which Royal Arch Masonry rests.

This Grand body publishes a pamphlet, the "Keystone", which is meant for educational purposes, and its Editor, Ex. Comp. J. G. Brown, on the eve of an extended holiday to the "Old Country", was honoured by being given the Rank and Title of R. Ex. Comp. We do not know R.E. Comp. Brown personally, but judging by the enthusiasm expressed when the Honour was conferred, we are sure it was a well deserved tribute.

In his general remarks the Grand First Principal deals with new Chapters, office of the Grand Scribe E., recompense for Grand Superintendents, Report of Grand Chapter proceedings; Division of District 2, the spirit of Royal Arch Masonry, Ritualistic Procedure and Masonic Funerals. Regarding payment of Grand Superintendents, the Committee on the Grand Z's address turned "thumbs down" on the suggestion and remarked "The duties of these important officers are no more exacting than when the Grand Chapter began. Companions were proud to serve then, and we see no reason for a change.

We concur entirely with these sentiments in spite of the fact that in Alberta we give a small Honorarium of Twenty-five dollars each to our Grand Superintendents. We think that the great honour and opportunity to serve the Royal Craft should be ample reward.

A detailed account of each Grand Superintendent's activities is printed in the proceedings and shows that each one performed the duties of his high office efficiently and satisfactorily.

This Grand Chapter has twenty-nine Constitutional Chapters on the roll and one under Dispensation at West Vancouver, with prospects of others being instituted in various parts of the province.

Total membership 2,735, a net gain of 282 for the year.

The report of the Committee on Rituals had much to say about the "Past Master Degree" and are asking for an expression of opinion from the Constituent Chapters as to whether this Degree should be
deleted, optional or obligatory. We do not have such a degree in Alberta but have seen it conferred in Montana. Frankly, we are not greatly impressed with its value or importance.

This Committee also advised the printing of a small booklet of instructions and explanations, chiefly for the M.M.M. and M.E.M. degrees in connection with floor work and to include a lecture dealing with the import and significance of the banners of the twelve tribes of Israel.

Before closing the Grand Chapter passed a resolution of loyalty to the British Crown and had the resolution forwarded through the proper diplomatic channels to His Majesty The King.

The Committee on Correspondence and Foreign Relations very generously reviewed Alberta’s 1947 Annual Convocation. Thanks, Comp. Miller.

M.E. Comp. John Macleod was elected and installed Grand Z. for the following year.

**CALIFORNIA**

The Ninety-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of California was opened in San Francisco on April 20th, 1948, by M.E. Companion C. O. Patten, P.G.H.P.

The Grand Council entered and assumed their stations with M.E. Companion G. W. Gurtner, Grand High Priest.

The flag of the United States was presented at the altar and all joined in the pledge of allegiance. It was then placed in the East and E. Companion William K. Forster paid a fitting tribute to it, dwelling on the meaning of its form and colors and their similarity to the color symbolism of Chapter Masonry. This appeals to me as a fitting ceremony as impressing on the Companions their duty of loyalty to their sovereign powers of their country.

Numerous representatives of other branches of Masonry and other Grand Jurisdictions were introduced and heartily welcomed.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, reported having travelled over forty thousand miles and made over one hundred visitations adding materially to his list of friends and finding pleasure and gratification in every mile.

Under the present system of Inspectors rather than Grand Deputy Lecturers and the Jurisdiction being divided into Departments, each under a Grand Officer, he reports a very close contact between the Grand and subordinate Chapters and a marked efficiency in the work and increase in attendance of subordinate Chapters. Two thousand, one hundred Companions were exalted during the year.

During the year a comprehensive history of Royal Arch Masonry in California has been completed, which is claimed to be the most
complete of any State history in the Union and is a source of great pride to this Grand Chapter.

An impressive address was delivered by Companion B. Tippet, Grand Chaplain, on the eternal quest of man for the spiritual values —values not contained in the moral code of the Master Mason degree but revealed to the longing eyes of the devout in the Royal Arch degrees.

There are one hundred and fifty active Chapters while twenty-eight warrants have been surrendered. Two thousand, one hundred and twenty-two Companions were exalted during the year, bringing the membership to 23,931, an increase of 1,589.

Financially they are rich, having assets of $106,647.46.

A very successful Convocation was brought to a close by the installation of officers with M.E. Companions George C. Verbryck as Grand High Priest.

T. J. C.

CANADA

The Ninetieth Annual Convocation held at Toronto, April 28th and 29th, 1948.

The Grand Convocation was opened in Ample Form by the Grand First Principal, M.E. Companion Fred W. Dean.

An imposing array of distinguished visitors were welcomed by M.E. Companion G. L. Gardiner, on behalf of the Grand First Principal, with a very fine address which is included and makes grand reading.

Seven Past Grand Z's were present and extended a sincere welcome by the Grand First Principal.

Forty-nine Grand Representatives answered the roll call, a truly remarkable gathering of the clans, M.E. Companion R. V. Conover, Grand Representative of Alberta, being present.

The address of the Grand Z covers fifty pages and is a fine record of outstanding accomplishments, energy and zeal for the Royal Craft. After paying sincere tribute to those who had passed the veils he also mentioned, among others, The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Harewood, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England and Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of England.

Regarding the Installation of his successor, His Grace The Duke of Devonshire, the installing officer said in part: It is provided in the regulations of the Royal Arch that the M.W. The Grand Master of the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England becomes the First Grand Principal of the Royal Arch, if he is a qualified Royal Arch Mason. The fact that he holds that very important position amongst Free and Accepted Masons is complete justification for his holding the other important appointment of First Grand Principal.

Before closing the Supreme Grand Chapter the newly installed First Grand Principal said in part: I count it a very high honour and
privilege to be First Grand Principal in this completion of the three degrees of ordinary Craft Masonry, which stresses so wonderfully and impressively the spiritual side of Freemasonry. It is, perhaps, not every Craft Mason who is fully qualified to join the Royal Arch, but there are very many and ever increasing numbers of Masons who find in the Royal Arch, with its emphasis on the essentially spiritual side of Freemasonry, great solace and comfort; and I want to say again what a great privilege I feel it is to be the Supreme Ruler over the Royal Arch, which means so much to so many Masons.

We quote these passages to show that the Royal Arch is an essential part of Craft Masonry.

The Grand First Principal mentions numerous visits to Constituent Chapters and other GrandJurisdictions, and refers to the warm greetings and hospitality received on his visit to the Grand Chapter of Alberta. He also visited the Grand Chapters of Ohio, Michigan, Virginia, New York, Manitoba, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Quebec, truly a remarkable record when one considers his other visits to concordant Masonic Bodies.

With regard to per capita tax, he says in support of a suggestion matter, which must be faced soon. Many other Grand Jurisdictions that they be increased: I would emphasize the importance of this have found it necessary to raise their per capita tax in recent years. We should have faced this issue before now. While we have been enjoying the “fat years”, we should have been “laying in store” for the inevitable “lean years”, which always follow.

A concise and informative resume of the Conference of Canadian Grand Chapters is presented.

Ten Fifty-year jewels as Royal Arch Masons were presented and ten Fifty-year jewels as an installed First Principal have been presented (one this year).

The Grand First Principal says with regard to attendances: “That good fellowship which is so truly characteristic of Royal Arch Freemasonry cannot be enjoyed by those who absent themselves from the activities of their Chapter. He also states that the preparation of the monthly summonses is the responsibility of the First Principal, not the Scribe E. Filling these up with long lists of Past Z’s may be very laudable in many ways but cannot be of great interest to the Companons. The inside pages should contain newsy items and information that will create interest. With regard to fees he says: Placing Exaltation fees too low defeats its own purpose as prospective candidates are unlikely to show interest in something on which we ourselves place too low a value.

Some sound reasoning is presented with regard to co-operation between Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, and regarding other Masonic Bodies he says: We must never cause any reflection to be cast upon us as Royal Arch Masons because of our attitude towards any other Masonic Body. We are all working toward the same ultimate end, to which each is making its own contribution, and each deserves our co-operation and encouragement. Perhaps the time has arrived when the leaders of all Masonic Bodies might, with benefit, get to-
gether occasionally in a Conference to discuss matters of mutual interest.

The conclusion of this splendid address is a worthy climax to a year of successful effort, zealous work, inspiring success and accomplishment, and we are thrilled by its many worthwhile passages and sage counsel; it is worthy of the great traditions of the mother Grand Chapter of our nation. Our comment is Companions read it.

The reports of the Grand Superintendents is a fine record of their painstaking care and efforts with the Constituent Chapters and show kindly supervision, with increased efficiency, resulting in better Chapters and in the ultimate end, better Royal Arch Masons.

The Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund reached a total of $41,971.68, the objective being $50,000.00. We think this is a splendid showing, although the Grand First Principal reports he is disappointed and says: "We recall the response of the Masons in London, England, during the 'Blitz' when asked to donate their Past Masters and Past Principals jewels as old gold, to aid their bombed out brethren, and who turned in $50,000 worth. What a sacrifice that was, and how keenly it must have been felt. Can we not emulate their example?"

The Grand Scribe E. reports that all Chapters have filed their returns and the only balance outstanding amounted to $151.85 and when one considers that Chapter receipts amounted to $13,214.85 we, in this corner, would say very good work, Companions of Ontario.

We note that the scrutineers were obligated by the Grand Z as to faithfully performing the duties of the office.

The sum of $1,600.00 was dispensed by way of Benevolence. The Finance Committee submitted a proposed budget of $16,981.00.

The Committee on The Condition of Capitular Masonry presents a very instructive and interesting report, stressing the need for work co-operation and faith in God. This report closes with the following: "In closing, let us be thankful for what we are, but strive to rejoice in and obtain a betterment of our conditions that Royal Arch Masonry always may be the thriving, fruitful field of a closely knit band of alive, energetic men working ever for their own and others' advancement to the utmost of human endeavour."

The vexing question of the financial status of life membership funds received the study of the Grand First Principal who appointed a special committee to bring in a report regarding how constituent Chapters could be helped by Grand Chapter. A very comprehensive report was submitted which should be drawn to the attention of all Chapters, for it contains much worthwhile ideas and suggestions.

The reviews by M.E. Companion G. L. Gardiner are a fine contribution to these proceedings and congratulations are extended for a splendid work. The Capitular World is opened to all who would read, mark and inwardly digest this resume of world-wide Royal Arch Masonry. Alberta is very favourably presented. Our thanks are extended.

Number of Chapters, 152; Membership, 18,456; increase, 832.

M.E. Companion Fred W. Dean re-elected Grand First Principal for the ensuing year.

H. E. B.
CONNECTICUT

1948: Burton H. Bruce, G.H. Priest. Membership, 10,812. Net gain, 281. Exaltations, 562. 28 reinstated. 15 affiliated and 28 de­mitted. Ritual is being clarified and corrected. Uniformity is being sought in the presentation of all secret work. This Grand Chapter was established in 1796. Herbert R. Trolle elected Grand High Priest.

