PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER
OF
ROYAL ARCH MASONSMEN
OF CANADA

« 1942 »

EIGHTY-FOURTH
ANNUAL CONVOCATION
NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO
APRIL 22nd and 23rd, 1942
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GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

PROCEEDINGS


PRESENT

M. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey .................................................. Grand Z.\) Grand
R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw ........................................... as Grand H.\} Council
R. Ex. Comp. A. H. Monteith .................................................. Grand J.
M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith ..................................................... Grand Scribe E.
R. Ex. Comp. Chas. H. Sheppard .......................................... as Grand Treasurer
R. Ex. Comp. Reg. Cushman ................................................... as Grand Scribe N.
V. Ex. Comp. Harry Abel ........................................................ as Grand Pr. Soj.
V. Ex. Comp. W. R. Cooper ................................................... as Grand Sr. Soj.
R. Ex. Comp. Adam Dahmer ................................................... Grand Supt. Huron

and the following assisting:—

R. Ex. Comp. Wesley Joynt,
R. Ex. Comp. Fred. Edwards,
R. Ex. Comp. Wm. Porteous,
V. Ex. Comp. John Weare,
V. Ex. Comp. Roy R. Munroe,
V. Ex. Comp. John Hyland,
V. Ex. Comp. Walter Bennett,
Ex. Comp. John Loughleem.

Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form at 8.55 p.m., when the Grand First Principal announced that the Especial Convocation had been called for the purpose of Dedicating the Chapter Room for St. James Chapter, No. 466, G.R.C. Royal Arch Masons of St. Marys, Ontario.

The Ceremony being concluded, the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal closed Grand Chapter at 10.30 o’clock p.m. (Standard Time).

Grand Scribe E.
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PRESENT

M. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey ........................................... Grand Z. | Grand
R. Ex. Comp. C. P. Ramsay ........................................... as Grand H. | Council
R. Ex. Comp. J. R. Spence ........................................... as Grand J.
M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith ........................................... Grand Scribe E.
   Ex. Comp. M. S. Gooderham ........................................... as Grand Treasurer
R. Ex. Comp. E. A. F. Day ........................................... as Grand Scribe N.
   Ex. Comp. Geo. McKelvie ........................................... as Grand Pr. Soj.
V. Ex. Comp. J. Goodman ........................................... as Grand Sr. Soj.
   Ex. Comp. J. E. Morrison ........................................... as Grand Jr. Soj.
R. Ex. Comp. Geo. L. Cameron ........................................... Grand Supt. Temiskaming Dist.,
   No. 16.
   Ex. Comp. Geo. James ........................................... as Grand Outer Guard
   Comp. Rev. Joy .................................................... as Grand Organist

and the following assisting:—

R. Ex. Comp. Frank K. Ebbitt,
R. Ex. Comp. H. Jones,
R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Fuller,
R. Ex. Comp. Hayden Rood;
R. Ex. Comp. F. J. Hill,
   Ex. Comp. Jas. E. Whaley,
   Ex. Comp. Joe. Penman,
   Ex. Comp. A. F. McDowell.
   Ex. Comp. H. P. Shantz,
   Ex. Comp. J. Beattie,
   Ex. Comp. F. Wills,
   Ex. Comp. Wm. Dalzell.

Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form at 8.30 o’clock p.m. (E.D.S.T.), when the Grand First Principal announced that the Especial Convocation had been called for the purpose of Dedicating the Chapter Room for Abitibi Chapter, No. 223, G.R.C., Royal Arch Masons of Iroquois Falls, Ontario.

The Ceremony being concluded, the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal closed Grand Chapter at 9.15 o’clock p.m. (E.D.S.T.).

Edwin Smith
Grand Scribe E.
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PRESENT

R. Ex. Comp. Fred Porterfield ...................................... as Grand H.}Council
R. Ex. Comp. A. H. Monteith ....................................... Grand J.
M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith ........................................... Grand Scribe E.
   Ex. Comp. Ed. Hall ................................................ as Grand Scribe N.
   Comp. J. M. Bain .................................................. as Grand Pr. Soj.
   Comp. D. Howes ................................................... as Grand Sr. Soj.
   Comp. H. G. Zilliax .............................................. as Grand Jr. Soj.
R. Ex. Comp. Adam Dahmer .......................................... Grand Supt. Huron
   Grand Scribe E.
   District, No. 6
   Comp. S. A. Johnston ............................................. as Grand Outer Guard
   V. Ex. Comp. Chas. Fotheringham ................................ Grand Organist

and the following assisting:—

R. Ex. Comp. Gordon V. Hilborn,
R. Ex. Comp. Wesley Joynt,
R. Ex. Comp. W. Porteous,
V. Ex. Comp. W. R. Cooper,
V. Ex. Comp. W. Tough,
V. Ex. Comp. Stanley Coughlin,
V. Ex. Comp. A. Hughes.

Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form at 9 o'clock p.m., when the Grand First Principal announced that the Especial Convocation had been called for the purpose of Dedicating the Chapter Room for Bernard Chapter, No. 146, G.R.C., Royal Arch Masons of Listowel, Ontario.

The Ceremony being concluded, the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal closed Grand Chapter at 9.55 o'clock p.m.

[Signature]

Grand Scribe E.
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PRESENT

M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith .............................................. as Grand Z. Grand
R. Ex. Comp. Chas. O. Maddock ..................................... as Grand H. Council
R. Ex. Comp. B. F. Nott .............................................. as Grand J.
V. Ex. Comp. P. Bregman .............................................. as Grand Scribe E.
Ex. Comp. W. H. Bain .................................................. as Grand Scribe N.
R. Ex. Comp. George Gill .............................................. as Grand Treasurer
R. Ex. Comp. H. M. Stephenson ...................................... as Grand Pr. Soj.
Ex. Comp. W. J. Cressey .............................................. as Grand Sr. Soj.
Ex. Comp. A. A. Jackson .............................................. as Grand Jr. Soj.
R. Ex. Comp. K. S. Clark .............................................. as Grand Supt. New
Ont. Dist., No. 15
Comp. A. Goddard ..................................................... as Grand Organist
Ex. Comp. I. Smith ..................................................... as Grand Outer Guard

and the following assisting:—

R. Ex. Comp. James Milligan,
R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Warwick,
V. Ex. Comp. Joe Fowler,
V. Ex. Comp. J. K. Workman,
Ex. Comp. G. G. Ade,
Ex. Comp. E. A. Rotledge,
Ex. Comp. H. E. Roseborough.

Grand Chapter was opened in Due Form at 10 o'clock p.m. (E.D.S.T.), when the Acting Grand First Principal announced that the Especial Convocation had been called for the purpose of dedicating the Chapter Room for Tuscan Chapter, No. 95, G.R.C., Royal Arch Masons of Sudbury, Ontario.

The Ceremony being concluded, the Acting Grand First Principal closed Grand Chapter at 10.10 o'clock p.m. (E.D.S.T.).

P. BREGMAN,
Acting Grand Scribe E.

PRESENT

M. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey ........................................... Grand Z. Grand
R. Ex. Comp. Fred Edwards .............................................as Grand H. Council
R. Ex. Comp. A. H. Monteith ............................................ Grand J.
M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith .................................................. Grand Scribe E.
R. Ex. Comp. A. Huber ..................................................as Grand Treasurer
R. Ex. Comp. R. B. Hilmer ..................................................as Grand Scribe N.
   Ex. Comp. Rev. W. J. Stewart ........................................ Grand Chaplain
   Ex. Comp. R. Trelford ..................................................as Grand Pr. Soj.
   Ex. Comp. A. E. Stewart .............................................as Grand Sr. Soj.
V. Ex. Comp. Chas. Fotheringham ...................................... Grand Organist
R. Ex. Comp. Adam Dahmer ............................................. Grand Supt. Huron Dist., No. 6
   Ex. Comp. E. F. Webb ..................................................as Grand Outer Guard

and the following assisting:—

R. Ex. Comp. G. R. Dobie,
R. Ex. Comp. F. E. Schilroth,
   Ex. Comp. T. Jones,
   Ex. Comp. W. S. Cartledge,
V. Ex. Comp. Allister Hughes,
   Ex. Comp. Dave Cox.

Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form at 9 o'clock p.m., when the Grand First Principal announced that the Especial Convocation had been called for the purpose of Dedicating the Chapter Room for Chantry Chapter, No. 130, G.R.C., Royal Arch Masons of Southampton, Ontario.

The Ceremony being concluded, the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal closed Grand Chapter at 9.45 o'clock p.m.

E[dwin] S[mit]h

Grand Scribe E.
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PRESENT

M. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey ........................................... Grand Z. Grand
R. Ex. Comp. A. H. Monteith ........................................... Grand J.
M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith ............................................... Grand Scribe E.
R. Ex. Comp. W. S. M. Enouy .......................................... as Grand Scribe N.
V. Ex. Comp. R. Currie .................................................. as Grand Treasurer
Ex. Comp. L. J. Laver ................................................... as Grand Pr. Soj.
R. Ex. Comp. R. R. Wilson ............................................. as Grand D. of C.
R. Ex. Comp. W. E. MacLaren ........................................... Grand Supt. Georgian Dist., No. 9

Comp. John McGregor .................................................. as Grand Organist
Comp. Norman Toole .................................................... as Grand Outer Guard

and the following assisting:

R. Ex. Comp. Dr. R. J. Sprott,
R. Ex. Comp. D. C. Patmore,
R. Ex. Comp. James Woodland,
R. Ex. Comp. Mathew Baird,
V. Ex. Comp. J. M. H. McGuire,
V. Ex. Comp. Sid. Biggs,
V. Ex. Comp. Wm. Calvert.

Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form at 9.10 p.m. (E.D.S.T.), when the Grand First Principal announced that the Especial Convocation had been called for the purpose of Dedicating the Chapter Room for Kichikewana Chapter, No. 167, G.R.C., Royal Arch Masons of Midland, Ontario.

The Ceremony being concluded, the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal closed Grand Chapter, at 10 o'clock p.m. (E.D.S.T.).

Edwin Smith
Grand Scribe E.
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An Especial Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was held in the Temple Building, 33 Main Street, Grimsby, Ontario, on Monday, the Third Day of November, A.D. 1941, A. Inv. 2471.

Present

M. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey ................................ Grand Z. | Grand
R. Ex. Comp. A. H. Monteith ................................ Grand J.
M. Ex. Comp. L. F. Stephens .................................. as Grand Chaplain
M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith ..................................... Grand Scribe E.
R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Shaw ....................................... as Grand Scribe N.
R. Ex. Comp. C. W. F. Carpenter ................................ as Grand Treasurer
Ex. Comp. J. D. Smith .......................................... as Grand Pr. Soj.
Ex. Comp. Chas. Leys ........................................... as Grand Sr. Soj.
Ex. Comp. J. Willis .............................................. as Grand Jr. Soj.
R. Ex. Comp. Chas. Sheppard ................................... as Grand Supt. Niagara Dist., No. 7

Comp. Harry Hamer .............................................. as Grand Organist
Ex. Comp. A. F. Hawke .......................................... as Grand Outer Guard

and the following assisting:—

R. Ex. Comp. J. Allan,
R. Ex. Comp. J. H. Sampson,
R. Ex. Comp. J. H. Clup,
V. Ex. Comp. J. A. Bell,
V. Ex. Comp. John R. Weare,
V. Ex. Comp. W. Tough,
Ex. Comp. W. J. Rose.

Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form at 9.10 p.m. (E.D.S.T.), when the Grand First Principal announced that the Especial Convocation had been called for the purpose of Dedicating the Chapter Room for Grimsby Chapter, No. 69, G.R.C., Royal Arch Masons of Grimsby, Ontario.

The Ceremony being concluded, the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal closed Grand Chapter at 9.55 o'clock p.m. (E.D.S.T.).

[Signature]

Grand Scribe E.
An Especial Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was held in the Masonic Hall, 37 Ontario Street, St. Catharines, Ontario, on Friday, the Fourteenth Day of November, A.D. 1941, A. Inv. 2471.

Present

M. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey ........................................ Grand Z. Grand
R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden ...................................... Grand H. [Council
R. Ex. Comp. Ken. N. Carrie ...................................... as Grand J.
M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith .......................................... Grand Scribe E.
R. Ex. Comp. W. S. M. Enouy ...................................... as Grand Scribe N.
R. Ex. Comp. C. W. F. Carpenter ................................. as Grand Treasurer
R. Ex. Comp. Frank Hayes .......................................... as Grand Jr. Soj.
Ex. Comp. Stanley M. Young ...................................... acting Grand Supt. Niagara Dist., No. 7
Comp. Fred. C. Rocke .............................................. as Grand Organist
Comp. Chas. Herring ................................................ as Assistant Grand Organist
V. Ex. Comp. James Dickie ......................................... as Grand D. of C.
V. Ex. Comp. J. H. Newns .......................................... as Grand Outer Guard

and the following assisting:—

R. Ex. Comp. J. W. Woodland,
R. Ex. Comp. John S. Allen,
R. Ex. Comp. George French,
V. Ex. Comp. Ed. Lewis,
V. Ex. Comp. John A. Bell,

Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form at 9.10 p.m. (E.D.S.T.), when the Grand First Principal announced that the Especial Convocation had been called for the purpose of Dedicating the Chapter Room, for Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 19, G.R.C., Royal Arch Masons of St. Catharines, Ontario.

The Ceremony being concluded, the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal closed Grand Chapter at 10.10 o’clock p.m. (E.D.S.T.).

Grand Scribe E.
An Especial Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was held in the Masonic Memorial Temple, George Street, Brockville, Ontario, on Tuesday, the Seventeenth Day of March, A.D. 1942, A. Inv. 2472.

Present

M. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey ........................................ Grand Z. Grand
R. Ex. Comp. J. W. Ault ............................................. as Grand H. Council
M. Ex. Comp. William Y. Mills .................................... as Grand J.
M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith .......................................... Grand Scribe E.
R. Ex. Comp. William Root .......................................... as Grand Scribe N.
Ex. Comp. Gerald Sawyer ........................................... as Grand Pr. Soj.
Ex. Comp. Harry McKinny ........................................... as Grand Sr. Soj.
Ex. Comp. E. A. Parsons ........................................... as Grand Jr. Soj.
R. Ex. Comp. E. A. Cook ........................................... Grand Supt. St. Lawrence Dist., No. 12
Comp. George Tisdale .............................................. as Grand Outer Guard
Comp. Jack B. Simpson ............................................. as Grand Organist

and the following assisting:—

R. Ex. Comp. Harvey Milne,
R. Ex. Comp. W. McLean,
R. Ex. Comp. W. E. Davy,
V. Ex. Comp. N. E. Tarrow,
V. Ex. Comp. T. Young,
V. Ex. Comp. A. Ball,
V. Ex. Comp. H. Hanson.

Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form at 8.45 p.m., when the Grand First Principal announced that the Especial Convocation had been called for the purpose of Dedicating the Chapter Room for Sussex-St. Lawrence Chapter, No. 59, G.R.C., Royal Arch Masons of Brockville, Ontario.

The Ceremony being concluded, the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal closed Grand Chapter at 9.40 o'clock p.m.

Edwin Smith
Grand Scribe E.

PRESENT

R. Ex. Comp. George T. Walters .................................. as Grand H.]Council
M. Ex. Comp. William Y. Mills .................................... as Grand J.
M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith ......................................... Grand Scribe E.
R. Ex. Comp. H. F. Thompson ...................................... as Grand Scribe N.
R. Ex. Comp. C. A. Walters ........................................ as Grand Treasurer
Ex. Comp. A. E. Holmes ............................................ as Grand Pr. Soj.
Ex. Comp. Kenneth Bowen .......................................... as Grand Sr. Soj.
R. Ex. Comp. N. R. Sprague ........................................ as Grand D. of C.
Comp. E. S. Hunt ..................................................... as Grand Organist
Ex. Comp. C. B. Collupy ............................................ as Grand Outer Guard

and the following assisting:—
R. Ex. Comp. J. O. Herrity,
R. Ex. Comp. Harvey Milne,
R. Ex. Comp. W. T. MacKenzie,
R. Ex. Comp. A. MacGregor,
V. Ex. Comp. L. C. Pattrick,
V. Ex. Comp. M. Thompson,
V. Ex. Comp. Oscar R. Morrow.

Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form at 9.00 p.m., when the Grand First Principal announced that the Especial Convocation had been called for the purpose of Dedicating the Chapter Room for Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 44, G.R.C., Royal Arch Masons of Napanee, Ontario.

The Ceremony being concluded, the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal closed Grand Chapter at 10.05 o’clock p.m.

Edwin Smith
Grand Scribe E.
PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER
ROYAL ARCH MASON'S OF CANADA
EIGHTY-FOURTH
ANNUAL CONVOCATION

Held in the General Brock Hotel
NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO, CANADA
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, APRIL 22nd and 23rd
A.D. 1942, A. Inv. 2472
(Ordered to be read in all Chapters and preserved.)

JOHN M. EMPEY, B.A.Sc.,
Grand Z.
Mitchell, Ontario

EDWIN SMITH,
Grand Scribe E.
London, Ontario
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

PROCEEDINGS

THE EIGHTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA, HELD IN CRYSTAL BALL ROOM OF THE GENERAL BROCK HOTEL, NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO, ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, APRIL 22ND AND 23RD, 1942.

PRESENT

M. Ex. Comp. Llewellyn F. Stephens, K.C. as Grand Z.
R. Ex. Comp. Andrew Herbert Monteith, K.C. as Grand J.
M. Ex. Comp. Walter G. Price, D.D.S. as Grand Treasurer
M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith as Grand Scribe E.
M. Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner as Grand Historian
V. Ex. Comp. Rev. Wm. G. Kitchen Asst. Grand Chaplain
R. Ex. Comp. Charles W. Powers Grand Scribe N.
R. Ex. Comp. Wm. Downing Grand Sr. Soj.
R. Ex. Comp. W. S. M. Enouy Grand Lecturer
V. Ex. Comp. James Alcorn Grand D. of C.
V. Ex. Comp. W. Ledger Ast. Grand Scribe E.
V. Ex. Comp. Chas. Fotheringham Grand Organist
V. Ex. Comp. W. R. Cooper Grand Pursuivant
V. Ex. Comp. John H. Newns Grand Outer Guard

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.
(MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE)

R. Ex. Comp. Hugh Baird Hood St. Clair District No. 1
R. Ex. Comp. William Campbell London 2
R. Ex. Comp. Gordon Verne Hilborn Wellington 4
R. Ex. Comp. Frederick William Dean Hamilton 5
R. Ex. Comp. Adam Dahmer Huron 6
Ex. Comp. Stanley M. Young Niagara 7
R. Ex. Comp. William Henry Ford Toronto East 8
R. Ex. Comp. James William Woodland ...Toronto West 8a
R. Ex. Comp. Gerald Carlow Bonnycastle Ontario 10
R. Ex. Comp. Marven Ryckman Reid Prince Edward 11
R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Adams Cook St. Lawrence 12
R. Ex. Comp. Harry Edward Menzies Ottawa 13
R. Ex. Comp. Harry John Hughes Algoma 14

PAST GRAND Z.'S

GRAND CHAPTER OPENED

A Constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the Eighty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in DUE FORM at ten o’clock a.m.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The following distinguished guests were introduced by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, Very Ex. Comp. James Alcorn:


The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba—Comp. F. Davey Diamond, representing the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal.


Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Virginia—M. Ex. Comp. C. Vernon Eddy, Grand High Priest.

SISTER GRAND BODIES


The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada of the United Order of the Temple of Malta, Knights Templar—Comp. A. Bert Barr, Past Most Eminent Supreme Grand Master and representing the Supreme Grand Master.

The Supreme Council 33° Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Dominion of Canada—Comp. Douglas G. McIlwraith, Deputy of the Supreme Council for the Province of Ontario and representing the Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander.

The Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario—Comp. T. C. Wardley, Deputy Grand Master and representing the Most Worshipful the Grand Master; Comp. Ewart G. Dixon, the Right Worshipful the Grand Secretary; M. Ex. Comp. Roderick B. Dargavel, Past Grand Master.

The delegates joined in singing the Hymn—

"O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST,"
after which the Assistant Grand Chaplain, V. Ex. Comp. Wm. G. Kitchen, offered the invocation, followed by singing of the National Anthems "God Save the King" and "The Star Spangled Banner."

Most Excellent Companion George L. Gardiner welcomed the Distinguished Guests as follows:—

"In the regrettable absence of the Grand First Principal I have been delegated to act as spokesman for Grand Chapter in tendering to our many honored guests a warm fraternal greeting and it gives me a great personal pleasure to extend to them as leaders of the Craft in its various branches a truly Masonic welcome.

We meet this morning under conditions that tend to limit the spirit of happiness, our thoughts not as light and cheery, our minds not so care-free as on many similar occasions in days gone by. While we as Masons may feel that here within the sacred precincts of our Lodges
and chapters, we are free from the cares which infest the day, yet, in our heart of hearts we know that this is but a temporary haven of peace and happiness. Uppermost in the mind of each and every one lurks that grim spectre of war with its lengthy trail of ruthlessness, cruelty and suffering. The once peaceful countrysides of many countries are being ravished and have become theatres of a violent and bloody warfare, the spirit of evil marches forward seeking place and power at the cost of human freedom. Once again democracy fights with its back to the wall to preserve for you and me and for all mankind freedom of thought and action, freedom of religion, the right to barter and trade with whom we please and in the protection of that inherent right of all free men the right to select our own form of government. The emotions of the peoples of both hemispheres have been aroused and the call to arms is loud and insistent, yet, above this moral storm of broken hearts, smashed hopes and wrecked lives is occasionally heard the cry "Peace"—"Have sympathy toward your fellow men." Heedless of this cry the resources of the nations of the earth are feverishly engaged in turning out instruments and implements of destruction while millions of men are being trained to take their place in the battle-line, yet even in the face of these conditions there are a few and thank Heaven "a limited few" who are content to flounder in a sea of idle talk about Peace. I presume they mean peace at any price. What fools these mortals be! We have accepted the challenge of the enemy—we face an adversary that has for twenty years been preparing for world conquest and nothing short of an all-out effort on the part of Canada, the Empire and United States and all those other democratic countries which are united in this common cause can hope to stem the tide and save the world from a future of slavery. It seems to me that we as Masons as we fight and strive for victory should not be unmindful that a lasting and enduring peace can alone come with the aid of the Great Jehovah who is faith's last hope and who stands as a beacon light upon a hill, the only hope and salvation mankind has left in a world it has all but destroyed.

It is under these trying conditions and with more than ordinary sincerity that we greet our friends and neighbors from across the border. Their presence is indeed comforting to us in these days of doubt and anxiety, which thought recalls the well-known lines of Scott—

“When true friends meet in adverse hour
Tis like a sunbeam through a shower”.

To you who hail from Sister Jurisdictions in the United States may I suggest that you come to us this morning as a ray of sunshine in an otherwise cloudy sky. Emmerson I think it was who said "A friend is one who comes in when all the rest of the world goes out," and if ever we of the British Empire need a friend we need one now. We are not likely to soon forget the now almost historic words of Winston Churchill: "Give us the tools and we shall finish the job," nor are we likely to forget the prompt and generous response by your country. Since these words were uttered times have changed, conditions have altered, our cause has become your cause and together we stand shoulder to shoulder facing a common foe, and may I express the earnest hope that the day may be not too far distant when we together with God’s help may successfully bring order out of chaos and re-establish peace
and happiness within the hearts of men. As citizens of a great country I bid you welcome to this Grand Chapter—it has always been a delight to have you with us but today we greet you with grateful hearts and a full recognition that the ties that exist between your country and and Empire have been tried, have been tested and thank God they have not been found wanting.

Need I say how pleased we are to have here the representatives of other Canadian Jurisdictions. We know that as fellow citizens of Canada you will wish to associate yourselves with the welcome that has just been tendered to our American friends. While you hail from other Provinces of this fair Dominion I know that you will agree that provincial barriers are gradually being lowered, petty differences cast aside and today we stand a United people with but one aim and that to bravely face the future no matter what it may hold, to undertake without complaint and to complete such tasks as may be assigned to us in a manner worthy of Canada and the Empire. To you as craftsmen and fellow-countrymen we extend our most affectionate greeting.

Let me express our pleasure in having as our guests the rulers of other branches of this Ancient and Honorable fraternity. The Companions of Supreme Council Royal and Select Masters, the Order of High Priesthood, the Militant Knights Templar and our brethren of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite your interest in Royal Arch Masons is evidenced by your attendance here today and is indicative that all is well within the Masonic fold. A community of interest binds us one to the other. We are motivated by the same ideas and ideals, we travel the same broad highway with the same objective in view and may I express the hope that together we may journey onwards and upwards to greater heights or usefulness. Be assured that we are happy indeed to have you with us this morning.

To the representatives of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario—we tender our most loyal and sincere welcome, we greet you not only as Royal Arch Masons but also as members of Craft Lodges under your jurisdiction. We are proud indeed to mark your attendance by this outward expression of an inward loyalty to the Mother Grand Lodge. You provide the material with which we build—you furnish the basic ideals upon which Royal Arch Masonry has been founded while within the Craft Lodge we find the inspiration to carry on the work of this great Brotherhood. Symbolic Masonry has laid for us a solid foundation upon which we of the Royal Craft are endeavouring to erect a superstructure that shall be perfect in its parts and honorable to the building.

We regret exceedingly the absence of Most Worshipful Brother McRae, our Grand Master, but it was indeed a happy selection that sent to us in his stead R. Wor. Bro. Wardley the Deputy Grand Master, and our pleasure in receiving him is greatly enhanced by the presence of our genial Grand Secretary, R. Wor. Bro. Ewart Dixon, and what shall I say about Most Wor. Bro. and Most Ex. Comp. R. B. Dargavel, Past Grand Master, one who has contributed so much to both branches of our Order, knowing the esteem in which he is held by the members generally I think I shall leave it to the companions present to mentally tender that welcome he so richly deserves. I am going to ask R.
Wor. Bro. Wardley to convey to our Grand Master our sincere expressions of homage, good-will and respect.

Finally my brethren and companions I greet you individually and collectively in the name of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada. I am sure that we shall derive an inspiration from your presence and may your sojourn among us be as pleasant and enjoyable to you as we know it shall be to us.

Grand Honours were then extended.

CIVIC WELCOME

Grand Chapter was “Called Off” to permit R. Ex. Comp. Chas. Sheppard the opportunity of presenting His Worship the Mayor, Bro. George R. Inglis, who, on behalf of the Council and Citizens of Niagara Falls, extended a hearty welcome. He stated that Conventions promoted an International Unity and he knew that Royal Arch Masonry would do much to promote this Unity. He hoped that our deliberations would be most beneficial and assured us that our ladies would be royally entertained, and he hoped that we would carry away with us happy memories of the occasion.

The Mayor was accompanied by the Chief Constable, Comp. M. D. Tisdale, a member of Mount Nebo Chapter No. 76, Niagara Falls.

The welcome was acknowledged by the Acting Grand Z., Most Ex. Comp. Llew. F. Stephens, K.C., after which the Mayor retired.

Grand Chapter was “Called On.”

NIAGARA FALLS AND DISTRICT EXTENDS WELCOME

The Acting Grand Superintendent, Ex. Comp. Stanley Young, read the following:

To the Most Excellent, The Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

On behalf of the Chapters of Niagara District No. 7, we, the Presiding First Principals, wish to extend to you a most cordial welcome to the 84th Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

In normal times this centre is a tourist mecca with visitors viewing one of the seven wonders of the world. But under war conditions we meet with circumstances unique and historically significant. The great power plants located along the mighty Niagara, supplying electrical energy for essential
war work throughout the Province of Ontario, are now heavily guarded and present a picture that may not be duplicated in our generation.

In welcoming you to Niagara Falls we trust that you will enjoy your sojourn among us and find it worthy of remembrance for many years to come. A convention of this nature held midst surroundings of world famous beauty and historic interest cannot but strike a responsive chord in every delegate present.

To you, Most Excellent Sir, and to the Grand Chapter, we would like to express our best wishes. Through the coming years may you reminisce with hosts of pleasant memories.


Ex. Comp. S. M. Young, Box Y, Pt. Colborne, King Hiram, No. 57, Port Colborne

Ex. Comp. J. H. Hughes, 1951 Prospect St., Niagara Falls, Ont., Mt. Nebo, No. 76, Niagara Falls, Ont.


Ex. Comp. L. R. Brennan, Welland, Ont., Willson, No. 64, Welland, Ont.

Ex. Comp. C. Hanna, Fort Erie N., Ont., Hugh Murray, No. 184, Fort Erie N., Ont.

Ex. Comp. J. B. Hostetter, R. R. No. 4, St. Catharines, Ont., Niagara, No. 55, Niagara-on-the-Lake

Ex. Comp. Clarence W. Lewis, Grimsby, Ont., Grimsby, No. 69, Grimsby, Ont.


Most Ex. Comp. Stephens assured Ex. Comp. Young and the ruling Principals of the Chapters of the District of his appreciation, on behalf of Grand Chapter, of the kind thoughts contained in the message of welcome.

The Acting Grand Z. announced that all Royal Arch Masons in good standing were welcome.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES, 1941

The Grand Scribe E. commenced reading the minutes of the Proceedings of the Eighty-third Annual Convocation, held in the City of London, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 23rd and 24th, 1941, when it was moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. A. H. Monteith, and,—

Resolved,—That as the Proceedings of the last Annual Convocation, held Tuesday and Wednesday, April 23rd 'and 24th, 1941, have been printed and copies thereof sent to all the Chapters in this Jurisdiction, the recorded minutes be considered as read, and the same is now confirmed.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. J. M. Burden, and seconded by R. Ex. Comp. A. H. Monteith, and—

Resolved,—“That the Grand Z. be given authority to alter the Order of Business at this Convocation in his discretion.
**COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS**

R. Ex. Comp. Reg. Conover, Chairman of the Credential Committees of Representatives and Proxies of the Chapters, reported there were 153 Warranted Chapters on the Roll of Grand Chapter, of which 115 Chapters were represented by the following:

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<td>George Thompson, Z.</td>
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<td>E. A. Cook (Proxy)</td>
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No. 26.  
St. Mark's, Trenton.
N. M. Sprague (Proxy), J. A. Pow, A. D. MacIntyre, P.Z.

No. 27.  
Manitou, Collingwood.
W. C. Gossline, Z.

No. 29.  
McCallum, Dunnville.

No. 31.  
Prince Edward, Picton.
J. C. Cooper, Z.; H. McCartney, J.

No. 32.  
Waterloo, Galt.

No. 34.  
Signet, Barrie.

No. 35.  
Keystone, Whitby.
R. McNee (Proxy).

No. 36.  
Corinthian, Peterboro.

No. 37.  
Victoria, Port Hope.
H. Mitchell (Proxy), S. N. Haskill, P.Z.

No. 40.  
Guelph, Guelph.

No. 41.  
Harris, Ingersoll.
W. Moggach, Z.; A. W. Huntley, P.Z.

No. 44.  
Mount Sinai, Napanee.
C. A. Reaubien, Z.; M. R. Reid, P.Z.

No. 45  
St. James, St. Marys.
R. Davies (Proxy).

No. 47.  
Wellington, Chatham
A. S. H. Cree, P.Z.

No. 48.  
St. John's, Cobourg.
J. H. Bennett, Z.; E. A. Hircock, P.Z.

No. 53.  
Bruce, Petrolia.
C. L. Duncan (Proxy).

No. 54.  
Palestine, St. Thomas.
No. 55.  *Niagara, Niagara-on-the-Lake.*
   A. N. Rogers (Proxy), J. B. Hostetter, G. E. Corus, P.Z.

No. 56.  *Georgian, Owen Sound.*
   C. Fotheringham, G.O.

No. 57.  *King Hiram, Port Colborne.*
   S. M. Young, Z.; J. S. Allan, C. F. Rogers, W. A. Hicks, R. Rivers, P.Z.’s.

No. 59.  *Sussex, Brockville.*

No. 62.  *York, Toronto.*

No. 63.  *Havelock, Kincardine.*
   A. K. McLay, Z.

No. 64.  *Willson, Welland*

No. 65.  *St. Paul’s, Toronto.*

No. 67.  *Enterprise, Palmerston.*
   J. F. Edwards (Proxy), R. H. Hancock.

No. 71.  *Prince of Wales, Amherstburg.*
   Peter Milne, Z.

No. 73.  *Erie, Ridgetown.*
   F. G. Parney, Z.

No. 74.  *Beaver, Strathroy.*
   W. A. Campbell (Proxy), E. S. Moran, O. G. Tremner, W. G. MacVicar, P.Z.’s.

No. 75.  *St. Clair, Milton.*
   H. B. Cox, I.P.Z.

No. 76.  *Mount Nebo, Niagara Falls.*
   J. H. Hughes, Z.; J. Brant, H.; C. Sheppard, W. R. Springett, 

No. 77.  *Occident, Toronto.*

No. 79.  *Orient, Toronto.*
   D. S. L. MacDougall (Proxy), L. L. Querie, W. E. Secker, P.Z.

No. 80.  *Ark, Windsor.*
No. 81.  
Aylmer, Aylmer.  

No. 82.  
Shuniah, Port Arthur.  
J. C. W. Parsons, Z.; R. Routly.

No. 84.  
Lebanon, Wingham.  
R. C. Thompson (Proxy).

No. 91.  
Antiquity, Toronto.  

No. 95.  
Tuscan, Sudbury.  
A. A. Jackson, P.Z.

No. 102.  
G. E. Hall, Z.; A. H. Richardson, P.Z.

No. 103.  
St. John's, North Bay.  
T. E. Cribb (Proxy), J. T. Mitchell.

No. 112.  
St. John's, Morrisburg.  
C. A. Louden, P.Z.

No. 113.  
Covenant, Cornwall.  
C. E. Lagden, Z.

No. 115  
Brant, Paris.  
A. H. Monteith (Proxy), W. W. Tough, B. Stobbs, J. D. Smith, P.Z.'s.

No. 116  
Maple, Carleton Place.  
M. W. Rogers (Proxy), G. C. Dowdall, H. E. Menzies, P.Z.'s.

No. 117  
Kitchener, Kitchener.  
W. R. Cooper (Proxy), G. H. Carthy, W. Downing, P.Z.

No. 119  
King Cyrus, Leamington.  
E. H. Brennan (Proxy), G. Bloomfield, A. Bunn, P.Z.

No. 129  
Elliott, Mitchell.  
E. H. Robinson, P.Z.

No. 130  
Chantry, Southampton.  
C. Fotheringham, Z.; R. B. Hillman, P.Z.

No. 131  
Amabel, Wiarton.  
T. P. Jones, P.Z.

No. 133  
St. Francis, Smiths Falls.  

No. 134  
King Darius, Cannington  
E. J. Hayes (Proxy).
No. 135  
Succoth, Uxbridge.
V. M. Hare (Proxy).

No. 138  
Shekinah, Toronto

No. 140.  
Fort William, Fort William.
C. A. Auld, O. Coles, P.Z.'s.

No. 144  
Presqu' Ile, Brighton.
K. A. McQuoid, Z.

No. 145.  
The St. Patrick, Toronto.

No. 146.  
Bernard, Listowel.
Adam Dahmer, P.Z.

No. 147.  
Lucknow, Lucknow.
J. W. Stewart (Proxy).

No. 149  
Atwood, Rainy River.
H. J. Hughes (Proxy).

No. 150.  
A. E. Selwey (Proxy), J. Bell, A. G. N. Bradshaw, G. T. E. Martin, P.Z.'s.

No. 153.  
Sombra, Wallaceburg.
J. Burnett, P. Z.