J. W. G. M.

DELAWARE

The Eightieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Delaware was opened in the City of Wilmington, on January 20th, 1948, by the full Council under M.E. Companion William H. Cantwell, Grand High Priest. Distinguished visitors were present from ten sister Jurisdictions.

This is a small Jurisdiction with but five subordinate Chapters and a total membership of nine hundred and ninety-nine, a loss of ten for the year. Each Chapter had a small number of exaltations but the interest does not appear to be as great as could be hoped for.

The Grand High Priest visited all the Chapters and was a guest at the Grand Convocations of several of the adjoining States.

He admonished the Officers of Subordinate Chapters to live up to their appellation, High Priest—consecrated, anointed, set apart—if they would fully discharge to obligations they have voluntarily assumed. Royal Arch Masonry is not a destination but a journey in progressive science, a development of spiritual values. If the spiritual values are lost sight of, stagnation or worse is inevitable.

The Jurisdiction has a surplus of assets of $1,909.67.

The Officers for the ensuing year were installed under M.E. Companion F. Irving Crow, Grand High Priest.

T. J. C.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Eighty-first Annual Convocation at Washington, D.C., Feb. 11th, 1948. M.E. Companion Harry A. Strong, Grand High Priest, presiding. The Grand Chapter Officers, seven Grand High Priests, and many representatives from Constituent Chapters and distinguished Visitors were present and properly introduced. Alberta’s Grand Representative, Geo. H. Stiles, was not present. This we regret.

The G.H.P. was very diligent in his visits and reports having visited all of the Chapters in his Jurisdiction at least once and some of them several times. He found the General condition of the Chapters as very good and the outlook for the future hopeful. He states: "My object has been to lead my Companions in an endeavour to be better men, citizens and Masons; to create and develop interest in Capitular Masonry; to add to our membership; to give assistance, advice and
encouragement to our Constituent Chapters; and to impress upon men, more and more, their duty and responsibility to their God, their country, their neighbours and themselves.

Truly a worthy object for every Mason, whether an officer or a simple member, again he says: "Let us then as Masons rise and heed God's law and point the way for the rest of the world, for as 'ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.'"

The Grand Lecturer has this timely remark: "I would urge each of you as a Masonic and patriotic duty to continue true to your government, and just to your country and not to countenance disloyalty or rebellion. In these uncertain and troublesome times, that, my Companions, is one of the missions of Freemasonry, and believe me, you can't take it too seriously." This is just as applicable to Canada as to the United States.

This Grand Jurisdiction has Fourteen Chapters, a total membership of 4,737, with a net increase of 198 for the year. Alberta was very generously reviewed for 1947.

M.E. Companion Roy M. Stockman was elected G.H.P. for the following year.

J. V. F.

FLORIDA

The One Hundred and First Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Florida was held in the City of White Haven on May 19th, 1948. It was opened in Ample Form with a full Council under M.E. Companion Loren Lambert Dilger, Grand High Priest.

The Companions and numerous distinguished visitors were welcomed to the City by E. Comp. F. B. Nnoff, Past High Priest of White Haven Chapter.

In his address, The Grand High Priest reported extensive visiting among the subordinate Chapters and with other branches of Masonry and found strong evidences of enthusiasm and progress. The uncertainty of boundaries between Chapters and suspensions for non-payment of dues seem to call for serious thought and rectification throughout the Jurisdiction. In connection with non-payment of dues, the Grand High Priest recommended that when a case occurs the Companions who recommend the brothers for exaltation contact the delinquent rather than a general committee on arrears. This would have the effect of giving his sponsors a feeling of responsibility for his permanence and might strengthen his sense of duty to his friends. The plan, I believe, would be found beneficial in all Chapters.

Financially, this Chapter is in a strong position with $11,869 in the bank and $6,820 investments.

There are forty-nine Chapters with a membership of 6,347, a gain of 604. One member was expelled, an item that, fortunately rarely appears in the reports of our Chapters.

R.E. Companion David Meyer Winans was elected and installed Grand High Priest.

T. J. C.
The Fortieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of the State of Idaho convened in the Masonic Temple of St. Marie's on the tenth day of May, 1948, at 10:20 a.m.

The Convocation was opened by M.E. Companion John A. Johnson, Grand High Priest, in Ample Form with a prayer by the Grand Chaplain, M.E. George R. Radford.

Twelve Past Grand High Priests were in attendance.

Distinguished guests present were Companion Walter B. Saunders, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Wyoming, who was also personal representative of John Temple Rice, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States; Companion Roy V. Locey, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Idaho, and Jay Glover Eldridge, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Idaho. All were cordially welcomed, given Grand Honors and invited to take seats in the East.

The Grand Representative of Alberta, M.E. Companion Roy V. Locey, was present and answered the roll call.

Companion Edward H. Way, at the request of Sister Rachael Paulson, Worthy Grand Matron, presented a basket of flowers from the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star with their felicitations and best wishes for successful and happy meeting.

A beautiful basket of flowers was also received from the various Masonic Bodies of St. Marie's.

The address of the Grand High Priest, M.E. Companion John A. Johnson reveals a year of hard work in the interest of Capitular Masonry, he having visited every Subordinate Chapter but one.

The introductory paragraph was very beautifully worded and should be an inspiration to the Companion of St. Marie's.

Nine Excellent Companions received the Order of High Priesthood.

The review of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Alberta was brief but adequate.

Number of Chapters, 21; total membership, 2,468; net gain, 113.

M.E. Companion Elmer L. Casad was elected Grand High Priest for the ensuing year.

G. G.

The meeting was opened with an appropriate prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Past Grand High Priests, representatives of other Grand Chapters, distinguished guests and official visitors from the Grand Commandery K.T., Grand Council R. & S.M., Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. and Red Cross of Constantine, all of Illinois and visitors from Missouri, Michigan, Wisconsin and Louisiana, were all suitably welcomed and given the proper Masonic grand honors. The General Grand Chapter was represented by the General Grand High Priest, Earl E. Dusenberg, who made an excellent snappy speech, chiefly dealing with Royal Arch Masonry. He said: "To me the great object of Royal Arch Masonry is to disperse light and knowledge to our uninformed brethren and Companions. I know of no way this can be done except to secure the brother's petition, bring him into the Chapter and give him the Capitular Degrees. The Royal Arch Degree is the only Degree in Masonry that is suggested to a Candidate in a preceding degree."

He told of the General Grand Chapter certificates to subordinate Chapters for a 10% or more net gain during the year, and stated that there were eighty-nine Chapters (two of which were in Canada) that had made a net gain of 10% or more each year for five successive years (1943 through 1947) and each of these Chapters was given a bronze certificate and he presented such a certificate to Harrison Chapter No. 229, the only Chapter in Illinois qualifying. The Secretary of Harrison Chapter must have had more than the usual amount of Masonic pride on receiving the certificate on behalf of his Chapter; and it should spur this Chapter to even greater success in the future.

The address of the Grand High Priest is one of the best I have read for many years. It shows action in every department and action direct and determined. A study of M.E. Companion Campbell's photograph would lead one to expect plenty of energetic directives during his term. He visited eighty Chapters officially, ten Chapters unofficially and numerous Commandery, Grand Lodge, Grand Commandery, Grand Chapter, Grand Council and other meetings; wrote 1,500 letters and drove 20,000 miles in the service of his Grand Chapter. We admire his tenacity in compelling Secretaries of Constituent Chapters to report on the action held for which official dispensations were granted. We admire his attitude on dormant Chapters to keep them alive and active and particularly on the way he dealt with the two Chapters whose Charters were arrested, and we are particularly thrilled with his straightforward way of handling the writer of a disrespectful letter, even if the writer was a Chaplain.

If we had more men at the head of our Masonic bodies who had the courage of their convictions, and who insisted on Grand Chapter Constitutions being properly adhered to, I think the whole Craft would be much better. No danger of slipshod methods with "Campbells" showing the way.

We are also at one with your demand for early inspection. In Alberta we have been advising, but not insisting, on the District Superintendent visiting their Chapters as early as possible after their appointment, but we are far from satisfied with our results.

The Grand High Priest's outline of handling plurality of Candidates, especially on large classes on field days, is especially good and might be copied with profit by others.
His dealing with financial matters is also refreshing, expenses are greater than income—expenses are fixed and additional income is the only answer to security. He recommended that Grand Chapter dues be increased to one dollar per member and that the minimum from any Chapter be thirty-five dollars. This was concurred in by the Jurisprudence Committee and the necessary amendments made in the Constitution.

This Grand body is making elaborate plans for its Centennial Anniversary. Committees are formed, everybody is becoming enthused, and the objective is 10,000 Royal Arch Masons exalted during the campaign. There are forty Chapters in the State, the present membership being 35,671. Net increase for the year of 899. The Companions of this Jurisdiction have set a great objective. We trust they will be successful in their undertaking and that the Royal Craft will increase in numbers and usefulness in this State even beyond the wildest dreams of the sponsors.

That men value the Royal Arch Chapter was admirably shown when M.E. Companion Campbell had the pleasure of issuing seventy fifty-year certificates and the added pleasure of presenting several of them personally.

Alberta proceedings for 1948 are very generously reviewed, but we regret to notice that our representative near the Grand Chapter of Illinois, Comp. Dave Baxter, was not recorded as present.

M.E. Companion Frederick A. Thomann was elected and installed as G.H. Priest for 1949.

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IOWA

1948. M.E. Comp. Lloyd Rime, Grand High Priest. Alberta Grand representative M.E. Comp. Walter E. Gillette was present and extended greetings from the Grand Chapter of Alberta. Membership, 13,518. Net gain, 677. 37 active Chapters. Twenty Companions were added to the honor roll, having a continuous membership for a period of fifty years and more. 25 Chapters made gain of 10% and over. There were 972 exaltations. 214 demitted and 287 died. The Grand High Priest said: "Each organization is but a reflection of those who manage it and this truth is as evident in fraternal circles as it is in business if we are always able to select officers in our Chapters with both enthusiasm and ability and who would by their efforts keep the membership interested I am sure most of our difficulties would be over." It is interesting to note that in this Grand Jurisdiction there are nine Chapters that have a membership of over 300 each, the largest of these being at Des Moines with 848. M.E. Companion George E. Saunders elected Grand High Priest.

J. W. G. M.

KANSAS

The Eighty-third Annual Convocation held at Topeka on Monday and Tuesday, February 9th and 10th, 1948.
The Grand Convocation was opened in Ample Form by the Grand High Priest, M.E. Companion De Witt M. Stiles after prayer by Companion Orlo Cheguill, Grand Chaplain.

Seventeen Past Grand High Priests were present, but we are sorry to note that our Grand Representative is not listed as present.

Many very Distinguished Guests were welcomed by the Grand High Priest, including His Excellency Companion Frank Carlson, Governor of the State of Kansas, who responded with an appropriate talk on loyalty to country and duties of Masons in all walks of life.

The address of the Grand High Priest portrays some very fine and worthwhile thoughts and ideals, and is well worthy of study. It bespeaks a busy and successful year of effort in the cause of Capitular Masonry and exhorts all Companions to work together with an abiding trust in the Supreme Grand High Priest, Eternal in the Heavens.