No. 154.  
Klondike, Dawson, Y.T.
Edwin Smith (Proxy).

No. 163.  
The Beaches, Toronto.

No. 168.  
Ionic, Campbellford.
H. T. Scott (Proxy), J. O. Benor, P.Z.

No. 169.  
Temiskaming, New Liskeard.
G. E. McKelvie, Z.

No. 175.  
The Hamilton, Hamilton.

No. 184.  
Hugh Murray, Fort Erie.
J. H. Sampson (Proxy), C. W. Hanna, C. Butler, P.Z.

No. 185.  
The Toronto, Toronto.
Donald Calder (Proxy).
No. 195. Peel, Brampton.  
R. V. Conover (Proxy), O. T. Walker, H. Spratt, R. W. Hall, Jr., P.Z.'s.

No. 203. Cobalt, Cobalt.  
J. Penman (Proxy).

F. G. Smith (Proxy).

No. 212. Mount Sinai, Toronto.  

No. 213. Northern Lights, Timmins.  
C. E. Irvine, Z.; J. Goodman, P.Z.

No. 214. Vimy, Inwood.  
A. R. Chapman (Proxy).

No. 217. St. Alban's, Toronto.  
John L. House, Z.

No. 219. Ulster, Toronto.  
D. Colman (Proxy).

No. 220. Lebanon, Lambton Mills.  
J. A. Evans (Proxy), W. A. McKague, Z.

No. 221. Durham, Durham.  
G. C. Webster, M. G. Calder, P.Z.'s.

No. 222. Ottawa, Ottawa.  
C. H. Hogan (Proxy), W. E. Gowling, P.Z.

No. 223. Abitibi, Iroquois Falls.  
G. L. Cameron (Proxy).

Robert Clark (Proxy).

No. 225. Beaver, Toronto.  
James Alcorn (Proxy), E. C. Bastable, R. Wilson, A. H. Hann,  

No. 227. Quinte Friendship, Belleville.  
R. D. Adams, Z.

No. 230. Port Credit, Port Credit.  

No. 231. The St. Clair, Toronto.  
J. W. Woodland (Proxy), G. H. Pepper, P.Z.
No. 232.  
King Cyrus, Toronto.
J. A. M. Taylor, J.; K. N. Carrie, P.Z.

No. 233.
Oakwood, Toronto.
A. McD. Hannah, Z.

No. 234.  
Halton, Georgetown.

No. 235.  
Aurora, Aurora.

No. 238.  
The St. Andrew's London.
C. B. Morton (Proxy), E. Clayton Smith.

No. 239.  
Blenheim, Blenheim.
E. M. Smith, Z.; C. H. Mooney, P.Z.

No. 241.  
University, Toronto.
P. W. Rogers (Proxy), C. E. Dickinson.

No. 242.
St. Paul's, Lambeth.

No. 243  
McKay, Stoney Creek.
W. M. Clark (Proxy).

No. 245  
Preston, Preston.

No. 246.  
Humber, Weston.

No. 247.  
Nilestown, Nilestown.
Herbert Archer, Z.

No. 249.  
Palestine, Bowmanville.
C. R. Spencer, Z.; G. C. Bonnycastle, P.Z.

No. 250.  
Thomas Peters', Windsor.
A. M. Adam, Z.; H. B. Hood, P.Z.

No. 251.  
Kirkland, Kirkland Lake.
R. R. Mallard, Z.; H. S. Rood, P.Z.
The following 38 Chapters were not represented:

No. 45. Excelsior, Colborne. No. 152. Alberton, Fort Frances.
No. 94. Midland, Lindsay. No. 240. Smithville, Smithville.

60 Chapters were represented by Regular Officers.
55 " " " " Proxy.

115 Chapters were Represented.
38 Chapters were not Represented.

There were 311 registered Delegates, having a total vote of 559.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

Reg. V. Conover, Chairman.
Jas. Woodland, Vice-Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Reg. V. Conover, and—

Resolved.—That the report of the committee on Credentials and Representatives be received and adopted.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The M. Ex. the acting Grand Z. directed the Grand Scribe E. to call the roll of Representatives of Sister Grand Jurisdictions when they assembled before the Altar. The following Grand Representatives answered their names:
Most Ex. Comp. Stephens welcomed the thirty-three Grand Representatives in suitable terms and requested that they convey the felicitations of the Grand Chapter of Canada to their various Grand Jurisdictions whom they represent. He stated that they are the official connecting link and trusted that they would continue to attend regularly.

Grand Honours were accorded to the Grand Representatives.
In the absence of Most Ex. Comp. J. M. Empey, the following address was read by Most Ex. Comp. Llew. F. Stephens:

**GRAND Z'S ADDRESS**

*To the Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

Within the sound of the rushing waters of the great Niagara, within the view of the new Rainbow Bridge that joins two great democratic countries, and on the banks of that unguarded imaginary line, I welcome you to the Eighty-fourth Annual Convocation of this grand body. Many come for the first time; many come to meet and to renew old friendships, and many to make new friends. An era of eighty-four years in which we have been privileged to meet without fear and discuss matters for the good and welfare of ourselves and others less fortunate is but a short period in this world's age, but to us this period brings fond memories and also many sorrows. We miss the old familiar faces of those who have answered their Master's call. Companions, we are passing through a period of which the world has never known the equal. Our lives are changing. We must live; we must learn to carry the burden that is being placed upon our shoulders. Masonry, being a living example of true Brotherhood, must live. The dictator has closed the doors of Masonry in seventeen countries; may he never be allowed to come within our borders and endanger ours.

**Our Guests**

I extend to our Sister Organizations, our Representatives from our Daughter Grand Chapters in Canada, a cordial welcome. To those from the great American Republic, a hearty welcome, a double welcome. You come I know to join with us in our hours of trial. And while we sojourn, may we see a vision, "A vision of a world fit for man and God to inhabit."

**The Rainbow Bridge**

An example of man's engineering ingenuity and workmanship is shown in the great achievement in the building of the Rainbow Bridge, cementing together not only two great countries but building an archway that will permit peaceful interchange and passing to and fro of their citizens.

The site for the Bridge was dedicated by their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth when the Royal couple
visited Canada and the United States in 1939. The ground was broken May 16th, 1940, and the first steel was placed in position on February 17th, 1941. May this Bridge be an arch of friendship and may the Key Stone that binds the sub-structures be symbolic of our Masonic teachings,

"Well laid" .... "True" .... and "Trusty"

and may it represent hope for the future to those who will pass over its span.

Rationing

We are called upon to forgo the pleasures which we have been accustomed to enjoy. Companions—Chins Up!—let it never be said that our organization is afraid to assist in lightening the load.

Activities of the Royal Craft

I find that leadership is very important and on all my visits it is quite noticeable that Chapters with active officers are increasing in membership. No officer should accept the honour bestowed upon him by his Companions if he is not in a position to acknowledge that honour by giving a portion of his time to his Chapter, other than attending the monthly Convocation. I strongly suggest that every District have a Principals’ Association, and that the Superintendents who may be selected today assist in the promotion of the same. A glance at the report of the Grand Scribe E. shows what can be done and where the activity is noticeable. Congratulations to Thomas Peters Chapter, of Windsor; Palestine Chapter, St. Thomas; Corinthian Chapter, Peterborough; McCallum Chapter, Dunnville; Mount Horeb Chapter, Brantford; Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter, Kingston and St. George’s Chapter, London. These eight Chapters have exalted eighty-seven new members.

Re Grand Lodge British War Relief Fund

"Thanks to all Royal Arch Masons who are working with their Craft Lodge in putting across the great Benevolent work of providing for those stricken in the Home Land" were my words to you in my brief letter the first of this year, and now my Companions I ask you to continue this activity by contributing systematically.
Appointment of Excellent Companion Stanley M. Young

On October 17th, 1941, I received the very sad news of the passing of Right Excellent Companion Maurice John Burdon, Port Colborne, our Grand Superintendent of District No. 7. Owing to a sudden illness he had only been able to make one Inspection Visit. Companion Burdon had many noble qualities and his loss will certainly be felt by his Companions. I immediately requested Excellent Companion Stanley Melbourne Young of Port Colborne, who had acted as his District Secretary, to perform the duties of Grand Superintendent of Niagara District. He has faithfully complied with all the requirements of this office and I have much pleasure in recommending that he be given the rank of Right Excellent Companion and Past District Superintendent of Niagara District No. 7.

Special Appointment

I have for some years observed the activities of Right Excellent Companion Francis G. McLean of Toronto in his mother Chapter and also in Grand Chapter. His reports have been most educational and instructive. I recommend that Honourary membership on our Executive Committee be conferred upon him.

Right Excellent Companion McLean was exalted in the St. Patrick Chapter, No. 145, of Toronto, was First Principal in 1927 and was Grand Superintendent in Toronto East District, No. 8, in 1929, and has been a member of the Executive for years, serving as the Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry.

Committee on Instruction

Grand Chapter at the last Annual Convocation approved the appointment of a Committee on Instruction to prepare a plan for training Grand Superintendents, Principals, officers and committee chairmen of Constituent Chapters, and for this purpose to devise methods of putting into effect such plan, with amendments to the Constitution of Grand Chapter if necessary. This committee was to report to the next meeting of the Executive Committee, and the Grand First Principal was to appoint the convener of this committee. I immediately named Right Excellent Companion John M. Burden as the Convener, and he subsequently was elected Chairman at
the first meeting. Several get-togethers were held during the year and it was most gratifying to me to authorize the publishing of their "Suggested Plan" in the February issue of the "Royal Arch Banner". The Faculty will be ready to assist and they have a full knowledge of our requirements. I strongly urge your approval of their recommendations and that adequate funds be placed at their disposal in the estimates.

Committee on Education

The Committee on Education with Right Excellent Companion J. Austin Evans, M.D., as Chairman, is to be congratulated on the publication of the "Royal Arch Banner" which conveys to the Royal Arch Membership many of the activities and teachings of our Royal Craft. A continuance of this Educational medium is most desirable.

Finances

Our financial position is excellent yet some action must be taken to balance our operating budget. To pay out more than we receive is very dangerous and if expenditures cannot be reduced, receipts must be increased. Our investments at present show a value considerably in excess of their original cost, but we must not continue to use matured principal to pay our current accounts. I trust that the Committee on Finance will offer us some suggestion toward solving this vital problem.

Consideration might be given to the holding of our Grand Chapter Convocation every two years in place of the yearly Convocation, for the duration of the War.

Rulings

I have been asked to rule as to the making of District Assessments and I stated emphatically that these are made as to the total membership, not membership less those commuted, and the amount so assessed shall be as may be decided at the Annual District Meeting.

Dispensations

Applications were received and considered and I authorized the issuing of:
Fourteen for permission to attend Divine Service;
Thirty-six for the changing of the date of the Regular Convocation or hour of Regular Convocation;
Four permitting the visits to or from sister Jurisdictions; Seven dispensing with their Regular Convocation during the summer months, not provided for by their By-laws; One permitting the conferring of the several degrees at the same Convocation, owing to the distance which the candidates would have to travel; One permitting a Chapter to receive and act upon a petition from a candidate for exaltation who resided outside of the Jurisdiction of the Chapter; Twelve for the purpose of holding “At Homes or Social Functions”; One permitting the conferring of the several degrees at the same Convocation, owing to the applicant being called for War Service at a great distance from his Mother Chapter; Eleven permitting the Installation of Officers to a higher chair, than that to which they were entitled to be elected, on account of not having served in the lower chair for twelve months; Four permitting the elections in January; Seven permitting the Installation in February, the last two groups being on account of unseasonable weather in the Eastern and Northern part of our Jurisdiction in December and January.

Amalgamations

Having received a request from Sussex Chapter, No. 59, G.R.C., and St. Lawrence Chapter, No. 100, G.R.C., Brockville, Ontario, that they be permitted to amalgamate and all the necessary arrangements having been submitted, I approved of their suggestion on December 31st, 1941. The new Chapter will be known as Sussex-St. Lawrence, No. 59, G.R.C. This brings into being a strong Chapter and I look forward to a very bright future and growth.

St. Andrew Chapter, No. 139, G.R.C., Havelock, Ontario, found themselves with so few members in their locality that they could not secure a quorum. They requested permission to join with their nearest Chapter, and Ionic Chapter, No. 168, Campbellford, Ontario, with their beautiful surroundings, have taken them in as part of themselves. All assets were pooled and members from St. Andrew have been started in the chair. Accompanied by the Grand Scribe E. and the Chairman of Finance, Right Excellent Companion Alex. Sollitt,
I attended the welcome extended on Monday, January 19th, 1942, to their sister affiliation.

**Chapters Closed**

I directed the Grand Scribe E. to issue demits to the few remaining members of the Doric Chapter, No. 60, Newmarket, Ontario; Macpherson Chapter, No. 86, Meaford, Ontario, and Cochrane Chapter, No. 244, Cochrane, Ontario. This will permit them to affiliate with their nearest Chapter. Their warrants and other equipment have been surrendered during the past few years. This removes their names from our Register.

**Chapter By-laws**

By-laws for consideration received my approval as follows:

No. 36. Corinthian Chapter, Peterborough, Ontario.
No. 80. Ark Chapter, Windsor, Ontario.
No. 112. St. John’s Chapter, Morrisburg, Ontario.

And amendments to the By-laws of the following Chapters:

No. 71. Prince of Wales Chapter, Amherstburg, Ontario.
No. 131. Amabel Chapter, Wiarton, Ontario.
No. 145. The St. Patrick Chapter, Toronto, Ontario.
No. 152. Alberton Chapter, Fort Frances, Ontario.
No. 223. Abitibi Chapter, Iroquois Falls, Ontario.
No. 244. Vimy Chapter, Inwood, Ontario.
No. 250. Thomas Peter’s Chapter, Windsor, Ontario.

The time has arrived when Grand Chapter should have a standard set of By-laws for the Constituent Chapters. These may require minor changes to make them applicable to local conditions but they nevertheless would eliminate many discussions and Notices of Motion. If Grand Chapter approves of this suggestion I should be pleased to name a committee that may report at the next Annual Convocation.
Grand Representatives

Do we realize the honour that has been placed upon us to represent a Grand Body of a Sister Jurisdiction? If we do, all would be in attendance at the Roll Call.

A vacancy having occurred in the Representation of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan near this Grand Chapter, I recommend—

R. Ex. Comp. C. Alex. Sollitt, Peterborough, as our Representative.

Also, I approved of Representatives near other Chapters to fill vacancies as follows:

Saskatchewan—M. Ex. Comp. Francis B. Reilly, Regina.
Vermont—Ex. Comp. Harry B. Springstead, Bradford.

Fifty-Year Continuous Membership

Companions qualified during the year entitling them to receive their Fifty-Year Companions Jewel:

Chapter No. 6, St. John’s, Hamilton, Ont.—R. Ex. Comp. J. Fleming Mercer, 1892-1942.

Chapter No. 7, The Moira, Belleville, Ont.—Comp. Frederick Slater, 1889-1939; V. Ex. Comp. George Dulmage, 1890-1940; R. Ex. Comp. Edwin T. Cherry, 1892-1942.

Chapter No. 36, Corinthian, Peterborough, Ont.—Comp. Harold Archibald Morrow, 1891-1941.

Chapter No. 71, Prince of Wales, Amherstburg, Ont.—Ex. Comp. Colin Wigle, 1886-1936.

Chapter No. 81, Aylmer, Aylmer, Ont.—Comp. L. A. Brown, 1892-1942; Ex. Comp. H. L. Stratton, 1892-1942.

Twenty-Five Years An Installed Z.

The following Past Principals have served Twenty-five Years as an Installed First Principal:


Chapter No. 4, St. Andrew and St. John, Toronto, Ont.—M. Ex. Comp. Walter G. Price.
Chapter No. 5, St. George's, London, Ont.—M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith.
Chapter No. 8, King Solomon's, Toronto, Ont.—V. Ex. Comp. Louis E. Bowerman, R. Ex. Comp. A. R. Tinker.
Chapter No. 19, Mount Moriah, St. Catharines, Ont.—Ex. Comp. William H. Horton.
Chapter No. 26, St. Mark's, Trenton, Ont.—R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Little.
Chapter No. 29, McCallum, Dunnville, Ont.—R. Ex. Comp. John E. Yocom.
Chapter No. 32, Waterloo, Galt, Ont.—V. Ex. Comp. William B. Powell.
Chapter No. 44, Mount Sinai, Napanee, Ont.—V. Ex. Comp. James M. Thomson.
Chapter No. 46, St. James, St. Mary's, Ont.—V. Ex. Comp. John Hyland.
Chapter No. 54, Palestine, St. Thomas, Ont.—Ex. Comp. Herbert Morton.
Chapter No. 61, Granite, Almonte, Ont.—V. Ex. Comp. James F. Patterson.
Chapter No. 63, Havelock, Kincardine, Ont.—Ex. Comp. M. D. McPhail.
Chapter No. 72, Keystone, Stirling, Ont.—Ex. Comp. J. A. Faulkner.
Chapter No. 81, Aylmer, Aylmer, Ont.—Ex. Comp. R. B. McKenney.
Chapter No. 100, St. Lawrence, Brockville, Ont.—Ex. Comp. George G. Grothier.
Chapter No. 103, St. John's, North Bay, Ont.—R. Ex. Comp. B. F. Nott.
Chapter No. 117, Kitchener, Kitchener, Ont.—R. Ex. Comp. George DeKleinhans.
Chapter No. 119, King Cyrus, Leamington, Ont.—Ex. Comp. L. N. Malott.
Chapter No. 133, St. Francis, Smiths Falls, Ont.—R. Ex. Comp. A. L. McGregor.
Chapter No. 138, Shekinah, Toronto, Ont.—Ex. Comp. William J. Sheppard.
Chapter, No. 175, The Hamilton, Hamilton, Ont.—V. Ex. Comp. G. R. Lloyd.

Chapter Summons

Much may be said regarding the Chapter Summons, a call to attend a Chapter Convocation or a special meeting. Some are very neatly arranged and printed and others are scarcely worth the time taken to read same. On January 2nd, 1942, I directed that two copies of each notice be forwarded to the Grand Scribe E., whom I trust with the assistance of the Excellent Z. of each Chapter will endeavour to improve this most important invitation.

Toronto Welfare Work

The following report submitted to me speaks for itself and is worthy of consideration by every district in this jurisdiction:

"We, your Marshals of the East and West Districts, beg to submit for your consideration the report of the activities during the summer months re the transportation of Underprivileged Mothers and Children to Summer Camps, commencing in June to September, 1941.

A brief summary of the report is as follows:

No. of Cars to "Valdai Camp" ........................................... 128
No. of Cars to "City Mission", Bronte ................................. 179

  Total Cars ................................................................. 307
Mileage to "Valdai Camp", 8 trips ................................... 13,568
Mileage to Bronte, 10 trips ........................................... 10,024
Mothers and Children transported .................................. 1,268
Gasoline consumption at 18 miles to gallon, 1,311
  gallons at 33c. per gallon ......................................... $432.63
82½ gallons of oil, at $1.40 per gallon ......................... 115.50
Wear and tear of cars rated at 1c. per mile .................. 235.92
Cost of Baggage trucking .............................................. 116.00

  Total cost for the season 1941 .................................... $900.05
Average cost per car used, $2.58.
All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

(Signed) R. WALSH,
  Marshal, West District.

J. J. CAIRNS,
  Marshal, East District."
To Excellent Companion John Day, Chairman, and to the above-named Marshals, I convey the thanks of this Grand Body for their excellent work and to all those who assisted in this benevolent activity.

Visitations

Space will not permit me to itemize my several visits to Sister Jurisdictions, Chapters and Districts, but I assure you that your Grand Z. has been warmly received, and the hearts of those who once only knew me in name have now cemented an arch of everlasting friendship never to be broken.

My Grand Second Principal, Right Excellent Companion J. M. Burden, and my Grand Third Principal, Right Excellent Companion A. H. Monteith, have accompanied me on many of my visits. My Past Grand Zs., Most Excellent Companion Edwin Smith, Llewellyn F. Stephens, William Y. Mills and Roderick B. Dargavel, have been a tower of strength.

Joint Installation

I have been asked by many Past Principals my views on this subject and I am heartily in accord with the holding of Joint Installations where it will bring together Officers and Chapters and reduce the cost by the sharing of expenses which in many cases is too high. On the 22nd of January, 1942, at London, the four city of London Chapters, Lambeth Chapter, Nilestown Chapter and St. Thomas Chapter—seven in all—held a Joint Convocation for the Installation and Investiture of Officers. It was an evening that will long be in my memory as I had the pleasure of presenting our Grand Scribe E. with his Twenty-five Year Past Principal’s Jewel, assisted by his son, the newly installed Z. of the St. Andrew Chapter which Most Excellent Companion Smith had founded some twenty years ago, his son, Clayton, pinning the jewel upon his father’s breast.
Companions, I trust that my service has been worthy of your consideration—I am most grateful. May Divine Providence give me further strength to fulfil the duties that may be placed before me.

“We are blind unless we see
That in the human plan
Nothing is worth the making
Unless it makes the Man.
Why build these cities glorious
If man unbuilded goes
In vain we build the world unless
The builder also grows.”

Fraternally submitted,

[Signature]

Grand Z.

It was moved by Most Ex. Comp. Llewellyn F. Stephens, K.C., seconded by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, and—

Resolved,—That the address of the M. Ex. the Grand Z. be referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon during the present Convocation of Grand Chapter.
GRAND SUPERINTENDANTS’ REPORTS

The Report of the Grand Superintendents of Districts were then presented as follows:

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, No. 1

I have the honour and privilege of submitting for your approval, this my report on the condition of capitulary masonry in St. Clair District, No. 1.

Permit me to express my deep appreciation and sincere thanks for the High Honour conferred on me by the Companions of St. Clair District to the exalted office of Grand Superintendent and to the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal for confirmation of same.

My first duty was that of appointing the district secretary in the person of Ex. Comp. John A. McWilliam, who accompanied me on all my inspections and performed the duties of that office in a most faithful and efficient manner.

My inspection visits were as follows:
Ark Chapter, No. 80, Windsor, June 2.
Blenheim Chapter, No. 239, Blenheim, June 4.
Wellington Chapter, No. 47, Chatham, June 12.
Erie Chapter, No. 73, Ridgetown, June 16.
MacNabb Chapter, No. 88, Dresden, Oct. 22.
King Cyrus Chapter, No. 119, Leamington, Nov. 5.
Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 71, Amherstburg, Nov. 10.
Lorne Chapter, No. 164, West Lorne, Nov. 21.
Sombra Chapter, No. 153, Wallaceburg, Dec. 5.

All chapters in the district were visited once and some were visited several times. I am most happy to report, that on all my visits, I was royally received as the representative of the Grand First Principal.

With the exception of one, a degree was conferred on one or more candidates on the occasion of my visits of inspection. Having witnessed each of the degrees being conferred afforded me an excellent opportunity to pass judgment on the ability of the officers of the various chapters. On all occasions I am happy to report that the ritualistic work was given in a most efficient and impressive manner.
I have been well supported by the Past Principals, officers and companions of the district at all the meetings, several chapters being represented by impressive delegations. On checking the attendance register records showed the attendance to be the largest in several years. I firmly believe St. Clair District in general to be most promising. On some of my visits, I was strongly supported by the Windsor Companions who accompanied me to the tune of a bus load, for which I am deeply appreciative for this loyalty.

On November 12, Most Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, Grand Z., accompanied by Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Scribe E., attended a district meeting in Windsor. A reception dinner in honour of our distinguished guests was held in the Prince Edward Hotel with a goodly attendance of companions representative of the chapters in the district and Michigan. Adjoining to the Red Room of the Masonic Temple where the Grand Z. and Grand Scribe E. were officially welcomed in a most fitting manner by Ex. Comp. C. E. Saunders, Z. of Thomas Peters Chapter, the room being filled to capacity by district and Michigan companions; the Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred on two candidates by Ex. Comp. Saunders and his officers—in the usual Thomas Peters Chapter style. The degree ended, chapter closed, all adjourned to the banquet hall where Thomas Peters and Ark Chapters were joint hosts to all companions at an informal dinner. After the usual toasts Most Ex. Comp. John M. Empey gave a very inspiring address. Among others who addressed the companions were Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith and R. Ex. Comp. W. N. Moore. The singing of Auld Lang Syne brought to a close a very pleasant and successful evening.

In Sombra Chapter room at Wallaceburg a semi-district meeting was held on Dec. 5 under the able direction of Ex. Comp. John Burnett Z. of Sombra, when four candidates from Wellington Chapter, three from Thomas Peters Chapter received the Holy Royal Arch Degree at the hands of a degree team composed of companions from Sombra, Wellington, MacNabb, Ark and Thomas Peters Chapters. Companions from several other chapters in the district were present. The highlight of the work being the delivering of the Mystical Lecture delivered in a most masterful manner by Ex. Comp. Rose, of Sombra Chapter, a young fellow of seventy-seven summers; it made one feel proud to be a fellow companion of one such as Ex. Comp. Rose.
My inspection to Lorne Chapter, West Lorne, afforded me the pleasure of witnessing another very inspiring event when that Grand Royal Arch Mason of seventy-eight summers, R. Ex. Companion Dugal Turner, Grand Superintendent in 1923, gave all the lectures in the M. M. M. Degree to a candidate without faulter or a misplaced word. Companions in the district and Grand Chapter are proud of members such as these.

On Friday, Dec. 12, I accompanied Thomas Peters Chapter officers and companions travelling by bus thirty strong to Blenheim to confer the Royal Arch Degree on a candidate, in response to the invitation of Ex. Comp. J. W. Carpenter. The room was crowded with almost every chapter in the district represented. Following a hearty welcome from Ex. Comp. Carpenter, Thomas Peters Chapter officers took charge conferring the degree in their usual inimitable manner. Complimentary remarks were expressed by several excellent companions. Chapter closed; all adjourned to the banquet room where dinner was served by our gracious hosts. A very pleasant hour of harmony and good fellowship was enjoyed.

DIVINE SERVICE

Arrangements for a Divine Service at Chatham were almost completed when the threatened gasoline shortage was forceably brought to our attention. All plans were cancelled and were not resumed.

This is deeply regretted as I sincerely believe Divine Services are very important to our order, being too often neglected, thinking we are too busy with other activities to take time out for prayers. Companions we need the prayers. The whole world needs them daily.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS


It was my privilege on Jan. 10, assisted by R. Ex. Comp. Geo. Mickle and Very Ex. Comp. W. Tregenza, to install the officers of Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 71.

Thomas Peters Chapter annual dinner and installation of officers was held Jan. 12. A large number attended the dinner and were inspired by an address by Comp. Rev. C. F. McIntosh. The installation ceremony was in charge of R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Henderson, R. Ex. Comp. W. N. Moore and your Grand Superintendent.
Several other chapters honoured me by requesting me to preside at the installation of officers. I regret I was unable to perform these pleasant duties owing to local conditions.

During my term of office I have endeavoured at all times to build up Royal Arch Masonry in St. Clair District, by encouraging social gatherings within and between the chapters, being done without decreasing the efficiency of the work; by an exchange of monthly summonses so that each chapter will know what work the others are doing, making it possible for the more active chapters to assist those suffering from a lack of candidates, sharing their work and the latter to visit and assist in the work or enjoy seeing the degrees conferred enjoying the fellowship of the other companions. Chapters have been encouraged to present companions' jewels to all newly exalted companions, older companions to purchase same, wearing the jewels at all craft lodges, encouraging the brethren to see more light in masonry to find that which was lost. Lastly and most important when a new member has been received into the circle, make him feel he is welcome and at home among real companions.

Membership

St. Clair District has recorded a yearly decrease in membership for a number of years, and while all reports have not been received at time of writing, I have no hesitation in saying the district will record an increase in membership for 1941, and with a goodly number of applications received to date, I freely predict a banner year for 1942.

In closing let me once more express my deep appreciation of the honour conferred upon me, by the companions of the District, to the Ex. Z.'s and Scribe's E for their assistance and co-operation, and to all the companions for the loyal support given me in all my visits. It is with a feeling of relief and regret that I approach the end of my term of office, the renewal of old friendship, and the making of new, the many kindnesses and courtesies extended will be to me a pleasant and lasting remembrance. Finally I ask you to give to my successor the same kindness, consideration and assistance you so freely gave to me.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted,

Hugh B. Hood,
Grand Superintendent of St. Clair District No. 1
LONDON DISTRICT, No. 2

It is with pleasure that I submit my report on the various activities and the condition of the Royal Craft, in London District No 2, during my term of office as your Grand Superintendent.

I wish to express my appreciation for the honour conferred on me, by the Companions of London District, and also to thank every Chapter for the most kindly and friendly reception given on any inspection visits.

Excellent Companion W. Mac. Waddell very kindly accepted the appointment as my District Secretary, and his services were of the greatest value and much appreciated.

Chapters of instruction were held at Bruce Chapter No. 53, Petrolia; Palestine Chapter No. 54, St. Thomas, and at The St. Andrew Chapter No. 238, London. These meetings were well attended, and the degree work was exceptionally well done. Many fraternal visits resulted from these meetings, and a great deal of interest was created. One of these fraternal visits was at Strathroy, February, 6th, 1942, when Beaver Chapter No. 74, had as their guests Huron Chapter No. 27, Port Huron, Michigan. This was an outstanding meeting for Beaver Chapter and Companions were present from practically every Chapter in London District, as well as from other districts. It was the largest gathering of Companions ever held in Beaver Chapter and the Companions were greatly honoured by the presence of a goodly number of Grand Chapter Officers.

On September 14th, 1941, a District Divine Service was held at Strathroy and was well attended. We were honoured at this service by the presence of our Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Most Excellent Companion John M. Empey and several Grand Chapter Officers. Our Grand Chaplain, Right Excellent Companion A. J. Elson was in charge of the service and delivered an outstanding address which they will long remember.

During my term of office, I visited the fourteen Chapters in this district. Every meeting was fairly well attended and were most interesting and instructive. Degrees were conferred and I must say that the Chapters have attained a very high standard of proficiency in their work. My appreciation and thanks, is due to the many Past Principals of Beaver Chapter who accompanied me on all my visits, their presence being always a great help and an inspiration.
I also wish to express my thanks to the Companions throughout the district for their kind support and co-operation throughout the whole year. The old friends and the new friends I have made, will leave memories which I shall always cherish. The best of success to every Chapter in this District is my only wish in handing over my duties. I trust that my successor will receive the whole-hearted support of every Companion.

There is a destiny that makes us brothers
None goes his way alone
All that we send into the lives of others
Comes back into our own.

Fraternally and Respectively Submitted,

W. A. CAMPBELL,
Grand Superintendent, London District No. 2.

WILSON DISTRICT, No. 3

I have the honour to present herewith my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Wilson District for year 1941.

To my Companions in District No. 3 I would like to express my sincere appreciation for selecting me as their Grand Superintendent; and to Most Excellent Grand Z., John M. Empey, my heartfelt thanks for his confirmation of this selection and for the privilege of being his representative in this District.

Ex. Comp. F. H. Farnham, whom I appointed District Secretary performed his duties faithfully and capably.

My inspection visits were made as follows:

May 2—Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 20, Brantford.
Oct. 16—Ezra Chapter, No. 23, Simcoe.
Nov. 21—Oxford Chapter, No. 18, Woodstock.
Dec. 10—Regal Chapter, No. 253, Port Dover.
Dec. 12—Harris Chapter, No. 41, Ingersoll.

The report of my inspections was forwarded to Grand Scribe E immediately.

I was received with Grand Honours and properly introduced in all the Chapters. Degrees were worked in all but one Chapter and I found that the work performed was on a high standard. The books of Scribe E, in each Chapter were in excellent order.
I found that the Officers of the various Chapters were enthusiastic and prospects appear brighter. In Chapters where no candidates had lately been received I found the Officers and Companions were confident of better success.


Let me take this occasion to wish my successor as happy and satisfactory a year as I have enjoyed.

Fraternally submitted,

CHESTER S. WOOD,
Grand Supt., Wilson District, No. 3.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, No. 4

I take great pleasure in presenting for your consideration the following report on the condition of capitular Masonry in this District during the past year.

Allow me first to express my sincere appreciation of the honour conferred upon me as the representative of the Most Excellent Grand Z. and also to express to the Companions my gratitude for the kindness and courtesy shown me during my term of office.

My first official duty was to appoint Ex. Comp. Wm. D. Thompson, of Preston Chapter, No. 245, as District Secretary and Comp. Rev. E. O. Seymour, M.A., of Enterprise Chapter No. 67, now of Kitchener, as District Chaplain.

DISTRICT CHURCH SERVICE

Divine service was held at Trinity United Church, Kitchener, on Sunday afternoon, June 22nd. The service was conducted by our District Chaplain Comp. Rev. E. O. Seymour. We were pleased to see such a large attendance of our Companions from the District as well as many Grand Chapter Officers and Companions from the neighbouring Districts. I am sure this number would have been greatly augmented had it not been for the extreme heat. A message of lasting import was imparted to the Companions in his usual efficient manner.

INSPECTION VISITS

GUELPH CHAPTER No. 40, SEPT. 12, 1941.—This was my first visit and the officers conferred a degree solemnly and
impressively. A splendid fraternal spirit permeates this Chapter.

**Waterloo Chapter No. 32, Galt, Oct. 16, 1941.**—A large attendance was present and while no degree was conferred, R. Ex. Comp. R. S. Hamilton reviewed the conditions of Capitular Masonry in the province and made valuable suggestions which should reflect to the good of the Order. I have frequently seen this Chapter exemplify degrees and they do splendid work.

**Prince Edward Chapter No. 218, Shelburne, Oct. 17, 1941.**—A large number of Companions from Preston accompanied me on this trip and it proved to be a very enjoyable evening. While the Chapter is small, a true spirit of companionship prevails.

**Durham Chapter No. 221, Oct. 20, 1941.**—This chapter is at the extreme north end of our District, being about seventy-five miles from Preston. They conferred a degree and the work was very well done. They are ably supported by some Companions of many years experience who still take an active part in the affairs of the Chapter.

**Ionic Chapter No. 83, Orangeville, Nov. 4, 1941.**—A dozen or more of Preston Companions accompanied me to Orangeville and had the pleasure of seeing the M.E.M. degree conferred. All those taking part did their work very well. This Chapter is fortunate in having four past Right Excellent Companions still taking an active part in the Chapter. Three of them were present on this occasion.

**Kitchener Chapter No. 117, Nov. 7, 1941.**—I was pleased to see such a large attendance despite the fact that a number of the Companions were making an out of town visit with the Preceptory. This Chapter is not only the largest, but the most active in the District. Their work this night was of a very high quality, as is usual in this Chapter.

**Enterprise Chapter No. 67, Palmerston, Nov. 11, 1941.**—This visit was one of the highlights of the season. I was pleased to meet Companions from Lucknow and Goderich in the west, to Toronto in the east. A degree was splendidly exemplified, and Armistice Day was fittingly observed in the proceedings and programme which followed.

**Halton Chapter, No. 234, Georgetown, Nov. 21, 1941—** This Chapter is showing remarkable signs of progress under the efficient leadership of Ex. Z. MacCormack. The Mark
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

Master Mason's degree was conferred upon two candidates who I am sure will be a credit to the Chapter. The work was very well done.

PRESTON CHAPTER NO. 245, DEC. 16, 1941—I was more than pleased with the large attendance from our own and surrounding Chapters. A degree was exemplified by the officers and the work was impressive and a credit to the Chapter. A close bond of brotherhood exists in our Chapter.

Ex. Comp. W. D. Thompson, District Secretary, was present upon each inspection visit and rendered invaluable services to me and the District, which has been greatly appreciated.

His work as District Secretary has been greatly lightened by the businesslike and careful manner in which the books of the various Chapters are kept.

Comps. Herman Clare and Vincent R. Wells of Preston Chapter, and Ex. Comp. George Carthy of Kitchener Chapter, were also present upon each inspection visit and their companionship has been a great source of support.

While Wellington District is a stronghold of Masonry, and no doubt will continue as such, I would like to see a larger attendance at the Chapter meetings in each and every Chapter the fraternal spirit is ever present and those who fail to attend are missing that closer bond of companionship which awaits them.

Our District has a future and by our united efforts we can place Capitular Masonry upon a still higher plane.

In closing the report for the year, I bespeak for my successor the same friendly and courteous co-operation which has been accorded to your District Superintendent by each and all of the Companions of Wellington District No. 4.

Fraternally submitted,

G. V. HILBORN,
Grand Supt. Wellington District, No. 4.

HAMILTON DISTRICT, No. 5

In presenting my report for Hamilton District No. 5, I desire first to express my sincere appreciation of the honour conferred on me by the Companions of the District in selecting me to the office of their Grand Superintendent for the year. I have endeavoured to merit this honour by a conscientious effort to promote the welfare of the District. The space of a year seems so short and tangible results meagre for
the energy expended, but perhaps the spadework done may bear fruit later on.

I was fortunate in securing Ex. Comp. Joseph Fleming as my District Secretary and am glad of this opportunity of paying tribute to his faithful and untiring service throughout the year.

Visits of Inspection were made as follows:
October 8, McKay, No. 243, Stoney Creek; accompanied by Hamilton, No. 175; work, M.E.M. Degree.
October 9, St. John's, No. 6, Hamilton, accompanied by St. Clair, No. 75; work, M.M.M. Degree.
October 15, White Oak, No. 104, Oakville; accompanied by Keystone, No. 224; work, M.E.M. Degree.
October 24, The Hiram, No. 2, Hamilton; accompanied by Caledonia, No. 236; work, M.E.M. Degree.
November 3, Keystone, No. 224, Hamilton; accompanied by Ancaster, No. 155; work, M.E.M. Degree.
November 18, Hamilton, No. 175, Hamilton; accompanied by White Oak, No. 104; work, H.R.A. Degree.
November 20, St. Clair, No. 75, Milton; accompanied by The Hiram, No. 2; work, H.R.A. Degree.
November 27, Caledonia, No. 236, Caledonia; accompanied by St. John's, No. 6; work, H.R.A. Degree.
December 16, Ancaster, No. 155, Ancaster; accompanied by McKay, No. 243; M.M.M. Degree.

A feature of these visits was that the accompanying Chapter conferred the Degree. This resulted in much larger attendance and all these meetings were fine evenings, promoting fellowship and goodwill amongst the Companions of the various Chapters.

On Sunday evening, November 9, the Annual District Church Service was held in St. Giles Church, Hamilton. Nearly one hundred Companions from all District Chapters attended and heard a splendid sermon by Dr. S. T. Martin. Most Excellent Companion L. F. Stephens assisted in the service.

On Friday, January 30, the Principals' Association of Hamilton District tendered a Dinner and Reception to our beloved Grand First Principal, Most Excellent Companion John M. Empey, which was well attended by every Chapter in the District. A splendid evening was enjoyed by all, a feature being the presentation of a reading lamp to the Grand Z.

A Chapter of Instruction is being held on Friday, March 27, under the auspices of The Hiram Chapter, No. 2, the senior Chapter of the District, at which the Holy Royal Arch Degree
will be conferred on a regular candidate of The Hiram Chapter by a team composed of the ruling First and Second Principals of the nine District Chapters. A feature will be a lecture on "The Pedestal", by Ex. Companion Dr. R. C. Blagrove, of The Hamilton Chapter.

The District has enjoyed a more prosperous year than for some time, having a total of 16 Candidates, as compared with 4 the previous year, but the losses—withdrawals 9, suspensions 20 and deaths 17, a total of 46—resulted in a net loss of 30, slightly over 3 per cent.

How easy it is to paint rosy pictures and gloss over unpleasant realities, but I consider it the duty of Grand Superintendents to find out the weaknesses and shortcomings which are contributing to the gradual disintegration of Royal Arch Masonry, so that necessary steps may be taken to remedy the defects before it is too late. With this in mind, I have tried to analyze the reasons behind the slow decline, not only of individual Chapters, but of the District, some of which appear to be as follows:

1. The apparent refusal or neglect of Chapter Officers to put forth the sacrifice of time and effort which the proper exercise of the duties of their office requires.

2. The failure, especially in some rural Chapters, to plan their meetings or make any provision for a worthwhile evening, apparently not realizing that successful meetings are the result of diligent planning and vigorous carrying out of such plans.

3. The unattractive monthly summons sent out by some Chapters, indicating a lack of appreciation of its value—the only contact the Chapters have with the majority of their members. This is borne out by the fact that out of a total District membership of 911, the average monthly attendance was 168, or only 18 per cent.—less than one out of five.

4. The failure of many Chapters to collect dues in an efficient and business-like manner, the inevitable result being large losses, not only of money which might have been obtained, but in valuable members finally suspended for non-payment. Everyone knows it is harder to pay and to collect a large amount than a small one and a member should not be permitted to get too far behind. His ability or inability to pay should be determined and acted upon before the amount involved presents too great a problem.

5. Our failure to include in our Chapter activities any organized effort to put our Masonic Charity to work. Surely it is not for lack of opportunities or of need, yet only two
Chapters show any expenditure for benevolence during the year.

Summing up the whole situation, the root of the problem seems to be the failure of some of our Chapter Officers to give to the affairs of their Chapter that unceasing zeal and effort necessary to their success, or to fulfill the obligations of the offices which they have assumed. It is fully recognized that other duties and obligations have their proper claims, but I am convinced that until our Chapters can be manned with Officers who are ready and willing to make the necessary sacrifices which their offices require, we can look for a continuation of the steady deterioration of our beloved Order.

I am fully convinced that so long as the principles of Masonry exist, they will appeal to the right type of men, so I have no fears that our present difficulties cannot be overcome, if we are prepared to help ourselves to correct them.

It is a pleasure to record the friendly spirit which prevails amongst the Companions throughout the District, the loyalty to Grand Chapter and its Officers and my appreciation of the many friendships I have formed in every Chapter. At the same time I would like to express regret at the loss by death of so many fine Companions during the year.

In conclusion, I would like to record many thanks to the Principals' Association and all the Companions whose assistance has made my term of office a year, the memory of which will be long cherished by me.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

F. W. Dean,
Grand Superintendent.

HURON DISTRICT, No. 6

I have the honour to present herewith my report of the condition of Capitular Masonry in Huron District No. 6 for the year 1941.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Principals, and Companions of Huron District for the great privilege of serving them as the representative of the Most Excellent The Grand First Principal.

This great honour and my gratitude to the Companions of Huron District will be a lasting memory. I also thank The Most Excellent The Grand First Principal for his confirmation of the selection.
My first act was to appoint as Chaplain Ex. Comp. Rev. J. W. Stewart, of Lucknow, and Ex. Comp. H. Sargent, of Listowel, as Secretary, to these two officers I express my sincere thanks for the efficient manner in which their duties were carried out.

Visits of inspection were made as follows:
May 12th—St. James Chapter, No. 46, St. Marys.
June 3rd—Chantry Chapter, No. 130, Southampton.
June 17th—Huron Chapter, No. 30, Goderich.
Sept. 26th—Havelock Chapter, No. 63, Kincardine.
Oct. 20th—Malloch Chapter, No. 66, Seaforth.
Oct. 28th—Lebannon Chapter, No. 84, Wingham.
Nov. 4th—Elliot Chapter, No. 129, Mitchell.
Nov. 7th—Bernard Chapter, No. 146, Listowel.
Nov. 26th—Lucknow Chapter, No. 147, Lucknow.

On every occasion I was received with Grand Honours, and the warmth, and sincerity of my reception was very noticeable.

I had the pleasure of witnessing (with one exception) a degree conferred or exemplified, and the work left nothing to be desired.

The books of the Scribe E in each Chapter are in excellent order and officers responsible are to be congratulated, I also extend my thanks for their co-operation.

I would particularly like to extend my thanks to Comp. P. N. Currie (Station Agent, Atwood) a member of Kitchener Chapter, No. 117, who accompanied me on most of my visits, also to those who in any way assisted, and visited with me.

One of the most outstanding events was a dinner, and reception on October 7th in honour of The Most Ex. First Principal Companion John M. Empey, in Trinity Anglican Church, Mitchell.

There were over 150 in attendance. The guest speaker was the Most Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, of Kingston, with a good representative of present and past Grand Chapter Officers present.

For the success of this dinner, and reception, I extend my sincere thanks, and appreciation to the officers, and Companions of Elliot Chapter, Mitchell.

The District Divine service at Listowel was held in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday afternoon, October 26th,
under the auspices of Bernard Chapter. The District Chaplain Rev. J. W. Stewart delivered an appropriate and inspiring address.

We were pleased to have present with us on this occasion Most Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, First Grand Principal, who read the Scripture lesson, Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. A. H. Monteith, Grand J., R. Ex. Comp. G. V. Hilborn, Grand Supt. Wellington District, and others.

I attended Divine Service in Wellington District on June 22nd at Kitchener.

I was also present with The Most Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, Grand Z, and other Grand Officers at the dedication of St. James Chapter, No. 48, St. Marys, Bernard Chapter, No. 146, Listowel, and Chanty Chapter, No. 130, Southampton.

Arrangements are being made to hold a District meeting in Bernard Chapter, No. 146, Listowel, at a later date.

In closing I am glad to report that in nearly every Chapter in the District applications for membership are being received.

Respectfully and Fraternally submitted,

ADAM DAHMER,
Grand Supt. Huron District No. 6.

NIAGARA DISTRICT, No. 7

Before submitting my report on Capitular Masonary in this District, I pause and observe a minute in silent prayer in respect to the late Maurice John Burdon, Grand Superintendent of Niagara District, whom we all held in the highest esteem.

The death of R. Ex. Comp. Burdon was a severe shock to King Hiram Chapter, No. 57, Port Colborne, and a great loss to the District in general.

At this time I express my sincere appreciation to the Grand First Principal in appointing me to carry on the duties as Acting Grand Superintendent.

To the officers and Companions I feel indeed very grateful for the kind consideration and reception which I received on every visit.

On receiving the authorization of my appointment the first duty was the appointment of Ex. Comp. George Pringle as District Secretary. Comp. Pringle has discharged his duties in the most efficient manner.
The Inspection of Chapters were as follows:
No. 76—Mount Nebo Chapter, Niagara Falls, Nov. 21, 1941.
No. 64—Willson Chapter, Welland, Nov. 26, 1941.
No. 69—Grimsby Chapter, Grimsby, Dec. 1, 1941.
No. 57—King Hiram Chapter, Port Colborne, Dec. 4, 1941.
No. 55—Niagara Chapter, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Dec. 5, 1941.
No. 29—McCallum Chapter, Dunnville, Dec. 9, 1941.
No. 19—Mount Moriah Chapter, St. Catharines, Dec. 13, 1941.
No. 240—Smithville Chapter, Smithville, Dec. 15, 1941.

I had the pleasure of witnessing one of the three degrees conferred by five different chapters. The remaining four Chapters were unable to confer a degree from lack of candidates or exemplify the work due to officers being located some distance from their Chapters and engaged in various War Work making it difficult to arrange for rehearsals and constant attendance.

Judging from the manner in which these chapters opened and closed and conducted their business I am lead to believe any work they might have to perform would also be of the highest order.

The books and records of each chapter were carefully examined by the District Secretary and found in excellent condition with the exception of Smithville Chapter, where the Books were not available for inspection, the Scribe E. was attending a county meeting of utmost importance.

With respect to War efforts, the roads being in poor condition and a stormy night, he was unable to be present.

McCallum Chapter I am happy to report is in a very healthy and prosperous condition having exalted 10 candidates during the past year.

The financial condition of the chapters in the district is sound. Generally the assets are well in excess of liabilities.

The work as carried on by the officers while conferring degrees is in close adherence to the authorized work. The Past Principals showing the necessary interest in their Chapters and assisting the new officers in the performance of their duty.

The tenure of office being so short a duration it is impossible to accomplish the many things that should be done. There-
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fore I feel it an obligation to assist in every way my successor in office.

In conclusion may I say it has been a pleasure to act in the capacity of Grand Superintendent to offer service to the best of my ability trusting it has been in some measure useful to Capitular Masonry. Knowing that from our association I have received strength and knowledge that will be invaluable through the years to come.

The Companions of King Hiram Chapter that accompanied me on each and every visit, the Past Grand Officers of the District who assisted me so loyally, I offer my sincerest appreciation.

Finally I express my deepest gratitude for the honour that has been bestowed upon me. Trusting my successor shall receive the same co-operation during his term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

S. M. Young,
Acting Grand Superintendent, Niagara District No. 7,
Port Colborne, Ont.

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT, No. 8

I have the honour of presenting to you my report as Superintendent of Toronto East District No. 8, for the year 1941-42.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Principals and Past Principals of the Chapters of my district for the honour they conferred on me in selecting me as the Representative of Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal in this District, and I also wish to thank Most Excellent Companion John M. Empey for confirming my selection.

I also wish to place on record my sincere appreciation of the services of Ex. Comp. Harold Perkins who acted as my secretary. I found him most efficient and capable and the entire District seemed to appreciate his efforts to promote the conditions of Capitular Masonry in the District.

I inspected 11 of the 13 Chapters in my District. R. Ex. Comp. James Woodland kindly exchanged inspections with me inspecting my Chapter, The Beaches Chapter, and also Orient Chapter, and in return I inspected The St. Clair Chapter and Occident Chapter for him. I had previously arranged the degree to be conferred or exemplified by the different Chapters so that all three degrees would be worked about an equal number of times. In all Chapters I attended, I was received with
the welcome, kindness and courtesy befitting the representa-
tive of the Most Ex. the Grand Z. I found the work in all
Chapters uniform and high in character. With very few ex-
ceptions the various officers were well skilled and dignified in
performing their duties. My secretary reported to me that
he found the books of the Scribe E. of each Chapter well kept
and in good order. On each inspection I was attended by a
number of Ruling Principals and Past Principals of other
Chapters to honour me as the Representative of the Most Ex-
cellent the Grand First Principal.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to R. Ex. Comp. W. S.
Enouy for his kindly help and able assistance to me on many
occasions during my year.

In June of last year, the Second Principals of my District
motored to Succoth Chapter at Uxbridge and exemplified the
M.E.M. Degree in a very capable manner. The Companions
of Succoth Chapter appreciated our visit and attended in good
numbers.

During the year, the Ruling Principals of my District
arranged three Chapters of Instruction, that of M.M.M. at
St. Paul’s Chapter, that of M.E.M. at Orient Chapter, and
that of H.R.A. at The St. Patrick Chapter. Each degree was
exemplified by the various Principals of the degree through-
out the District. Each degree was exemplified with skill and
dignity and was well attended by Officers and Companions
of the other Chapters. These Chapters of Instruction helped
considerably to make the degree work uniform and also
brought the Companions of the District together. I sincerely
hope that these Chapters of Instruction will be continued by
my successor.

A large number of the Companions of the two Toronto Dis-
tricts attended a Divine Service in College Street Baptist
Church, and the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, ac-
companied by many other Grand Chapter Officers and Past
Principals, accompanied us on that occasion.

My report would not be complete if I did not comment on
the wonderful work being done by the Royal Arch Welfare
Committee of the two Toronto Districts in again transporting
to and from the two camps at Bronte and Jackson’s Point the
under-privileged children and their mothers. The Companions
of the two Districts responded well to the call that they supply
their cars for this work and a great many under-privileged
children would not have obtained a holiday at these camps if
the Companions of the two Districts had not furnished the
necessary transportation. The thanks of the Companions of both Districts are extended to Ex. Comp. John Day for his untiring efforts in connection with this work.

At all the Chapters I visited, whether for inspection, installation or fraternal visit, I was impressed by the efficiency of the work and the good attendance of visiting Officers and Companions, but I was disappointed at the small attendance of the Companions of the Chapter itself. There must be some explanation of this, and if Capitular Masonry is to prosper in this District, some way must be found of getting the Companions of each Chapter to be more regular in their attendance.

Yours fraternally,

W. H. Ford,
Grand Superintendent District No. 8.

TORONTO DISTRICT, No. 8a

I desire to submit herewith for your consideration my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Toronto West District, No. 8a. Before doing so, however, I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Ruling and Past Principals of the District who elected me to the office of Grand Superintendent, and to Most Excellent Companion John M. Empey, Grand First Principal, for the confirmation of the choice of the delegates, and I sincerely hope that my efforts have met with your approbation.

My first official duty was to appoint Ex. Comp. George H. Pepper, District Secretary, the reception accorded him by the various Chapters throughout the District, proved my choice to be a happy one. His splendid service to me on behalf of the District were of inestimable value.

To the Present and Past Grand Chapter Officers, who frequently graced our Convocations, I wish to thank each and every one for their presence and co-operation.

The kind fraternal receptions received, the memory of happy events, the many close friends made, will be a constant reminder of the pleasant year in office.

I am indebted to R. Ex. Comp. Wm. H. Ford, Grand Superintendent of Toronto East District, No. 8, for his co-operation in the exchange of Official Visits of Inspection.

To the Principals’ Association for devoting their meetings on behalf of the Chapters of the Districts that their representatives might air their grievance in regard to the lack of
interest shown by their Companions. Great credit is due to this Association for their endeavours to try and assist the Chapters to gain that enthusiastic spirit of the Companions which Capitular Masonry justly deserves.

We cannot overlook the fact that conditions in Royal Arch Masonry in the past few years have not been as bright as we would have liked, due to several causes, such as suspensions, withdrawals and deaths, but let us try to forget these conditions and lay aside our pessimism and strive to be optimistic in the improvement of present conditions. The future is in our hands, let us take advantage of it and success will be assured. Capitular Masonry is already on the upward trend, and any effort that we might give to its cause will amply repay us for our labours.

To the First Principals and Officers of the District I pay tribute for their courage, in the face of many obstacles and trying circumstances, to carry on their duties that might prove satisfactorily to the Chapters and gratification to themselves. The several degrees presented for inspection were very proficiently exemplified.

Congratulations are in order to the Principals, Officers and Companions of Ulster Chapter for their splendid effort in donating $50.00 to the British War Victims Fund. They also have a cash balance on hand and no liabilities. Very commendable, Ulster Chapter.

Humber Chapter received a distinctive honour of having one of its members, V. Ex. Comp. R. B. Dargavel, elevated to the honorary position of Past Grand Z., at the last Annual Convocation, held in the City of London. At the June Convocation of Humber Chapter the Most Excellent Companion was invested with his regalia by M. Ex. Comp. Llewelyn Stephens.

During the course of the year Toronto was honoured with having several visits from the Grand First Principal, namely: The Divine Service, held on Sunday evening, October 12th, in the College Street Baptist Church, under the auspices of the two Toronto Districts, when Rev. Mr. Litchliter gave an Interesting sermon on "Casting the Rod upon the Ground"; at the Preceptory Night held by Humber Chapter; the Grand Chapter Night held in The St. Patrick Chapter; Twenty-first Birthday and Installation of Officers in Beaver Chapter; Installation and Investiture of Officers of the St. Patrick Chapter, and the Principals' Association Annual Dinner.

To the Grand Chapter Officers who give so gracefully and willingly of their time, night after night, throughout the
month of January, for the purpose of Installing and Investing the Officers of the Chapters in the District, I pay tribute. Their outstanding example of zeal and fidelity contribute largely to encourage and enthuse the new officers for their new sphere of labour.

The Grand Chapter Night held by The St. Patrick Chapter, seems to gain momentum year by year, in its popularity as an outstanding event in the annals of Capitular Masonry. We would like to record the names of all those present, but space forbids, but would like, however, to mention that it was a huge success. The Grand Council took a prominent part in the proceedings. R. Ex. Comp. McKeown, who acted as First Principal, in the conferring of the degree, has since passed to the Grand Chapter above, and we join with the Companions in deepest sympathy to those who are left behind to mourn his loss! A good and true Mason!

A very enjoyable evening was spent by those who were present at the Principals’ Association Annual Dinner held on Thursday, January 29th in the Walker House Hotel. This occasion marked the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Association. The Grand Council were the guests of honour, accompanied by M. Ex. Comp. L. Stephens, of Hamilton, and M. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, of Kingston, in all about 170 were in attendance. The guest speaker being Col. Peacock of the Salvation Army, who gave a very interesting address on “Conditions in the Old Land”.

A reception was tendered to M. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, Grand First Principal, under the auspices of the combined Chapters of the two Toronto Districts, East and West, on Tuesday evening, February 24th in the Yonge Street Masonic Temple. R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, Grand H., R. Ex. Comp. A. Montieth, Grand J., M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Scribe E., a large number of Present and Past Grand Chapter Officers, together with about 250 Companions were present to do honour to the Grand Z. The 27 Ruling Principals of the two Districts, representing their various Chapters were hosts of the evening. On behalf of the Chapters, Ex. Comp. Maurice Searle, of The St. Patrick Chapter, paid a very fitting tribute to the Grand Z. and presented him with a Gladstone Travelling Bag. M. Ex. Comp. Empey expressed his sincere thanks to the Companions of the City of Toronto for the reception accorded him and for their splendid token of goodwill.
To Ex. Comp. Harold Neun, Officers and Companions of Antiquity Chapter who made it possible to hold this reception without added expense to the Districts, we extend our sincere appreciation and thanks.

The Royal Arch Masons' Welfare Committee, which has just completed the tenth year of its existence, is an organization which all Royal Arch Masons should be justly proud for the good work it has done and is still doing to relieve the suffering of Underprivileged Mothers and Children in our midst. Space does not permit to elaborate on the excellence of this undertaking, I must therefore be content by giving you just a brief summary of its past ten-year record. First of all great credit is due Ex. Comp. John Day, Chairman, and R. Ex. Com. Wm. C. Johnston, Secretary-Treasurer, for their loyal, energetic and splendid work on behalf of this organization during the past year, not forgetting the untiring efforts of all those Companions who by their co-operative spirit and never-ending generosity in giving of their time and supplying their cars have made its success possible.

A brief summary of the activity of this organization from 1932 to 1941 is as follows:—Number of Mothers and Children transported to Valdai Camp, Jackson's Point, and City Mission Camp, Bronte, 12,055; Cars provided, 2,807; Mileage travelled, 250,284; Gas consumption, 12,655 gals. at an average of 29c. per gal., $3,316.13; 613 gals. of oil at $1.40 per gal., $666.35; Wear and tear of cars at the rate of 1c. per mile, $2,502.84; Cost of baggage, $850.00; Total cost, $7,435.32, or an average cost per car of $2.51.

To Antiquity, Occident and Shekinah Chapters who sacrificed their meetings in March and April, in order that the Chapters of the District could hold a Chapter of Instruction to assist the officers in a closer observance of the uniformity in the ritual work. This was held under the direction of R. Ex. Comp. W. S. M. Enouy, Grand Lecturer.

During the year I have enjoyed the privilege of accompanying the Grand Z, on many of his official visits throughout the jurisdiction: Midland, Palmerston, St. Catharines, Grimsby, Hamilton, Guelph, and the City of Toronto. One of the outstanding events was the visit to Guelph, where the degree of the Holy Royal Arch was conferred by the officers of Grand Chapter on R. Wor. Bro. T. Wardley, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada. About 200 members were present, who covered many miles for the purpose of doing honour to the candidate. This eventful occasion will no doubt live
long in the minds of all those who were privileged to witness the ceremony, as well as a red letter night in the annals of Capitular Masonry in the City of Guelph.

In conclusion, may I be permitted to offer a suggestion to the officers of the Chapters of the District, that they strive to gain the confidence and co-operation of their companions by a greater consideration to remedy existing conditions and to study more fully the characteristics of the individual member. The punctuality of the officers in opening the Chapter is sadly neglected and one of the chief causes of the poor attendance of their Companions. Prompt opening and a reasonable hour for closing is essential for the welfare of all!

The many courtesies that have been my privilege to enjoy, at the hands of the Companions of the District, throughout my term of office, will long be remembered and cherished by me, and I trust that my successor may receive that same respect and esteem characteristic of all Royal Arch Masons.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted,

James W. Woodland,
Grand Superintendent, Toronto West District 8a.

**GEORGIAN DISTRICT No. 9**

It is a pleasure, as well as an honour, to submit my report on Capitular Masonry in Georgian District No. 9, for 1941.

Permit me to express my appreciation and thanks to the Companions of the District for the honour to Amabel Chapter in electing me as their representative, and to the Most Excellent Grand Z., for his confirmation.

On October 14th, which was my Inspection visit to Signet Chapter, No. 34, Barrie, they had a Master Masons Night with M. Ex. Comp. Llewellyn Stephens, K.C., of Hamilton, Ontario, Past Grand Z., as Guest Speaker. This worthy Past Grand First Principal gave to the Brethren and Companions a most impressive address on Masonry from which all received guidance and inspiration. M. Ex. Comp. Llewellyn Stephens is one of our most fluent Masonic speakers.

Kichikewana Chapter, No. 167, Midland, Ontario, held their regular Convocation on October 24th, making as a special feature the dedication of the Chapter Room by Grand Chapter Officers, present and past under the direction of M. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, Grand Z. After the ceremony, which was very impressive, and the Chapter room was filled with Companions, a banquet was served.
The Grand Council made a special visit on October 25th to Amabel Chapter, No. 131, Wiarton, Ontario, my home Chapter, where they enjoyed one of Amabel's renowned Fish Dinners. Afterwards an evening was spent listening to The Most Excellent Grand First Principal relate his Masonic Grand Chapter experiences. Sunday, being the next day, we took advantage of their presence and held a special service in St. John's United Church. The service was conducted by Comp. Rev. Norton, and Comp. W. M. Lee (Past Grand Chaplain of Grand Lodge of Canada). The service was well attended.

The proximity of Georgian Chapter, No. 56, Owen Sound, Ontario, makes it feel like home. On November 18th they had four candidates for the Mark Master Mason's Degree and the work was of the highest order. The revival of this Chapter, to a great extent, is attributable to R. Ex. Comp. D. R. Dobie, the present Z.

November 25th, Amabel Chapter, No. 131, Wiarton, exemplified the Holy Royal Arch Degree, and, as usual, their work was above criticism.

November 27th, again found me visiting Kichikewana Chapter, No. 167, this being my Inspection visit. It was Veterans' Night, the Officers being Veterans from Barrie and Midland. One candidate was supplied by each Chapter and the work was exceptionally well presented before a very large attendance. At the conclusion, a banquet was held with many Craft members present. An eloquent and instructive address was given by Rev. Mr. Paterson. Fraternal visits between Midland and Barrie are bearing good results and should be practiced by all Chapters.

Couchiching Chapter, No. 198, Orillia, Ontario, was visited on March 13th, 1942, where they exemplified the Mark Master Degree. The work by the Excellent Third Principal, assisted by past officers, merits the highest praise. This Chapter has the finest Chapter room and the system of lighting is wonderful. The Companions are very friendly, and I was reluctant to leave.

My last visit was to Manitou Chapter, No. 27, Collingwood, Ontario, on March 27, 1942. It was their annual Past Z.'s night. They had five candidates for the Holy Royal Arch, which is seldom seen in this district, and is an indication of the improved condition in Capitular Masonry. Past Z. nights help to keep interest in the work and renew life in the chapter. The convocation was well attended.
In closing, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to every Companion of the District for the kindness, courtesy and attention afforded me at all times, and to my successor in office, my good wishes, co-operation and support are awaiting him.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

EARL MACLAREN,
Grand Supt. District No. 9.

ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 10

It is my pleasure to submit my report as Grand Superintendent of Ontario District No. 10, for the year of 1941, and I wish to express my thanks to the Chapters for selecting me to this honourable position and to the Most Excellent the Grand Z. in confirming it.

Being unable to attend the general Installation at Grand Chapter, I was installed in my own Chapter, Palestine, No. 249, on May 12, 1941, by R. Ex. Companion J. M. Jermyn, my predecessor in office, assisted by R. Ex. Comp. W. S. Enouy and R. Ex. Comp. Fisher.

My first official act was to appoint Ex. Comp. L. W. Dippell, B.A., of Palestine Chapter, No. 249, as District Secretary, and I am much indebted to him for valuable assistance during my term of office. I also appointed Ex. Comp. Canon C. R. Spencer, M.A., as District Chaplain, and he accompanied me on many of my visits.

Visits of inspection were made as follows:

May 19, 1941—Palestine Chapter, No. 249, Bowmanville.
June 6, 1941—Excelsior Chapter, No. 45, Colborne.
June 18, 1941—King Darius Chapter, No. 134, Cannington.
June 19, 1941—Midland Chapter, No. 94, Lindsay.
September. 8, 1941—Warkworth Chapter, No. 110, Warkworth.
Sept. 21, 1941—Corinthian Chapter, No. 36, Peterborough.
Oct. 7, 1941—Pentalpha Chapter, No. 28, Oshawa.
Oct. 10, 1941—Victoria Chapter, No. 37, Port Hope.
Oct. 20, 1941—Ionic Chapter, No. 168, Campbellford.
Oct. 28, 1941—St. John Chapter, No. 48, Cobourg.
Nov. 14, 1941—Keystone Chapter, No. 35, Whitby.

Besides these inspection visits I visited several of the Chapters on other occasions. I endeavoured to arrange a visit to St. Andrews Chapter, No. 139, Havelock, but was unable to do
so as no meetings had been held there for over a year. After much correspondence and consultation with the Grand Scribe E., St. Andrews Chapter became affiliated with Ionic Chapter, No. 168, Campbellford. It is greatly regretted that we have lost one of the old Chapters of our District and we hope that their amalgamation with Ionic will cause awakened interest among the Companions.

I saw work in all the Chapters except three and found the officers proficient and the degrees conferred with dignity and impressiveness. In Corinthian Chapter, No. 36, eleven candidates were severally given their degrees in the afternoon and evening. They were assisted by Ionic Chapter, Campbellford and Victoria Chapter, Port Hope, all being exceptionally well rendered. In three of the Chapters there was no work but the officers in opening and closing showed that they were quite familiar with the work.

The financial condition of all our Chapters is at least fair and in many of them excellent. The District Secretary reports that the books of the Scribes E. are well kept and dues fairly well paid up and in many of the Chapters a special effort was being made last fall to clean up much of the arrears of dues.

The attendance at most of the Convocations was not as good as it should be. The meetings were interesting but there has been a falling off in attendance which to say the least is regrettable. It is sincerely hoped that when the upset conditions at present prevailing have passed away there will be an awakened interest in Capitular Masonry.

The grim struggle for freedom still goes on. As Royal Arch Masons let us do all within our power to aid in this great fight, remembering that in the final issue of the struggle depends the very existence of Freemasonry.

This has been a very pleasant year. I have renewed many old friendships and have made a number of new ones. I would like to thank the Companions for their goodwill and assistance which has made my term of office as Grand Superintendent, one of great pleasure and I trust of some profit to us all.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

G. C. Bonnycastle,
Grand Supt. Ontario District No. 10.
PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, No. 11

I am privileged to have the honour of submitting the report of the work of Royal Arch Masonry in Prince Edward District, No. 11, for the year 1941-1942.

On May 21st, R. Ex. Comp. W. M. Sprague, of Trenton, came to Napanee to install me as Grand Superintendent which he did in a very efficient manner. He has my sincere thanks.

In order that the routine work of the various Chapters might be done more conveniently and fully Ex. Comp. E. J. Corkill, of Mount Sinia Chapter, No. 44, kindly consented to act as District Secretary. He performed his duties most satisfactorily accompanying me every evening. He also addressed several Chapters and enlivened the meeting with his versatile observation and at Presqu’Isle Chapter gave an address on the "Banners" which was much appreciated.

Divine Service was celebrated on September 21st at Trinity United Church, Napanee. The day was a beautiful one and some fifty Companions attended. An appropriate sermon was given by Rev. G. M. Chidley, B.A., Minister in charge, assisted by a choir of some thirty voices under the direction of Mrs. J. E. Madden.

All Chapters in the District were visited during the months from September 8 to December 21, according to the following schedule:

Mon., Sept. 8—Keystone Chapter, No. 72, Stirling.
Tues., Oct. 21—St. Mark’s Chapter, No. 26, Trenton.
Mon., Oct. 27—Madoc Chapter, No. 161, Madoc.
Tues., Nov. 4—Moira Chapter, No. 7, Belleville.
Mon., Nov. 10—Quinte Friendship Chapter, No. 227, Belleville.
Mon., Nov. 17—Prince Edward Chapter, No. 31, Picton.
Tues., Nov. 25—Presqu’Isle Chapter, No. 144, Brighton.

The Chapters in this District are worthy of commendation. All who had work to do, as well as those who exemplified it, did it in an exemplary manner while those who have had no work to do for some time showed in their spirit what they could do if opportunity offered. They did well what they had to do.

It was with pleasure that visitors were noted from Presqu’Isle to St. Mark’s, from Belleville Chapters to Prince Edward and to Mt. Sinai. Mt. Sinai was well represented at all my visits, some five to eight Companions accompanied me
and their brief and fitting addresses aided much to make the evenings a success.

There is plenty of Royal Arch material in the Craft Lodges. Can we make our comradeship and companionship tell in securing this for the Chapter? Some Chapters are doing this: why can not the rest of us do the same?

In cases where candidates may not be at once available it should be a good plan to have work regularly exemplified under a skilled craftsman. The beauty of the degrees and their appeal when mastered presents the best incentive to carry on.

The Dedication of the Chapter Hall for Mt. Sinai, of which we are very proud and the opportunity to do work that it affords, is to be performed March 18. We are hoping for favourable weather and that we may have a large attendance to receive and welcome Most Excellent Companion Empey, who is to officiate at the ceremony.

The lessons learned in the year lead me to regret that I had not the opportunity in previous years to visit the Chapters in this District and by so doing become better acquainted with the problems that presented themselves and to more successfully perform my tasks.

Fraternally and respectfully yours,

M. R. Reid,

Grand Supt. Prince Edward District No. 11.

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, No. 12

I have the honour to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in St. Lawrence District No. 12, based on observations and on information secured from Scribes E. and Principals of the various Chapters comprising this District.

It was with a certain amount of hesitancy that I accepted nomination, as I really felt my inability to carry into effect the various duties and responsibilities attached to the office. However, owing to the splendid fraternal spirit prevailing in the District, it has made my work a real pleasure, and I sincerely hope my endeavours have justified the confidence reposed in me.

I wish to congratulate the Principals and officers of the several Chapters in the District, on their sincere desire to assume their fair share of the responsibility in promoting the best interests of Capitular Masonry and I am fully con-
vinced that their efforts will be of lasting benefit to the Craft in general.

I appreciate the signal honour conferred, by the representatives in selecting me Grand Superintendent of St. Lawrence District No. 12, and to the Most Excellent Grand Z. for confirming same.

My first official act was appointing Ex. Comp. R. M. Wallace, District Secretary, who accompanied me on all inspection visits, and has rendered very valuable service.

To the Companions, who accompanied me on my visits I extend my heartfelt thanks, as their kind co-operation has been of the most valued assistance.

My detailed report of the inspection of each Chapter has been forwarded to the Most Excellent Grand Z. and the Grand Scribe E.