We quote from this address: "Our generation fears and dreads the future and what it portends; and our individual liberties are facing perhaps greater dangers now than in many generations that have preceded us. Sound and sane thinking was never more important than now. The contribution of the Masonic philosophy toward shaping our national thinking must not be lessened, but must be extended. The contribution of Capitular Masonry toward the broadening and strengthening of every Mason's comprehension of, and veneration of, the Masonic philosophy must be increased."

It is noted that thirteen Companions were presented with Fifty Year emblems during the year 1947-1948. This a remarkable tribute to faithfulness and interest, as well as well-merited recognition.

The report of the Committee on Necrology contains some worthy paragraphs and we quote one of these: "There is so much in life that points to immortality. What ones of us have not looked upon the stars and planets and wondered at the Great Power that holds them in their courses. As we wondered we have known That Power is one of purpose, of intelligence, of absolute inclusiveness of the universe which He has created and especially of man to whom He has given intelligence and a keen consciousness of right. For the true Mason death is but a transition from this earthly temple to a true and immortal spiritual life beyond."

We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths;
In feelings, not in figures on a dial.
We should count time by heart throbs. He most lives
Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best.

The reviews are worthy of study and set forth the highlights of other Grand Jurisdictions in a concise and very readable manner. Alberta is well presented, Kenneth; thanks.

Fifty-six Excellent Companions were Consecrated, Anointed and Set Apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

Number of Chapters, 91; members, 13,755. Increase, 823.

M.E. Companion Theodore P. Perry elected Grand High Priest for the ensuing year.

J. E. R.
KENTUCKY

The One Hundred and Thirty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky was held at Louisville, Kentucky, Oct. 19th and 20th, 1948. Most Excellent Companion Clarence E. Tyree, Grand High Priest, packed a lot of useful and inspiring information into his address to make it pleasant and very profitable reading for all who were not fortunate enough to be present to hear it. On page 25 of the Proceedings Most Ex. Comp. Tyree climaxes his address with these words: “When I came to this new duty which was imposed upon me by your favor and good grace, I was impressed with a sense of great responsibility. I saw even then in the seeming distant future the end when I must lay down the emblem of my authority. The dusk of the evening of my day of labor is at hand, for I have come to my end of my reign of office; and now I return to you my commission after twelve months of service. The night is ready to fall upon my regency, but my interest, my zeal and my hopes for the future of Capitular Masonry will never cease. To my successor, my best wishes for the same never failing support that it has been my privilege to enjoy.

“I thank you one and all,

Though my work is done, how well
Only the Master knows.
One never sees the fruits
Of all the seed he sows.
It may have been my only part
To patiently till the sod,
One plants, one waters,
But the increase comes from God.”

Some very useful information is provided in the early pages of the Proceedings on Masonic Calendar for the various Branches, also later on Rules are given for arriving at the respective dates. The gain in membership was 420, making the standing 12,913. Gold certificates were awarded five Chapters for having gains of 10% in membership for each of the last five years. Initiation fees range from $20.00 to $30.00 and dues range from $1.50 per year, some four of the Chapters charging $5.00 per annum. 114 pages of the Proceedings are devoted to listing the officers of each Chapter, followed by the names of the Companions belonging to Chapter in question.

E. G. E.

LOUISIANA

Centennial Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Louisiana Special Convocation, Orleans Delta Chapter No. 1 R.A.M., Concorde Chapter No. 2 R.A.M., Babylon Chapter No. 66 R.A.M., February 17th, 1948, 8:45 a.m., Chapter Hall, 11th floor, Masonic Temple.

The purpose of the Special Convocation was to welcome The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Louisiana.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest Curtis B. Hair and the Officers of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Louisiana were welcomed by Ex. Comp. Grover C. Franks, High Priest presiding over the Joint Special Convocation of the three New Orleans Chapters.
The 101st Annual Convocation was opened in Ample Form by Grand High Priest Hair with a prayer by Acting Grand Chaplain A. A. McKnight.

All joined the High Priest in a pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Fifteen Past Grand High Priests were present. A beautiful tribute was paid to the memory of M.E. Companion Leon S. Hass, who passed away early in 1947, by the Grand Secretary.

A very large number of Distinguished Guests were received and given Grand Honors and invited to the East.

We note among the Distinguished Guests from other Grand Jurisdictions Chris Robinson, Past First Principal, Norwood Chapter No. 2, Norwood, Man., Canada; also Companion E. J. Heaney of Connought Chapter, Winnipeg, Canada.

The Address of the Grand First Principal is very comprehensive and shows his activity in the interests of Capitular Masonary to be very extensive; a large increase in membership was recorded and some of the weaker show signs of renewed activity. It is interesting to note in the Grand Secretary's report that on May 1, 1948, there were only four Chapters having a membership of 66 when they assembled to organize the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, while at Dec. 31, 1947, there were fifty-one Chapters having a total membership of 6,960.

We also note 23 Chapters were eligible for the General Grand Chapter Certificates.

The History of Royal Arch Masonary in Louisiana by Edwin F. Gayle, P.G.H.P., makes extremely interesting reading.

Alberta was credited with a very fine review of the 1947 proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana.

Alberta representative was not present and did not answer the roll call.

Number of Chapters, 52. Membership, 6,960; net gain, 575.

Herman J. Duncan was elected Grand High Priest for the year 1948.

G. G.

MANITOBA

The Twenty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba was opened in Winnipeg on February 11th, 1948, under M.E. Companion W. Dalzell, with a full Council. Numerous Distinguished Visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions of Canada and United States, including officers of the General Grand Chapter, were welcomed with the sincerity which characterizes these Convocations. A special welcome was extended by M.E. Companion Ben Bailey to M.E. Comp. W. D. Lawrence who was the first Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, twenty-four years ago. Companion Bailey's eulogy and Companion Lawrence's reply are worthy of study by those
seeking the true Masonic Spirit. Fourteen Past Grand First Principals were introduced and specially welcomed by the Grand First Principal and an able response was made by M.E. Companion Judge S. J. Fahrni.

The Grand First Principal expressed gratification that twenty of the twenty-four Grand First Principals were still active, while regretting the passing of twenty-six Honored Companions during the year. He found harmony and activity prevailing throughout the province. Of the sixteen Chapters, eleven had won the General Grand Chapter Certificate for an increase of ten per cent in membership. He visited most of the Chapters and witnessed conferring of numerous degrees in a highly efficient manner. He visited personally and was represented at several Grand Convocations, M.E. Companion Ben Bailey representing him in Alberta.

There are twenty-four Chapters in this Jurisdiction with a membership of 1,594, a gain of 123. They have a surplus of assets of $4,567.25.

Special notice should be taken of the efforts of Transcona Chapter No. 16, whereby 129 individuals, old and young, were given an enjoyable holiday at the lakeshore. Transcona endeavored to have Grand Chapter take up and extend this work but as that did not appear feasible, Transcona decided to carry on with whatever voluntary assistance they could get.

Most Excellent Companion Roscoe R. Walcutt, Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, and other visitors addressed the Convocation, stressing the duties and opportunities of Masons to spread the Masonic principles of peace and goodwill amid the strife and uncertainty of the present day.

The installation of officers with M.E. Companion Charles F. Lidster as Grand First Principal, brought to a close an historic and very successful Silver Jubilee Convocation.

T. J. C.

MAINE

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine met in its One Hundred and Twenty-third Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple at Portland, Maine, on Tuesday, May 4th, A.D. 1948, at seven o'clock p.m. E.D.T., with M.E. Allen L. Curtis, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, prayer being offered by Rev. James Merry, Grand Chaplain.

There were present one hundred and thirteen representatives of sixty-nine Chapters, fifteen Past Grand High Priests, twenty-eight members, and fifty Representatives from other Grand Jurisdictions.

There was also present an exceedingly large number of Distinguished Guests. They were all given a cordial welcome by the M.E. Grand High Priest and accorded Grand Honors.

Alberta was not represented at this Grand Convocation.
The Grand High Priest’s Annual Address shows him to have filled this high office in a very efficient manner. His report shows Capitular Masonry in the State of Maine to be in a healthy condition; for five years they have shown a gain in membership, and also shows that harmony and good fellowship exists throughout the Jurisdiction. We agree with M.E. Companion Allen L. Curtis that the Grand Officers of any Grand Jurisdiction, no matter how efficient they may be, can promote the activities of any of any Grand Chapter to produce the best results without the co-operation of every individual Companion.

Regarding your "School of Instruction", while we are not completely familiar with the procedure followed at these meetings, we feel they must have a wonderful educational value pertaining to Royal Arch Masonry.

Some very fine reports are also recorded from other Grand Chapter Officers.

The review of the proceedings of The Grand Chapter of Alberta for the year 1947 was very well covered by your committee, more than a whole page having been accorded this review.

Number of Chapters, 69. Membership, 11,921; net gain, 501.

M.E. Companion Ralph T. Scott was installed as Grand High Priest for the year 1949.

The next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Maine will be held on Tuesday, May 3rd, 1949, at seven o’clock p.m.

G. G.

**MASSACHUSETTS**

The One Hundred and Forty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was held in the Ionic Hall Masonic Temple, Boston, December 9th, A.D. 1947, AI 2477.

This Grand Convocation was preceded by three quarterly Convocations held on March 11th, June 10th, and Sept. 9th, 1947, all held in the city of Boston.

Alberta was not represented at any of these by our Grand Representative. We note among the names of Distinguished Guests present M. E. Walter Williamson, Past Grand Z, and Grand Scribe E, of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec, representing the M.E. A. G. Osgood, Grand Z.

The Chapter having been opened in Ample Form, the Officers of the Grand Chapter Exemplification Degree Team entered and were welcomed by the Grand High Priest.

The Degrees of M.M.M., P.M., M.E.M. and R.A. were exemplified by this team. The time consumed for the four Degrees was four hours and fifty-four minutes.

We believe this to be a very efficient method of realizing uniformity in Degree work and is a great education for Representatives of subordinate Chapters attending Grand Chapter.
The progress reports at each of the quarterly Convocations and this Annual Convocation on the Sesquicentennial Anniversary to be held on March the 7th, 8th and 9th, 1948, are very interesting. The members of these committees are to be congratulated on their organizing ability and the hard work they have put forward to arrange such a wonderful program and to those Royal Arch Masons who are privileged to attend one of the most outstanding Masonic celebrations in the history of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts. This should be one of their treasured memories in the years to come.

The number of "Marked" candidates for the year 1948 is 1,500. We hope this number is achieved in your 150th anniversary Year and offer the sincere congratulations of the Grand Chapter of Alberta on this occasion.

The Grand High Priest's addresses show him to be an outstanding person and a very efficient leader in the interests of Capitulary Masonry. He is fully alert to the present day conditions of the world and the effects these conditions have on Masonry. He sounds a stern warning to the Companions of Royal Arch Chapters to be on guard if they wish to protect that which Masonry stands for.