Visits of inspection were made as follows:

June 20th, 1941—St. John's Chapter, No. 112, Morrisburg.
Oct. 8th, 1941—Sussex Chapter, No. 59, Brockville.
St. Lawrence Chapter, No. 100, Brockville.
Nov. 6th, 1941—Leeds Chapter, No. 132, Gananoque.
Nov. 19th, 1941—Covenant Chapter, No. 113, Cornwall.
Nov. 20th, 1941—Maitland Chapter, No. 68, Bethel.
Feb. 20th, 1942—Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter, No. 1, Kingston.

On most of my visits degrees were conferred on one or more candidates, and without exception the Ritualistic work presented was of a very high character.

The secretarial work is in good hands and all books of Scribes E. are well and neatly kept. I wish to extend congratulations to R. Ex. Comp. W. C. Davy, Scribe E. of St. John's Chapter, Morrisburg, on his concise and complete record of all members of his Chapter.

District Divine Service, was held at Prescott, on Sunday October 12th, under the auspices of Grenville Chapter, No. 22. The Principals and Companions in large numbers proceeded to St. Paul's United Church, where Ex. Comp. Rev. James A. Payton, First Principal of St. John's Chapter, Morrisburg, delivered a very appropriate and inspiring address. Mrs. Payton sang very beautifully.

The Annual Meeting of the Principals' Association was held in the Alexandra Hotel, Prescott, on October 28th. Banquet was served at 7.30 to a large number of Companions, after which the regular business session was held. Ex. Comp.
A. E. Seamark, of Brockville, was elected President for the ensuing year.

Dr. W. J. Taugher, of Prescott, Ont., was the Guest speaker, and delivered a very interesting address on Wars Past and Present.

On April 26th, 1941, The Principals and Companions of St. Francis Chapter, Smiths Falls, paid a fraternal visit to St. Lawrence Chapter, No. 100, Brockville, when a very enjoyable and profitable evening was spent.

On May 17th, 1941, the Principals and Companions of Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 20, Montreal, Que., paid a fraternal visit to Sussex Chapter, No. 59, Brockville, when they exemplified the M.M.M. Degree, in a very excellent and creditable manner.

By authority issued by the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, the amalgamation of Sussex Chapter, No. 59, and St. Lawrence Chapter, No. 100, was consummated on January 2nd, 1942.

In conclusion, I again extend to all officers and Companions, my sincere thanks and appreciation for their kindness and splendid assistance so freely bestowed, and I am full convinced that Capitular Masonry in St. Lawrence District No. 12, will survive the strenuous times through which we are passing, and that a bright future is in the offering.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

E. A. Cook,
Grand Supt. St. Lawrence District, No. 12.

OTTAWA DISTRICT, No. 13

I have the honour and pleasure to submit my brief report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Ottawa District, No. 13, for the year 1941.

I desire to express my appreciation for the honour conferred on me by the District in selecting me to the office of Grand Superintendent, and to the Most Excellent the Grand Z., for his confirmation of the appointment.

Among my first official acts was that of appointing Ex. Comp. M. W. Rogers, District Secretary, who proved himself a very willing and capable assistant.

It has been my pleasure to visit each Chapter in the District once during my tenure of office, and some Chapters more frequently.

My visits of Inspection were made as follows:
May 16th—St. Francis Chapter, No. 133, Smiths Falls.
May 19th—Bonnechere Chapter, No. 114, Renfrew.
June 6th—Kitchener Chapter, No. 210, Russell.
June 19th—Laurentian Chapter, No. 151, Pembroke.
June 27th—Glengarry Chapter, No. 143, Maxville.
Sept. 17th—Carleton Chapter, No. 16, Ottawa.
Sept. 25th—Granite Chapter, No. 61, Almonte.
Oct. 3rd—St. John’s Chapter, No. 148, Vankleek Hill.
Oct. 6th—Dochert Chapter, No. 248, Arnprior.
Oct. 16th—Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 226, Perth.
Oct. 20th—Ottawa Chapter, No. 222, Ottawa.
Nov. 5th—Maple Chapter, No. 116, Carleton Place.

At each of these visits that same spirit of fraternal atmosphere prevailed and a courteous reception awaited me, for which I am deeply grateful. With but two exceptions, which were quite excusable, a degree was conferred or exemplified. The work was quite uniform, and the Officers were well skilled, and performed their duties in a dignified and impressive manner.

The duties of my office were made much lighter, and a great deal of pleasure added to them by the ready assistance lent by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Powers, Grand Scribe N., throughout the year.

I also wish to extend my sincere thanks to R. Ex. Comp. D. H. McIntosh, Grand Supt. of this District in 1896-7, and the other Past and Present First Principals who accompanied and assisted me on all of my inspection visits, and also to all who attended these Convocations when circumstances would permit.

While I would be delighted to report that Capitular Masonry in the Ottawa District is in a flourishing condition yet a glance at the Statistical Table compels me to speak with caution. All the Chapters appear to be fighting an up-hill fight, prospects of most Chapters are only fair, yet hope can be had from the knowledge that there are those in nearly every Chapter who are striving, and will continue to strive for a return to prosperity, and whose efforts must soon be rewarded.

It is with regret that I report a decrease in the numerical strength of the District as a whole, and this regret is deepened by the knowledge that deaths have been the principal cause. Among the many, whose loss we mourn, I mention Ex. Comp. W. H. Bradley, who passed away during his term as Ex. Z.
of Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 226, Perth. He served 'till death.

Among the many happy events of the year that will remain long in my memory are those of acceding to a request to present R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Powers, Grand Scribe N., with the regalia of his office, and of accepting an invitation from the Officers of Carleton Chapter, No. 16, to accompany them to Fairmount Chapter, Montreal, on which occasion the Officers of Carleton Chapter exemplified the M.M.M. degree in a manner which was a credit to themselves, the District and the Province.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all Companions for the kindly support and co-operation accorded me, and to bespeak for my successor the same that I have enjoyed.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted,

Harry E. Menzies,

ALGOMA DISTRICT, No. 14

I have the honour of presenting to you my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Algoma District No. 14, for the year 1941.

First of all I wish to express my appreciation to the Companions of Algoma District who were responsible for my elevation to the office of Grand Superintendent, also to the Most Excellent Grand Z., John M. Empey for his confirmation of same.

One of my first acts after I assumed office was to appoint Excellent Companion William Hirst of Atwood Chapter as District Secretary and I wish to extend to him my sincere thanks for his valuable assistance.

My Inspection visits were as follows:
Feb. 11th—Shuniah Chapter, No. 82, Port Arthur, Ont.
Feb. 12th—Fort William, No. 140, Fort William, Ont.
Feb. 13th—Golden Chapter, No. 90, Kenora, Ont.
Feb. 19th—Atwood Chapter, No. 149, Rainy River, Ont.
Mar. 10th—Alberton Chapter, No. 152, Fort Frances, Ont.

Capitular Masonry in this District can hardly be said to be in a flourishing condition, one Chapter only having had one candidate in eight years, and have lost forty in the same period, the others are receiving applications and conferring degrees, but the gains made in this way does not make up for losses sustained by Deaths, Demits and Suspensions. How-
ever, while the Past Z.'s carry on in the way they are, in spite of all adverse circumstances, there is hope of a revival. "Finish the War, put the young men back to work, and our present difficulties would right themselves."

During my Tour of Inspection, I found without exception all Scribe E.'s and Treasurer's Books neat and well kept, and I wish to take this opportunity to thank them for their reception and co-operation.

May I in conclusion offer to each Chapter my very best wishes for their future success, and my deepest appreciation for the many courtesies tendered me during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

H. J. HUGHES,
Grand Superintendent, Algoma District No. 14.

NEW ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 15

In presenting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry for New Ontario District No. 15, I desire first to express my appreciation to the Companions of the District for the honour conferred upon me by electing me as their Grand Superintendent and my sincere thanks to the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal for confirming the same.

I appointed Ex. Companion L. E. Edmonds at Sault Ste. Marie as District Secretary and I hereby acknowledge my indebtedness to him for his assistance and co-operation.

I had intended holding a Chapter of Instruction but circumstances made it impossible to carry out this plan.

I made my inspection visit to Tuscan Chapter, No. 95, Sudbury, on November 3rd, 1941, I was properly received and cordially welcomed. No degree was conferred but the Excellent First Principal and Officers opened and closed the Chapter properly and conducted the meeting in an impressive manner.

I made my visit to St. John's Chapter, No. 103, North Bay, on November 4th, 1941, where I was properly received and cordially welcomed. A Royal Arch Degree had been arranged but unavoidable absence of candidates from home made a postponement necessary. The Excellent First Principal and Officers opened and closed the Chapter in a proper manner and conducted the business of the evening in an able manner. A feature of the evening was the presence of twenty-five visitors. After the convocation the Companions enjoyed the annual
Wild Duck dinner provided by the Excellent First Principal Ex. Companion Bert Branson.

I made my visit to Algonquin Chapter, No. 102, at Sault Ste. Marie, on February 13th, 1942, where I was cordially welcomed and received with Honours due to the office. A most Excellent Master's Degree was conferred in an impressive manner, the Ex. First Principal and Officers showing their ability to exemplify the work in a dignified and impressive manner.

I decided not to visit Pembroke Chapter when I was informed that not enough Members were available to hold a Convocation. Their financial condition is good, and I hope that more prosperous times are in store for them.

I found that a splendid Fraternal Spirit existed through the District. I met many old friends and I trust made many new ones. If the Companions generally profit only a small part of what benefit I received the meetings will have proved to be a decided inspiration to the District.

I bespeak for my successor in Office the same kindliness and courtesy that was so generously extended to me.

Fraternally and respectfully submitted,

G. E. RICHARDSON,
Grand Supt. New Ontario District No. 15.

TEMISKAMING DISTRICT, No. 16

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Temiskaming District No. 16 for the year 1941.

May I first express my appreciation to the Chapters of the District for selecting me to represent the Most Excellent the Grand Z. and to him for confirming their selection.

It was my good fortune to be able to secure the services of Ex. Comp. George D. Adams, as District Secretary, and he has accompanied me on my visits when possible.

On August 10th I invited all the Sitting Principals and Scribe's E. to attend a get-together at my summer camp at Nellie Lake: at this meeting everything in general was discussed as affecting Royal Arch Masonry in this District: most of the Companions were accompanied by their wives and a good time was enjoyed by all.

Abitibi Chapter, No. 223, being my Mother Chapter, I visited it on the first meeting after my appointment, May 16th, and was introduced by Ex. Comp. W. J. Grummett and wel-
accompanied by Ex. Comp. Parker Faler. At this Chapter I have attended every meeting since this date and on January 23rd with the assistance of R. Ex. Comp. J. R. Spence, Acting as H and R. Ex. Comp. Horace Jones Acting as J, installed the officers for 1942.

Northern Lights Chapter, No. 218; accompanied by twenty members of Abitibi Chapter I visited this Chapter on October 15th. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. C. P. Ramsay and welcomed by Ex. Comp. James E. Whaley. After the regular business the Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred in a very creditable manner. I visited this Chapter again on January 21st and assisted by several Past Z.'s installed the Officers for 1942.

Cobalt Chapter, No. 203. On the evening of October 21st I visited this Chapter accompanied by several Companions from Abitibi Chapter. I was introduced by V. Ex. Comp. H. H. Abell and welcomed by Ex. Comp. C. Chellew. We had a very enjoyable evening and motored back home the same night.

Temiskaming Chapter, No. 169. This Chapter I visited on November 5th and I was again accompanied by five of my faithful friends from Abitibi Chapter. We were met by Ex. Comp. H. Clifford and accorded a very hearty welcome.

Kirkland Chapter, No. 251. I visited this Chapter on November 12th. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Howard Hawley and welcomed in a most kindly manner by Ex. Comp. K. Griffin, who officiated for Ex. Comp. J. C. Adamson, who was unavoidably absent. The Chapter intended conferring the Holy Royal Arch Degree but owing to so many of the Companions being absent the degree work was deferred.

The outstanding event of the year was the visit of the Grand Z. and Grand Scribe E. to Abitibi Chapter on September 24th. On this occasion the Grand Z. assisted by the Grand Scribe E. and Past Grand Superintendents of the District Dedicated the new Chapter Room. This was a joint meeting with Northern Lights Chapter and it was attended by 92 members and visitors. All the Chapters in the District were represented. After the ceremony we adjourned to the Banquet Hall where Ex. Comp. Whaley of Northern Lights Chapter presided. The remainder of the evening was taken up by speeches, from several companions: outstanding was the address from our Grand Z. and the Grand Scribe E.

In conclusion, let me once more thank the Officers and members of the various Chapters for their courteous reception
and treatment as well as those of my own Chapter who so kindly accompanied me on my visitations.

All of which is Fraternally submitted.

GEORGE L. CAMERON,
Grand Supt. District No. 16.

YUKON TERRITORY DISTRICT, No. 17

I beg to submit herewith for your consideration my report for District No. 17.

First I desire to express my sincere appreciation for the honour which the Companions of this Chapter conferred upon me by recommending my re-appointment to the office of Grand Superintendent of District No. 17; and also for the kindness of the Most Excellent Grand Z. for confirming the appointment.

Reviewing the activities for the past year of this Chapter, I can record the initiation of two new members, which under the circumstances, is not too bad. I would like to explain that the large mining company here, who are the greatest employers of labour only operate during the summer months, which makes seasonal employment only.

In consequence of this, we have a highly fluctuating population, which, in turn, has a retarding influence upon the growth and general prosperity of local institutions, whether fraternal or otherwise. However, the destiny of the Chapter is in the hands of a keen and competent staff of officers and I have no doubt that with their own endeavours and the mutual co-operation of the members, favourable progress will be made in the forward march of Klondike Chapter, No. 154.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

GEORGE N. WILLIAMS,
Grand Superintendent District No. 17.
Dawson, Yukon Territory.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. A. H. Monteith, and—

Resolved,—That the reports of the Grand Superintendents of the Districts be referred to the Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry, to report later at this Convocation.
REMARKS DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

R.W. Brother, Companion T. C. Wardley, Deputy Grand Master, and representing the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, spoke of the wonderful gathering of the active leaders of the Craft in attendance. He spoke also of the close association of the Craft and the Royal Craft and of the activities of the two bodies. The continuance of our support to the grand Lodge British War Relief Fund was requested, and he stated that many Craft bodies are showing marvelous results. In welcoming the distinguished guests to our Convocation, he representing Grand Lodge, extended felicitations to our Goods Friends, Our Good Neighbours of the United States of America, and “it did not take a war to bring us together.” He admonished us, to always be ready, never standing on the side looking on when the time comes that requires service.

COMMUNICATIONS AND GREETINGS

Letters and telegrams conveying fraternal greetings and expressing regrets for non-attendance were received from:—


The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada—Most Em. Sir Knight John T. Boyd, Grand Master.

The Supreme Council 33° Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Dominion of Canada—Ex. Comp. John A. Rowland, Most Ill. Sovereign Grand Commander.


Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan—Most Ex. Comp. Irving H. Larkin, G.H.P.; Most Ex. Comp. Clyde N.
Wilson, P.G.H.P., and Grand Secretary; Right Ex. Comp. Arthur M. Burke, Grand Representative.


Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma—M. Ex. Comp. James A. Lathim, P.G.H.P., Grand Secretary.


Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of State of Tennessee—R. Ex. Comp. Thomas Earl Doss, Grand Secretary.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of West Virginia—M. Ex. Comp. G. M. Ford, P.G.H.P., Grand Secretary.


Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of New Brunswick—R. Ex. Comp. Roy E. Crawford, G.S.E.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Quebec—M. Ex. Comp. Duncan McLellan, Grand Representative, Grand Chapter of Canada.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan—M. Ex. Comp. Clink, Grand Z.; M. Ex. Comp. Francis B. Reilly, P.G.Z., G.S.E.

The Brockville Principals' Association, the Toronto Principals' Association, and many Associations, Industrial, Civic and Publicity of these two municipalities joined in their requests, asking that the Eighty-fifth Annual Convocation be held in their cities.

All communications were received, and ordered to be acknowledged with thanks and appreciation.
GRAND TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT
March 1st, 1941, to February 28th, 1942

Received by Grand Scribe
E. from Chapters on account of Dues, Fees, etc. $ 8,142.40
Interest on Investments and Bank Balances ... 4,114.68
Redemption value in excess of cost—Dominion of Canada 5% due 15th November, 1941 20.00
Excess Disbursements over Receipts 3,102.26
(See below "A")

$15,379.34

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Investments—March 1st, 1941, at cost, per last accounts $93,271.45
Redemption value in excess of cost—Dominion of Canada 5% due 15th November, 1941 $2,000.00
Investments—Feb. 28th, 1942, at cost, per schedule 91,291.45

$93,291.45

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

February 28th, 1942, Capital:
At Canadian Bank of Commerce:
Current .......................... $ 415.47
Savings ................................ 2,009.59
Incidental Account—Cash on hand .................. 36.38
Investments ................................ 91,291.45

$ 2,461.44

March 1st, 1941, Capital:
At Canadian Bank of Commerce:
Current .......................... $ 549.08
Savings ................................ 3,004.91
Incidental Account—Cash on hand .................. 29.71
Investments ................................ 93,271.45

$ 3,583.70

Decrease—See above "A" $ 3,102.26

All of which is fraternally submitted.

(Signed) E. J. CARTER, C.A.,
Auditor.

WALTER G. PRICE,
Grand Treasurer.

Sharp, Milne & Co., Chartered Accountants.
It was moved by R. Ex: Comp. J. M. Burden, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. Walter G. Price, and—

Resolved,—That the Statement of the Grand Treasurer for the year 1941 be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SCRIBE E.

I submit for your consideration my report for the year 1941. The losses are decreasing as in 1935 our loss was 1,090 and in 1941 it is down to 483, the lowest in eight years.

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As a comparison, our membership as December 31st, 1941, was 16,134, a loss of 483 from 1940, and as January 1st, 1930, 26,141, as compared with that on January 1st, 1942, 16,134, a loss of 10,007 in twelve years. We have 3,878 Commuted members. During the year 1941, 196 members’ dues were Commuted, and during the year 194 Commuted members died.

Chapters exalting more than five during the year:—

Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, No. 1, Kingston ........................................ 11
St. George’s, No. 5, London ........................................ 8
Mount Horeb, No. 20, Brantford ........................................ 8
Pentalpha, No. 28, Oshawa ........................................ 9
McCallum, No. 29, Oshawa ........................................ 10
Corinthian, No. 36, Peterboro ........................................ 14
Palestine, No. 54, St. Thomas ........................................ 14
The St. Patrick, No. 145, Toronto ........................................ 7
Thomas Peter’s, No. 250, Windsor ........................................ 13

The accompanying statement represents the cash received. The special credits are those allowed on account of dues remitted to members who are serving the Canadian Active Service Force, Allied Forces, or those who are receiving treatment
in Mental Institutions, Homes for Incurables or Sanatoriums. Balances are as of February 28th, 1942.

The Annual Returns have been received, reviewed and tabulated from all Chapters.

**ANNUAL STATEMENT**

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Grand Scribe E.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, and—

Resolved,—That the Report of the Grand Scribe E. for the year 1941 be received and adopted.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations were then called for by the Acting Grand Z. for the elective officers of Grand Chapter, and the next place of meeting.

ELECTION OF GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

Grand Chapter was called at 12.10 o’clock noon from labour, to enable the Districts to select their Grand Superintendents for the ensuing year.

Luncheon 12.30 noon
Wednesday, April 22nd, 1942

Guests and Delegates assembled in the Blue Room of the General Brock Hotel and listened with enjoyment to the remarks of our distinguished guests.
ANNUAL CONVOCATION, NIAGARA FALLS, 1942

LABOUR RESUMED

Grand Chapter Called on 2.10 o’clock p.m.
At 2.10 o’clock p.m. the Grand Chapter resumed labour, when the nominations for Grand Superintendents were submitted to the Most Excellent the Acting Grand Z., who was pleased to approve, and the following selections were confirmed:

**GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS**

R. Ex. Comp. John Maver Burnett .................St. Clair District No. 1
       Box 140, Wallaceburg, Ont.  

R. Ex. Comp. Gordon Usher Howell ..............London
       Lambeth, Ont.  

R. Ex. Comp. William Weir Tough ..................Wilson
       Paris, Ont.  

R. Ex. Comp. George Cordingley Brown ...........Wellington
       Norval, Ont.  

R. Ex. Comp. John Herbert Forbes ................Hamilton
       426 Dundurn St. South, Hamilton, Ont.  

R. Ex. Comp. Charles Fotheringham ...............Huron
       Box 32, Port Elgin, Ont.  

R. Ex. Comp. Thomas Camelford ....................Niagara
       Dunnville, Ont.  

R. Ex. Comp. Robert Harold Burton Cook .........Toronto East
       497 Windermere Ave., Toronto, Ont.  

R. Ex. Comp. Mortimer Louis Levy .................Toronto West
       Apt. 21, 1652 Bathurst St., Toronto, Ont.  

R. Ex. Comp. Herbert James Lougheed .............Georgian
       123 Burton Ave., Barrie, Ont.  

R. Ex. Comp. James Owen Benor .....................Ontario
       Campbellford, Ont.  

R. Ex. Comp. James Wellington Kinnear ..........Prince Edward
       279 Charles St., Belleville, Ont.  

R. Ex. Comp. Alfred Edward Seamark ..............St. Lawrence
       50 Arm Street, Brockville, Ont.  

R. Ex. Comp. Milton Lemuel Perry .................Ottawa
       Box 467 Smiths Falls.  

R. Ex. Comp. Richard Routly .....................Algoma
       17 Prospect Ave., Port Arthur, Ont.  

R. Ex. Comp. Thomas Edward Cribb ...............New Ontario
       111 Princess St. W., North Bay, Ont.  

R. Ex. Comp. James Goodman ......................Temiskaming
       227 Havelock St., Timmins, Ont.  

R. Ex. Comp. Fred Clarke .........................Yukon
       Box 285, Dawson, Y.T.  

The newly-appointed Grand Superintendents were subsequently addressed and given the necessary instructions as to the duties pertaining to their office, by a “Committee of In-
struction,” under the chairmanship of R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden. The Committee consisting of:

R. Ex. Comp. J. A. Evans, M.D.  
M. Ex. Comp. R. B. Dargavel.  
M. Ex. Comp. Llew. F. Stephens, K.C.  
M. Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner.  
R. Ex. Comp. A. H. Monteith, K.C.  
M. Ex. Comp. Wm. Y. Mills.  
M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith.  
R. Ex. Comp. W. S. M. Enouy.

TELEGRAM TO OUR GRAND Z.

MOST EX. COMP. JOHN M. EMPEY

John M. Empey,
81 Canterbury St.,
Ingersoll, Ont.

Grand Chapter in Annual Convocation miss their Chief. May He who governs all give to you strength and restore you to your former good health is our earnest prayer.

EDWIN SMITH,
Grand Scribe E.

April 22nd, 1942.

REPORT ON BENEVOLENCE

The Committee of Benevolence have considered the applications for relief, and recommend that an appropriation be made in the estimates for grants to the following:

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" " 145—Comp. W. J. H. .......................................................... 100.00
" " 145—Daughter of J. C. ......................................................... 100.00
" " 163—Widow of L. J. C. ......................................................... 100.00
" " 219—Widow of A. MacD. ......................................................... 100.00
" " 225—Widow of E. R. W. ......................................................... 80.00
Special—Widow of R. H. S. ......................................................... 100.00

Total ........................................................................ $2,720.00

We further recommend that an amount of three hundred dollars be provided for Interim Relief, should it be required before the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

R. B. DARGAVEL,
GEO. W. SLACK.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. R. B. Dargavel, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY TO R. EX. COMP. JOHN J. GARDINER

Most Ex. Comp. Rod B. Dargavel, brought to the attention of Grand Chapter the illness of R. Ex. Comp. John J. Gardiner, of Ottawa, who had been a member of the Benevolent Committee for many years and who now was forced to resign.

It was then moved by Most Ex. Comp. R. B. Dargavel, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Fred G. Smith, and—

Resolved,—That we forward a letter to R. Ex. Comp. J. J. Gardiner, expressing our appreciation for his many years of service and our wish for his speedy recovery.

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

Moved by Most Ex. Comp. R. B. Dargavel, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, and—

Resolved,—That R. Ex. Comp. D. C. Patmore be elected a member of the Committee on Benevolence for a period of three years.

The following Companions comprise the Committee on Benevolence and are members of the Executive Committee of Grand Chapter for their respective terms:—

M. Ex. Comp. R. B. Dargavel retires in 1944.
FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

Most Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner presented his report on "Fraternal Correspondence" and read the "Foreward" of the same.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, and—

Resolved,—That the report on the Fraternal Correspondence be received and adopted.

HISTORIAN ELECTED

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. A. H. Monteith, and—

Resolved,—That Most Excellent Companion George L. Gardiner be re-elected Grand Historian.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENTS

Your Committee on Investments submit the following report:—

In compliance with the resolution adopted at the last Annual Convocation regarding the disposal of our present Government Securities at a premium and re-investing the proceeds in other Government securities bearing a lesser rate of interest, considerable correspondence was exchanged and the matter thoroughly discussed, with the result that the Committee decided to let matters stand as at present.

A Dominion of Canada Bond of $2,000.00 matured on November 15th, 1941, and with the consent of the Grand Council was deposited to the credit of the General Account of Grand Chapter, this being necessary to take care of the Bank overdraft.

Your Committee recommends that the Committee on Audit and Finance be requested to take action in an endeavour to arrange matters so that the expenditures of Grand Chapter will not exceed its fixed annual income, otherwise our Investment Fund will become seriously depleted in the course of a few years.

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS AS AT FEBRUARY 28TH, 1942

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<tr>
<td>City of Hamilton Debenture, Interest 5%, payable half-yearly, May 1st and November 1st; due May 1st, 1949. (Registered as to principal)</td>
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<td>Market Value</td>
<td>$4,360.00</td>
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Dominion of Canada Conversion Loan Bonds, Interest 4½%, payable half-yearly, May 1st and November 1st; due November 1st, 1958. (Fully Registered) ........................................... 3,135.00 3,000.00
Market Value $3,266.25.

Dominion of Canada Conversion Loan Bonds, Interest 4½%, payable half-yearly, May 1st and November 1st; due November 1st, 1959. (Fully Registered) ........................................... 73,237.50 72,000.00
Market Value $79,110.00.

Dominion of Canada 4½% Bonds, Interest payable half-yearly, May 1st and November 1st; due 1958. (Principal Registered) ...................... 2,919.00 3,000.00
Market Value $3,266.25.

Canadian National Railway Bonds, Interest 5%, payable half-yearly, February 1st and August 1st; due 1954. (Principal Registered) ...................... 2,518.75 2,500.00
Market Value $2,931.25.

The Ontario Loan & Debenture Co., Interest 3½%, payable half-yearly, June 1st and December 1st; due 1946. (Principal Registered) ...................... 2,500.00 2,500.00
Market Value $2,425.00.

The Ontario Loan & Debenture Co., Interest 3½%, payable half-yearly, June 15th and December 15th; due 1942. (Principal Registered) ...................... 2,500.00 2,500.00
Market Value $2,487.50.

War Savings Certificates ........................................ 480.00 600.00
Market Value $480.

$91,291.45 $90,100.00

Total Market Value $98,326.25.
All of which is respectfully submitted.

OLIVER ELLWOOD, Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Ellwood, and—

Resolved,—That the Statement of the Chairman on Investments for the year 1941 be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE PRINTING COMMITTEE

Your Committee on Printing submits the following analysis of expenditures for the year ending February 28th, 1942:

Proceedings ..........................................................$ 839.58
Dedication Circulars ................................................. 15.37
General Printing, Circulars and Stationery ...................... 354.39
Grand Council and Officers' Stationery .......................... 49.79
Agendas and Printing re Annual Convocation .................... 116.41

$1,375.54
We would respectfully request that the following amounts be placed at the disposal of the Committee:

Proceedings and Postage for same........................................ $800.00
Printing, Stationery and Binding......................................... 500.00
Dedication Ceremonies ...................................................... 75.00
(Provided for in 1941 but not used.)

Forms:
  Exaltation Certificates .................................................. 200.00
  Benevolence, Applications ............................................. 15.00
  Receipts ........................................................................ 20.00
  "The Work" .................................................................. 1,100.00
  Constitutions .................................................................. 225.00

$2,935.00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. H. SHEPPARD, Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Chas. Sheppard, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Printing be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:—

Your Committee on Finance submits herewith its report for the year ending February 28th, 1942.

In preparing this report and in examining the financial affairs of this Grand Chapter, your Committee observes that the annual income is steadily declining. Naturally we investigated in an endeavour to find the cause and now report to you, that, in our opinion, the chief cause is the steady decline in our membership.

Our investigation took us back as far as the year 1930, which is the last year in which this Grand Chapter showed an increase in membership. Since that time our membership has been reduced from a total of 26,141 to 16,134, which is the membership as at January 1st, 1942. This records a decline of 10,007 members during that time.

This Grand Chapter collects annual dues of fifty cents per member, so obviously when the membership roll shrinks by 10,000 members, our annual income shrinks by $5,000.00.
As this shrinkage has been continuous for the past twelve years, your Committee recommends that this Grand Chapter take some action to correct this continuing loss in membership or to offset in some way its declining annual income.

Upon examining the budget which is contained herein, we think that you will agree that, having in mind the successful operation of this Grand Chapter, great difficulty would be encountered in reducing it further.

We submit the following estimate of expenditures for the year ending February 28th, 1943, for your approval:

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<td>Bond Premiums and Insurance</td>
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<td>Incidentally, G.S.E. Office</td>
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<td>Expenses Grand Z.</td>
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<td>Expenses Grand H.</td>
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<td>Educational Expenses</td>
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<td>Grand Chapter Convocation Expenses</td>
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<td>Executive Committee Expenses</td>
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<td>Flowers for the sick and deceased</td>
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Total: $14,503.00

Printing Stock for Sale: 1,325.00

Total: $15,828.00

In the estimated expenditures you will observe an additional item of $1,325.00 entitled Printing Stock for Sale. A word of explanation might be in order. As our stock of the Work and of the Constitution is exhausted it is necessary that we print a new supply. These are saleable items but nevertheless we have to find the money to print them. This money will return to us over the next few years.
The following is the itemized estimated receipts for the coming year:

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<td><strong>Total Sundries</strong></td>
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<td>Interest on Investments and Bank Balances</td>
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<td>$11,695.00</td>
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From the various statements following you will see that the expenditures for the past year of this Grand Chapter amounted to $15,379.34 and that our income amounted to $12,257.08. Income fell short of expenditure by an amount of $3,122.26. For this year our estimates are for an ordinary expenditure of approximately $15,000 against which we have an estimated income of $11,700.00. In short we are again budgeting for a deficit of approximately $3,000.00.

If this Grand Chapter continues to encroach on capital as has been the case for the past few years, our interest income will be seriously reduced and your Committee considers it its duty to warn this Grand Chapter that, in this event, the annual per capita dues will have to be seriously increased.

Your Committee desires to go on record in appreciation of the help and co-operation extended by the Most Excellent the Grand Z, and the Most Excellent the Grand Scribe E. These two leaders have been of great assistance to this Committee and have been ever ready to help in any way.

**Cash Receipts**

The Cash Receipts of Grand Chapter for the year ended February 28th, 1941, and February 28th, 1942, are as follows:—
ANNUAL CONVOCATION, NIAGARA FALLS, 1942

For Year Ended
Feb. 28, 1942  Feb. 28, 1941  Increase or Decrease

From—
Certificates ........................................... $ 278.00  $ 287.00  $ 9.00 D.
Dues .................................................. 7,033.60  7,585.60  552.00 D.
Fees .................................................. 278.00  283.00  5.00 D.
Dispensations and Warrants .............................. 89.00  91.00  2.00 D.
Constitutions .......................................... 116.80  93.00  23.80 I.

Sundries:
Rituals .................................................. 324.60  333.60  59.00 D.
Ceremonies ............................................... 10.00  19.50  9.50 D.
Demits .................................................. 7.00  12.00  5.00 D.
Companions’ Jewels ..................................... 5.40  15.00  9.60 D.
Book Marks .............................................. 2.50  2.50
Educational .......................................... 5.00  5.00 D.
Benevolence—Refund .................................... 335.22  335.22

Interest on Investments and Bank Balances .................. 4,114.68  4,188.91  74.23 D.

$12,257.08  $13,301.33  $1,044.25 D.

Outstanding balances due from Chapters total $2,220.35 and in comparison with the total as at February 28th, 1941, which amounted to $2,195.85, shows an increase of $24.50.

EXPENSES

The expenses of Grand Chapter are shown below as compared with those of the previous period:

For Year Ended
Feb. 28th, 1942  Feb. 28th, 1941

Salaries .............................................. $ 4,690.00  $ 4,690.00
Foreign Correspondence Report .......................... 300.00  300.00
Office Rent, Telephone, etc. ............................ 741.93  823.88
Premium on Guarantee Bond and Insurance .................. 13.90  13.90
Grand Chapter Convocation Expenses ...................... 927.22  1,191.18
Convocation Expenses of Executive Committee .............. 818.75  623.90
Convocation Expenses of Executive Committee, 1942 ....... 21.70
Grand H. Expenses (I.P.) ................................ 37.75
Grand H. Expenses ...................................... 16.50  67.77
Grand J. Expenses ...................................... 22.20  55.56
I.P.G.Z. Expenses ........................................ 6.00
Proceedings ............................................ 839.58  918.90
Constitutions .......................................... 166.32
Ceremonies .............................................
Demits .................................................. 30.24
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<td>3,445.00</td>
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| Total                | $15,379.34 | $14,943.66 |

Expenditures exclusive of Benevolence amounted to $11,899.34 as compared with $11,498.66 for the previous year, an increase of $400.68.

The Capital of Grand Chapter has decreased during the year by $3,102.26 as shown below:

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<td>$3,102.26</td>
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The effect of this decrease is shown by:

- Cash in Bank and on Hand February 28th, 1942: $2,461.44
- Cash in Bank and on Hand March 1st, 1941: $3,583.70

| Reduction of Investments                  | 1,980.00 |
|                                         | $3,102.26 |

**INVESTMENTS**

I have inspected the investments and found them to be in order. Securities are lodged with the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Queen Street Branch, Toronto, Ontario, in safety deposit box No. 101.

A detailed schedule of the Investments will be found attached hereto.

All interest due on Investments and Bank Balances has been received and deposited in the Bank. This income for the year ended February 28th, 1942, amounted to $4,114.68.
as compared with $4,188.91 for the year ended February 28th, 1941, a decrease of $74.23.

Satisfactory vouchers properly approved have been seen covering all disbursements.

Every courtesy has been extended to me during the course of my audit and I have much pleasure in reporting that the books and accounts of Grand Chapter have been excellently kept.

**SUMMARY CASH ACCOUNT**

**Receipts**

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<td>In hands of Grand Scribe E.</td>
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<td><strong>Receipts deposited in Canadian Bank of Commerce:</strong></td>
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<td>Interest Received on Investments and Bank Balances</td>
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Credit: Cash in Bank and on Hand—February 28th, 1942:
- Current Account: $415.47
- Savings Account: $2,009.59
- In hands of Grand Scribe E.: $36.38
Total: $2,461.44

I have audited the books and vouchers of Grand Chapter for the year ended February 28th, 1942, and found them to be in order and I certify that the above is a correct summary of the Accounts.

I also certify that I have inspected and found in order the investments of Grand Chapter the cost of same being $91,291.45 and the par value $90,100.00.

(Signed) E. J. CARTER, C.A., Sharp, Milne & Co., Chartered Accountants.

Toronto, Ontario, March 23rd, 1942.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. ALEX. SOLLITT, Chairman
H. B. HOOD,
FRED DEAN,
EDWIN A. COOK.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. C. Alex. Sollitt, and—

Resolved,—That the Report of the Executive Committee on Finance be received and adopted.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, LAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE

The Committee on Constitution, Laws and Jurisprudence report as follows:

Most Excellent Companion Edwin Smith, Grand Scribe E., has submitted the following Notices of Motion:

(as printed in the Agenda)

Right Excellent Companion Alex. Sollitt, Chairman of Committee on Finance, has submitted the following Notice of Motion:

(as printed in the Agenda)

Right Excellent Companion J. Austin Evans, Chairman of Education Committee, has submitted the following Notice of Motion:

(as printed in the Agenda)

The Notice of Motion submitted by the Chairman of Education Committee has been regularly withdrawn.

There is no constitutional objection to the Notices of Motion of the Grand Scribe E. and the Chairman of Committee on Finance being submitted to Grand Chapter.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

A. H. MONTEITH, Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. A. H. Monteith, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Constitution, Laws and Jurisprudence be received and adopted.
Death is the past where all may refuge find,
The end of labor, entry into rest.

Our Departed Companions

IN MEMORIAM
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD

Companions:

As we assemble once more in the Grand Chapter, to deliberate on the affairs of Royal Arch Masonry, we find that 359 who were members of this supreme degree, in this jurisdiction, have answered the last great roll call, and now secure from the troubles that so easily beset us. May we refer to Holy writ for that comfort, so needed in this grave hour.

"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. Who soever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God. We then that are strong, ought to bear the infirmities of the weak and not to please ourselves. Let everyone of us please his neighbor for his good to edification. For whatsoever things were written aforetime, were written for our learning that we through patience of the scriptures might have hope."

R. EX. COMP. MAURICE J. BURDON
Port Colborne

Niagara District No. 7 was bereaved of their District Superintendent on Friday, October 17th, 1941, when R. Ex. Comp. Burdon, following a lengthy illness, passed away. A Past Master of McNab Lodge, A.F. and A.M. and Secretary of the lodge for seven years; a member of King Hiram Chapter, Port Colborne; a Past Z. and was elected District Superintendent in April 1941. A veteran of the last War and an active worker among his fellow men. He was buried with Masonic Honours in Overholt's Cemetery on Sunday, October 19th, 1941.

"... And once again
Passeth a soul, from this our earthly ken,
Whose deeds remain, till time shall be no more."

DEATHS

Chapter
No. 2. Ernest E. Linger, John Verity, James E. Ellis, T. Chas. Small, Philip Schofield, Chas. E. Bottomley, William F. Robinson.
No. 3. Lloyd James Yorke, Arthur W. White, V. R. Williamson.
No. 6. Robert Clayton Menear, James Hutcheson.
No. 7. George Dulmage, Chancey Ashley.
No. 15. James E. B. Phelps, Clarence Ackerman, Alfred Walker.
No. 18. Daniel Miller, Ernest M. Karn, Harry Bodman, William D. Sutherland, Robert Ross.
No. 19. Harry Groome Radcliff.
No. 25. Daniel Miller, Ernest M. Kara, Harry Bodman, William D. Sutherland, Robert Ross.
No. 30. Samuel Jas. Landers Polley, William Adam Seigner.
No. 32. Earl Fraser Hetherington, Alexander O. Giroux.
No. 33. Alex. Cowan, Wm. J. Little, Chas. Farnfield, James McMartin, Wm. J. Leatherdale.
No. 34. Dr. James Moore.
No. 36. William W. Piper Colwill.
No. 37. F. N. Ireland, Lewis Chapman.
No. 38. John W. Robinson.
No. 39. Harry F. Fowler.
No. 41. Horace S. Gaskell, W. J. Easton.
No. 42. Albert Roy Mallory.
No. 43. Frank Gaunt.
No. 45. Nelson A. Anderson.
No. 46. Maurice J. Burdon, William Simmons.
No. 47. Alexander Ross.
No. 48. Fred. W. Gamble.
No. 49. Hugh McEwen, Joseph H. Lodge.
No. 51. James Albert Peterson, Earl Hall, David D. Mains.
No. 54. William Brine.
No. 56. G. G. Grothier, Anthony McGough.
No. 57. Stewart Lewis Snowdon, George W. Bailey, John Wright, George A. Bailey.
No. 74. Frank Hearns, John Campbell Elliott.
No. 75. Graham McNair.
No. 78. Fred T. Japfe.
No. 80. Alex. McWilliams, John W. Adams, David Liddell, John A. Pabst.
No. 81. George Stewart.
No. 83. George F. McKibbon, T. A. Randle.
No. 90. William J. Ball, Archie D. McMurphy, William Harvey Green.
No. 94. John R. Burn, Samuel M. Thurston.
No. 100. T. F. Robertson, G. G. Grothier, Mark Hilton Moore, Thomas Robinson Price.
No. 103. Alvin A. Beach, Wm. C. Pedlar.
No. 104. James Moffat Forster.
No. 110. Maurice Ames, Israel A. Humphries.
No. 112. Duncan A. Currie.
No. 117. Robert W. Metcalfe, A. Harvey Devitt, Archibald Lockhart.
No. 130. Walter George Speare.
No. 133. Fred. W. Gamble.
No. 139. John Burnett.
No. 145. Frank Grant, Frank Thomas Jennings, Norman A. McLeod, Harvey Lloyd, John Pearson, Edward Richard Popham, Robert D. Thomas, William Tilley.
No. 146. William A. Britton, Frank J. Byrnes.
No. 149. George Wesley Campbell.
No. 150. Melville Smith, H. M. Hunter, W. A. Johnston, T. B. Knight, J. E. Slatter, Joseph C. Mason.
No. 152. William Peter Pilkey, Russell Edgar Hartry, Albert Gallimore.

No. 154. Edgar Hayden Searle, Thomas Andrew Firth, Johnson Gus, James Galloway Cameron, Franklin Hermon Osborne, Joseph Albert Segbers, David Robert MacFarlane.


No. 169. H. Holland-Hearst.

No. 175. Claremont Henry Wray, George William Mercier Ballard.

No. 185. James Everett, Charles Wheat, James E. Morse, Nicholas Chamandy, Thomas H. Wright.

No. 195. Frederick J. Jones, Arnot McClure.


No. 203. John William Morrison.


No. 212. Arthur Brookstone, David Mascovitz.

No. 213. Herman H. Moore, Samuel Bucovetsky, Harry E. Boyd, Wm. Laurie Greenidge.


No. 215. W. C. May, Thomas Fish, Robert Malloch, Logan Smith.

No. 217. John A. Cooper, Christopher F. Thomas, Charles L. Flack.


No. 221. Thomas Moore McFadden, Thomas H. Sneath.

No. 222. Chas. William Jeffrey, E. V. Armstrong, Wilbert Charles Purcell.

No. 224. Herbert Hall.


No. 231. Thomas George Robinson.

No. 232. Alfred Randolph Caldwell.


No. 235. Herbert Tucker.

No. 236. Mathew McAlpine.

No. 238. Walter Gilbert Harding.

No. 239. John Connell, John Shipway.

No. 245. George I. Roger.

No. 246. Angus M. Gordon.

No. 247. James Watt, Christopher Rawlings, James Smith Watt.

No. 248. John Robert McQuigge, Lewis MacNamara.


No. 251. Manley A. Shipley, James Hendry.

SISTER JURISDICTIONS IN CANADA


JURISDICTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA


Arkansas—John Thomas Hicks, G.H.P. 1906.

Florida—Cary Brown Fish, P.G.H.P. Joseph Robins Keller, P.G.H.P.


Indiana—William Wesson Goltra, G.H.P. 1911.


Kansas—Charles Newton Fowler, G.H.P. 1923.


Maine—Frank Parker Denco, G. Scribe 1923.


Minnesota—Fred. W. Senn, G.H.P. 1940.

Mississippi—Joseph Joyner Brooks, P.G.H.P.

Montana—David Craig, G.H.P. 1920-1921.

Nebraska—William D. Funk, G.H.P. 1918-1919.

Pennsylvania—Joseph E. Quinby, G.H.P. 1921-1922: Grand Secretary 1924-1941.

Vermont—William S. Terrill, G.H.P. 1903.

West Virginia—Joseph Columbus LeSage, G.H.P. 1906.

Carney Milton Layne, G.H.P. 1930.

Wisconsin—Frank E. Noyes, G.H.P. 1914.

"Life's race well run,
Life's work well done,
Life's crown well won;
Now comes rest."

All of which is fraternally submitted,

JOHN EYDT,
for Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. John Eydt, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received.
REPORT ON THE CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Excellent Companions of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

Many encouraging and reassuring indications come from the reports of the Grand Superintendents, notwithstanding the manifold difficulties of the disturbing and devastating world war which has been sent to test the quality of the steel and the stability of the structure.

The reports, generally speaking, are well written and give an encouraging story of improving conditions in many quarters, revealing that sometimes barren fields yield the richest harvests of the spirit of Royal Arch Masonry when the spirit is bared and stands exposed to the loving kindness and tender mercies of the Great Jehovah. The drought burned crops of the little fields in Judah have been devoured by locusts—but, said the prophet, there would be rains and harvest again and compensation for the barren years. Therefore, if from year to year, we are exacting in the choice and election of Grand Superintendents who have the interests of the institution at heart and who will toil with patience and courage; experienced in sympathies and understandings of hard tried companions, the far-reaching influence will redound in rains and harvest again and compensation for the barren years.

Many activities of inestimable value have been engaged in, such as:

- Chapters on Instruction both rural and urban.
- Meetings of Districts; Principals’ Associations; and interchange of fraternal visits between chapters.
- Receptions to the Grand First Principal and his Council.

Divine services in various denominational churches which rekindles in us a courage that accepts no defeat as final, a love that refuses to be limited by time, a faith which transcends all changing circumstances and a hope for greater activity which sees another dawn beyond any nightfall. These services should be encouraged in order that it can be clearly demonstrated to the outside world that our order is the handmaiden to the church and that without religion our leadership will lack the spiritual qualities necessary to build justice and tolerance into the lives of men during the postwar era.
of reconstruction. However it must be remembered that these meetings should be well attended, otherwise the veneer of religion will become transparent and hinder rather than improve the true impression which we endeavor to create.

EDUCATION

The Committees on Education and Instruction have been very active performing a duty to the Royal Craft which will be of lasting good. Uniformity of work and impressiveness of rendition and interpretation have been emphasized with telling effect and it is therefore urged that not only the officers but the companions also should strive to even greater perfection. This will mean a deeper and more enthusiastic interest and keener insight as well as a more mature and lasting faith.

The Reviews of Sister Jurisdictions has for many years been a source of information, the value of which is difficult to overestimate and it is recommended that they should be read and studied by all students of Masonry who desire to become familiar with the broader field of our endeavor.

BENEVOLENCE

The reports from the several Districts again indicates that where the need for assistance is urgent it is being met, not only by the constituent Chapters but by the Grand body. Those who interest themselves in this work have a closer understanding that such activities teach us something of the joy which can come only through service to others.

Let us not forget but support generously the British War Victims’ Fund now being promoted by Grand Lodge.

The Royal Arch Welfare Committee of the Toronto Districts has completed a service of assistance to the weak and under-privileged for the decade. The work must go on, notwithstanding the rationing of gasoline and the wear on the tires. Forbid that any great cause should fail through our failure to support it, or any promised land be lost because we turned back at its gates. This work as well as other benevolent activities, which come within the scope of Masonry, is a sort of spiritual pause that refreshes. “It blesses him who gives as well as him who receives.”

FINANCE

A close scrutiny of the tabulated figures indicates a growing number of members who in one way and another are now
captioned "Life Members" and as a result a large portion of the revenue is thereby cut off. Would that it were possible to make a yearly comparison of the figures which show the financial growth or decline of the individual chapters or even by districts but apparently, because of improper method or dilitory habits, the reports are missing and therefore the entire calculation is upset. However, with what figures that are available it is apparent that a close watch is being kept upon the receipts and expenditures as well as dues arrearages and that they are generally well in hand. There is over $30,000 in dues outstanding, and while this may be large, it is less than $2.00 per member, and which is an improvement over preceding periods. The comparison of Assets over Liabilities is approximately in the same ratio as the most recent reports, i.e., eleven to one, and indicates a stability of which we may be justly proud. In certain Districts, consolidations and amalgamations of Chapters have taken place and while this, for certain reasons, is to be regretted, yet it seems to be in the best interest of all.

In the presentation of this report the inclination is to paint the best picture; to follow the line of least resistance, but this would not be in the best interest of the Craft, as a whole, when there is a condition which if improved, would secure a greater measure of stability. It is suggested therefore that, in recent years, serious inroads have been made in the Reserves; bonds have been sold to pay current expenses; bank balances have been depleted and generally speaking, there has been a weakening in financial strength, largely because of the continued inclination to not press more vigorously and systematically in the collection of current and past dues. True, the revenue from exaltations has been sub-normal but many chapters could survive without disturbing in a serious way this income and lay most of it aside for more pressing emergencies in times of greater drought. The admonition therefore is that all chapters should, with regular precision, survey the budget; campaign the delinquent companions and keep a close reign on the too enthusiastic spender.

**GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS**

During the past year there has been much conscientious and earnest work done by the faithful representatives of the Grand First Principal. It is very evident that they fully realize that perseverance, coupled with a keen desire to inspire a widening and deeper interest, are the best tools with
which to rebuild and improve the structure. The general constructive suggestions could well be heeded and a firm resolve made by every companion to shoulder responsibilities which will insure the future against indolence or complacency.

It is not the drones which gather the honey, but the workers that garner the harvest; thus in Royal Arch Masonry it is vitally necessary that there should be instilled into the mind of the rank and file as well as the field officers, that enthusiasm which inspires and spurs action.

These are partially summed up as follows:—

"Successful meetings are the result of diligent planning and vigorous carrying out of such plans."

"Officers must give the affairs of their Chapter that unceasing zeal and effort necessary to their success, and to fulfil the obligations of the offices they have assumed."

"Issue attractive and newsy monthly summonses. The only contact the Chapters have with the most of their members."

"Chapters must be manned by officers who are ready and willing to make the necessary sacrifices which their office requires, then we can look for a steady improvement in our beloved Order."

While others acclaim encouraging results from their untiring labors, when they say

"The District has enjoyed a more prosperous year than for some time, having a total of 16 exaltations as compared with 4 the previous year."

On the other hand, it is somewhat disconcerting to find there are First Principals who have not the necessary knowledge to confer the degrees, and it therefore seems timely that there should be a closer and more exhausting scrutiny by the Examining Boards and their reports to the Installing Z.

The report from Klondike Chapter No. 154 of Dawson City, Yukon, tells of continued activity and interest, notwithstanding seasonal obstacles which beset their path, and that the destiny of the Chapter is in the hands of a keen and competent staff of Officers, who with the co-operation of the members, favorable progress will be made in their forward march."

It is noteworthy to observe that there has been a returning to the fold of many of the former companions, who, through force of circumstances, were obliged to withdraw or submit to the harshness of the gavel. In this connection there are still large numbers unaffiliated who would, no doubt, be gladdened if they were properly approached and
asked to renew their membership. Do we not owe it to Grand Chapter to make a decided effort to rehabilitate many of these worthy companions of former days?

CONCLUSION

Within its sacred precincts, Royal Arch Masonry with its unchanging traditions and steadfast principles, maintains a calmness and harmony and wields an influence for good which is durable. Its foundation will never fail and its fabric will never crumble because of its original purity and force. By our unflagging devotion and quickened loyalty may we keep our great Institution in the fore-front and re-consecrate it to the purpose of uplifting mankind in spirit and in truth to the glory of the S.A.O.T.U.

Fraternally submitted,

F. G. McLean
G. V. Hilborn
S. M. Young
W. E. Gowling

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Frank G. McLean, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

HONOURARY MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In accordance with the recommendation of the Most Excellent the Grand Z., it is moved by Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, and—

Resolved,—That Right Excellent Companion Francis G. McLean be made an Honourary Member of the Executive Committee as permitted by Section 65 of the Constitution.
RIGHT EX. COMP. FRANCIS’ G. McLEAN
Toronto, Ontario
Elected Honourary Member Executive Committee Grand Chapter
Royal Arch Masons of Canada
April 22nd, 1942
EXCELLENT COMPANION STANLEY MELBOURNE YOUNG, PAST DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF NIAGARA DISTRICT, No. 7

In accordance with the recommendation of the Most Excellent the Grand Z., it is moved by Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Ford, K.C., and—

Resolved,—That Excellent Companion Stanley Melbourne Young having faithfully complied with all the requirements of acting District Superintendent be given the rank of Right Excellent Companion and Past District Superintendent of Niagara District No. 7.

Grand Chapter was “Called Off” at 4 o’clock p.m.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood of Ontario Assembled in the American Room of the General Brock Hotel at 4.30 o’clock p.m. to receive, set apart and anoint a class of Installed First Principals, and to conduct their Fifteenth Annual Assembly.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 22, 1942

In co-operation with the Niagara District Chapters, all delegates and their ladies joined in a Dinner and Dance in the Crystal Ball Room at 7 o’clock p.m. The Guest Speaker was Rev. Comp. Chas. D. Broughton, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of New York.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1942

Grand Chapter was “Called On” at 9.30 o’clock a.m.

SCRUTINEERS OBLIGATED

At the request of the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Most Ex. Comp. Wm. Y. Mills, administered the obligation of Secrecy of the Ballot to the Scrutineers, after which they retired to assume their duties.

THANKS TO THE COMPANIONS OF NIAGARA DISTRICT

Moved by R. Ex. Comp John M. Burden, seconded by Most Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner, and—

Resolved,—That the thanks of the Grand Chapter of Canada be tendered to the Companions of the City of Niagara Falls and District
for the splendid manner in which the arrangements have been carried out for the reception and entertainment of the delegates in attendance, especially are we pleased with the courtesies extended to our Ladies and Guests.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

In the report of the last year the Educational Committee outlined a suggested programme for education. Much of this has been implemented by the newly appointed Committee on Instruction and this has lightened the labours of the Educational Committee.

The "Royal Arch Banner" has been published now for the second year, carrying instructional matter for the companions. We believe that the interest shown in it more than justifies its continuance.

The Grand Chapter Librarian has continued his excellent services trying to persuade the Mason to read, and while there have been many borrowings and requests for information, nevertheless, the use of this facility could be much more extensive and react to the benefit of all concerned. No new books have been purchased by Grand Chapter but there are some additions which contain matter of interest to the Royal Arch Mason.

The financial statement is as follows:

Printing and distribution of the "Banner".................$412.08

I would request that an amount of $400.00 be placed in the estimates for the year 1942 for the publishing and distributing of four issues of "The Royal Arch Banner."

All of which is fraternally submitted,

AUSTIN EVANS, Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Education be received and adopted.

DRAFT SET OF BY-LAWS

Pursuivant to the recommendation of the Most Excellent the Grand Z., it is moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, seconded by Most Ex. Comp. Wm. Y. Mills, and—

Resolved,—That the Grand Z. appoint a committee to prepare and submit to Grand Chapter a Draft Set of By-laws for the Constituent Chapters.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND Z.'S ADDRESS

Your committee has received and reviewed with much interest the splendid address of M. Ex. Comp. Empey. We join with him in extending to our many honoured guests and delegates a warm fraternal greeting to this our 84th annual Convocation.

We appreciate his happy and appropriate reference to our place of meeting. Here in historic Niagara Falls, the mecca of tourists from all parts of the continent and within sight and sound of the turbulent waters of the mighty Niagara we find ourselves upon the bank of the Great Divide that separates our country from that of our friends and neighbours of the United States. Our Grand Z.’s reference to the Rainbow Bridge as an Arch of Friendship is timely as on one side of the river flies Old Glory with its glistening Stars and Stripes on the other side the stately Union Jack both symbolic of that liberty we enjoy in these democratic countries and in marked contrast to the conditions existing today in war-torn Europe.

We approve M. Ex. Comp. Empey’s brief comment anent rationing, would that this were the only evidence that we are passing through a period of national emergency.

His comment on the need for leadership is in harmony with the expressed thought of many students of our Masonic Craft while his congratulatory reference to the splendid record of several of our constituent Chapters meets with our hearty approval.

Your committee most earnestly endorses the Grand Z.’s plea for full co-operation as Craft Masons in the laudable effort of our Grand Lodge through its British War Relief Fund. No words are needed to amplify the Grand Z.’s remarks other than to remind you that as Masons your duty is clearly defined, this Fund must have your unstinted support. This is a challenge to the principles of Masonry and must be generously met.

We learn with profound sorrow of the passing of R. Ex. Comp. Burdon, Grand Superintendent, of District No. 7, and approve the appointment of Ex. Comp. Stanley M. Young as acting Grand Superintendent. We applaud the recommendation that R. Ex. Comp. F. G. McLean be rewarded for many years of faithful service in the quarries of the Royal Craft by conferring upon him honorary membership in our
Executive Committee. We agree with M. Ex. Comp. Empey in his remarks regarding the very useful work accomplished by the Committees on Instruction and Education and submit that the publication of "The Royal Arch Banner" fills a long-felt want. We also concur in his suggestion that the necessary funds be placed at the disposal of these Committees in order that they may effectively carry on this most important work.

His note of warning regarding finances is all too true and should be taken very seriously although his suggestion that consideration be given to the holding of Grand Chapter every two years is a somewhat drastic and perhaps dangerous innovation that should be very carefully canvassed before action is taken.

We concur in all the Grand Z.'s official acts dealing with rulings, dispensations, and the consideration he has given to amendments to Chapter By-laws. We note with interest that fourteen of the dispensations were for the holding of Divine Service.

His comments on Chapter summons and to the wonderful work of the Toronto Welfare Committee earn our sincere commendation. We desire to associate ourselves with the words of praise and appreciation so ably expressed by the Grand Z.

The reference to Joint Installations, the kindly acknowledgment of the services rendered by the Old Guard of Fifty and Twenty-Five Year Veterans is pleasing to your committee who also desire to endorse and to stress the Grand Z.'s remarks with regard to the duty of Grand Representatives. The holding of a commission from a Sister Jurisdiction carries with it a responsibility that should prompt the holder to show his appreciation by regular attendance.

Finally and in conclusion your Committee desire to pay well-deserved tribute to the Grand Z., whose leadership throughout the year has been characterized by a rigid adherence to the duties of his office and a faithful application to Masonic principles in all his contacts with his Companions. M. Ex. Comp. Empey's record will stand as a memorial to one who has ably upheld the best traditions of the past, one whose genial disposition, kindly and courteous manner will leave an indelible imprint upon the hearts and affections of his associates.

We congratulate the Grand Z., not only on the presentation of an excellent address but also on his generosity in
giving so liberally of his time and talents in the interests of the Royal Craft.

**Edwin Smith**  
**Walter G. Price**  
**Wm. Y. Mills**  
**R. B. Dargavel**  
**Llew. F. Stephens**  
**Geo. L. Gardiner**—Chairman

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. Geo. L. Gardiner, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on the Grand Z.’s Address be received and adopted.

CONSIDERING NOTICES OF MOTION

It was moved by Most. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, seconded by R. E. Comp. John M. Burden, and—

Resolved,—That Section 41 of the Constitution be repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"The place at which the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter is to be held shall be determined by ballot at the same time as the vote is taken for the election of officers. The place for which the largest number of votes is cast shall be regarded as the place selected. Nominations for the place of holding Grand Chapter shall be delivered in writing to the Grand Scribe E. before the first day of February and shall be referred to the Executive Committee.—Only those places which are approved by this Committee shall appear upon the nomination paper."

It was moved by Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, and—

Resolved,—That Section 43 be amended by deleting the following, after the words Executive Committee in the second and third lines, "and for the place of holding the next Annual Convocation" and place the word "and" before the words "for the Executive Committee" in the second line.

It was moved by Most Ex. Com. Edwin Smith, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, and—

Resolved,—That Section 140, pages 39 and 40, of the Constitution be amended by deleting the last two lines of this Section.

For Constitutions, each ................................................................. 40c.
For Ceremonies, each ................................................................. 60c.

In the absence of R. Ex. Comp. Alex. Sollitt and at his request, it was moved by Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, and—
Resolved.—That Section 246, page 64, of the Constitution be amended and the word “five” in the fifth line under this Section “Life Membership” be changed to read “ten”, all other portions of the Section to be as heretofore printed.

THANKS TO CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Moved by Most. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Frank G. McLean, and—

Resolved.—That this Grand Body tender to the Credential Committee its thanks for the capable manner in which the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and members of the Committee discharged the duties allotted to them.

GRAND CHAPTER “CALLED OFF” AT 10.45 O’CLOCK A.M.

At 10.45 o'clock a.m. Grand Chapter permitted the Companions to cast their ballot for the elective officers and the next place of meeting.

GRAND CHAPTER WAS “CALLED ON” AT 11.05 O’CLOCK A.M.

ELECTION REPORT

R. Ex. Comp. Wm. Downing, Chairman, and V. Ex. Comp. James Herriot, vice Chairman, presented the results of the Elections as follows:—

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS, 1942-1943

M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith ............................. Grand Scribe E. Grand Scribe E.
M. Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner ..................... Grand Historian Grand Historian
R. Ex. Comp. John H. Rolston ........................ Grand Principal Sojourner Grand Principal Sojourner
R. Ex. Comp. Albert Edward Selwey ................... Grand Registrar Grand Registrar

Toronto, Ont.
Paris, Ont.
London, Ont.
Toronto, Ont.
Guelph, Ont.
Windsor, Ont.
Niagara Falls, Ont.
London, Ont.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—ELECTED

R. Ex. Comp. Lt.-Col. Reg. V. Conover,
Box 802, Brampton, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Wm. E. Gowling,
139 Carling Ave., Ottawa, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Ken Carrie,
58 Roncesvalles Ave., Toronto, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Nostrand M. Sprague,
Box 16, Trenton, Ont.

Ex. Comp. Axel H. Knutson,
Port Arthur, Ont.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

The Eighty-fifth Annual Convocation will be held in the City of Toronto, Ontario, on Wednesday and Thursday, April 28th and 29th, 1943, commencing at 10 o’clock in the forenoon, as per Section 20, of the Constitution.

OFFICERS INSTALLED AND INVESTED

Most Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills and R. Ex. Comp. Frank G. McLean installed and invested the newly elected officers of Grand Chapter, including the Grand Superintendents of the Several Districts, and they were proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom.

THANKS TO SCRUTINEERS

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. Frank G. McLean, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. A. D. MacIntyre, and—

Resolved,—“That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and other Companions who acted as Scrutineers, for the services rendered in the election of the Officers of Grand Chapter.”

THANKS TO INSTALLING BOARD

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. Alex Sollitt, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Wm. E. Tregenza, and—

Resolved,—“That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to Most Ex. Comp. Wm. Y. Mills and R. Ex. Comp. Frank McLean, who had charge of the Installation Ceremony, and those who assisted, for the able manner in which the ceremony has been performed.”

APPOINTMENT TO OFFICE

The following appointments have been made by the Most Ex. Comp. John M. Empey.
ASSISTANT OFFICERS—APPOINTED

R. Ex. Comp. Wm. S. M. Enouy ............................................. Grand Lecturer
512 Brunswick Ave., Toronto, Ont.

Lucknow, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Joseph Fleming ................................. Grand Senior Sojourner
1164 King St. W., Hamilton, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. George Henry Pepper ......................... Grand Junior Sojourner
9 Roe Avenue, Toronto, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Harold George Whitney .................. Grand Sword Bearer
242 Henry Street, Prescott, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. William David Thompson ............... Grand Master 4th Veil
90 Euclid Ave., Waterloo, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. John Alexander McWilliams .......... Grand Master 3rd Veil
Sub. P.O. No. 12, Windsor, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Frederick Charles Ward .................. Grand Master 2nd Veil
McNab Street, Stratford, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Edward James Corkill .................. Grand Master 1st Veil
Box 182, Napanee, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. William Mac Waddell .................. Grand Standard Bearer
Box 400, Strathroy, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Harold Perkins ......................... Grand Director of Ceremonies
364 Victoria Park Ave., Toronto, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Morton Webster Rogers........... Asst. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
Box 387, Carleton Place, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Charles Brooks .......................... Grand Organist
Aylmer, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Louis William Dippell ............... Grand Pursuivant
Wellington St., Bowmanville, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Frederick Henry Farnham .......... Grand Steward
17 Chatham St., Brantford, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. John Henry Blackmore .............. Grand Steward
Box 218, Listowel, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. George Pringle ....................... Grand Steward
187 Kent St., Port Colborne, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Leslie Earl Edmonds ................. Grand Steward
522 Wellington St. E., Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Leonard Egbert Dobson .......... Grand Steward
Wiarton, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. James Taylor Gilchrist .......... Grand Steward
468 Gladstone Ave., Toronto, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. William Hirst ....................... Grand Steward
Box 7, Rainy River, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Christopher Ballantine Morton ....... Grand Steward
1096 Florence St., London, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. George Devine Adams .............. Grand Steward
140 Devonshire Ave., Iroquois Falls, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Alex. W. Shedden .................. Grand Steward
433 Barton St. E., Hamilton, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. William Edward Tindale .........................Grand Steward
711 Dovercourt Road, Toronto, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Fred. W. Gregory ..............................Grand Steward
Queen Street, Niagara Falls, Ont.
Comp. Walter James Harvey .........................Grand Outer Guard
199 Victor Ave., Toronto, Ont.

CLOSING

The labours of the Annual Convocation being ended, Grand Chapter
was closed in due form at 12.10 noon, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Thursday,
April 23rd, 1942.

Edwin Smith
Grand Scribe E.

ACTING GRAND Z. ATTENDS DINNER

On Tuesday evening, April 21st, 1942, the Acting Grand Z.,
Most. Ex. Comp. Llewellyn F. Stephens joined with his Executive in attending a "Dinner" to his honoured guests, delegates and ladies.

During the Convocation, many messages were conveyed to
the Grand Chapter of Canada by the visiting Companions.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT

R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden ..................................................Grand H.
544 Confederation Life Bldg., Toronto, Ont.

BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE

M. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, Grand Z., 1941-1942.
86 Blanshard St., Box 114, Mitchell, Ont.
241 Queens St. South, Hamilton, Ont.
582 Dufferin Ave., London, Ont.
67 Carlton St., Toronto, Ont.
4 Dunloe Road, Toronto, Ont.
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   126 Princess St., Kingston, Ont.
   52 Markland St., Hamilton, Ont.
   692 Seymour Street, Vancouver, B.C.
   234 Evelyn Ave., Toronto, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Andrew H. Monteith, K.C., Grand J.
   Box 604, Paris, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. William Edward Tregenza, Grand Scribe N.
   920 Mercer St., Windsor, Ont.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—HONOURARY

R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Ellwood,
   137 John St., London, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Archie D. MacIntyre,
   c/o Bank of Montreal (King and Bathurst St.), Toronto, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Frank G. McLean,
   247 Garden Ave., Toronto, Ont.

BENEVOLENT COMMITTEE
(Members of Executive by virtue of office)

M. Ex. Comp. Roderick B. Dargavel,
   234 Evelyn Ave., Toronto, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. George W. Slack,
   40 Fermanagh Ave., Toronto, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. D. C. Patmore,
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R. Ex. Comp. Ed. H. Brennan,
   Wigle Block, Leamington, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. C. Alex. Sollitt,
   243 London St., Peterborough, Ont.
GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

(MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE)

R. Ex. Comp. John Maver Burnett ..........St. Clair District No. 1
Box 140, Wallaceburg, Ont.

Lambeth, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. William Weir Tough ..............Wilson
Paris, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. George Cordingley Brown ......Wellington
Norval, Ont.

426 Dundurn St. South, Hamilton, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Charles Fotheringham ..........Huron
Box 32, Port Elgin, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Thomas Camelford ...............Niagara
Dunnville, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Robert Harold Burton Cook...Toronto East
497 Windermere Ave., Toronto, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Mortimer Louis Levy ..........Toronto West
Apt. 21, 1652 Bathurst St., Toronto, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Herbert James Lougheed ..........Georgian
123 Burton Ave., Barrie, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. James Owen Benor ...............Ontario
Campbellford, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. James Wellington Kinnear...Prince Edward
279 Charles St., Belleville, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Alfred Edward Seamark ......St. Lawrence
50 Arm Street, Brockville, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Milton Lemuel Perry ..........Ottawa
Box 467, Smiths Falls, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Richard Routly .................Algoma
17 Prospect Ave., Port Arthur, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Thomas Edward Cribb ..........New Ontario
111 Princess St. W., North Bay, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. James Goodman .................Temiskaming
227 Hemlock St., Timmins, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Fred Clarke ....................Yukon
Box 285, Dawson, Y.T.
SUB-COMMITTEES

GRAND Z.’S. ADDRESS


BENEVOLENCE


FINANCE


INVESTMENTS

R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Ellwood (Chairman), Grand Z., Grand H., Grand J., R. Ex. Comp. A. D. MacIntyre, Chairman of Finance, Grand Treasurer and Grand Scribe E.

GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS


WARRANTS


CONDITIONS OF CAPITULAR MASONRY


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R. Ex. Comp. Chas. Sheppard (Chairman), and M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith.

EDUCATIONAL

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE
M. Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner (Chairman).

INSTRUCTION
R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden (Chairman), Grand Z., Past Grand Z.'s, Grand J., Chairman of Educational Committee, and Grand Lecturer.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM
R. Ex. Comp. A. D. MacIntyre (Chairman).

CREDENTIAL
R. Ex. Comp. Lt.-Col. Reg. V. Conover (Chairman), and R. Ex. Comp. James Woodland (Vice-Chairman).

SCRUTINEERS
R. Ex. Comp. Wm. Downing (Chairman), and V. Ex. Comp. James Herriot (Vice-Chairman).

LIST OF CHAPTERS—BY DISTRICTS

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Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. John Mauer Burnett,
Box 140, Wallaceburg, Ont.

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Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Gordon Usher Howell,
Lambeth, Ont.

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Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Charles Fotheringham, Box 32, Port Elgin, Ont.

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Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Thomas Camelford, Dunnville, Ont.

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**ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, NO. 12**

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**OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 13**

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Milton Lemuel Perry, Box 467, Smiths Falls, Ont.

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FOREWORD

Again we turn a page in the Golden Book of Fate, and add another long eventful year to the records of the past.

Once again we view in retrospect the achievements of the year. From a strictly Masonic standpoint there is little to offer other than the encouraging thought that despite a stormy sky, adverse winds and tempestuous seas we are making progress slowly but surely towards that harbour whose beacon light flashes brightly through the inky blackness of a troubled world the comforting message “Safe-anchorage within the Brotherhood”. A review of conditions in the realm of Royal Arch Masonry, while not likely to transport us to lofty heights of optimism nevertheless gives no ground for the pessimistic cant that characterizes the note and comment in a few of the proceedings we have reviewed. In marked contrast the great majority, while admitting a slight shrinkage in membership, report finances sound, interest and enthusiasm gathering strength, and a noticeable increase in activity. What more should we ask or expect in these unusual times. Shorn of all banalities and stripped of an over-plus of meaningless platitudes we find in these reports ample justification for the statement that we have much for which to be thankful, and every reason to believe that Masonry in its many branches and ramifications will weather the storm and continue as a powerful influence for good in every community in which it is found. Here, there, and yonder a slight loss in members, but, as we close up our ranks, who can say we are losing strength. As a chain is strengthened by discarding its weak link so Masonry profits by the retirement of many who have been members but having ignored the true meaning of the lessons inculcated within the sacred precincts of our lodges and chapters, have failed to qualify as Masons. Let those of us who remain hold high the banners of the Royal Arch, strengthen the foundation of brotherhood and by the development and exercise of those Christian principles which are woven into the very fabric of our Masonic Creed demonstrate our confidence in the future of this Ancient Fraternity.