We quote from his address at the January quarterly Convocation which this writer feels was his outstanding address of the year: The philosophy of life which is taught in Free Masonry is a philosophy which needs to be practised outside of the tiled lodge room in the everyday world in which we live and move. This is probably more true today than ever before. Free Masonry's philosophy of life gave us the democratic way of life which we enjoy day by day. If you who know what freedom means are slackers in your everyday life, if you appreciate the philosophy of life as taught in our Masonic Lodges, and let the other fellow do everything, if you who know the meaning of companionship and the need for it in the world today, sit back and idle away your time and your opportunities to be of service, then it will be you and no one else who will be to blame, when the crash comes and you are rudely awakened to the fact that what little we have left of liberty has been forever lost to us. Wake up, my Companions; the time for action is at hand; the forces which would destroy Free Masonry has given to the world are hard at work to crash this Institution and all it stands for.

No Proceedings are reviewed by this Grand Chapter.

Number of Chapters, 97. Membership, 22,591; net gain, 709.

M.E.M. Companion R. W. Copelend was elected Grand High Priest for the year 1948.

G. G.

MASSACHUSETTS

Quarterly Convocation held at Boston, March 7th, 8th, 9th, 1948, for three-day observance of the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of Grand Chapter.

On Sunday, March 7th, the 150th Anniversary Vesper Service was held in the Old South Church, Copley Square, Boston, under the direc-
tion of the Grand Chaplain, R.E. and Rev. Francis D. Taylor. Those taking part in the service were M.E. Companion R. W. Copeland, Grand High Priest; Companion and Rev. Thomas S. Ray, D.D., Anniversary Preacher; R.E. and Rev. Frederick M. Meek, pastor of Old South Church and General Grand Chaplain. The sermon is a masterpiece and should be read by every Royal Arch Mason. It is a wonderful unfolding of the aims, aspirations and uses of the Royal Craft.

On March 8th, the Grand Chapter Exemplification Degree team conferred the Holy Royal Arch Degree on 68 actual candidates from 68 Chapters in the jurisdiction; a truly remarkable incident.

On March 9th, the 150th Annual Convocation was held. Distinguished Guests from ten States and three provinces of Canada were present. We are very sorry to note that the Grand Chapter of Alberta was not represented at this very important and historical Convention.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a worthy record of inspiration and work and is most befitting to the occasion. We would like to quote it all, but space does not permit. Distinguished visitors contributed their wisdom, wit and sage advice in the most cordial and friendly manner and these short addresses were an inspiration to all.

The Quarterly Convocation held on June 8th, 1948, was opened in Ample Form by the Grand High Priest, M.E. Companion Ralph W. Copeland, and we note here also the Grand Representative of Alberta was not present. At this Convocation a concise and interesting resume of the 150th Anniversary was presented by the General Chairman, M.E. Companion Basil M. Parsons, and in this connection he says: "All bills are paid in full, that the Anniversary did not cost Grand Chapter a single penny, and that we have a surplus fund which can be used to good advantage and for the benefit of Grand Chapter. The surplus was over $1,400.00, an extremely creditable performance. This Convocation was styled Companionship Night and the Grand High Priest asked that everyone should greet their Companions and see that no one went unobserved.

At the Quarterly Convocation held on September 10th, 1948, it was decided to renew the regalia for Grand Chapter Officers. The Grand High Priest gave a brief but interesting address. This Convocation was called Permanent Members' Night. There were 365 Companions present.

On December 7th, 1948, the Convocation held at Boston was noted for the work of the Grand Chapter Exemplification Degree team, the M.M.M., P.M.M., M.E.M.M. and the H.R.A. Degrees being conferred.

The Grand Secretary reports 97 Chapters, 23,027 members, a net increase of 452. The trustees report total assets of $87,855.77. Many Distinguished visitors were presented, including M.E. Companion Fred W. Dean, Grand Z of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and an Honorary Past Grand Z. of Alberta. The address of the Grand High Priest is a fine record of work and accomplishment for Royal Arch Masonry. In a recapitulation of membership he states that their loss through death was the highest for many years, i.e., 651. Nine Chapters made gains of 10% or more.
The Grand High Priest presented 37 Fifty Year Emblems. The report of visits made covers 11 ½ pages and is a truly remarkable record. We wonder, however, he found time for sleep. The conclusion of this address is a gem of thought-provoking truths. We quote one small part: "Man is dependent upon man. From the dawn of the first day man has been groping in the dark towards light and a better understanding of how to live. This necessity for dependence caused men to form groups in an endeavor to help one another. The greatest and most powerful of these organizations is Freemasonry."

J. E. R.

MINNESOTA

The Eighty-seventh Annual Convocation held at Saint Paul, October 12th, 1948.

The Grand Convocation was opened in Ample Form by the Grand High Priest, M.E. Companion E. A. Wold.

Twelve Past Grand High Priests were present.

The Grand Representative of Alberta did not answer the roll call.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a splendid account of a very strenuous year of activity for his Grand Jurisdiction. We note that a Dispensation was refused to ballot on a petition the same evening as received. He also recommends that the State be divided into areas for fee purposes. In this connection he says: "I do not believe that the Chapter degrees are worth $30.00 in St. Paul if they are only worth $18.00 in Minneapolis. We wonder if this Grand Jurisdiction has a minimum fee as obtains in Alberta. The Grand High Priest refers to the illness of M.E. Companion Wm. E. Pool, which was a handicap for a while, but we are very glad to learn that he came back stronger than ever, in the words of the Grand High Priest." M.E. Comp. Pool is an Honorary Past Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Alberta. Some 57 Chapter visitations are recorded which must have been a great help and inspiration to the Officers and Companions of constituent Chapters.

The Grand Treasurer reports total assets of $36,346.61.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances reports that nothing was called to their attention requiring action. We think this is a very good report to be able to make as it shows that harmony and good Companionship, as well as honorable esteem for the teachings of the Order, prevail.

Thirty Chapters qualified for General Grand Chapter certificates for increases in membership of 10% or over. Nice work, Minnesota.

From the report of the Grand Lecturer, M.E. Comp. Wm. Pool, we quote the following sage advice: "Good ritualism is not attained by wishful thinking. To become proficient requires many hours of hard work"; also he says: "Our membership will hesitate to suggest to their friends who are eligible for our degrees that they should advance in the study of our Fraternity if they are not proud of the manner in which the Officers confer our degrees."
Many fine addresses were given by Distinguished Guests, including M.E. Companion Earl E. Dusenberry, General Grand High Priest.

Sixteen Excellent Companions received the Order of High Priesthood. No reviews are given.

Number of Chapters, 77. Membership, 13,483; increase, 781.

M.E. Companion W. H. Rethwill elected Grand High Priest for the ensuing year.

J. E. R.

MISSISSIPPI

One Hundredth Annual Convocation at Jackson, May 18th and 19th, 1948. M.E. Comp. W. Carl Seab, Grand High Priest, presided. All Grand Chapter Officers were present, along with twelve Past Grand High Priests and two Honorary Past Grand High Priests.

The Centennial year was a busy one for the Presiding Officer and also for the Constituent Chapters. The G.H.P. visited 41 of the 52 subordinate Chapters and many other Masonic bodies within the State, only two being outside of Mississippi. This is a record for out-of-State visits for any presiding officer in the U.S.A. as far as the reviewer can discover.

The grand total of 1,051 exaltations alone show how active the 52 Constituent Chapters must have been and with affiliations, rein­statements, etc., the overall increase in membership totalled 1,112.

Fifty of the 52 Chapters had candidates during the year and the total membership at the end of 1947 was 6,873. We trust that the goal of 10,000 members by 1955, as suggested by the Grand Lecturer, will be fully realized.

We regret to note that our Representative near the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, Ev. Comp. B. F. Hadnot of Ocean Springs, was not recorded as present at this most important meeting.

Reading the historical record of this Grand Chapter is an interesting interlude and among other things we note that in 1888, the then Grand Secretary, J. L. Powers, presented the Grand Chapter with a gold Signet Ring with a Keystone for a seal to be worthily worn by the Grand High Priest during his term of office and to be transmitted to his successor. In 1948 the Grand High Priest designed a lapel button to be worn by the Grand High Priest and passed on to his successor each year, just like the ring. This will be known as the "Seal Century Button" and inscribed "From all the living Past Grand High Priests to all the Future Grand High Priests."

M.E. Comp. C. Reese Harris was elected G.H.P. for the ensuing year and he was presented with a beautiful watch: the Grand High Priest's Ring and the Seal Century Button, quite a bit of jewellery. The Grand Secretary was also presented with a watch in recognition of his ten years' service to the Grand Chapter, and at the Centennial Banquet each Companion present was presented with a sterling silver souvenir mark on a key chain.
The Committee on Time and Place recommended that all future Convocations of this Grand Chapter be held in the City of Jackson on the second Tuesday in May. Adopted. No reviews are printed.

J. V. F.

MISSOURI

The One Hundred and Second Convocation held at Kansas City, April 27th, 1948.

The Convocation was opened in Ample Form by the Grand High Priest, M.E. Companion Robert O. Whitaker.

Immediately after the Grand Convocation was opened, an alarm was made by twenty-five or more Canadian Companions from Winnipeg, Manitoba, who were received with all the honours and courtesies of the occasion by the Missouri Companions. Later, they conferred the Holy Royal Arch Degree according to the Canadian Work.

Seventeen Past Grand High Priests were presented and welcomed by the Grand High Priest.

Two new Chapters were given Charters and Consecrated, the first since 1926.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a fine record of a very busy year with much accomplished, and contains some very inspirational passages.

Seventeen Commissions were requested for Grand Representatives.

The Grand High Priest speaks of the One Hundredth Anniversary of Weston Chapter No. 4 and says: "While not a large Chapter, Weston No. 4 has gone along through these 100 years serenely and harmoniously, reminding us that large numbers do not always reflect the quality, worth and stability of a Chapter." Another Chapter, Hannibal So. 7, also celebrated 100 years of service in Royal Arch Masonry.

A special Convocation was assembled for the purpose of conferring the Holy Royal Arch Degree on Worshipful Brother Publio Cortini, the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Orient of Italy. The Grand High Priest gave a very much worthwhile greeting to Companion Cortini, who replied as to his impressions of the Royal Arch Degrees and thanked all for their kindness and thoughtfulness.

Courtesy Degrees were conferred and thanks extended to the Grand Chapters of Kansas, Texas, Iowa and Illinois.

Three Chapters were refused Dispensations to receive petitions, ballot and confer degrees at Special Convocations, as their Constitution states "No ballot for the degrees or for membership shall be taken except at a stated Convocation of a Chapter."

The major project assumed by the Grand High Priest was WORK. He reports 1861 Exaltations showing a net gain of 1,453.

The State is divided into Districts and a Grand Chapter Officer given the responsibility of the welfare of each. Very similar to our Grand Superintendents.
The sum of $1,000.00 was used for charitable purposes, mainly for sending food and clothing overseas.

With regard to other Masonic Bodies the Grand High Priest says "It has been my pleasure to work closely with the Officers of The Grand Lodge, Grand Council and Grand Commandery during the past year. Our relations have been most amicable. We have co-ordinated our efforts as far as possible for the upbuilding of the American Rite, resulting in progress in all our Bodies towards the goal of a strong unified Rite."