In a war-torn world in which the sound of conflict reverberates among the hills it is difficult to divorce thoughts of tranquil Masonic pursuits from the stirring, disturbing and terrifying thoughts of war. Transcending all else our minds are heavily charged with the tragic drama that unfolds day by day. We close our eyes at night with the reflection—“What of the morrow”—our waking thought being “What news of the day?” Slowly but surely the forces of democracy are gathering strength; true we have had a treacherous set-back here and there, a few temporary reverses to test our faith, but, yonder comes the dawn and with it, we trust, a realization of all the hopes of a free people. The birth of a new day when the monster Frankenstein created by men motivated by greed, avarice and the desire for power shall fall apart and their reign of blood-shed, ruthlessness, and bestial cruelty be no more—a new day when the Sun, the Glory of the Lord,
will again rise high in the heavens bringing peace and happiness to all mankind, when the yoke of the oppressor shall be torn from the necks of an enslaved people, the guilty shall be punished and peace and good-will re-established among the peoples of the earth. May the day be not too far distant when wishful thoughts may turn into active realities and as we await the dawn let us face the problems and perplexities of the day with courage, confidence and faith in the Omnipotent Power of Him who said, “I will not desert Ye in the hour of need, for lo, I am with thee always”.

So ends another review—my golden chain of friendship has been lengthened and strengthened by the addition of a few new links. I have gathered here and there in a year-long pilgrimage through the Capitular World a few flowers of love and kindness and I leave you with the earnest hope that “Deo Volente” we shall meet anon.

Where my caravan has rested,
Flowers I leave thee on the grass,
All the flowers of love and memory
You will find them when you pass.

GEORGE L. GARDINER, P.G.Z.,

Historian and Reviewer.
REVIEWS

ALBERTA

W. Hudson Scott, Grand First Principal.
C. A. MacPherson, Grand Scribe E.
The Twenty-Seventh Annual Convocation, held in the City of Edmonton, May 14th, 1941.
Grand Chapter opened in ample form, M. Ex. Comp. Scott presiding. Ten Past G.Z.'s were in attendance. Representatives of thirty jurisdictions answered the roll call and were formally greeted.
M. Ex. Comp. A. E. Miscampbell, G.Z., of Saskatchewan, was introduced and escorted to the dais.
The Mayor of Edmonton tendered a civic welcome to Grand Chapter. The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta wired his regrets at his inability to be present, sending best wishes and fraternal greetings.
The G.Z. presented a carefully worded address which included a report on visitations, district and inter-provincial meetings. Dispensations granted appear to be of a routine character. We note with interest his reference to an International meeting held in Calgary at which members of Tyrean Chapter of Montana were the guests of honour. The visitors occupied the chairs, conferred the degree of Past Master on all Canadian Companions present and who had not previously received the degree—having done this they conferred the degree of the Holy Royal Arch according to the Montana ritual upon three candidates brought with them for the purpose. Tyrean Chapter presented $100.00 to the Canadian Red Cross while the Canadian Chapters in turn presented their American guests with a Canadian flag. The G.Z. in his address expressed his regret at not being able to attend our Grand Chapter, especially as our G.Z. was once a resident of Alberta, and is a life member of an Alberta Chapter. We, too, are sorry that you could not be with us Comp. Scott. We in the Eastern Provinces have a very high regard for our Western Companions.
Under the caption of Necrology the G.Z. spoke feelingly of the great loss sustained by death during the year, ending this section with Ella Wheeler Wilcox's beautiful poem "Beyond", a verse of which we quote:

"It seemeth such a little way to me
Across to that strange country—the Beyond;
And yet, not strange, for it has grown to be
The home of those of whom I am so fond,
They make it seem familiar and most dear
As journeying friends bring distant regions near."
Speaking of the chaotic conditions of the world Comp. Scott has this to say:

"In the Mother Country—the cradle of our Order—our Brethren and Companions along with the rest of the population are passing their lives in constant danger 'Of the terror by night and the arrow that flith by day.' They are undergoing a period of trial and difficulty, a time of testing and proving, such as no nation hitherto has been called upon to face in the long history of the human race.

A message of encouragement was written long ago at another time of oppression and peril. It was in these words: 'Fear not them that kill the body but are not able to kill the soul.' We know that whatever happens, the soul of Britain can not be conquered, and we believe the body cannot be conquered either."

This truly fine address concludes with a commentary upon what the speaker designated the three essentials of Masonry.

Faith in God, in each other and in ourselves—illustrating this lofty thought in quoting this poetic gem:

"Ye that have faith to look with fearless eyes
Beyond the tragedy of a world at strife,
And know that out of death and night shall rise
The dawn of ampler life,
Rejoice, whatever anguish rend your heart,
That God has given you the priceless dower
To live in these great times and bear your part
In Freedom's crowning hour
That ye may tell your sons who see the light
High in the heavens—their heritage to take;
'I saw the powers of darkness put to flight.
I saw the morning break.'"

Grand Superintendents of five districts all report an active interest in the Royal Arch and provide many encouraging thoughts. Membership shows a slight loss while finances appear sound with practically a balanced budget.

Among the resolutions adopted by Grand Chapter is one which commands our greatest respect and heartiest applause. It deals with a donation of $1,000.00 to the Grand Chapter of England to be used as that Grand Body may determine. We consider this a most generous gesture.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence pays graceful tribute to the passing of two outstanding Companions who for years have established themselves firmly in the hearts of the Capitular World by their reviews of Sister Jurisdictions. The late Sam. J. Helm, Texas, and W. N. Ponton, K.C., Canada. We subscribe to all that the Committee has to say with reference to these distinguished craftsmen whose deaths are a serious loss to our beloved Order. Comment is also made
by M. Ex. Comp. Downey, the Chairman of the Committee, upon conditions across the sea, saying in part:—

“As one writes of the important happenings in each Grand Chapter he will be pardoned if one of his first thoughts is along conditions across the sea. Masonry is being tested as never before. Our British Companions are standing up in no uncertain manner in throwing off those who are opposed to the work of our institutions.”

Extracts from the proceedings of Mississippi, Illinois, Indiana and California, a summary of losses and gains in the various jurisdictions and a reference to the uniformity in ritualistic work in Western Canada, completes Comp. Downey’s review. Brief, yet illuminative and sufficiently comprehensive to cover the high-lights of the various Grand Chapters sums up our opinion of this splendid report.

W. B. Way was elected and installed as Grand First Principal, Comp. MacPherson continues as G.S.E.

Our representative in Alberta is F. S. Watson, while the ever-popular John M. Empey, G.Z., is proud to represent Alberta, near our Grand Chapter.

ARIZONA

Albert R. Buehman, Grand High Priest.
Harry A. Drachman, Grand Secretary.

The Fiftieth Anniversary being a special Convocation to commemorate the organization of Grand Chapter fifty years ago, was held in Phoenix on November 10th, 1940. This meeting presided over by the Deputy Grand High Priest in the absence of the G.H.P. was marked by the presence of a great array of distinguished visitors. A historical sketch of fifty years’ progress was given by A. A. Johns, P.G.H.P., while M. Ex. Comp. J. R. Malott delivered a sparkling address on the subject of “The Royal Arch”, this address concluding with these words:—

“We know that in the Royal Arch we have become associated with other brethren we now greet by that warm, all inclusive term of Companion; that we are seeking for a higher, better goal; that we are seeking to fit ourselves for our places not only in this life, but in the Celestial Lodge above. In the words of Henry Ward Beecher, “The blossom cannot tell what becomes of its odor; and no man can tell what becomes of his influence and example that roll away from him and go beyond his ken.”

The Fifty-First Annual Convocation was opened in ample form by M. Ex. Comp. Buehman in the City of Phoenix, on April 1st, 1941.
Grand Representatives answered the roll-call and were fittingly received. We note that Canada’s representative did not respond.

Guests included a strong delegation from California, the Grand Commandery and the Grand Master of R. and S. Masters of Arizona, all were made welcome and suitably honoured.

The G.H.P.’s address is a worth-while piece of literature, containing many splendidly expressed thoughts and chronicling in readable language his many official acts.

We quote from this excellent address a few thoughts taken at random:—

“May we dedicate ourselves to perpetuate our ancient landmarks which have survived and will survive the onslaught of those who would tear down our democracy, which guarantees life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. And may we be guided throughout our work by that Divine Love which is Omnipotent and Omnipresent.”

“And especially do we welcome our younger Companions who must take up the joyous task of carrying on; who must accept the challenge of the present-day suspicion that Masonry is simply an organization or hobby of middle aged and old men; who must prove that Masonry is an influence for good, for the betterment of humanity and that it will never, never die.”

“It is with great pleasure that I report an increase in membership for the past year. For about ten years we have suffered an annual loss, although slowly we have been cutting down those red figures until this past year, when we can now report a net gain of thirty-eight. Though not large, still it is a beginning in the right way, and throughout the state there seems to be a renewal of interest in Capitular Masonry,”

At this point we interject applause. Arizona joins the select few who are moving upward and onward through increased interest and membership.

Under necrology the G.H.P. refers in appropriate terms to the passing of many beloved Companions. We give you these eloquent words:—

“As the clouds mingle with the eternal blue of Heaven, casting their shadows here and there upon the earth, so we have had our clouds and shadows as some of our beloved Companions have been called to that Eternal Supreme Grand Chapter.

“Death is just the passing
Into God’s sweet world above.
Death is just the entering
Into God’s eternal love.”

Speaking on the subject of Grand Representatives the G.H.P. deplores the tendency of many to neglect their duty by non-attendance, he believes that following the action of
other Jurisdictions that Arizona should take means to supplant those who fail to answer the roll-call for three successive Con- vocations. To all of which we heartily agree—it seems to this correspondent that Companions who have been honoured by the commission of a Sister Jurisdiction should at least make some effort to properly exercise the commission or resign and make way for a more active representative.

Reference is made to plural membership, it appears that in Arizona Companions may not hold membership in more than one Chapter. The G.H.P. comments that the Grand Lodge of Arizona recognizes dual membership and he recommends that Grand Chapter do likewise. This is a moot question and one that has been the subject of many controversial debates throughout a number of jurisdictions. We see no objection to dual membership, perhaps, because we in Canada have become used to it. A Companion may be a member of as many Chapters as he chooses proving he pays his dues in all, if a member of Grand Chapter he has, however, but one vote and when registering must elect the Chapter for which he casts his ballot.

Another innovation in Arizona is the granting of concurrent jurisdiction to all subordinate Chapters by this a man may join any Chapter in the State and is not forced to join the Chapter in the community in which he resides. This is a very broad policy and may work to advantage in Arizona but in Canada concurrent jurisdiction is given in urban centres only—in the rural districts Chapters are bound by the regulation that they may accept members who reside in the territory half-way to the nearest Chapter in all directions. Unless, of course, there is some particular reason for wishing to do otherwise in which case the Chapter whose jurisdiction is thus invaded grants a waiver. It is seldom that the request for a waiver of jurisdiction made by one Chapter to another is not granted.

M. R. McDaniel presents the Capitular Review in a new form, instead of dealing with each Grand Chapter individually he has his review topically arranged and quotes and comments on the action of the various jurisdictions with respect to the topic under discussion. It is worthy of note that our Grand Z., is freely quoted and that Comp. McDaniel concurs in most of his suggestions and thoughts. Under "Finance" he refers to the many "ships" in Masonry, such as fellowship, friendship, companionship and stewardship, and suggests that un-
less some mend their ways another may be added to the list “receivership”—this we accept as a little pleasantry, our own opinion after three years’ service as a Reviewer is that the finances of Royal Arch Masonry in the main appear to be capably managed, and that the fiscal condition of the Capitular World is the least of our worries. Comp. McDaniel concludes a remarkably fine resumé of R.A. conditions by a well-timed admonition to other Grand Chapters to reconsider the cancelling of reviews and suggests, but perhaps we had better employ his own words, “Get busy Companions and select a Companion to do some reviewing and publish the result of what he finds” (loud and sustained applause from Canada).

John H. Orthel was elected and duly installed as G.H.P., Harry A. Drachman again assumes the onerous duties of Grand Secretary.

J. H. Barrett is our representative in Arizona. Percy W. Rogers of Toronto represents Arizona in Canada.

ARKANSAS

Walter C. Hickmon, Grand High Priest.
John Q. Wolf, Grand Secretary.

The Ninety-Second Convocation was held in the City of Little Rock on November 21st, 1940.

Grand Chapter having been opened in ample form, and invocation was offered by Rev. G. C. Yoes, Grand Chaplain.

Seven Past Grand High Priests and thirty-three Grand Representatives answered the roll, and were fittingly received. We note that our friends in Arkansas still segregate all jurisdictions other than those of the United States under the caption of “FOREIGN”. We are hopeful that the day is not far distant when this term shall be entirely abolished and international boundary lines as far as Masonry is concerned forgotten.

The General Grand High Priest was received with honours and tendered the gavel. Other distinguished guests including a delegation from the Grand Lodge of Arkansas were introduced and received a warm welcome.

The Grand High Priest’s address was characterized by brevity, visits merely enumerated, routine matters dealt with in abbreviated form and concludes with a recommendation to reduce the number of line officers in Grand Chapter. After perusing the addresses of many Grand High Priests and wading through detailed reports of visitations we suggest that
there is much to commend the abridged form adopted by M. Ex. Comp. Hickmon.

It gives us peculiar pleasure to record that Arkansas is one of the six Grand Jurisdictions in the United States to report an increase in membership. We tender our heartiest congratulations and applause. We note with interest that finances of Grand Chapter also appear to be in a highly satisfactory condition.

Arkansas has just issued a new ritual which according to the Committee in charge has been favourably received.

No report on Fraternal Correspondence appears in the Proceedings.

E. W. St. John was elected as Grand High Priest. J. Q. Wolf re-elected Grand Secretary, and these Companions and the balance of the official line were duly installed by M. Ex. Comp. J. H. Anderson, General Grand High Priest.

Following Grand Chapter a Convention of the Order of High Priesthood was held.

Our representative in Arkansas is Geo. H. Wright of Fort Smith, while F. W. Elliott of Prescott, one of Canada's old guard, performs a similar duty for Arkansas in Canada.

**BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Stanley Gordon, Grand Z.

F. C. Bird, Grand Scribe E.

The Twenty-Third Annual Convocation held in Vancouver on June 18th, 1941.

Grand Chapter opened in ample form, M. Ex. Comp. Gordon presiding over 135 delegates.

Fifteen P.G.Z.’s adorned the East—what a wealth of experience, and what an inspiration to the younger men who flag and falter in these days when so many counter attractions seems to hold their interest.

Prayer having been offered by Rev. Dr. S. Fea, the distinguished guests were ushered in and formally greeted. As we read of delegations from Oregon, Washington, Alberta and Saskatchewan we find ourselves regretting that distance cannot be annihilated and that we, too, might be present to enjoy for once at least that hospitality that is undoubtedly responsible for British Columbia’s popularity. Our old friend, F. Davey Diamond, was also present in his capacity as Grand Master of Knights Templar. As an ambassador of Good-Will
"Davey Diamond with his genial smile is almost in a class by himself."

The Grand Z.'s address although perhaps not quite so lengthy as many of his predecessors is nevertheless up to that high standard that we have grown to expect and appreciate from British Columbia. The Fraternal Dead, Foreign Relations, appointments, dispensations and visitations all find space while a tribute to the Grand Scribe E. is couched in graceful terms. The Grand Z. expressed regret at his inability to accept our invitation to visit his Masonic kinsmen in Ontario.

We, too, were disappointed, as we have a warm spot in our hearts for our Companions from the Pacific Coast.

With a word of thanks to all for a loyal co-operation, Comp. Gordon concludes with these words, "May the Great Jehovah go with you and be with you all"—to which we add a fervent "So mote it be".

The Grand Treasurer's report indicates that finances are carefully managed and invested funds wisely held. The Grand Scribe E. reports a negligible decrease in membership. This unfortunately appears all too common in such reports.

The reports of the Grand Superintendents of the five Districts provide interesting reading and tell of keen interest and unbounded enthusiasm as being the key-note of the constituent Chapters throughout the Jurisdiction.

From the Grand Registrar's very able report these words strike a responsive chord in our hearts and definitely express our sentiments.

"The British Empire, brave and resolute, racked and torn by an unscrupulous foe, still resists the onsloughs of the enemy invader. With God's help, and the assistance of the United States, we have Faith, and Hope for ultimate victory for Freedom, for Liberty, for Freemasonry, and for Christianity, and for all that is good for Humanity, the destruction of which is the direct aim of our enemies. 'Right and Justice, not Might and Injustice, must prevail.'"

And then, too, we must not overlook the thrill with which we read of British Columbia's pledge of loyalty to their Majesties King George and Queen Elizabeth—we quote a brief paragraph:

"We pray the Almighty that a righteous peace may be established upon the earth before we meet again, and that He may keep His Majesty and those dear to him 'Beneath the shadow of His wing.'"

We are sure that Canadians everywhere will loyally and whole-heartedly endorse this timely resolution of our British Columbia friends.
Certificates were presented to seventeen Past Grand Z.’s, an acknowledgement was offered by H. H. Watson, the Dean of Grand Chapter.

The Review of Sister Jurisdictions is in the capable hands of that genial correspondent, J. J. Miller, we are sure that the word genial is not mis-used as while we have not had the pleasure of personal contact we have read his Reviews with avidity and base our judgment on the friendly and neighbourly manner in which he commentates on other Jurisdictions, indeed we intend to refer to him as “J. J.” in the future as a manifestation of our friendly regard. We quote from Comp. Miller’s admirable “Foreword”:-

“A world upset is what we look out on today. Masonic life is practically extinct in captive countries. In Britain its activities seriously dislocated. On the North American continent, thank God, it is enabled to ‘carry on business as usual.’

“Every cloud has a silver lining. May the silver light soon shine through the clouds, and shine on a happier and redeemed world.”

In turning to Canada we find two pages devoted to a splendid review of our London Convocation. Full coverage of the Grand Z.’s address is given, reference made to official acts, and an all-too flattering tribute paid to this correspondent. Comp. Miller states that the mantle of Col. Ponton has fallen on worthy shoulders. Modesty forbids further comment from this writer than to say that the mantle in question while carrying with it much pleasure also provides a grave responsibility. Col. Ponton blazed a trail that will be very difficult for any but a Ponton to follow. His literary aptitude enabled him to establish a lofty standard which we shall endeavour, perhaps vainly to maintain as a tribute to the memory of one who enjoyed the respect, admiration, yes, love of the entire Masonic world. Thank you, “J. J.”, for your kind words.

We note with interest that Dr. Geo. E. L. MacKinnon was elected and installed as Grand Z. Comp. F. C. Bird continues in office as Grand Scribe E., and Vancouver is again selected as the next place of meeting.

H. H. Watson, a P.G.Z. of our Grand Chapter, is our representative in British Columbia, we take this means of extending greetings and fraternal regards from his friends in the East. John M. Burden, our Grand H., proudly represents B.C. near our Grand Chapter.
CALIFORNIA

Walter C. Haight, Grand High Priest.
Thos. A. Davies, Grand Secretary.

The Eighty-Seventh Annual Convocation held in San Francisco on April 18th, 1941.

Grand Chapter having been opened by the G.H.P., prayers were offered by the Grand Chaplain, the United States Flag was presented at the Altar with appropriate ceremonies and then placed in the East.

Grand Honours were accorded the following distinguished visitors, Alonzo Cone, representing the Knights Templar and the G.C. of Idaho; Baker W. Blanchard, Grand Master of Grand Council, and Harvey E. Teller, Grand Commander of Knights Templar of California.

Fourteen Past G.H.P.'s and thirty-seven Grand Representatives were heartily welcomed, as also was M. Ex. Comp. L. V. Youngworth, a Masonic veteran who was present at Grand Chapter on April 18th, 1906—the date of the fire and earthquake which devastated San Francisco. On the suggestion of Comp. Youngworth best wishes and felicitations were sent to a number of other survivors of that great disaster.

M. Ex. Comp. Haight presented a splendidly worded and comprehensive report on his year's work. He reminds G.C. that they meet in San Francisco, a city beautiful in situation and rich in historic memories, a city in which the foundations of Masonry in California were laid. He comments on world-conditions and draws attention to the fact that Masonry is now extinct in all foreign democratic countries with the exception of Great Britain and her Dominions beyond the seas. Paying graceful tribute to the Fraternal Dead he suggests that Father Time has dealt rather gently with California, while the year recorded a loss in membership the G.H.P. takes an optimistic view of the prospects of the Order as the reduction in membership is materially less than the recorded loss of last year. He found an evidence of defeatism in a few chapters, but, generally speaking a spirit of optimism prevailed. Among his recommendations we find one which deals with delinquent members. At the time of the economic collapse, G.C. recommended subordinate Chapters to deal leniently with those in arrears. However, such forbearance has ceased to be a virtue and action should be taken to remove from the membership roll those who can and will not pay up their arrears. Dispensations were all of a character to command local interest only.
M. Ex. Comp. Haight concludes a fine report with expressions of appreciation to all those who assisted during the year.

Thirty-six pages were required to report the G.H.P.'s many visitations. As we read of his peregrinations throughout the Judisdictions, we are amazed that Comp. Haight could spend so much time on visitations without suffering greatly in his legal practice. We presume this is another case of sacrificing personal affairs for the good of the Order—most commendable.

Grand Treasurer's report indicates that there is little cause for alarm as far as finances are concerned.

Charles L. Huyck delivered a brilliant address on a subject of interest to the fraternity at large. We quote a few lines which appeal:

"All of us here are greatly attracted by this Royal Arch branch of our Order. It is based upon authentic history at a critical point in the rise of mankind. It is the logical completion of the Third Degree. The costumes are colourful, and the degrees are a beautiful mixture of realism and symbolism. Their lessons are serviceable in our every-day life as well as in our lofty moments. Run through any anthology of the Bible and you will run across many familiar verses and expressions.

"But if these degrees mean so much to us, we should certainly try to kindle that love in others. And particularly should we try to rekindle the flame in those where it once burnt and has now expired.

"In several ways we are not doing a 100% job unless we try to do this.

"First, we did not take the candidate's money merely to communicate certain words or bits of floor work to him and he didn't offer his check to us for such a rather elementary reason. He wanted to benefit himself spiritually by the lessons thus communicated and how can he possibly do so unless he comes regularly or even occasionally?"

William T. Paullin writes the fraternal review, his "Foreword" is an epic and we run short of suitable superlatives to describe this message which contains many lofty thoughts, worth-while suggestions and optimistic comment.

Canada is fully covered in a splendid review, nothing of import seems to have been overlooked and ends with a word of welcome to this correspondent. Thanks, Comp. Paullin, for this personal reference.

Arthur F. Thomas was elected and installed as G.H.P. Comp. Davies continues as Grand Secretary. The City of Hollywood is to be the next place of meeting.

Following Grand Chapter the Order of High Priesthood convened.

Canada is capably represented in California by Angus L. Cavanaugh, while Charles H. Burgess represents California near our Grand Chapter.
COLORADO

Walter G. Sackett, Grand High Priest.
Charles A. Patton, Grand Secretary.

The Sixty-Sixty Annual Convocation held in Denver, September 19th, 1940.

Grand Chapter having been declared open by the G.H.P. Sixteen Past Grand High Priests were received and seated in the East. Colorado is to be congratulated on this splendid turn-out of its Past Rulers. Thomas J. Aron, G.H.P. of Nebraska, and representatives of Knights Templar, R. & S. Masters and the Scottish Rite having been ushered into Grand Chapter, received a warm welcome and accorded Grand Honours. Grand Representatives to the number of forty-one were presented and duly honoured. We note with regret the absence of Canada’s Representative.

From the bright, interesting and optimistic address of the G.H.P. we read of a year of great activity—numerous visitations, the usual routine decisions and dispensations followed by ten Recommendations which if adopted should prove helpful. The address concludes with a commentary on conditions in war-stricken Europe and a reference to the subversive activities of Germans and Italians domiciled in the United States. We quote his words:—

"Again I call your attention to both Nazism and Fascism which are represented in this country by the German Bund and the Italian Black Shirts. Both have outlawed Masonry in the countries they control. They are un-American and un-Masonic, and call for the condemnation of every loyal American citizen. These 'isms' and everything they advocate are hostile to that true democracy which represents the best interests of the American people."

The Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer presented very complete reports, a perusal of which causes us to express the opinion that considering present-day conditions as effecting fraternal organizations, Colorado appears to be in a very healthy condition, both financially and numerically.

We are greatly surprised to note from the Grand Lecturer’s report that there are many presiding officers of constituent Chapters who are unable to confer any part of any degree. This is a condition that is not tolerated in Canada, as before his installation, a High Priest-elect must pass an examination by a Board of Past Z.’s or High Priests. If this Board declines to sign his papers, the Installing Officer is not permitted to proceed with the Installation. This system assures each
Chapter that their Principal Officers are sufficiently proficient to confer all degrees. We believe that this method is followed with great success in many Jurisdictions.

The report on “Fraternal Dead” is beautifully written, containing many Scriptural quotations and sympathetic references to our departed Companions, ending with poetic gem:—

“Farewell, dear voyageur, ’twill not be long,
Your work is done—now let peace rest with thee;
Your kindly thoughts and deeds—they will live on,
This is not death, ’tis immortality.”

E. M. Russell was elected and installed as Grand High Priest; M. Ex. Comp. J. H. Gabriel officiating. The retiring G.H.P. having been presented with an Apron and Jewel, Grand Chapter closed in ample form.

Edwin H. Snyder presented a splendid report on Fraternal Correspondence, although no reviews of other Jurisdictions appear in the Proceedings. We quote an excerpt or two from this report.

“In the reports of nearly all Jurisdictions, a reasonable degree of optimism is reflected, and the optimism is supported by statistics rather than by exorbitant hopes voiced in addresses of Grand High Priests; however, not under any construction does the optimism signify other than that a sunshine of recovery is finding its way through the clouds of adversity which have shadowed the future of Royal Arch Masonry these many years.”

“In concluding, permit me to assure you that it has been a gratifying avocation to spend a little time with each of the many Grand Jurisdictions, to read the addresses of their Grand High Priests, which, though seemingly too many, were confined to details or to telling of visits to constituent Bodies, with attendant entertainments and banquets, in the main emphasized a deep devotion to the principles and purposes of Royal Arch Masonry.”

Following Grand Chapter, the Order of High Priesthood convened in Annual Convention.

Jules S. Vaughan is Canada’s accredited representative in Colorado, while Albert E. Bryson fills a similar role in Canada for the G.C. of Colorado.

CONNECTICUT

E. H. Ellis, Grand High Priest.
Wm. L. Cort, Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Forty-Third annual held in Hartford on May 13, 1941.

A Constitutional number of Chapters being represented Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, the Grand Chaplain offering the opening prayer.
Fourteen Past Grand High Priests were present to represent the leadership of the past.

Thirty-four Grand Representatives answered the roll-call and were officially greeted.

A host of visitors were present to partake of Connecticut’s well-known hospitality. These hailed from New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Maine, New Jersey, Virginia, Delaware, Ohio and the General Grand Chapter which was represented by John M. Anderson, G.G.H.P., while the Grand Master R. and S.M. and the Grand Commander of Knights Templar completed a colorful array of dignitaries all of whom were received with honors suitable to their rank.

The Grand High Priests address requires twenty-three pages—he gives a detailed account of his official acts and makes a number of valuable recommendations. Among the dispensations granted we note one to permit a Chapter to meet in the home of a P.H.P. for the purpose of officially receiving the Deputy Grand High Priest. Another to hold a second election as no Companion would accept the office of High Priest. These seem rather unusual dispensations to Canadians, where a meeting cannot be held other than in a dedicated Masonic Room and where should the members fail to elect a “Z” or “H.P.” the “Z” must continue in office until such time as his successor has been regularly elected and duly installed.

Among his recommendations is one to dispense with the Custodians Committee and elect a Grand Lecturer to hold District Meetings and instruct officers.

In Canada our jurisdiction is divided into Districts each being under the control of a Grand Superintendent who is directly responsible to our Grand Z. This officer inspects the Chapters, instructs the officers and reports at the end of the year to the Grand Z. on the conditions obtaining in his particular district. We find this a very efficient system.

The G.H.P. further recommends that each Chapter be required to display the United States flag at each Convocation. We heartily agree with this suggestion.

Companion Ellis visited many Chapters in Connecticut and paid fraternal visits to a large number of Sister Jurisdictions. We note that his intention of visiting our Grand Chapter was cancelled at the last minute and we should like to take this opportunity of expressing our regret that he could not be with
us. We hope, however, to have either Comp. Ellis or his successor visit Canada next April.

Assets are shown by the Grand Treasurer to be $10,403.00 while the Grand Secretary reports a loss in membership.

Feeling reference is made by the committee on Memorials to the passing of M. Ex. Comp. E. F. Sweeney, P.G.H.P. and M. Ex. Comp. Wm. Bowers, P.G.H.P.—we extend our deepest sympathy to our Connecticut Companions in the loss of two such active and outstanding Craftsmen.

We regret that no report on Fraternal Correspondence or Reviews of other Jurisdiction appear in the published proceedings.

F. Fred Porteous was elected and subsequently installed as Group High Priest.

The Order of High Priesthood convened at the close of Grand Chapter.

Geo. N. Delap worthily represents Canada in Connecticut while Harvey J. Milne, of Kingston, keeps a watchful eye on Connecticut affairs near our Grand Chapter.

DELAWARE

Joseph T. Maxwell, Grand High Priest.

John C. Macklem, Grand Secretary.

The Seventy-Second Annual Convocation held in the City of Wilmington, January 17, 1940.

Grand Chapter having been opened in prescribed form Past Grand High Priests to the number of seventeen were received and seated.

M. Ex. Comp. J. H. Anderson General Grand High Priest and delegations from Connecticut, D. of C., Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Virginia were severally introduced and received with that warm fraternal greeting so characteristic of our Delaware Companions.

The Mayor of Wilmington, who by the way, is a Past Grand High Priest was present to extend a civic welcome to Grand Chapter.

In a brief thoughtfully worded address the G.H.P. paid tribute to the memory of Thomas J. Day, who for twenty-two years has written the report on Fraternal Correspondence and whose death occurred on December 30, 1939.

Comp. Day was a very active Mason during his many years as a member of the Craft, associated with most of the bodies
connected with Masonry; he was Grand Master of Grand Lodge in 1907. His was a long, eventful and useful career, may we join with our friends of Delaware in expressing our sorrow in the passing of one who for so many years has been a member of the Corps of Fraternal Correspondents.

“They’re passing away, these dear old friends,  
Like a leaf on the current cast;  
With never a break in the rapid flow,  
We watch them as one by one they go  
Into the beautiful past.”

References are made to visitations throughout the Jurisdiction, to the issue of a few, indeed very few Dispensations, approval of the recommendations for the appointment of two Grand Representatives and concludes with a word of thanks to those who assisted him during the year.

Forty-one Grand Chapters were represented by their Grand Representatives. Canada did not respond owing to the unfortunate illness of George S. Scott, Grand Treasurer. May we take this opportunity of expressing our earnest hope that Comp. Scott has long since been restored to health and strength.

A slight loss in membership is recorded while finances are capably managed and appear healthy.

An eloquent report on Memorials commences with these words:—

“When we reflect that we were not, now are, and soon will not be, that to each of us is given but an infinitesimal bit of time on earth as compared to eternity that awaits us, then Freemasonry, as an aid in charting our earthly course, will become a guiding star of priceless value in our preparation for advancement to the Eternal Life.”

and closes with Robert Freeman’s well known and extremely beautiful poem:—

“When men go down to the sea in ships,  
’Tis not to the sea they go,  
Some isle or pole the mariner’s goal,  
And thither they sail through calm and gale,  
When down to the sea they go.

When souls go down to the sea by ship,  
And the dark ship’s name is Death,  
Why mourn and wail at the vanishing sail?  
Though outward bound, God’s world is round,  
And only a ship is Death.
When I go down to the sea by ship,
   And Death unfurls her sail,
Weep not for me, for there will be
A living host on another coast
   To beckon and give "All Hail!"

No report on Correspondence or Fraternal Reviews appear in the proceedings. This is to be regretted as Delaware's Reviews were always among the best.

Charles R. Cannon was duly elected and regularly installed as Grand High Priest.

The Order of High Priesthood convened at the close of Grand Chapter.

Geo. W. Slack is privileged to represent Delaware in Canada.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Herbert C. Cave, Grand High Priest.
J. Claude Keiper, Grand Secretary.
The Seventy-Fourth Annual Convocation was held in Washington on February 12, 1941.

Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, prayer being offered by the Grand Chaplain.

Eleven Past Grand High Priests were extended a special welcome while visitors included delegations from Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, the Grand Commander of Knights Templar, Grand Master of Grand Council, the General Grand High Priest J. H. Anderson and the M. Wor. the Grand Master of the G.L. of District of Columbia all were formally greeted and duly honored.

M. Ex. Comp. Cave presented a most interesting address, opening his remarks with these words:—

"We have come safely through periods that tried men's souls and for this we are grateful to Divine Providence. We are at present experiencing another such period and, while we may not now see clearly what the outcome shall be, our safest dependence is, and ever should be, on the guidance of Him whose love for humanity has been our refuge in the past and will be our hope in the years that lie ahead."

He paid tribute to the fraternal dead using this beautiful poetic thought:—

"Leaves have their time to fall,
   And flowers to wither at the north wind's breath;
But thou, thou has all seasons
For thine own, O, Death."
Many routine dispensations were granted but no formal decisions were rendered during the year. He refers to a noticeable lack of attendance not only in Chapters but also in Blue Lodges and Councils and expresses the opinion that poor ritualistic work must carry a large share of the responsibility. He refers to his pleasant association with his Grand Chapter Officers and expresses in glowing terms his appreciation of the work of the Grand Secretary.

Comp. Cave concludes a delightful address with these words—using the wonderful poem of Roger Waring:—

“Conditions throughout the world have been and are now such that men everywhere look with little confidence to the years that lie just ahead. But amid the turmoil of the present we may confidently cling to the faith taught in all the degrees of Masonry,—faith in the final triumph of truth and righteousness, and faith, in the guidance and protection of God.”

“I wonder if when I’ve passed on,  
The things I’ve done while here on earth  
Will keep on moving down through time  
And moving on, will prove their worth.  
I wonder if the deeds I’ve done  
Will fan some tiny spark of life  
Into a glowing friendliness,  
To dull the edge of earthly strife.  
I wonder if the life I’ve lived,  
Will leave a little less of pain;  
If what I’ve been has been some good  
I will not then have lived in vain.”

Thirty-nine Grand Jurisdictions were represented by their accredited representatives who were officially received and extended a hearty greeting. Comp. Lucien G. Young did the honors for Canada.

The address of the Grand Lecturer commands our attention being strangely reminiscent of a similar thought expressed by this correspondent in his annual address as G.Z. of the G.C. of Canada in 1937. Comp. Yung concludes with a splendid expressed observation on the moral force of this fraternity. We quote:—

“Each day the world is realizing more fully the moral force of our fraternity which seeks for and appeals to moral and high-minded men who move by noble impulses to noble ends. Royal Arch Masonry, therefore, points the way to higher planes of living and nobler realm of thought, which are so essential to the stability of this distracted, torn and bewildered world. The ways of God, the paths of right and the spirit of love are the keys to human happiness both here and hereafter.”
The reports of the Executive Officers, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary may well express the conditions in any Grand Jurisdiction. Finance sound, membership shrinking.