H. E. B.

MISSOURI

The One Hundred and Third Annual Convocation held at St. Joseph, April 26th, 1949.

The Grand Officers, led by the Grand High Priest, M.E. Companion A. H. Harwell, entered to the organ accompaniment of the Grand Organist, C. L. Fitchthorn, and opened the Grand Chapter in Ample Form.

The Rev. and Companion J. C. Montgomery, Grand Chaplain, offered the Invocation, the Companions remaining standing during the singing of "America".

Fifteen Past Grand High Priests were present, including a goodly number of Distinguished Visitors. Representatives from several foreign Jurisdictions were presented at the altar and greeted by the Grand High Priest. The Grand Representative of Alberta, Ex. Companion C. L. Fitchthorn (Grand Organist), was present.

The address of the Grand High Priest is mostly routine business, but shows a full and comprehensive year of effort. He states that he had the pleasure of attending the One Hundredth Anniversary program of Independence Chapter No. 12. The request for a Dispensation to receive a petition from a brother who had lost his left arm at the shoulder, was refused.

Two Past Grand High Priests, John Huske Anderson and Edward W. Taylor, passed the veils to their reward. Our sympathy is extended.

The Grand Chapter resolved itself into an Educational session and conducted a Royal Arch Forum under the capable leadership of M.E. Companion Ray V. Denslow. Many suggestions were made for improvement and for promoting the usefulness of the Royal Craft, as well as other matters dealing with the esoteric sections of their work.

The Grand Treasurer reports assets of $102,950.00.

The Grand Secretary reports 101 Chapters, 19,963 members, an increase for the year of 825.

The per capita dues are $1.00 per member.
A very fine topical review is presented by M.E. Companion Ray V. Denslow in his inimitable way, with several interesting pictures and a fine address on the Mark Degree and Masonic Degree in England, Scotland and Ireland.

H. E. B.

MONTANA

The Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation held at Butte on June 9th and 10th, 1948.

The Grand Convocation was opened in Ample Form by the Grand High Priest, M.E. Companion Ralph N. Lodge.

Many distinguished guests were presented, including M.E. Companions Edward W. Spottswood, General Grand High Priest; Ray V. Denslow, Past General Grand Priest, and Earl S. Dusenberry, General Grand King, now General Grand High Priest; also the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Washington, M.E. Companion H. J. Ahlers; R.E. Companion Dr. H. F. Stevens, Grand Scribe, representing the Grand High Priest of South Dakota, and R.E. Companion Harold Bentley, Grand Scribe E., representing the Grand First Principal of Alberta, all of whom spoke briefly during the Convocation.

The address of the Grand High Priest contains over eighteen pages of accounts of his intensive work and progress in Royal Arch Masonry in Montana and is worthy of close study as many problems are disposed of with directness and skill. After reading this address one wonders how so much can be accomplished in so short a space as one year, but to know M.E. Companion Lodge is to understand his dynamic energy. He remarks that the sands of time run swiftly and must have ever had this in mind as the results of his efforts show. After a sympathetic reference to the loss of valued Companions by the visits of the grim reaper, he gives some very thought-provoking messages on the State of the Grand Chapter which could be read by all to advantage. The jurisdiction was divided into nine Districts and each placed in charge of a Grand Chapter Officer, which resulted in much worthwhile success both in Companionship and ritualistic improvement.

Several decisions were requested regarding restoration, affiliation and application, etc., a very interesting request being to receive an application from a Brother Master Mason who had not passed his proficiency examination. The decision was as follows: “While our statutes are silent on the matter, Article 19A of the standing resolutions of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Montana, read as follows: Resolved that it shall be a Masonic offense for any Master Mason raised in the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge to petition any Royal Arch Chapter or Scottish Rite Body, until he shall have passed successfully an examination in the lecture of the third degree. Many have received the so-called higher degrees of Masonry without passing the required examination, I know, but my decision must conform to Masonic Regulations covering the point of issue. My decision was, therefore, that the Brother must successfully pass the examination of the lecture of the third degree before he can petition for the degrees of the Royal Arch. This appears to us to be a wise decision as we all know that an informed Mason is an asset, whereas an uninformed one may not be so, and we would like to commend this thought to all.
The Grand High Priest speaks of the honour that came to Montana when M.E. Companion Dr. Spottswood was elected General Grand High Priest. He also presents a full report of visitations and was well pleased with the interest and enthusiasm as well as the efficiency of the officers of the Constituent Chapters. He mentions regret at his inability to attend the Grand Convocation of Alberta, but was ably represented by our well-known esteemed Companion and friend, M.E. Companion Frank Van Demark. He also pays sincere tribute to the Grand Secretary, Luther T. Hauberg, for help and advice.

The remarks of the Committee on Distribution sum up this splendid report with the following words: We congratulate our Grand High Priest on his year's work of fruitful activity and outstanding accomplishment. As a faithful servant he has laboured diligently and given unstintingly of his talent and wisdom to matters great and small in the interest of Royal Arch Masonry.

Each Chapter is to receive three copies of the Royal Arch Magazine, this policy being continued from previous years.

Forty-six Grand Representatives were presented and welcomed. The Grand Representative of Alberta, our well known and beloved Lon Crumley, was present. Lon was also received as the Deputy Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of Montana.

The Committee on Masonic Education recommended that a Manual of Instruction be prepared to include, among other subjects, the interpretation, application and exemplification of the ritual.

The Capitular Review by M.E. Companion Claude J. McAllister is what one would expect from this gifted writer, and we recommend all who can to read this very worthwhile contribution. It is inspiring, educational and interesting.

As I was privileged to be present at this Convocation I cannot finish this review without expressing my sincere thanks to M.E. Companion Ralph Lodge and all the Montana Companions for the warmth of their reception and their interest in my comfort and welfare and for the many, many courtesies extended, all of which are greatly appreciated.

The Convention of the Order of High Priesthood was held, at which fourteen Excellent Companions were Anointed, Consecrated and Set Apart to this Order under the capable direction of the Most Excellent President Lew L. Galloway, assisted by M.E. Companion Earl S. Bardwell.

Number of Chapters, 33. Membership, 3,664; increase, 225.

M.E. Companion Earl S. Bardwell, who is well known to many Alberta Companions, was elected Grand High Priest for the ensuing year.

H. E. B.
NEVADA

The Seventy-fifth Annual Convention of the Grand Chapter of Nevada was held in the City of Reno on June 18th, 1948. It was opened in full form by M.E. Companion Daniel Evans, Grand High Priest, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The flag of the United States was presented at the altar, all joined in a pledge of allegiance, and a glowing tribute was given by E. Comp. G. F. Dodge, High Priest of St. John's Chapter No. 5.

Some twenty distinguished visitors honored the Convocation with their presence and were heartily welcomed.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, commented that it had been an uneventful year. Illness had prevented his attention to much business he would have liked to do and considerable work had to be delegated to other officers, all of which was well attended to. He, however, visited all his chapters and was disappointed to find frequently a lack of interest and attendance so detrimental to the progress of the Craft. He exhorted subordinate officers to reflect on the duty devolving on them to see that perfection marked every act of function.

This is a small jurisdiction with but eight Chapters and one under Dispensation. Six of the eight showed small gains in membership, while two showed losses. The one under Dispensation had a healthy thirty-nine. The total membership was seven hundred and eleven, a gain of forty. The financial statement shows a healthy current account besides two thousand dollars in U.S. bonds.

A very interesting oration was delivered by Companion James P. Whitmore, Grand Orator, on the Qualifications of a True Mason, stressing that Masonry is a science of Spiritual Unfoldment calling for faith in God and fellowman and loyalty to the true self and fellowship of mankind.

M.E. Companion William E. Fitzgereal of Keystone Chapter No. 6, Las Vegas, was elected and installed Grand High Priest.

T. J. C.

NEW BRUNSWICK

The Sixty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick was held in the Masonic Hall, Sussex, on Thursday, the 24th day of June, 1948.

The Chapter was opened in Ample Form by M.E. Campanion James Stanley Hoyt, First Grand Principal.

Distinguished Visitors from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan were received, given Grand Honors and invited to the East.

V.E. Ralph T. Pearson, Deputy Mayor of Sussex, was received and welcomed by M.E. Grand Z.

Alberta was not represented at this Grand Convocation.
The Address of the Grand Z. conveys a much brighter future for Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. It is unfortunate that due to conditions beyond his control he was not able to visit every subordinate Chapter.

We feel that all the Officers and Companions of every Chapter look forward with a great deal of enthusiasm to the official visit of the Grand First Principal.

We are in complete agreement with the Grand First Principal when he refers to Chapters using Rituals during degrees and the manner in which the degrees are conferred by the Officers of any Chapter means a great deal to the candidate and in keeping the Companions interested.

Referring to the Suggested Form for Manual concerning the opening and closing Ceremonies of all Chapters. We are of the opinion that this might have the tendency to make the Officers and Companions of any Chapter waste time on various items not as important to the Chapter as the opening and closing Ceremonies, also that perfection in this part of our ceremonies cannot be obtained by doing it three times during their term of Office. We feel that this short form should only be used by the Grand First Principal on special occasions.

Number of Chapters, 11. Membership, 1,159; net gain, 43. No proceedings were reviewed.

M.E.W. Russell Fiske was elected Grand First Principal for 1948-49. G. G.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire was opened in Ample Form in the City of Concord on May 18th, 1948, by the Grand Council under M.E. Companion Alexander J. LeLoup, the Grand Chaplain, E. Companion Howard Joclyn offering prayer.

Sixty-four members were present representing twenty-five Chapters, as well as twelve Distinguished Visitors from other Jurisdictions and fraternal Masonic bodies.

The national flag was presented and after all joined in the pledge of allegiance was placed in the East.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, lamented the death of ninety-nine Companions, including eleven Past High Priests. He visited six subordinate Chapters and others were delegated to other Grand Officers. He also visited or was represented at fourteen Sister Grand Convocations.

He deplored the lack of spiritual zeal as evidenced in the prevalence of worldly activities on the Sabbath—the day given to us to contemplate the glorious works of Creation and to adore the Great Creator. He exhorted the Companions to discourage such activities. Zeal to correct the ills of the world at large may blind us to the loss of spiritual values at home.
Twenty-six Chapters have a total membership of 3,508, a gain of 117. Six Chapters won the General Grand Chapter certificate for ten per cent gain in membership.

It is noted that this Grand Chapter levies a fine on any subordinate Chapter not represented at the Grand Convocation unless a valid reason can be given.

Financially they have a moderate balance of $4,123 in the treasury.

The Convocation closed with the installation of Officers under M.E. Companion Edward L. Getchell, Grand High Priest.

T. G. C.

NEW JERSEY

The Ninety-first Annual Convocation held at Trenton on May 12th, 1948.

The Grand Convocation was opened by the Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. I. L. Allen, after prayer by R.E. Companion Rev. Harry R. Pine.

There were thirteen Past Grand High Priests and ten District Deputy Grand High Priests present and the Representatives of 39 of the 54 chartered Chapters. We note with regret that our Grand Representative was unable to be present.