The Committee on Memorials in an eloquent obituary referred to the lamented death of two P.G.H.P.'s Raymond B. Dickey and Dr. Luther Hess Waring.

M. Ex. Comp. Otto B. Roepke presents his second "Review". From a thoughtful foreward we quote a line or two:

"The universal appeal and urge for every Royal Arch Mason to support all those things which must result in a perpetuation of our American liberties and ideals, which are synonymous with our Masonic ideals and teachings, is an outstanding and inspiring feature of the addresses of our leaders. Think, speak, live and act our Masonic principles and America's position in the present situation will be secure."

Our natural impulse is to turn quickly to his review of Canada, here we find a generous resumé of our Hamilton Convocation. Comp. Roepke gives us full coverage and leaves little to be desired. We express our keen appreciation of his kindly reference to the late Col. W. N. Ponton, and his friendly welcome to this correspondent. May we say in passing that we thoroughly enjoyed reviewing D. of C. Congratulations Comp. Roepka on a splendid review.

John H. Eiseman was elected Grand High Priest and J. Claude Keifer re-elected Grand Secretary, these companions with the other officers elected and appointed were duly installed into office by M. Ex. Comp. L. Whiting Estes.

Lucien G. Yung represents Canada, while Fred J. Johnson is D. of C.'s representative near the G.C. of Canada.

**ENGLAND**

The Duke of Kent, First Grand Principal.
The Earl of Harewood, Pro First Grand Principal.
General Sir Francis Davies, Second Grand Principal.
Sydney A. White, Grand Scribe E.

Quarterly Convocation held in Freemason's Hall, London, on November 6, 1940. M. Ex. Comp. Curtis presiding. Opening in Antient and Solemn form Grand Chapter received the report of the Committee of General purpose. This report covers a statement of financial affairs, refers fittingly to the death of many Grand Chapter Officers (many of whom we note bear military titles) and made recommendations on certain routine matters.
Quarterly held on February 5, 1941, with Canon Herbert Curtis in the Chair. Reports referring to confirmation of Charters and the erasure of Ituni Chapter, British Guiana, were received and confirmed. A charter in a new Chapter to be known as Phille-Brook Chapter was granted the petitioners.

Quarterly held on May 7, 1941, M. Ex. Comp. Curtis as First Grand Principal. A Charter was granted to Manchester Engineers’ Chapter to meet in Manchester.

At this Convocation the officers for the year were appointed many of whom including all the Principal Officers were re-appointed to the position that they had been holding. There is something to be said in favour of the English custom of retaining the Principals in office indefinitely. It is also noteworthy that these officers must also hold corresponding positions in Grand Lodge. We are at times worried with respect to a widening gulf between Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter in many jurisdictions on this side of the Atlantic. but the English system seems to have been so planned that these two bodies of Ancient Freemasonry are bound together by the closest ties of common interest.

It is most remarkable that in reviewing the proceedings of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England that we find no reference whatsoever to the devasting war in which the Empire is engaged. This is in marked contrast to the proceedings of Canadian and American Jurisdictions where much space is given to reference to world conditions—may we express our admiration, love and loyalty for the Grand Chapter of England. Despite the clouds that obscure the Sun, they continue the even tenor of their way, oblivious apparently to the storm that is raging all about them, content to continue the work of Masonry with that spirit that commands the respect of the Masonic Fraternity throughout the democratic world.

Grand Chapter closed in Antient and Solemn form the Companions singing the National Anthem.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS
OF ENGLAND AND WALES

The Duke of Kent, Grand Master.
Rev. Canon Frederick Halsey, Deputy Grand Master.
Sir Thomas Lumley Smith, Grand Secretary.
The report of the General Board was reviewed, in this report reference is made to additions that have been made to the Grand Lodge Library. Sympathetic reference is also made to the Fraternal Dead.

H.R.H. The Duke of Kent having been re-elected Grand Master was duly proclaimed by the Grand Director of Ceremonies. The Pro. Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master were also proclaimed, while the appointment of the various officers were duly confirmed by the Grand Master.

The Grand Master addressed Grand Lodge including an inspiring message with these words:—

"Brethren, I wish you well, and whether in dark days or fair, may the Great Overseer of the Universe guide and direct you in all your undertakings in support of our National Cause."

Grand Lodge was closed in ample form with the singing of the National Anthem.

**FLORIDA**

Dorsey H. Rutter, Grand High Priest.
Cary B. Fish, Grand Secretary.

The Ninety-Fifth Annual Convocation held in St. Petersburg, on May 20, 1941.

Grand Chapter was opened in ample form after which the Grand Chaplain led in the devotional exercises.

Among the distinguished visitors introduced and warmly greeted we note, O. Frank Hart, a Past General High Priest and L. L. Dilger, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, Comp. Rutter himself represented the Grand Council R. & S. Masters of which he is the present Grand Master.

Many Grand Representatives were assembled about the altar and received an official welcome.

Canada's representative failed to answer the roll-call. We regret this inasmuch as we were not represented in either 1939 or 1940, no doubt, however, this has been unavoidable.

In a beautifully worded address Comp. Rutter makes report on the years labor. He pays fitting tribute to those who have answered "Earth's Final Summons"; tells of his many visitations in an entertaining manner and recommends the reduction of the minimum fee. We regret to read this as for years we have been contending that among the many features that need bolstering up in Royal Arch Masonry is the question of fees. We are usually accepted at our own valua-
tion and we will command much more respect if we see to it that the degrees we have to offer are not made at bargain prices. Pardon the interjection, this, of course, is merely an outsiders viewpoint. We quote from the G.H.P.’s opening and closing remarks as follows:—

“At the time, I felt deeply the grave responsibility devolving upon me and like Solomon I could say, “And now O Lord my God, I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in. And Thy servant is in the midst of Thy people. Give therefore Thy servant an understanding heart.”

“Companions we are building an edifice which when finished, will stand, pillar and dome, a completed glory, at whose altars love will minister in Royal Priesthood, and around which the sons of men will gather in universal brotherhood to adore their common Father.

I challenge you Companions, whose motto is, “Holiness unto the Lord” to

“Rise up, O men of God, Have done with lesser things:
Give heart and mind and soul and strength to serve the King of Kings.

Rise up, O men of God, His kingdom tarries long:
Bring in the day of Brotherhood and end the night of wrong.”

A small shrinkage in membership is noted but as a be expected and in line with most Grand Chapters finances appear in excellent shape.

A Committee on Rituals recommended that the degree of the Holy Arch be shortened and to do this they propose to rewrite the legend of the degree.

Che Committee on Memorials commence with these prophetic words:—

“Another circuit of the earth has been completed: we are aware that it is not time which passes but we who travel in its course.”

And concludes thus:—

“The arch we perceive and contrive is but a member of a temple. The former cosmic in beginning the latter its celestial perfection. So we come to this moment of honor to these our companions, not in sorrow as for one eternally dead, but in real joy and true faith that the principal arch here erected shall be pleasing to the Great I AM. We shall meet again in that supreme Grand Chapter where again we shall know even as we are known. May ligth perpetual shine on them.”

“Many a blow and biting sculpture
Polished well those stones elect,
In their places now compacted
By the heavenly Architect,
Who therewith hath willed for ever
That His palace should be decked.”
Following an established custom no report on Fraternal Correspondence appears in the proceedings.
After the election of officers, Frederic A. Riegal was duly installed as G.H.P. by M. Ex. Comp. Hart.
At the close of Grand Chapter the annual assembly of the Order of High Priesthood was held.
Canada is represented in Florida by Chester de Rocher, while the ever popular James H. Cowan, of Galt, performs a similar duty for Florida near our Grand Chapter.

GEORGIA

Thos. W. Sewell, Grand High Priest.
W. J. Penn, Jr., Grand Secretary.
The One-Hundred and Nineteenth Annual Convocation was held in the city of Macon on April 30, 1941.
Following the opening of Grand Chapter the Acting Grand Chaplain offered the opening prayer.
Twelve Past Grand High Priests and a host of Grand Representatives were received and formally greeted. Many distinguished guests were introduced and received with that hospitality and fraternal welcome one just naturally associates with our Companions of Georgia. Among those so welcomed were representatives from the G.C. of Tennessee, the Grand Commander of Knights Templar, the Grand Master of R. & S. Masters, a delegation from the General Grand Chapter and M.W. Bro. M. Preston Agee, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Georgia. We are always happy to record the presence of the Grand Master indicating as it does that Grand Lodge is holding firm to that link that binds together these two branches of Masonry which combined represent the ancient craft.

M. Ex. Comp. Sewell presented a masterly address dealing comprehensively with all phases of the year’s work. We are constrained to quote a few lines taken at random from this splendid report.

“We watch the papers from day to day to see what new country has been overrun by the dictators, and Masonry banished from its borders. We sometimes wonder how long the All-Wise Providence and Loving God is going to permit these mad men to destroy everything that civilization has built for the past centuries.”

“There is no place in our Fraternity for hatred, envy or covetousness, and the principles of Freemasonry, properly applied, would solve world conditions today.”
"We believe that the Masons in our country will be true, even to the greatest sacrifice possible, always remembering to take as their guide the Holy Bible and to follow in the footsteps of the Blessed Master who has taught us the value of prayer."

The Grand High Priest refers feelingly to the passing of many Royal Craftsmen during the past twelve months with special reference to the great loss sustained through the death of M. Ex. Comp. J. F. Bell and Frank F. Baker, who for twenty-five years fulfilled the arduous duties of Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge. Comp. Sewell refers to many visitations but refrains from enumerating these. We believe that we express the opinion of most reviewers when we say that many G.H.P.'s give too much space to a resume of visitations, the details of which provide monotonous reading and take up space that might otherwise be devoted to more important material. After recommending that expenses should be reduced to the minimum, a word or two on the financial condition of Grand Chapter, reference to Educational work and an expression of appreciation to the Grand Secretary for his faithfulness the Grand High Priest concludes with these words:—

"To my successor, my services are yours: and to all of you Companions, my love."

The report of the Grand Secretary informs us that despite deaths and suspensions that Grand Chapter records an increase of 116. Congratulations to Georgia on a banner year, we only wish this were a general condition throughout the Capitular Craft on this continent.

It is with more than passing interest that we peruse the Grand Treasurers report. The Educational Fund amounts to $4,583.96. Apparently one of Georgia's objectives is to assist students with their education and $8,571.82 has been loaned on notes by students. A most commendable endeavour and one which provides an inspiration to those Grand Chapters seeking a worthy objective.

From the report of the Committee on General Welfare we offer this worth-while thought:—

"In this day of unrest when an effort is being made to break down all of the fundamental principles of self-government and the Christian religion, we feel that Masonry is serving a splendid purpose. We have a program of character building, of education and of teaching fundamentals of living which are not being stressed in our schools and churches today as they were in the past."
We have grown to look forward to Pleasant T. McCutchen's capitol reviews, always interesting, brief yet sufficiently comprehensive to cover the subject in a courteous and friendly manner.

Canada as usual is liberally reviewed. Quotations from the Grand Z's address and Committee reports find space and a neat and much appreciated compliment to this correspondent upon last year's review of Georgia. Many thanks Comp. McCutchen.

The Proceedings are prefaced by a portrait of M. Ex. Comp. Sewell and a biographical sketch of his Masonic and professional career.

J. Warner Neal having been elected Grand High Priest was duly installed into office.

The Order of High Priesthood convened at the close of Grand Chapter.

Canada is represented in Georgia by Tom. B. Elfe and we express our gratitude to him as one who is always present to represent our Grand Chapter. Georgia's representative in Canada is G. H. Hayward, of Haileybury.

IDAHO

Cary B. Forbes, Grand High Priest.
Edward H. Way, Grand Secretary.
The Thirty-Third Annual Convocation held at Idaho Falls, May 20, 1941.

Grand Chapter having been declared open in ample form, prayers were offered by the Grand Chaplain following which fourteen Past Grand High Priests were introduced and welcomed.

Grand Representatives formed a semi-circle about the altar and were formally greeted.

The rulers of Knights Templar and Royal and Select Masters of Idaho as well as a delegation from Grand Lodge were presented and given Grand Honors.

The Order of Eastern Star tendered a message of goodwill and sent a beautiful basket of flowers.

M. Ex. Comp. Forbes delivered a scholarly address couched in eloquent language, speaking on the chaotic conditions that prevail throughout the world he said in part:—

"Ours then is the task to stand fearlessly in the defense of the very principles of Christian religion. Ours is the task to combat every iota of propaganda advanced to defeat our progress. Ours is the task to
defend the basic truths of Masonry. To do this we must have patience, perseverance, courage, loyalty and unbounded faith. The very magnitude of our individual responsibilities challenges our devotion to a righteous cause.”

He refers to the 80th Birthday of Wesley C. Stone, of Washington, and having sent felicitations received a delightful reply from this veteran of Masonry in which the following appears:

“During the six weeks of my illness the many letters I received from my companions, were not only tonics, but the means of awakening within me the real power of friendship.”

“And since I have no gold to give
And love alone must make amends,
My only prayer is, while I live,
God make me worthy of my friends.”

The G.H.P. tells in a chatty manner of his many visitations leaving little to the imagination of his readers and refers to an address that he made at the Christmas observance of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, the last paragraph of which we are constrained to quote:

“The new day dawns with life’s pathway open before us; with faith in God, and with loving-kindness written in our hearts. More service, less selfishness; more kindness, less criticism; more faith, less doubt. Peace and happiness at the end of the road. Ever and ever abiding with us the thought, “Thanks be to God.”

He concludes a most interesting address with these words:

“Finally, let us work hand in hand. Let us face the complex problems of the future with the love of God in our hearts, and with minds guided by justice, proud of the heritage of the past, happy in the comradeship of the hour, confident that our ideals will be perpetuated.”

Congratulations are in order—Idaho shows a balanced budget, an increased surplus and better still an increased membership, all of which is most refreshing after the depressing reports of some jurisdictions. It is quite noticeable that here and there we are finding this year Grand Chapters with such increases and they stand forth as an oasis in the midst of a desert of pessimism. Almost are we persuaded that conditions within our beloved Order are at last moving upward.

From the lofty tribute paid to the Fraternal Dead this beautiful thought:
“Flowers have long been used as the symbol of friendship and thoughtful affection. The triangle we have made our own symbol in the Royal Arch. Today we have chosen, not the purple lilac appropriate to age nor the white flower emblematic of purity and peace, but the bright red carnation that signifies life; for these companions in all but a material sense, live on. The earthly triangle may be broken, the spiritual triangle of memory remains unbroken and lives on while life shall last. With red carnations we now form a triangle upon the altar.

“Far, far away—how far we cannot tell—
There is a sea which has no bounding shore;
Though men have sought to grasp its mystic lore,
Their search is vain—it keeps its secret well.”

Frank G. Burroughs writes the Capitular Review in the forward of which he reminds us that this is his eleventh journey through the Capitular World may we express the hope that he may be spared many years to continue these peregrinations. His foreword is optimistic and makes comforting reading; would that there were more of this type and fewer of the disciples of blue-ruin. Selfishly our first thought is to his review of Canada—we find a generous space devoted to a survey of the proceedings of our 1940 Convocation. He quotes from M. Ex. Comp. Stephens address—expresses agreement with regard to the need for improvement in Chapter Summonses—gives space to the G.Z.’s comments on the value of Fraternal reviews and concludes with a most impressive tribute to the memory of the late M. Ex. Comp. Col. W. N. Ponton whom he designated as the Round Table’s brightest ornament. We appreciate his feeling reference to our great loss. With the passing of Comp. Ponton we feel that one of the brightest gems in the diadem of Masonry has been removed, yet, we should remember that a happy memory of a useful life still remains.

Roy V. Lacey was elected and installe as Grand High Priest. We note with interest that Comp. Way again assumes the important post of Grand Secretary.

Weiser was selected as the next place of meeting.

The Order of High Priesthood convened at the close of Grand Chapter.

Our representative in Idaho is Charles Hartung, while Fred Porterfield represents Idaho in Canada.
REVIEWS

ILLINOIS

I. N. Tomlinson, Grand High Priest.  
Edward E. Core, Grand Secretary.

The Ninety-First Annual Convocation held in Chicago on the 24th day of October, 1940. The Grand High Priest declared Grand Chapter opened in ample form, upon which the Grand Chaplain led in prayer.

Twelve Past Grand High Priests adorned the East. Many outstanding craftsmen representing the Sister Jurisdictions of Manitoba, Michigan, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin were introduced and received that warm welcome so characteristic of our Illinois Companions.

Other Masonic bodies including the Grand Council, Knights Templar and the General Grand Chapter were extended the usual fraternal courtesies. We are happy to note the presence of M.W. Bro. De Baugh, Grand Master, and a splendid array of Officers representing the Grand Lodge of Illinois. How necessary that the close connection between Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter should be preserved. Together they represent Ancient Free Masonry, and while each is a sovereign body in its own right—yet each is dependent upon the other—Grand Lodge for the further enlightenment of its Brethren—Grand Chapter for that material so necessary in the completion of our Masonic structure.

The address of M. Ex. Comp. Tomlinson has three virtues—firstly it is interesting and readable; secondly, it chronicles all his official acts without an over-plus of detail; and thirdly, it has been condensed so that one's interest does not flag by reason of its length.

Decisions, dispensations, visitations and recommendations are (as they should be) of purely local interest. The Grand High Priest closes a splendid address with the old favourite:

"Let me live in a house by the side of the road,  
Where the race of men go by,  
The men who are good, the men who are bad,  
As good and as bad as I.  
I would not sit in the scowler's seat,  
Nor hurl the cynic's ban,  
Let me live in a house by the side of the road,  
And be a friend to man."

Finances of Grand Chapter appear to be in a very satisfactory condition and this, despite the fact that Illinois suffered a heavy loss in membership.
The Committee on Obituaries presented a most eloquent Memorial to the fraternal dead. We quote:—

"The greatest memorial to them is the fact that they live on in the lives of those whom they have influenced. They spread happiness and good cheer; they served their fellow men. Men are loved and remembered for what they are and for what they do for others."

And again we give these brief excerpts from this wonderful report:—

"Life is but a journey, from birth to eternity. It has been likened to a voyage upon the sea. Tennyson so pictures it in his beautiful poem, "Crossing The Bar."

"Sunset and Evening Star, and one clear call for me,
And may there be no moaning at the bar,
When I put out to sea."

"When a ship puts out to sea, it is bound for some distant harbor. I like to think that in that port for which we are destined, there will be those who will welcome the voyagers at the end of the journey."

"Sometime at eve, when the tide is low,
I shall slip my moorings and sail away
With no response to the friendly hail
Of kindred craft in the busy bay.
In the silent hush of the twilight pale,
When the night stoops down to embrace the day
And the voices call in the waters' flow—
Sometime at eve, when the tide is low,
I shall slip my moorings and sail away.

From the Grand Master's address, we cull this amusing definition of loyalty.

"I think brotherhood and loyalty are a great thing. I will take time to explain the word 'loyalty' to you. It has had something to do with the organization of which I am a member. You may figure that an organization or membership having two hundred or more people to move each day means that everyone must be loyal. The boss canvassman of this big organization thought all of the negroes that worked for him were very loyal. They thought that he was just about it, with a big "IT." He would blow the whistle, this James Whalen—they would call him "Jim" and whatever Jim said, those negroes would do. It seems this day a storm arose, which happened in my home town, and this storm blew and the canvas was moving around. Most all of you have been in the circus where the poles started jumping up and down and it is very dangerous. Well, Jim blew his whistle and then the negroes gathered around and Jim said: 'Boys, I want you to go in the canvas with me; you stay with me every minute and grab the poles of this great top.' I will tell you, Companions, it got pretty dangerous in there and Mr. Jim Whalen started to sneak out through the back door, and those negroes were right with him all of the time. That is what I call loyalty."
The report on Fraternal Relations is from the capable pen of M. Ex. Comp. E. R. Turnbull. Always interesting, always generous in his comments, Comp. Turnbull reaches a lofty peak in the standards of Capitular Reviews.

This from his foreword is appreciated by Canadian Masons. The Craftsmen of the Motherland leads the way and we in Canada are actively engaged in raising funds to assist the Masons of the “right little, tight little Isle in the Sea.”

We quote Comp. Turnbull’s words:

“Dictator nations have abolished Masonry because it is subversive and a menace to their governments. A striking example of this so-called subversive activity is shown in a clipping taken from the Birmingham Weekly Post (England).

“Freemasons are being asked to make a sacrifice for the war effort. The United Grand Lodge of England, in view of the country’s need of gold and silver, has issued through the lodges an invitation to all Freemasons under its jurisdiction to send their Masonic jewels to the Freemasons’ Hall, Great Queen Street, London. Individual owners will be furnished with certificates acknowledging these gifts. These will be melted down and the proceeds presented to the Treasury. It is anticipated that the appeal will yield substantial results.”

“This is a notable example of so-called ‘subversive activity.’ English Masons have always been loyal supporters of their government and that loyalty has never been exhibited in a more emphatic manner than by this request. Undoubtedly the Masons all over the Empire will respond nobly. The world in general has little realization of what it will mean to these past officers to surrender their priceless mementoes of past deeds to help a national emergency. My prediction is that in nearly every lodge room will be hung a roll of honor showing the names and records of those who contribute their jewels.”

Selfishly our interest in this review is first and foremost focussed upon Canada. Here we find almost three pages devoted to a complete review of our 1940 proceedings. He comments upon the splendid work of Toronto Companions whose efforts for the “Samaritan Club” has been an outstanding evidence that Royal Arch Masonry has found a definite objective. He quotes our pen picture of the late Col. Ponton’s funeral—gives space to M. Ex. Comp. Stephen’s address and ends with a friendly commentary upon the writer’s maiden effort as a reviewer. We tender our thanks to Comp. Turnbull for his verbal bouquet.

Following the annual election of Officers, John Y. Olsen was duly installed as Grand High Priest by M. Ex. Comp. David S. Watson—Comp. Core was re-elected Grand Secretary.
Illinois is represented in Canada by Joseph J. Shelley, of Toronto, while Fred W. Soady, of Pekin, keeps a watchful eye upon our interests in Illinois.

INDIANA

Charles C. Thomas, Grand Secretary.
Arthur O. Thornton, Grand High Priest.
The Ninety-Fifth Annual Convocation was held in the City of Gary on October 23, 1940. Grand Chapter having been opened in ample form, distinguished guests were duly received and welcomed.

As the Grand Chapter of Illinois was to convene in Chicago the following day, the Companions of Illinois arrived in force to spend a day with their brethern of Indiana.

Led by the Grand High Priest, practically the entire roll of officers from Illinois were present. Michigan, headed by the popular Guy O. Birge also was well represented. M. Ex. Comp. John H. Anderson, General Grand High Priest of the United States, escorted by a number of his officers, and Charles Arthur Lowe, Grand Master R. & S.M., were accorded a reception fitting to their rank.

The Grand Lodge of Indiana was represented by the Grand Junior Warden.

The address of M. Ex. Comp. Thornton proved to be a business-like presentation of the year’s work. Under Necrology, a sympathetic tribute is paid to the memory of M. Ex. Comp. Robert M. H. Britton, one of Indiana’s most active and outstanding Craftsmen.

The Grand High Priest’s visitations were numerous and apparently both interesting and entertaining. Dispensations, decisions, and recommendations were all of a routine nature. We note with both interest and approval, his refusal to permit the awarding of prizes by a subordinate Chapter as a means of building up attendance. Basing his ruling on the By-Laws of Grand Lodge, he informed the Chapter that their plan was illegal and refused permission. We heartily agree with this ruling. If attendance has to be bolstered up by such means, surely we are in a serious state.

Comp. Thornton concludes a fine address with this comment on world conditions:—

“In this war-torn world, no man can hope to chart with any sort of precision, the course of history in the coming years. It is not impossible that by the time these words are read, the United States will
stand virtually alone as the custodian of the democratic process in a totalitarian world. God forbid that such a thing shall be, but as prudent men, we do not exclude the chance. Masons everywhere should realize that even greater than our need for more men in Masonry, is our need for more Masonic teaching and living in this disrupted world of ours.”

As a preface to the proceedings, we find a portrait of M. Ex. Comp. Thornton and in the Biographical sketch which follows, we learn of the Grand High Priest’s activity in Masonic, business and social circles.

We are particularly impressed by the closing words of the writer and are constrained to quote a line or two:

“There is always a certain sense of satisfaction in recording the activities of one who is endowed with those intangible qualities which we call leadership. Companion Thornton possesses that matchless art of developing and maintaining friendships—friends who are loyal because of a life of strict integrity, broad vision and high ideals. He takes his Masonic obligations seriously and well exemplifies in his life those qualities described in the ancient charge which ‘distinguish you from the rest of the community and mark your consequence among Masons.’”

Finances in Indiana appear to be in a comfortable condition, while from the report of the Grand Secretary we learn that the membership is active—and while some loss was sustained, conditions generally were very favorable.

Charles C. Thomas presented the report on Foreign Relations in which he reports that “nothing has appeared to indicate any lack of harmony.” We regret exceedingly that Indiana does not publish reviews of Sister Jurisdictions.

Frank C. Zalieck was elected and installed as Grand High Priest, while Evansville was selected as the next place of meeting.

The Order of High Priesthood convened at the close of Grand Chapter.

Canada’s representative near the Grand Chapter of Indiana is William H. Baugh, while John Stevenson has the honour to represent Indiana in Canada.

IOWA

Harry B. Sherman, Grand High Priest.
Geo. E. Masters, Grand Secretary.
Eighty-Sixth Annual Convocation held in Cedar Rapids, October 15, 1940.

The opening of Grand Chapter by the Custodians and Deputy Custodians was a most colorful ceremony—the Grand
Officers being escorted to the altar where they were given Grand Honours and presented with the jewels of their respective offices. The flag was presented to the East and placed in its proper position. The Deputy Grand High Priest led in the Pledge of Allegiance after singing of God Bless America and prayers by the Grand Chaplain, Grand Chapter was declared open in ample form. This opening service must indeed be impressive it is in marked contrast to the solemn simplicity of the opening ceremonies in a Canadian Grand Chapter.

The visitors included strong delegations from the Knights Templar, Grand Council, Grand Chapters of South Dakota, Illinois, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Missouri, Michigan, Indiana, New York, and General Grand High Priest, John H. Anderson and his escort from the General Grand Chapter. Last, but certainly not least, among this distinguished array we find the Grand Master and members of his staff from the Grand Lodge of Iowa. All received a warm fraternal welcome and honors suitable to their exalted stations.

Grand Chapter having been "called off" the Worthy Grand Matron of the Eastern Star was received, and after presenting a beautiful bouquet addressed the gathering speaking on world conditions she said in part:—

"Separated as we are from other Nations by a world of water, if we are wise we will avoid being involved in their wars".

In these days and under existing conditions we are forced to express the opinion that this is a nice comfortable sentiment but hardly appropriate now that distance is no longer a protection from the modern weapons of air and sea. We doubt if many thinking Americans will agree with this somewhat self satisfied and complacent thought. There is danger, a live and decidedly serious danger ahead for those of us who dwell on this continent if the democracy of the Old World succumbs to the maddened hordes that are today overrunning Europe carrying death and destruction to all who challenge their right to control the World. Pardon this somewhat lengthy comment on a subject which means so much to Canada and Canadians.

All but three of the living P.G.H.P.'s of Iowa were present—these members of the Old Guard must be a source of inspiration and encouragement to the officers of today.

M. Ex. Comp. Sherman presented an interesting though somewhat voluminous address which occupies forty pages in
the proceedings. Many pages are devoted to a detailed account of visitations, most of which appeared to include a banquet, a chicken dinner and lavish entertainment.

Space is given to some worth-while thoughts on the subject of interesting the young men in the work of Masonry, to rejuvenate the interest of many indifferent members and to lend an encouraging word to unfortunates who are in need of assistance. To all of which we freely subscribe and predict if Comp. Sherman’s recommendations are put into effect that Iowa will surely be moving forward in the right direction. The address concludes with a word of thanks to the Grand Officers and Past Grand High Priests for their loyalty and support.

A loss in membership is noted but finances apparently are in good hands and capably managed.

The committee on Necrology, through John M. Thompson, presented a beautiful tribute to the Fraternal Dead ending with the most eloquent plea:

"Give us friends who will love us for what we are and not for what little we may possess: an though age and infirmity overtake us and we come not within sight of the castles of our dreams, teach us still to be thankful for life and time's oldest memories that are good and sweet and may the evening twilight find us gentle still."

The report on correspondence was from the facile and experienced pen of E. W. F. Holler, P.G.H.P and as to be expected is prefaced by a splendidly written "Foreword" the chief subject of which is "Leadership", we quote a brief extract:

"To our mind we must have leadership that is devoted to the basic principles of Masonry—belief in God, the relationship of Man to God and Man to Man. If these are lacking leadership will not mean anything to the leaders, to Masons or to the world."

We heartily agree with and applaud the words of Comp. Holler on this most important topic.

Canada is fully reviewed, reference made to the Grand Z's address, dispensations and other official acts. The G.Z.'s annual dinner is not overlooked and for the benefit of Comp. Holler we may say that it is confined to distinguished guests, P.G.Z.'s, chairman of standing committees and members of what we term the Grand Executive. The rank and file do not participate, other entertainment is provided for them. Reference is made to our first review and fitting tribute paid to the sad loss of those outstanding craftsmen M. Ex. Comp. S. Helm, of
Texas, and Col. W. N. Ponton, of Canada. We thank you Companion for your kind words, which find a ready response in our hearts.

Walter Schwartz was installed as Grand High Priest, Geo. E. Masters as Grand Secretary and Grand Chapter closed with a most eloquent prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Order of High Priesthood convened in the Annual Convention.

E. W. F. Holler represents our Grand Chapter in Iowa, while B. F. Nott is Iowa’s representative to Canada.

KANSAS

Lynn R. Broderick, Grand High Priest.
Elmer F. Strain, Grand Secretary.
The Seventy-Sixth Annual Convocation was held in Wichita on February 10, 1941. Grand Chapter was opened in ample form with the Grand High Priest in the chair.

Visitors from Missouri, Nebraska and Oklahoma were cordially received and fraternally greeted, as also was M. Ex. Comp. John W. Neilson, Past General Grand High Priest of General Grand Chapter.

From the really fine address of the Grand High Priest, we learn with regret that Kansas is suffering by reason of shrinking membership; a complaint that is all too common in fraternal organizations on this continent. Finances having been carefully planned and developed by far-seeing custodians in years past provide today a bright spot in an otherwise cloudy sky. Kansas, indeed, all of the jurisdictions we have reviewed, seem to have built their financial structure upon a solid foundation. A new ritual has just been distributed and according to M. Ex. Comp. Broderick is being enthusiastically received.

After a report on routine matters the address concludes with a timely reference to world-wide conditions. We give you a line or two of this splendid message:—

“One by one, the lights are being extinguished in the Old World temples and strongholds of liberty. Only by keeping the sacred flame aglow over here may we hope ever to see it rekindled over there. In the quiet of this sanctuary, erected at the pulsating heart of free America, it is hard to realize that strife and turmoil engulf the greater portion of the civilized world.”

During the proceedings, the Grand High Priest announced the death of Charles M. Ulsh, D.D.G.H.P. Comp. Ulsh passed
away suddenly and the announcement of his death cast a pall of sorrow over Grand Chapter.

In the report of Committee on Education, we note that copies of Dr. W. F. Kuhn’s pamphlet entitled “The Necessity of The Royal Arch” were distributed. This sounds interesting; we should like a copy for our Masonic files.

The proceedings are prefaced by a portrait of M. Ex. Comp. Broderick. This is followed by an interesting Biographical sketch of his career. A newspaperman, a politician, a very active Mason and an all-round good citizen seems to describe the Grand High Priest of Kansas.

Albert K. Wilson writes the report on Fraternal Correspondence and while his reviews are brief—yet they cover the essential features of our 1940 meeting. M. Ex. Comp. Stephens’ historical sketch of the City of Hamilton is generously quoted.

Richard W. Evans was duly elected and regularly installed as Grand High Priest. Comp. Strain again assuming the duties of Grand Secretary.

The Order of High Priesthood convened at the close of Grand Chapter.

Roy H. Clossen represents Canada in Kansas, while A. P. Goering is the representative of Kansas in Canada.

KENTUCKY

Owen R. Meadors, Grand High Priest.
Roy G. Tipton, Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Twenty-Third Annual Convocation was held in Louisville, October 15, 1940.

Grand Chapter was opened in ample form. M. Ex. Comp. Meadors presiding, it is worthy of note that with twenty-one Past Grand High Priests on the roll all but one was in attendance.

Delegations from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Virginia and Missouri together with representatives of other Grand Chapters, the Grand Council, and Scottish Rite were suitably introduced and accorded a cordial welcome.

The G.H.P.’s address was a masterful presentation of facts, figures and comment on the year’s accomplishment. His reference to the finances of the General Grand Chapter is illuminating, especially to one who views the situation from beyond the jurisdiction of that august body. We were impressed with his remarks under the caption—“Under My Own Vine
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and Fig Tree” and cannot refrain from quoting a line or two:—

“Many times the thought came to me that one should never accept this office unless he were endowed with the “gift of tongues” capable of playing on men’s thoughts and emotions as a master musician does on his instrument!”

“However, a comforting thought came: Though one might, with prodigal hand, scatter a good seed over a state or, even throughout the world, yet one might find, as the evening shadows lengthen, that the only seeds that took root and prospered, were those that he planted in his own back yard, watered with his own tears and the sweat of his own labor!”

Well deserved tribute is paid to zeal and energy of Roy G. Tipton, Grand Secretary, who by the way presented a model report on conditions obtaining throughout the jurisdiction. The Grand High Priest concludes with these words:—

“The purple mantle of authority which you gave me one year ago, which I have worn with much pleasure and pride, will slip from my shoulders and become to me only a symbol of happy experience. For that joyous year, for the enduring memories that will ever be mine, I thank you. Thus let the record end!”

From a most eloquent report on necrology we quote these excerpts:—

“Fraternlism finds its true basis in genuine friendship—that friendship which comes from a mutual feeling of sympathy and understanding. Nowhere is it more prevalent.

“All have a share in the beauty;
All have a part in the plan;
What does it matter what duty
Fall to the lot of man?

Each has a hand in the building;
No one has builded alone—
Whether a cross he was gilding,
Whether he carried a stone.”

“As we, my companions, reflect upon the certainty of death, may we be stirred to a fuller appreciation of the responsibilities of life, to the end that we may strive more conscientiously to emulate the unsullied and amiable conduct, the unfeigned piety to God, and the inflexible fidelity to a trust of our Ancient Patron, each thus so building his own Spiritual Tabernacle.”

“When the dark days come and the clouds grow gray,
All men must brave them as best they may,
With never too much repining;
And bravest is he, when the shadows fall,
Who sees in the gloom of his darkened hall,
The light of his faith still shining.
The Fraternal Report of M. Ex. Comp. J. M. Cochran is most readable. His foreword is full of interesting comment while his neighborly reference to Canada is generous and gives complete coverage of our 1940 Convocation. May we express our keen appreciation of his personal references to this Reviewer. With the passing of time we hope to justify his confidence in our ability to carry on successfully the splendid work of our late beloved Companion William Nesbit Ponton—but our Scottish ancestry prompts us to say, “We hae our doubts”. Companion Cochran quotes from the appendix of our Grand Z the following:—

“This is no place to discuss war matters, but it is significant in the line up of powers, both in the activities of war and in expressed sympathies, the countries where Masonry is permitted and welcomed and where it flourishes, are lined up against the States which have suppressed all Masonic activities. Faith, Hope and Charity: Truth, Justice and Tolerance are abhorrent to the totalitarian states."