Many very distinguished visitors were given a most hearty welcome by the Grand High Priest, among whom was M.E. Companion Fred W. Dean, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada and an Honorary Past Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

The address of the Grand High Priest is mostly an account of his stewardship during the year and which was a most successful one for Capitular Masonry in New Jersey. The Grand High Priest noted that this was the Ninety-first Annual Convocation and that he had made ninety-one visits during the year.

He recommended that the per capita be raised from sixty cents to seventy-five cents per member owing to the increased costs.

In his conclusion he says: “I have endeavored to keep the harmony and good fellowship which prevails in and between the Chapters, and feel that I have succeeded.” On this worthy effort we would say that the accomplishment of this one fact alone would make the past year an outstanding success for the Grand Chapter of New Jersey, for, after all, peace and good fellowship in the family are the very necessary prerequisites for success.

A suitably engrossed framed certificate was presented to Goodwin Chapter No. 36 for the largest number of Exaltations and reinstatements for the year.

The Grand Secretary reports that all Chapters had paid their annual dues and that all returns had been received.
The roll of Past Grand High Priests was called and they were assembled at the altar, and after being introduced by the Grand Captain of the Host, were welcomed by the Grand High Priest as follows: "I know that you are all well known to the Companions, but I want them to see you together. I am sure that they are all very proud of you. I feel that you have done so much for Capitular Masonry and for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Jersey that an acknowledgment of that fact should be made. I take pride, in the name of all the Companions, in thanking you most heartily."

Number of Chapters, 54. Membership, 9,053; increase, 240.

M.E. Companion T. Dickenson elected Grand High Priest for the ensuing year.

J. E. R.

NEW YORK

The One Hundred and Fifty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New York was held on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 1st and 2nd, 1949, with some 504 Companions in attendance. Some 48 Companions received 50 year jewels in recognition of their having been Companions of Royal Arch for that length of time. The address of the Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Companion Frank A. Lobee, contains a great wealth of interesting and informative material. The tenure of office of Most Excellent Companion Lobee was characterized by a large number of what ordinarily would have been designated "special occasions". There were, however, so many of them that one would be inclined to call them "extra special occasions". Some of these were the Annual Masonic breakfast in Hotel Statler, Buffalo, N.Y., when 1,000 Masons were present, and after an address by Most Worshipful Bro. Charles Froessel they marched to Asbury Delaware Methodist Church, Buffalo. Then there was Royal Arch Sunday held May 23rd, 1948, at the Church of the Messiah, Brooklyn, N.Y., when a large number of Royal Arch Masons and their families were present, and on this occasion the Knights Templar formed an escort and an honour which was much appreciated. A visit to the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island on the occasion of their 150th anniversary. The Annual Entertainment and Dance of Triangle and RAMCO Association at which some 1,800 Companions, friends and ladies were present at the Hotel Commodore, New York City. Two Chapters in this Jurisdiction have a membership of over 1,000—the smallest Chapter has 23 Companions. The gain in Grand Chapter for the year was 782.

As mentioned earlier in this report, the address of the Grand High Priest was of a high order. One paragraph we quote from the many worthy of consideration: "There is every indication that Masonry in all its branches has become increasingly careless in the selection of members. As a result of the materialism which is sweeping the world, I believe we have reached the point where the primary concern of an investigating committee is the candidate's ability to pay his initiation fees and his dues rather than his character, his conduct, and his ability to fit into the Masonic pattern which was the requirement when we were more interested in the spiritual side of life." In the report of the Deputy High Priest he deals with the Royal
Arch Reading Course and says in part as follows: "For a long time the Section has endeavoured to procure a sufficient number of the excellent pamphlets on Masonry written by M.E. Companion Charles C. Hunt, well known Royal Arch writer. We received three, but the fourth was out of print. The General Grand Chapter recently supplied the fourth. These are being bound and will make another excellent book for our Reading Course. . . . With our limited funds we bought a few volumes of one book but we still need more books in the course and more volumes of each book. In spite of these limitations between four and five hundred Companions have applied for the Reading Course." The efforts of Reading Course Section of Grand Chapter of New York could most profitably be followed by many other Grand Chapters in Canada and doubtless in the U.S.A.

E. G. E.

NEW ZEALAND

1948. M.E. Comp. H. H. Nichols, Grand Z. Membership, 5,515; net gain, 75. R.E. Companion G. A. Blackmore tendered greetings from the Grand Chapter of Alberta as its Grand Representative. There are still Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction owing allegiance to Mother Chapters in England, Scotland and Ireland, and the relations between all are most cordial and beneficial. I quote from the Grand Z.'s address: "I am inclined to think that our influence on the life of our times is not as effective as it could and should be. In the profane world Freemasonry is often grossly misjudged and is regarded not as a fraternity of idealists but as a mysterious clique exploiting patronage and pull for dubious and selfish ends. We need make no secret of ideals and principles; we should not hesitate to make widely known what the ideals and principles of Masonry are." R.E. Comp. Archibald Coleman Hallett elected Grand Z.

J. W. G. M.

NORTH CAROLINA

1947. One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Annual Convocation at Raleigh, May 13th, 1947. M.E. Comp. Kennon W. Parham, G.H.P., presided. All Grand Chapter Officers, except the Grand Master of the 3rd Veil, were present, and ten Past Grand High Priests were received with Grand honours.

The Grand High Priest is an active officer in the U.S. Army and consequently his Masonic activities were somewhat curtailed because of his military commitments, nevertheless he succeeded in visiting many of the Constituent Chapters as well as each District in the State, one of more times and to be present at one or more District Convocations in all Districts except two; and he also attended the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and a special meeting of Stokes Lodge No. 32. He was honoured by being installed a courtesy to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina as follows:

Grand Principal Sojourner, Grand Chapter of New York.
Among decisions made were (1) A Brother having a stiff leg, preventing his being able to kneel on his right knee, is eligible to have the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry conferred upon him, provided he is otherwise eligible. (2) A Brother whose right arm has been amputated at the shoulder could not legally receive the degrees of R.A.M. because he could not conform to the necessary ceremonies of exaltation owing to the physical defect.

His observations record the following: "It has been the custom for many years for the Grand Commandery, Grand Council and Grand Chapter, to hold their Annual meeting at the same place and on successive days, by the time Grand Chapter meeting finally gets started everybody is anxious to get home and things are done in too much haste, to the detriment of Grand Chapter." He recommended "that the Grand Chapter select a time for next Annual Convocation without regard to the time of meeting of the other Grand Bodies, except that it shall not be the same date."

The Committee on doings of Grand Officers rejected the recommendation.

The Grand High Priest is to be commended for his daring in suggesting such a change. We in Alberta are toying with the idea of having our Annual Convocation at the same place and immediately following the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. The reviewer is opposed strongly and for the reason as set forth by M.E. Comp. Kennon W. Parham.

Speaking of General Masonic Conditions, the G.H.P. makes the following pertinent remarks: "In my Masonic experience I have never seen such a sincere purpose on the part of candidates and a deeper earnestness in the effort to give the candidate a clear concept of the teachings of Masonry and to dispose true Masonic Light and Knowledge from the spiritual rather than the material side. It seems that every human being has a deeper consciousness of the need for spiritual light and guidance and consolation after the holocaust of war through which we have passed and in the present-day confusion. These candidates are coming to us trusting that we have something to satisfy this spiritual yearning. It is imperative that we meet this challenge.

This Grand Body assists financially in the operation of a Home for elderly people and for the Oxford Orphanage Library. Judging from the reports of these two institutions an extra donation would be appreciated—would it be rude on our part to suggest that as the individual mileage is very small to each participant, a donation of half the mileage account would be an easy way for extra assistance.

The Grand Secretary reports a net gain in membership during the year of 753, bringing the total for the Grand Chapter to 5,330. There are thirty-seven subordinate Chapters, thirty-four of which showed a net gain and twenty-five of these being 10 per cent or better, and
therefore eligible for the General Grand Chapter Certificate Award. Congratulations to the select twenty-five. We hope it will be exceeded in succeeding years.

The award of Royal Arch Medal for Meritorious Service was made to Comp. Melvin M. Johnson, 33, Sovereign Grand Commander, Supreme Council A.A.S.A. for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of U.S.A. and former Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Mass. F. & A.M. We feel that the Grand Chapter honored itself by this award. Our heartiest congratulations go to Companion Johnson.

M.E. Comp. Charles C. Ricker was elected G.H.P. for the ensuing year. No reviews are published.

J. V. F.

NORTH DAKOTA

The Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation held at Fargo, January 20th and 21st, 1948.

The Grand Convocation was opened in Ample Form by the Grand High Priest, M.E. Companion Carl M. Ness. The Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack were presented at the Altar while the Companions rendered "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and "God Save The King."

Many distinguished guests were welcomed, including M.E. Comp. Dr. J. E. Nunn, Alfred A. Wilson and Frank E. Simmons, who are Honorary Past Grand Z's of Alberta.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a concise account of his stewardship, showing that much was accomplished through his enthusiastic interest and zeal for the advancement of Royal Arch Masonry in North Dakota.

The per capita is $1.00 per member per year and the registration fee is $4.00; ours being 75 cents and $3 respectively.

The Grand Lecturer and Reviewer quotes some very fine passages and we quote one of them: "The nation that has the schools has the future." If Royal Arch Masonry has a broad program of inspiration and education, it need have no fear of future developments.

Section 25 of their code states that a unanimous ballot is required to elect a petitioner for the degrees or application for membership.

Reports similar to those of our Grand Superintendents are submitted by the District Deputies; they are very interesting.

Twenty-five Grand Representatives were present; Alberta was not represented.

There are no reviews.

Number of Chapters, 24. Membership, 2,523; increase, 160.

M.E. Companion Harry G. Poulson elected Grand High Priest for the ensuing year.

H. E. B.
NOVA SCOTIA

Seventy-ninth Annual Convocation, Halifax, June 8th, 1948, M.E. Comp. P. S. Cochrane, Grand High Priest, presiding.

This Grand Chapter held a special Convocation at Port Hawkesbury, N.S., on October 23rd, 1947, for the purpose of presenting a Charter and Consecrating Keystone Chapter No. 24. This was a very happy occasion and we congratulate Nova Scotia on the addition of this Chapter to its roll, and express our felicitations to Keystone Chapter and trust they will have every success in Royal Arch Masonry as the years go by.

At the regular June Convocation, after disposing of the minutes of the 78th Annual Convocation, many distinguished visitors representing the various Masonic bodies of Nova Scotia, several from New Brunswick and eight Past Grand High Priests, were received in proper form with appropriate honours. A Divine Service was then conducted by the Grand Chaplain and the collection received was donated to the Special Fund for the Blind.

The Grand High Priest had a busy year. He visited all Chapters but two in his Jurisdiction which covers the province of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland, now Canada's tenth and newest province. He issued a large number of Dispensations, all of which must have been in accordance with the Constitution as I do not see any of them criticized, not even by M.E. Comp. Harris.

The matter of Masonic Education has been studied and a pamphlet, "The Royal Craftsman", has made its appearance. The sole purpose is to give much needed Masonic Light to the untutored. This should prove of inestimable value if properly handled. We wonder if the "Royal Arch Mason" as published by the General Grand Chapter of America would not be equally as informative and at possibly lower cost.

Recommendations were (1) the appointing of a Grand Lecturer to supervise degree work in the Chapters with a goal of uniformity; (2) a manual of instructions for Constituent Chapters, dealing with forms and ceremonies; (3) the appointment of a Grand Organist. All were concurred in by the committee on the conditions of the order.

All District Superintendents' reports, printed in detail, show that these officers have been diligent and efficient in their duties. M.E. Comp. R. V. Harris gave a report of the Conference of Canadian Grand Chapters. We trust the Companions in Nova Scotia are satisfied that this is a worthwhile meeting and that they get good value for the money contributed.

The Joseph Conway Brown Medallion was presented to M.E. Comp. J. S. Hoyt, Grand First Principal of New Brunswick.

We regret to note that Alberta's representative, Joseph E. Phinneay was not recorded as present. The proceedings of Alberta's twenty-third Annual Convocation was carefully and capably reviewed.

M.E. Comp. N. Blois was elected and Installed as Grand High Priest for the ensuing year.

J. V. F.

OKLAHOMA

The Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation held at Ponca City on April 20th-21st, 1948.

The Grand Convocation was opened in Ample Form by the Grand High Priest, M.E. Companion Card F. Hansen. The Invocation was delivered by the Grand Chaplain, Excellent Companion Wm. H. King.

Many very distinguished visitors were cordially welcomed by the Grand High Priest and received with appropriate honours. At various times during the Convocation interesting and instructive talks were given by these outstanding visitors.

The roll of Past Grand High Priests was called and was answered by ten of these stalwarts. We note with regret that our Grand Representative was not present.

The address of the Grand High Priest shows a very full and interesting year of work and effort in the cause of Royal Arch Masonry and bespeaks a most successful year of co-operation in the York Rite Bodies of Oklahoma. In the opening remarks of this splendid address the Grand High Priest says: "To you younger Companions, many of whom are making your first visit to the Grand Chapter, I cherish the hope that you may, and will, attend many more. We hope you will be interested in the business of Grand Chapter, for year by year our older Companions are passing down the Western Slope to the Great Beyond, and upon you will devolve the shaping of the affairs of this Grand Jurisdiction, and it will be yours to carry on. You are the ones who must take the places of those stalwart Companions who have wrought in the Quarries and given so willingly of their time and strength and their ability, that we might reap the harvest in this Grand Body of Royal Arch Masons, which we hope as time goes by will mean much to this great Commonwealth of ours."

May we build a place for the future
Without hope of personal gain;
Bury all that is selfish within us
That our Order may Achieve and Attain.

A periodical, The Oklahoma York Rite News, is printed monthly by the Grand Secretary, and is sent to all Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, High Priests, Kings, Scribes and Secretaries throughout the State, as well as to many in other Grand Jurisdictions. Because of its value, the Grand High Priest recommended that the sum of $200.00 be appropriated for its furtherance, which was passed.
The Grand High Priest stresses the need for the utmost in dignity, decorum and solemnity during the conferring of degrees and says that a candidate is entitled to the most impressive rendition of our beautiful ceremonies that it is possible to give. We can only express our wholehearted concurrence with this worthwhile admonition.

The Grand High Priest states that his visits were short of what he would have liked to have made, but it appears to us that from his account that he spent a very busy year in this regard. We note that on July 2nd, he visited Dallas Commandery of Knights Templar at which R. Em. Sir Knight Fred M. Gilbough, P.G.C. was the honoured guest on his 92nd birthday and who conferred the Order of The Temple in excellent form, assisted by Past Grand Commanders of Texas. This must have been a truly notable and memorable occasion.

In his conclusion he says very modestly, "Any progress made is entirely due to you Companions over the state, who have laboured so faithfully."

The reports of the District Deputy Grand High Priests are very enlightening and instructive and show that the subordinate Chapters were very well chaperoned by these Grand Chapter Officers. They appear to correspond to our Grand Superintendents' reports of Chapter activities.

The reviews are a splendid "round-up" of the Capitular World, and great credit is due to their Knight of the Round Table, M.E. Companion H. H. Skaggs, P.G.H.P., for his presentation. Alberta is favourably presented.

Number of Chapters, 48. Membership, 66,958; increase, 408.

M.E. Companion A. C. Darling elected Grand High Priest for the ensuing year.

J. E. R.

QUEBEC

The Seventy-first Annual Convocation held at Montreal, March 24th, 1948.

The Grand Convocation was opened in Ample Form by the Grand First Principal, M.E. Companion A. J. Osgood.

Eleven Past Grand Z's were present. Twenty-five Grand Representatives were welcomed by M.E. Companion Osgood, who asked that they convey fraternal and cordial good wishes to their respective Grand Bodies. The Grand Representative of Alberta, M.E. Companion W. J. Edwards, being present.

The address of the Grand First Principal is mostly routine matters and bespeaks a very busy year. He says that the jurisdiction as a whole is in a sound condition, and is happy to report that peace and harmony prevails throughout the territory.

A great loss was suffered through the passing of M.E. Companions A. B. J. Moore and Duncan McLellan, who had been very active in the affairs of their Grand Chapter, and will be greatly missed.
An imposing account of visits is recorded by the Grand First Principal, including a resume of the Conference of Canadian Grand Chapters.

The Grand Scribe E. reports a continuous gain for the last five years, the increase for 1947 being 135. Their present total membership is 2,723 with 24 Chapters, 18 of which show net increases.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows assets of $41,835.55.

The reports of the Grand Superintendents show that the Constituent Chapters were well cared for and good work was accomplished by these Officers.

The Committee on State of The Order report that the average attendance in the Chapters increased approximately thirty per cent over the previous year, which was very gratifying.

The reviews by M.E. Companion W. J. Edwards, our Grand Representative, are very comprehensive and educational and he seems to have the knack of presenting all the interesting points, although we note with regret that Alberta was not reviewed.

M.E. Companion Norman D. Hill elected Grand First Principal for the ensuing year.

H. E. B.

RHODE ISLAND

The One Hundred and Fifty-first Annual Convention held at Providence on March 9th, 1948.

The Grand Convocation was opened in Ample Form by the Grand High Priest, M.E. Companion Warren A. Sherman, with prayer by Companion Rev. John A. Gardner, Associate Grand Chaplain.

Twelve Past Grand High Priests were present, as was also E. Companion James D. Nall, the Grand Representative of Alberta, who was presented with his commission at this Convocation.

A large number of distinguished guests from other Grand Jurisdictions and co-ordinate Rhode Island Grand Bodies were welcomed by the Grand High Priest, among whom was M.E. Companion Fred W. Dean, Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada and an Honorary Past Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

The address of the Grand High Priest is an accounting of very faithful stewardship and effort on behalf of Capitular Masonry, and we note that he visited each constituent Chapter at least once during his year of office and also made many visits to other Grand Jurisdictions.

The opening remarks of this address are worthy of repetition: "On Friday of this week the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations will have completed one hundred and fifty years of continuous existence. It has existed that long because it has respected throughout its history ideals that as far as human understanding can determine are essentially a part of
the Great Eternal. It believes in the worth of the individual, who is entitled to become the best of which he is capable; has demanded excellence in moral qualities; has accorded its members absolute freedom of choice, freedom of conscience, and freedom of worship within that fundamental Masonic conception of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man; and has demanded of its devotees that they practice in their daily lives its precepts, and subordinate their own inertia and comfort to its success."

We note from the report of the Grand Secretary that 146 Exaltations were more than offset by the passing of 149 Companions to the Grand Chapter above, which was a heavy blow to this Jurisdiction.

A very instructive and informative historical address is presented by R.E. Companion Edward S. Pratt on the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of the founding of this Grand Chapter. This Sesqui-Centennial celebration was observed by a banquet for Companions and their ladies on Saturday, March 6th, at which an address was given by Dr. Hugo Koslof, a Russian diplomat, and was followed by entertainment and dancing. A religious church service was held on Sunday, March 7th, at the First Baptist Meeting House and the Annual Convocation on Tuesday, March 9th, which program was carefully planned and most successfully carried out.

A very fine and fitting memorial is presented by M.E. Companion Charles W. Littlefield in memory of M.E. Companion W. H. Nichols, who was Grand High Priest in 1929, and who passed away on March 22nd, 1947:

Forgive the tear, a tribute of farewell,
To ease the pain of parting for a while
With one to who his long home goes to dwell,
And we no longer see his kindly smile.
This thought alone can ease our bitter pain:
Sometime, somewhere, dear friend, we'll meet again.

There are no reviews.

The Grand Lecturer's report contains some thought-provoking passages and we quote: "I am convinced that a proper enlightening Cappitular approach to that same Masonic mind by an enthusiastic Companion, who knows most of the answers, will bear fruit in more and more applications to our Chapters, with the resultant added impetus to our active workers."

Number of Chapters, 15. Membership, 5,361; loss 66.

M.E. Companion Edward S. Pratt elected Grand High Priest for ensuing year.

J. E. R.

SASKATCHEWAN

1948. (Dr.) John Edward Dunn, Grand Z. Membership, 2,312; net gain, 163. 22 of the 25 Chapters represented. 11 Chapters qualified for the General Grand Chapter Certificate.
M.E. Comp. Dunn said: "Unless an officer is going to get up his work thoroughly he should not take an office and having accepted he should do the work of that office in its entirety." No reviews.

M.E. Comp. A. L. Williams (Alberta) was among the distinguished visitors and was given a courteous welcome. M.E. Comp. Walter E. Bristowe elected Grand Z.

J. W. G. M.

SOUTH CAROLINA

The One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Annual Grand Convocation was held in Charleston, South Carolina, on Wednesday, April 21st, 1948, at 9 a.m.

It was opened in Ample Form by M. Excellent Companion M. C. Sheely, Grand High Priest, with representatives from twenty-seven Chapters being present, also a number of Distinguished Visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions.

Alberta was not represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest shows continued activity in Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction, there having been 334 Exaltations during the year. His visit to New Orleans as an honored guest at the Centennial celebration must be one of the treasured memories of his year of office.

The proceedings of Alberta, 1947, were fully covered by a short but complete review.

Number of Chapters, 30. Membership, 3,106; net gain, 226.

M. Ex. Companion Hugh N. Layne Roebuck was elected Grand High Priest for the year 1949.

Next Annual Convocation to be held in Aiken, Wednesday, April 20th, 1949.

G. G.

SOUTH DAKOTA

The Fifty-ninth Annual Grand Convocation of Grand Chapter of South Dakota was held at Aberdeen, S.D., on October 26th, 1948. Most Excellent Companion Wm. M. Sonday, the Grand High Priest, gave a very inspiring account of his stewardship as well as his travels and visitations. The Grand Secretary in his report paid a special tribute to the Grand High Priest Sonday: "Our Most Excellent Companion Wm. W. Sonday is deserving of thanks from every Companion in the State. He visited all the Chapters, some of them more than once, and has brought Capitular Masonry to their very doors. There has been no delay in the correspondence or any work in connection with the constituent Chapters between his office and mine. I assure you, Companion Bill, that it has been a great pleasure to work with you."

St. George Chapter No. 47 of this Grand Jurisdiction had a net gain of 200% in its membership. The Committee on Review had a very long
report of an extensive and comprehensive nature and one which afforded an enormous amount of education concerning various features of the work done in all Grand Chapters of U.S.A. and Canada as well as England, Australia, etc. A couple of paragraphs of Committee on Review report are quoted:

“Nothing in Capitular Masonry in the United States can compare with the list of offices in some or most of the British Grand Chapters but in the latter, step by step advancement is practically unknown. In some, the presiding officer serves more than one year, and commonly has a different staff each year. This is the case also in Massachusetts (G.H.P. three terms of one year) and some others in this country where the Grand High Priest is usually given a second term, it is really surprising how many of the Grand Chapters refuse to displace a Companion once appointed to the "line"—in most cases the foot of the line is by appointment, so the Grand High Priest names his ultimate successor (a very short-sighted policy, generally), but in others all officers to the foot of the line are elected, and the choice, good or bad, is at least the choice of Grand Chapter.

Degrees conferred in the Chapter. What makes you a Royal Arch Mason? This degree is certainly derived from and formerly was part of the Master Mason Degree. Whatever may be interposed between these two degrees is essentially extraneous, however desirable on other counts. Any jurisdiction which chooses to go directly from the Master Mason to the Royal Arch is symbolically correct. None do so in fact, although the Mother of all, the Grand Chapter of England, does so in effect. In England, Chapters confer the Most Excellent Master and Holy Royal Arch, but the first is not our Most Excellent Master; rather it corresponds to the first section of the Holy Royal Arch Degree. The Past Master is wholly unknown—the Mark Master Degree is conferred, if desired (not required) in a Mark Lodge under the jurisdiction of a wholly separate Mark Grand Lodge. Our Most Excellent Master is also unknown there. British Columbia gives the M.M.M., P.M. and M.E.M. prior to the Holy Royal Arch but is now debating the deletion of the Past Master. Canada in Ontario excluded the P.M. from their system by decree about two years ago. None of the Australian Chapters have the Past Master. Victoria is about to delete the Most Excellent Master from their system. Pennsylvania eliminated the Past Master several years ago—and there was some sound and fury among some Companions who knew only the Masonry of their own home town....”

E. G. E.

TENNESSEE

The One Hundred and Twentieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee was held in Grand Lodge Building, Nashville, Tenn., on Monday, January 24th, 1949. Seventy of the seventy-one Chapters in this Grand jurisdiction being in attendance—a very wonderful achievement and a record that should enthuse our very emulation in other Grand Chapters. Two of the Past Grand High Priests were called to their eternal home during the year. Their Grand Treasurer since 1933, P.G.H.P. Angus G. Bowen, died suddenly in his office in Nashville. Six of the Chapters received gold certificates on account
of their having shown increases of 10 per cent membership for each of the preceding five years. Net gain for the year was 825; the total at Nov. 30th, 1948, being 10,945. The Grim Reaper had taken a toll of some one hundred and twenty Companions during the year. Biographical sketches of the Past High Priests commences on page 35 of the annual proceedings and deals with a number back to the year 1827. The address of the Grand High Priest was inspiring and Most Excellent Companion John Threadgill Stewart gave a fine account of his stewardship.

The foreword which appears on page facing No. 56 by P.G.H.P. J. J. Walker, 807 Court St., Maryville, Tenn., is replete with sound judgment and food for thought. We quote from his address: "Today numerical gains are recorded everywhere, progress is being made and our faith in the sound philosophy of life as taught in our great fraternity is still unshaken—still we hear from the sages of Masonry —what of the future—and no one knows the answer. However, when we think of the worth-whileness of the many objectives sponsored by our Grand Chapters and constituent Chapters such as homes and comfort for the aged; food, clothing and an education for the orphans; a knowledge of and improvement in our educational facilities—lending assistance and co-operating with the church of our choice — all of which are in keeping with the teachings of the One Great Teacher—yes, all this, plus an example worthy of emulation by our membership in walking so circumspectly in the presence of the enquiring youth of our great country that they, too, will want to be Masons, our future can be viewed with optimism and assurance." P.G.H.P. Walker gives Alberta a nice write-up. May our Alberta Grand Chapter ever merit such commendations.

E. G. E.

VERMONT

1948. M.E. Comp. Harry B. Springstead, G.H. Priest. Membership, 4,241; net gain, 160. 258 were exalted. Four Chapters showed net 10 per cent membership increase, qualifying for the General Grand Chapter Certificate. Number of Chapters, 28. M.E. The Grand High Priest said: "To know that we failed to get more members than the year previous does not concern me as much as—Are we getting more Masonry in the men already our members?—and again: Capitular Masonry in Vermont is definitely on the up-grade." No reviews. Greetings were conveyed from Alberta Grand Chapter by the Grand Representative R.E. Comp. James S. Duncan. R.E. Comp. Edward S. Pike elected Grand High Priest. Interchange of visits with the Grand Chapters of Ontario and Quebec noted with great pleasure.

J. W. G. M.

VICTORIA

The Fifty-eighth Annual Convocation held in four Quarterly Convocations at Melbourne on July 17th and October 16th, 1946, and January 15th and April 16th, 1947.
The Quarterly Convocations of July 17th, 1946, and April 16th, 1947, were opened in Ample, Ancient and Solemn Form by the Grand First Principal, M. Em. Companion Rabbi J. Danglow. Those of October 16th, 1946, and January 15th, 1947, being presided over by M. Em. Companion R. P. Dick, P.G.Z., acting as Grand Z.

The Grand Representative of Alberta was present at the Convocation held on April 16th, 1947.

The addresses of the Grand First Principal, given at all Convocations, are full of inspiration and full of very timely messages for all to ponder.

With regard to regalia the Committee approved the addition of a bullion strip for sashes of Past and Present Grand Officers to be placed in the centre, full length of the sash.

The Committee of General Purposes made the following recommendation which was later given in the form of a notice of motion: That as the degree of Most Excellent Master does not correctly form a part of the Holy Royal Arch, a motion will be submitted at the next July Convocation of Grand Chapter that the rules relating to the conferring of the Most Excellent Master’s Degree be deleted from the laws and regulations of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Victoria.

Number of Chapters, 89. Membership, 6,949; increase, 522.

M.E.M. Companion Walter Kemp elected Grand First Principal for the ensuing year.

H. E. B.

WASHINGTON

1948. Virgil E. Davies, G.H. Priest. Membership (1947), 8,423; net gain, 447. 50 Chapters. 641 exalted. 41 Chapters showed gains and 7 losses. New system of bookkeeping set up for constituent Chapters. Revision of ritual completed and copies distributed for comment. 154 Companions passed to the Great Beyond. 86 demitted and 88 dropped. District Deputy system adopted in 1947 has proven beneficial to the Chapters. Forming a Chapter in Ketchikan, Alaska. Consideration suggested to simplify “burden of Chapters setting up equipment for degree work. The Grand Orator quoting Mahammed: “The end of the world will come when men will not help men.” According to the Reviewer, P.G.H.P. Ralph P. Mulvane, the total membership over the whole country (United States) was 511,000, a gain of 8 per cent. Burton A. Case, Alberta’s Representative, was in attendance.

J. W. G. M.

WISCONSIN

The Ninety-eighth Annual Convocation held at La Crosse on May 4th and 5th, 1948.

Previous to the opening of the Grand Convocation a thirty-minute organ recital by the Grand Organist Ex. Comp. Fred W. Clitheroe was greatly appreciated.
The Grand High Priest, M.E. Companion Carl F. Harpke, opened the Grand Chapter in Ample Form.

Many very distinguished and well known guests were presented, given Grand Honours and welcomed by the Grand High Priest.

Eleven Past Grand High Priests were introduced, and with a lovely ceremony presented with a red rose and a Past Grand High Priest's certificate by M. E. Comp. Harpke, after which they were given Grand Honours.

Thirty Grand Representatives were welcomed, but we are sorry to note that ours was not present.

The address of the Grand High Priest shows great energy and sound planning which resulted in worthwhile success to Capitular Masonry in Wisconsin. He states that several Chapters have dues as low as $1.00 per year and after paying per capita dues, little is left for Masonic activities, and says that adequate fees and dues are necessary.

He appointed 27 District Instructors for the furtherance of better degree work. They were selected for their ritualistic achievements and outstanding service. They worked under the guidance of the Custodian of the Work. They are expected to guide and influence the officers of the constituent Chapters.

The Grand High Priest enumerates three things which are essential for growth and progress, a sound idea—vision—and capable direction. The greater the inspiration the greater will be found the accomplishments. He issued a Dispensation for the institution of a Research Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. They have the distinction of being the first Research Chapter in America.

Many visits are recorded which show great activity and interest and in this connection the Grand High Priest says: “The progress one Masonic Body makes strengthens the other and what is good for one Masonic Body is good for the other.”

Twenty Chapters qualified for General Grand Chapter certificates for ten per cent or over increase in membership.

A recommendation was made that a Special Committee be appointed to present Landmarks for official adoption by the Grand Chapter.

Life membership is also mentioned as becoming a financial embarrassment in some Chapters. This seems to be a delicate point all around.

We note that the Order of De Molay is sponsored by this Grand Chapter and is doing splendid work for the youth of their State.

A worthwhile report is submitted by a Masonic Advancement Committee, many novel ideas and special meetings being planned.

Number of Chapters, 102. Membership, 17,828; increase 737.

M.E. Comp. William W. Burns elected Grand High Priest for the ensuing year.

H. E. B.
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ANCIENT CRAFT MASONRY—
Commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it Anno Lucis (A.L.) "in the year of Light." To get the present date add 4,000 years to the common era—1949 and 4,000 equal to 5949.

ROYAL ARCH—
Date from the year in which the Temple was commenced by Zerubbabel Anno Inventionis (A.I.) "in the year of discovery." Add 530 to the vulgar era—1949 and 530 equal to 2479.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS—
Date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed—Anno Depositionis (A. Dep.) "in the year of the deposit." Add 1,000 to the common era, thus: 1949 and 1,000 equal to 2949.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR—
Commence their era with the organization of their order Anno Ordinis (A.O.) "in the year of the Order." From the Christian era take 1,118, thus: 1949 less 1,118 equal to 831.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD—
Date from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchisedek—Anno Benefacio (A.B.) To the Christian era add 1,913, thus: 1949 and 1,913 equal 3862.

SCOTTISH RITE—
Same as Ancient Craft Masonry—except the Jewish chronology is used—Anno Mundi (A.M.) "in the year of the world." To get the common era add 3,760, thus: 1949 and 3,760 equal to 5,709. After September add another year.
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Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

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R. E. Comp. J. V. Dodds  Grand Principal Sojourner

R. E. Comp. E. J. Friend  Grand Registrar