He adds these words to this thought:—

“Chaos reigns—the guns of warfare are drumming in our ears, and no one knows what the morrow will bring forth. Those lands where Masonry still exists are the only free lands on this earth. May they ever continue to be such. We are lost when freedom vanishes.”

Once again Companion Cochran we extend congratulation on a splendid review. We note that you suggest you have only six readers. We are inclined to think you are somewhat pessimistic, our guess is that it is not only read by but thoroughly appreciated by an admiring host among whom this correspondent is happy to be numbered.

Grand Chapter closed with the election and installation of the Officers for the ensuing year. W. L. Dawson being the choice for Grand High Priest. From the Biographical sketch and portrait of Comp. Dawson which prefaces the proceedings we venture the opinion that the affairs of Grand Chapter have been placed in capable and experienced hands.

Kentucky is ably represented near our Grand Chapter by Rev. A. S. H. Cree, who despite heavy military duties still finds time to attend and answer “present” for Kentucky.

Our representative in Kentucky is M. Ex. Comp. A. Gordon Sulser—by all accounts a faithful and energetic Craftsman.
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LOUISIANA

C. P. Eilerson, Garnd Hgh Priest.
Lee W. Harris, Grand Secretary.

Ninety-Fourth Annual held in New Orleans, February 5, 1941. M. Ex. Comp. Eilerson presiding. Thirteen P.G.H.P.'s were in attendance, the death of Guy W. Hopkins, P.G.H.P. was marked by a tribute to his memory by M. Ex. Comp. Gayle, Grand Chapter observed one minute of Silent Prayer.

The G.H. Priest's address commenced with the following comment on world-conditions.

"I had hoped that peace would come this year to all humanity throughout the world, but such is not the case. Let us hope and pray that the Great Architect of the Universe will guide us for a better understanding, and peace will again reign among all nations."

Under the caption "State of the Order" the G.H.P. stated that he had adopted the slogan "Keep the old members and make new ones"—he spoke in an optimistic strain and predicted an increase in membership. Among his dispensations which are interesting we note a number to hold "joint installations with a Craft Lodge", a council of R. and S. Masters and in one case with the Order of the Eastern Star—another grants permission for an installation on a Sunday. In Canada we permit no joint installations with any other branch of Masonry and certainly none with the O.E.S., which while existent here is not officially recognized. Many pages are devoted to a vivid account of visitations with a full description of the usual courtesies, banquets and ceremonial work. Companion Eilerson concludes with a word of thanks to Grand Chapter and to all who has assisted during the year.

The reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary indicates that finances and general executive work are in capable hands.

Among the resolutions adopted we note one which meets with our hearty approval. A Grand Representative failing to respond for three successive meetings shall forfeit his commission and further Grand Representatives of Louisiana near other Grand Chapters will be checked up and failure on their part to give Louisana proper representation will result in a request for a cancellation of commission and a more active representative selected in his place.
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With impressive words the Grand Chaplain presented the Grand Chapter Bible to Washington Chapter for its achievements during 1940—the Bible to be returned to Grand Chapter at the close of the year to be again presented to the most outstanding Chapter for 1941.

Among the distinguished guests we note the presence of John H. Anderson, General Grand High Priest, who was tendered the gavel and addressed the Companions.

Herman J. Duncan writes the report on Foreign correspondence. In his foreword he tabulates fifty three Grand Chapters as having been reviewed, comments on the chaotic conditions prevailing in the world today and acknowledges the co-operation of those who gave him assistance.

Canada is reviewed in a complete and extremely friendly manner. He refers to Old Glory and the Union Jack being draped in front of the dais at our Hamilton Convocation and expressed pleasure at the attendance of our American Visitors.

He compares distances and in commenting on our G.Z.’s visit to the Yukon says: “Mere space and distance have no awe for our Canadian Companions.”

Quotes freely from the G.Z.’s address particularly with regard to “Charity” and has a word to say about the veterans who received “Fifty Year Jewels”. He says little comment is noted in the various addresses anent the war, but, gives a generous quotation from this correspondent’s “Foreword” on the subject and suggests that these words probably best express the Canadian viewpoint. Comp. Duncan compliments in flattering terms this writer’s last review. refers to the lamented death of Col. W. N. Ponton and quotes our description of the last rites paid to our beloved Companion, he terms this description a classic. We hasten to express our thanks to Comp. Duncan for his generous remarks and to assure him that his words “are as music to our ears.”

W. E. Leigh was elected and installed Grand High Priest, while the ever faithful Lee W. Harris was again returned as Grand Secretary.

John W. Armstrong is our accredited representative in Louisiana, while Louisiana is represented in Canada by Bishop Charles A. Seager, D.D., of London.
MAINE

James E. Stevens, Grand High Priest.
Convers E. Leach, Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual held in Portland on May 8, 1941.

Grand Chapter opened by M. Ex. Comp. Stevens in prescribed form. Twelve Past Grand High Priests and Fifty-two Grand Representatives were in attendance.

Distinguished guests were present in large numbers, among these we find delegations from Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, Connecticut and last but certainly not least our very dear friend Walter M. Williamson—representing our Sister Province of Quebec.

The Grand Master of the Grand Council, Grand Commander of the Knights Templar and John H. Anderson, General Grand High Priest of General Grand Chapter were all officially received and extended a warm fraternal welcome.

M. Ex. Comp. Stevens presented an address that was amazingly brief as G.H.P.'s addresses go, nevertheless, it simply comments on conditions generally. He refers sympathetically to the fraternal dead, opening this section with this beautiful verse:

“One by one our Brethren leave us;
One by one they slip away
To the unknown land, far distant,
In the realms of endless day.”

His method of reporting his visits in abbreviated form appeals to us and is in marked contrast to the many who provide pages of “visitation notes” and a maze of unnecessary detail. We note that he visited Quebec in March and from our experience of the Companions of that Province we are sure that he was most hospitably entertained. He brings his address to a conclusion with a word of appreciation for the high honors received at the hands of Grand Chapter.

The Grand Treasurer’s report would indicate a financial surplus for the year. We note Grand Chapters Charity Fund investments total $45,908.00—a very comforting report indeed. A loss in membership is shown, but, this was 71 less than that recorded for last year.

We quote from the beautifully written report on Memorials:

“Let us be thankful for fraternal friendships which have added to our happiness, for the lives of the Companions who setting aside selfish
desires have truly stretched forth a helping hand to less fortunate Companions. Whatever our task, whatever our sorrow, whatever our joy, let us accept the task, the sorrow, the joy, in the Spirit of and with the Words of a faithful Mason, “So mote it be.”

From the remarks of M. Ex. Comp. Littlefield, of Rhode Island, we cull this poetic gem written as a tribute to Maine:—

“There is some thing that attracts us to the shores of dear Maine, Something that, where e’er we wander, seems to call us back again. Something that is deeper, stronger, than all other ties that bind And ’tis only in her borders that our eager spirits find. There’s a warm and friendly greeting that brightens up the day And a cheery hospitality that make our spirits gay; There’s an atmosphere of welcome that is honest and sincere That makes our brethren in Maine grow dearer, year by year. From Kittery Point to Calais, to the State’s remotest bound, The true spirit of Fraternity is in its borders found And our hearts grow light and happy and we’re free from every pain, When we pack our grips to travel back to dear old Maine.”

A resolution was adopted to grant to each Grand Officer or Permanent member five dollars per day and four cents per mile for distance actually travelled for the purpose of defraying expenses to G.C. We in Canada follow a similar procedure with respect to all those who are members of our Executive Board.

The trustees of the Charity Fund appropriated $1,200.00 for relief during the year. We congratulate Maine on the exercise of the distinguishing characteristic of a Mason’s heart—CHARITY.

The report on Correspondence is written by that well-known and experienced scribe, Thos. H. Bodge. No “Foreword” prefaced his reviews but he concludes with a masterly summing up of conditions as indicated by the proceedings reviewed by him.

Canada is most capably reviewed and generous excerpts from our G.Z.’s address are given prominence. Reference is made to a reduction in our dispensation fee for the purpose of conferring degrees at a shorter interval than prescribed, and for Comp. Bodge’s information we may say that his assumption of the reason, therefore, is quite correct. Hundreds of our young men are being hurriedly equipped and sent overseas and in order that they may complete their Masonic degrees provision has been made to enable our chapters to deal with such matters expeditiously and at the minimum expense. Comp. Bodge states that no Grand Chapter has has published finer reviews than those of the late beloved
Col. W. N. Ponton—he suggests that our humble efforts compare favorably and extends his thanks for the space given to Maine. Your all too kind remarks are greatly appreciated Comp. Bodge and may we say that we enjoy reviewing Maine and particularly appreciate your most estimable reviews.

Charles E. Tuttle was elected and duly installed by M. Ex. Comp. Anderson as G.H.P. We are interested to note that Convers E. Leach still retains the Grand Secretaryship.

The Order of High Priesthood convened at the close of Chapter.

J. Blaine Morrison is our representative in Maine, we note with regret that he was not present to answer for Canada. D. W. Evans, a skilled Craftsman from Hamilton, has the honor to represent Maine near our Grand Chapter.

MANITOBA

John J. Sinclair, Grand Z.
Adam Armstrong, Grand Scribe E.

The Eighteenth Annual was held in Winnipeg on February 12, 1941. Grand Chapter opened in prescribed form with M. Ex. Comp. Sinclair presiding. Ten Past Grand Z.’s were received and took their places on the dais.

Many distinguished guests were in attendance, including delegations from the sister Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. From across that imaginary line that marks the boundary between the United States and Canada, came representatives from the Grand Chapters of Wisconsin, Minnesota, South Dakota and North Dakota. Having been welcomed and accorded Grand Honors, these distinguished Companions were seated in the Grand East. At this point Grand Chapter came to attention and sang “God Save the King” followed by the American National Anthem.

The address of the Grand Z efficiently covered the work of the past year and from it we glean much information regarding the Royal Craft in Manitoba. A balanced budget and a substantial surplus provide a comforting note. Comp. Sinclair pays tribute to those who have passed to the Great Beyond and refers to a new Constitution shortly to be distributed and to supercede the “Constitution” now in use.

He tells us of a Divine Service held in Winnipeg and attended by 250 Royal Arch Masons and enumerates many visits throughout the jurisdiction. He travelled many miles but from the reports of these meetings, felt that the good-will and
fellowship displayed amply compensated him for the long tiresome journeys. We were particularly interested in his reference to Pre-Cambrian Chapter in the town of Flin Flon. He speaks of a drive over a gravel road which has 326 bends in fourteen miles.

An international visit to Minnesota is also given considerable space and at this meeting a Canadian Royal Arch Banner was presented by Manitoba to the Companions of Minnesota. The Grand Z. brings his address to a close with these words to which we add a fervent Amen:

"Let us, therefore, use all our influence and strength to wipe out these tyrants, whose sole ambition seems to be murder and destruction to satisfy their own arrogance, greed and ruthlessness. Let us all pledge our Faith in the Great Architect of the Universe, that out of the war may arise a new code of living, whereby that glorious day will come when 'Man to Man the world o'er shall brethren be for a' that.'"

A beautiful tribute to the Fraternal Dead was presented by the Chairman of the Committee, James McIntosh.

Forty-four Grand Representatives answered the roll call, among them we note with satisfaction the name of our distinguished Companion, F. W. Brownell.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence presented by Cecil J. Hutchings covers the various phases of Royal Arch activity. Comp. Hutchings strays from the beaten path long established by fraternal reviewers in that he does not deal with each Grand Chapter individually, but rather presents his impressions of the Capitular world topically arranged in a general review.

We heartily agree with his expressed views on many of these topics and applaud his frankness in dealing with our weaknesses and short-comings. It is true that today we are frequently confronted with that age-worn query—What is Royal Arch Masonry's objective?

If space permitted, we should like to give answer to this very pertinent question, but content ourselves with the refutable statement that there is nothing weak or lacking in the Royal Arch. The fault, if fault there be, rests with the individual member, with the officers of Constituent Chapters and with our Grand Chapter leaders. The machinery has been provided; it only remains for someone with vision and initiative to set it into motion.

Many Grand Chapters have undertaken worthy objects. We read in the proceedings of financial assistance to Masonic Homes and Schools and other humanitarian work that is being successfully carried out. Much good is being done by Royal
Arch Masons everywhere who deem it Masonic to hide their light under a bushel. Surely with so many Grand Bodies associating themselves with these charitable enterprises, it only remains for us to follow the Biblical admonition—"Go thou, and do likewise."

Again we congratulate Comp. Hutchings on a scholarly treatment of a difficult subject.

John Gardner having been elected Grand First Principal, was duly installed together with his officers by M. Ex. Comp. W. D. Lawrence.

Frank W. Brownell represents our Grand Chapter in Manitoba, while Robert H. Reid—a Masonic veteran performs a similar duty for Manitoba near our Grand Chapter.

MARYLAND

R. W. Worthington, Grand High Priest.
Charles H. Weldon, Grand Secretary.

The One-Hundred and Forty-Third Annual Convocation held in Baltimore, December 10, 1940.

M. Ex. Comp. Worthington, his officers and eleven Past Grand High Priests having taken their places, Grand Chapter was opened according to prescribed form followed by prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Visitors from Pennsylvania, Delaware, D. of C., Virginia, North Carolina and Connecticut were received and fraternally greeted.

The Grand Master R. & S.M., Grand Commander of Knights Templar, and the Deputy of the Scottish Rite were in attendance and with M.W. Bro. G. S. Yost—Grand Master of G.L. of Maryland were cordially welcomed and received with honors suitable to their exalted rank. Grand Representatives to the number of forty-two were assembled and officially greeted.

In his annual address M. E. Comp. Worthington gave a graphic and somewhat lengthy account of his year's stewardship. Many pages being devoted to a narration of his numerous visits. From the number of visitations one cannot help but be impressed with the tremendous amount of time the G.H.P. gave to this phase of his Masonic duties, yet in reading the account of these visits we learn of many meetings which must have been productive of much good throughout the jurisdiction. He deals sympathetically with the loss sus-
tained through the activities of the Grim Reaper and quotes this beautiful poem:—

"Nay, but as one layth
   His worn-out robes away
And taking new ones sayeth
    "These will I wear today,"
So putteth by the spirit
   Lightly its garb of flesh
And passeth to inherit
   A residence afresh."

Much to our surprise we note his recommendation to abolish the Committee on Capitular Education. In many jurisdictions Education is considered the best means of renewing interest in the Royal Arch and in most Grand Chapters this work is being crowned with success.

Among other recommendations we note comments regarding investigation of applications for membership, according to the G.H.P. such investigation should be more rigid and an assurance that the applicant is in good standing in his Blue Lodge is essential. We heartily agree with Comp. Worthington in this regard—more care in the selection of our material will undoubtedly strengthen our Masonic structure.

Reference is made to M. Ex. Comp. Estes—many courtesies to the Grand High Priest and this section ends with the following:—

"The heart of a friend never wanders nor doubts,
   No matter if years intervene
The old faith is there, and naught can compare
   With the comfort it gives though unseen,
Yes, the heart of a friend is one thing I prize
   As life lengthens and twilight descends:
It's the last boon I'll ask, when I finish my task,
   That I live in the hearts of my friends."

We quote the concluding paragraph of this very comprehensive address:—

"We cannot always, even when making the greatest possible effort, see the results of our efforts, but we hope that when we leave this for that Glorious and Celestial Lodge above, and be tried by the squares of our Grand Overseers, we may be received as worthy craftsmen, and admitted into the presence of the Great Jehovah, and now

"Without reserve,
   'Twas fine to serve
With you, Companions.
And through the years, flying,
   The choicest flower
In memory's bower
Will be your friendship, true, undying."
The report on Fraternal Correspondence as usual is decidedly interesting we like the Foreword entitled "Time Marches On" and agree with all that Comp. Vansant the Chairman of the Committee has to say relative to chaotic conditions.

Turning to the Review of Canada we find a short concise survey of the high-lights of our 1940 Convocation. Comments are made upon the Grand Z.’s address and especially with regard to the number of dispensations granted. Perhaps we should inform Comp. Vansant that here in Canada, dispensations are necessary for all functions other than stated meetings at which the Companions appear in regalia, Divine service excepted. This with change of meeting nights and other routine matters provide the great majority of dispensations granted. Reference is also made to our last review of Maryland and especially do we appreciate the commentary regarding our foreword.

Following the election of Officers M. Ex. Comp. G. L. Michael installed Gerald M. Pine as Grand High Priest; the other officers and not overlooking Comp. Weldon, who again assumes the duties of Grand Secretary. A capable Secretary is a great asset.

At the close of Grand Chapter the Order of High Priesthood convened.

John H. Lubbers represents Canada in Maryland, while Frank K. Ebbitt has the honour of representing that Grand Chapter in Canada.

MASSACHUSETTS

R. T. Sewall, Grand Secretary.

Quarterly Convocation held in Boston on March 12, 1940. Grand Chapter having been duly opened five Past Grand High Priests and Thirty-six Grand Representatives were received and honored.

A special committee submitted a recommendation on the Past Master’s Degree. This recommendation suggests that the degree be conferred only by certain prescribed officers, that interruptions and intermissions be not permitted in order that proper dignity may be retained throughout the ceremony. While the P.M.’s degree has long since disappeared from the recognized work in Canada it is this writer’s opinion that this is largely due to an over-plus of interruption
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and levity—the whole degree being such as to create an unfavourable impression and decidedly out of harmony with the other degrees of our system. We believe the committee’s recommendations to Massachusetts are well founded.

The June 11th Quarterly was the occasion for an exemplification of the Past Master’s Degree as revised. Appropriate reference was made to the lamented death of Rev. Frederick William Hamilton, Grand Chaplain, who served in that office from 1918 to the date of his death.

Among the guests present was M. Ex. Comp. L. F. Stephens, K.C., our own Grand Z., who was accorded a wonderful reception, this, of course, is something that we have grown to expect among the hospitable Companions of Massachusetts—it is noteworthy that as a mark of respect for the presence of M. Ex. Comp. Stephens the members of Grand Chapter sang “God Save the King.”

Quarterly held on September 10, 1940—this Convocation was confined to routine business only.

Annual Convocation held December 10, 1940—exemplification of all degrees was held. The reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer indicate a balanced budget and investments totalling $102,403.20.

From a most eloquent Memorial to the memory of R. Ex. Comp. A. A. A. Stewart, P.D.G.H.P., we quote this poetic gem:

“The gloomy mantle of the knight
Which o’er my sinking spirit steals,
Will vanish at the morning light
Which God, my East, my sun reveals.”

Distinguished visitors included our kinsmen from Quebec, while New Jersey, New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, Connecticut, Rhode Island and New York, also sent strong delegations. Representatives of Scottish Rite, Knights Templar, Grand Council and the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts were received and welcomed with appropriate honors.

The annual address of M. Ex. Comp. Long proved to be a business-like presentation of the year’s work with no undue elaboration, but, non-the-less carefully recorded in detail. An interesting commentary on membership attracts our attention. While the jurisdiction reports a heavy loss, yet, of those stricken from the rolls 631 are those who have died during the year. A very heavy toll indeed. Visitations occupy many
pages, special reference being made to Comp. Long's visit to our Hamilton Convocation.

The G.H.P. has a few words to say with respect to the Order of High Priesthood. While it is not obligatory to a High Priest to become a member before his installation, Comp. Long is strongly of the opinion that they should revert to the old order which compelled a Companion to join the Order before assuming his duties as High Priest. We quote a few excerpts taken at random from the G.H.P.'s concluding remarks:

"We cannot stand still. We must go up, or go down. It is harder to climb up, but the sun shines brighter, the air is purer, the view is clearer at the top.

You can get attendance only by providing meetings that are interesting to your members. We are faced with a lot of competition our fathers did not have, but I tell you, It can be done!"

The point I hope I have made is, that by Masonic Service, we can, if we choose, if we have the will to work, the faith to serve, the optimism and self-sacrifice it takes, the leadership our Companions believed we possessed when they elected us to office, increase the spiritual value of the Capitular Rite until it becomes a vital part of our lives."

"Why stand we here idle all the day long?

In the world without, chaos exists. War is rampant. Nations are at each other’s throats. Pestilence and starvation are imminent. Except under the British flag few other peoples are allowed to gather as we are assembled tonight, privately, without supervision by police or government agents, for any purpose whatsoever. Liberty of thought and act has been abolished."

An inspiring address that carries a very definite appeal.

We again express our regret that the published proceedings of this Ancient and Historic Grand Chapter contain no Fraternal Reviews.

M. Ex. Comp. Geo. W. Long was re-elected G.H.P. as was also that most efficient Grand Secretary, Raymond T. Sewall.

With the closing of Grand Chapter the Order of High Priesthood convened in Annual Convention.

D. Henry Childs keeps a friendly eye on our interests in Massachusetts, while Archibald J. Stringer, of Toronto, is privileged to represent Massachusetts in Canada.

**MICHIGAN**

Howard H. Bauer, Grand High Priest.
Clyde N. Wilson, Grand Secretary.

The Ninety-Third Annual Convocation held in Port Huron on May 21, 1941.
Following an established custom in Michigan the distinguished guests were received and welcomed prior to the opening of ceremonies. General Grand Chapter was ably represented by our old friend, William E. Goff, who was accompanied by Fred H. Pocock. Delegations from Ohio, New York, and Wisconsin, were in attendance as also were Edwin Smith and Harold Childs representing Canada. The Grand Commandery and Grand Council were represented by their respective leaders, while M.W. Bro. C. T. Sherman and a distinguished escort were present to manifest the interest of Masonry's parent body the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

Grand Chapter was opened in ample form followed by prayers by the Grand Chaplain.

Seventeen Past Grand High Priests and the representatives of Sister Jurisdictions were formally welcomed.

In a somewhat lengthy but splendidly worded address, Comp. Bauer extended hearty greetings to the visitors and delegates saying in part:

"There is no place in Royal Arch Masonry for the many destructive forces present in the world and in this country today that seek to undermine our institutions, disrupt our government and destroy everything we hold dear. We should support and stand for only three isms: Americanism, Patriotism and Fraternalism."

Under Necrology the G.H.P. refers in feeling terms to the passing of many companions with special memorials to the memory of three P.G.H.P.'s all of whom have been closely identified with Grand Chapter for many years. Canada takes this opportunity of expressing sincerest sympathy for the great loss sustained by our friends in Michigan through the lamented deaths of Martin E. Brackett, P.G.H.P., John Hampden Kinsley, P.G.H.P. and Charles A. Conover, P.G.H.P.

The address covers the G.H.P.'s many visitations to Constituent Chapters, other Masonic bodies and sister Jurisdictions, we are particularly interested in his visit to Thomas Peters Chapter in Windsor and also his visit to our Grand Chapter meeting in London. We have happy memories of this latter visit and enjoyed the contact with Comp. Bauer and that prince of good-fellows Guy Birge, whom we note with interest has been installed as Grand Treasurer.

Many dispensations and decisions were sought and dealt with by the G.H.P. He also commissioned a number of Grand Representatives, including Arthur M. Burke, who assumes the representation for Canada.
The Charters of two Chapters were surrendered during the year. We note with regret that Michigan has disposed of Camp Rademaker, and take it that the splendid work among the youth has been discontinued as far as the boys camp is concerned. No doubt there are good reasons for this action, but, we must confess that we are sorry to learn that this was necessary.

Under State of the Order we are informed that conditions have materially improved and that the loss in membership was considerably less than previous years.

Comp. Bauer's most interesting and informative address concludes with these words:

"While we are assembled here in peace and harmony, shells shriek and bombs burst over war-torn Europe. May God Almighty in His infinite wisdom give to our Brother Masons over there the courage to carry on until every enemy of Free Masonry is overcome and a new order of things is established upon the principle of brotherly love, with freedom and justice for all."

The reports of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer provide the comforting assurance that the fiscal affairs of Michigan are on a sound basis.

Special Committees dealing with a revision of the Red Book and ritual—reported progress.

—Charles Arthur Conover—

It seems but fitting that Canada should take this means of paying tribute to the memory of one who for many years has faithfully represented our Grand Chapter in Michigan. Through personal contact we developed a high regard for the late Comp. Conover, whom we were privileged to know and refer to as Charlie. His death has removed one of the most active, efficient and colourful Masons of his day and generation. Beloved by all who knew him he will be sadly missed, not alone within the borders of Michigan, but, far and beyond the state in which he has laboured so industriously on behalf of the various branches of Masonry in which he has held office. We in Canada reverently bow our heads in tribute to the passing of one of Masonry's truly great. May we cherish fond memories of his friendship and genial personality and may his achievements as a Man and a Mason prove an inspiration to all who have known and loved him for his sterling worth. It has been said that he only half-dies who leaves an image of himself in his sons. Charlie Conover has left an indelible imprint on the hearts of his
friends that time shall never efface, and so we conclude our tribute to a friend with the beautiful words of Coleridge:—

“How well he fell asleep
Like some proud river, widening toward the sea
  Calmly and grandly, silently and deep,
Life joined eternity.”

Following the election of officers Irving Henry Larkin was installed as Grand High Priest by M. Ex. Comp. Francis B. Lambie. The City of Flint was selected as the next place of meeting.

The Order of High Priesthood convened at the close of Grand Chapter.

Dr. Walter G. Price has the honour of representing Michigan in Canada. While Arthur Burke represents our Grand Chapter in Michigan.

MINNESOTA

Angus D. McCormick, Grand High Priest.
John H. Anderson, Grand Secretary.

The Seventy-Ninth Annual Convocation was held on October 8, 1940, in the city of St. Paul.

Grand Chapter opened in ample form, M. Ex. Comp. A. D. McCormick in the chair, ably supported by thirteen Past Grand High Priests. Distinguished Companions from North Dakota, Wisconsin, South Dakota, Representatives of Grand Council and the Grand Commandery were then introduced and officially welcomed.

Accompanied by a numerous escort, John H. Anderson, General Grand High Priest, of the United States, was presented and received a warm fraternal greeting.

Grand Representatives to the number of thirty-three including Canada’s Representative, A. E. Cantelon, were presented and graciously received.

The G.H.P. presented his annual address composed largely of reports of routine matters such as visitations, dispensations and rulings. Among these it is interesting to note that Alberton Chapter, of Fort Francis, Ontario, was permitted to exemplify the R.A. Degree in Virginia Chapter, Virginia—while a Minneapolis Chapter received dispensation to have the Supreme Degree conferred according to the Canadian Ritual by Companions from Manitoba—much appreciated international Courtesies—unfortunately a return visit to Win-
nipeg was cancelled owing to war conditions providing difficulties in crossing the international border.

Among Comp. McCormick's recommendations we find one to divide the State into sections and that each section be under the guidance of a Grand Chapter Officer. In Canada we follow this system—the jurisdiction is divided into Seventeen Districts each of whom is under the care of a Grand Superintendent, who is the direct representative of the G.Z. in his own district. This system is efficient and we hope Comp. McCormick's recommendation may be adopted. The G.H.P. closes his address with words of appreciation for all who have combined to assist him during his tenure of office.

Among the resolutions presented we note one setting a minimum fee of $18.00, one-third of which must accompany the application. We in Canada do not look with favor on the policy of an advance payment with the application, feeling that a man who is reluctant to take his degrees will not likely be held by the small amount involved and should he decide to take the degrees rather than forfeit his deposit he is hardly likely to prove good material for the Temple. No doubt the system has some merit but in this Jurisdiction it is considered a doubtful means of holding a candidate to his signed application.

The Committee on Necrology presented a beautifully worded report closing with this comforting thought:

"Sweet music, sweet music, falls oft on my ear,
As it floats through the portals above.
And it speaks to my soul words of comfort and cheer
And whispers of mercy and love."

We read with interest and appreciation the splendid address of the Grand Chaplain on the subject "Our Indispensable Need"—a really worth-while dissertation on a topic that should appear to every serious-minded Mason.

As Minnesota does not publish reviews we turn to William E. Pool's report on Foreign Correspondence and are in hearty accord with his comment that too much prominence is given by some writers to numerical shrinkage. He sees no value in continually presenting pessimistic reports and reminds us that "silence and circumspection are classed as great virtues." To all of which we say "Amen"—this correspondent purposely avoids the cloudy sky and endeavours to see only that which is bright, helpful and encouraging. With the election and
Installation of Fred W. Senn as Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter closed in Peace and Harmony.

The Order of High Priesthood convened at the close of Grand Chapter.

Minnesota is well represented in Canada by that popular Masonic veteran Oliver Ellwood, London, Ontario.

MISSISSIPPI

Jas. W. Williams, Grand High Priest.
Sid F. Curtis, Grand Secretary.

The Ninety-Third Annual Convocation held in the City of Meridian on February 13, 1941.

Grand Chapter opened in ample form by the G.H.P. after which the Grand Chaplain invoked Divine Blessing upon its labors.

Delegations from Tennessee and Louisiana were introduced and received a warm Masonic welcome.

Twenty-seven Grand Representatives answered the roll call and were officially greeted.

M. Ex. Comp. Williams annual address proved to be a thoughtful presentation of his official acts since the last annual Convocation. His opening words were extremely well chosen and we quote a brief extract:

“Let us who are assembled here be reminded that it is by God's providence and that it is very meet, right and our bounden duty that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Him for His gracious goodness and kindness. Let us purpose to be better Masons and to serve Him with more zeal and faithfulness in the future than we have in the past.”

Visitations were few in number due to the G.H.P. having but a limited time at his disposal for this duty. Among the Grand Representatives commissioned we note with interest the name of S. F. Smith, of Ottawa. From our knowledge of Comp. Smith we predict that Mississippi will be faithfully represented in Canada by Comp. Smith. We note that he is referred to as from the Grand Chapter of Ontario. This is a misnomer as there is no Grand Chapter of this name. Our official title being the Grand Chapter of Canada. so our original Charter reads and so it is likely to remain. Pardon the correction.

Reference is made to the number of Masons who are attached to the military forces at Camp Shelby. The G.H.P.
feels that together with other Grand Bodies in Mississippi an effort should be made to contact these brethren and render such assistance as may lie within the power of the fraternity. This appeals to us as a most laudable undertaking, we in Canada have done some such work among the various camps and it is much appreciated by our military brethren.

Comp. Williams closes a splendid address with these words:—

“We know that forces whose ideas are contrary to the teachings of our institution are growing in strength and arrogance. Each of us individually must courageously help Masonry make its teachings known in this war-torn, suffering and misdirected world.

Remember the structure must be built by individuals. You may say, 'My influence counts for so little, they don't need me.' No. Masonry will not fail because of you, but by failing to do your duty, you loosen a brick in the walls of the structure which we are building. So let each member recognize and accept his responsibility and let each and every member be strong in his purpose to fulfill his duty to the very best of his ability, for there is nothing more disastrous to the life and growth of our organization than to have its members fail in assuming their every responsibility, so let us go forward with faith and courage.”

And now,

“God grant each and all of you, as years come on apace,
   In all the world's activities you have an honored place.
   That in the varied walks of life, you may be staunch and true,
   And do to others as you would that they should do to you.
   That you may of your bounty give to those who are in need,
   And lift the pall from troubled hearts by noble act and deed,
   And in dispensing charity, whatever it may be,
   We emphasize the tenets of our great fraternity.”

In the Grand Secretary's report we find a welcome note of optimism, and why not, Mississippi reports an increase in membership. This certainly is a relief from the monotonous decreases generally noted in other proceedings. Mississipppe according to this report has adopted the practice of penalizing Chapters failing to file their returns by the specified term. As a result the returns of every Chapter were received well within the time limit. This appeals as a really worthwhile suggestion for Grand Chapters who have trouble with and indifferent secretaries.

The Grand Lecturer in reporting on the year's work gave some very illuminative figures, he mentions that in Mississippi 13.7% of the Symbolic Lodge membership are members of the Chapter, he stated that in many other jurisdictions checked by him the average ranged from 30% to 44% and used this as
an argument for a greater effort on behalf of the Chapters to interest Blue Lodge Masons.

There appears to be no published reviews but Charles H. McCraine, Jr., presented an abbreviated report on Fraternal Correspondence which is well worth reading. Referring to European dictators claim that Masonry is subversive and therefore a menace he says:

"It is a menace to ignorance. It is a menace to intolerance. It is a menace to suppressed individualism and mental desuetude. May Masonry's menace never fade away!"

In a similar view we find the following resolution in the report of a special committee. We quote an extract only:

"Therefore, be it resolved, that the Grand Chapter of Mississippi Royal Arch Masons deplore and sympathize with the Companions of these jurisdictions with the hopes and prayers that these conditions may soon be overcome and the strife that now exists be terminated and that lasting peace be vouchsafed to the entire world and that the cardinal principles of Freemasonry, namely, Harmony and Brotherly Love, be maintained."

Tom Q. Ellis was elected and installed as Grand High Priest by M. Ex. Comp. Conerly. He was also presented with a gold watch. As we look at our well-worn and aged pocket Ben we somehow regret that we too did not select Mississippi as our Grand Chapter.

S. F. Smith represents Mississippi in Canada, while L. S. Lippincott is our accredited representative in Mississippi.

MISSOURI

Walter J. Bublitz, Grand High Priest.
Ray V. Denslow, Grand Secretary.
The Ninety-Fifth Annual held in Kansas City on April 22, 1941.

Grand Chapter was formerly opened by the G.H.P. according to the ritual of Missouri, the Grand Chaplain invoking the blessing of God upon the proceedings, following which Grand Chapter arose and sang one stanza of "America".

Many distinguished guests were present to partake of that hospitality so inherent among the Masons of Missouri. Visitors came from far and near among these being delegations from Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Mexico, Kansas, Nebraska, and the Grand Commander Knights Templar, Grand Master of R. and S. Masters and John H. Anderson, G.G.H.P. of General Grand Chapter with his escorting officers.
Fourteen Past G.H. Priests representing the Old Guard of Missouri were introduced and welcomed.

The address of M. Ex. Comp. Bubltiz is an epic, highly intellectual and decidedly entertaining. He deals fearlessly with conditions of the day and offers eloquent and inspirational comment on world affairs. We have selected a few passages of peculiar interest to Canadians and quote:—

“I know all of you join with me in being thankful to God for the happy privilege Freemasons of America and the British Empire still enjoy in promoting individual character and universal brotherhood.”

“But if we are fast approaching the day when sinister forces may prevail, now is the time to act. To America and Great Britain, the challenge has been hurled. Let us, as loyal citizens and Masons, unite to meet the challenger and preserve our common cause of democracy.

“I am not surrendering my faculties of faith and reason in asserting that I am sure of an optimistic future. I prefer to live courageously in a realm of practical idealism than to dream in vain in a world of pseudo-idealism. Dark ages have come and gone. Renaissances have flourished and passed. The one increasing purpose of the ages, the ultimate triumph of good, will not be in vain. The poet laureate of England, Lord Tennyson, encourages us with his optimism in the scattered verses from his poem “In Memoriam”:—

“We pass; the path that each man trod
Is dim or will be dim, with weeds.
What fame is left for human deeds
In endless age? It rests with God.

That God, which ever lives and loves,
One God, one law, one element,
And one far-off divine event,
To which the whole creation moves.”

“As long as Freemasons and Freemasonry work to contribute to the purposes of God, so long shall Freemasonry live and shed its beneficial influences among men. Neither the iron heels of dictators or oppression can then prevail and crush our noble fraternity into the dust of time. As it has existed from time immemorial so may its star of hope shine brighter throughout eternity.”

The G.H.P. seems to be a lover of Tennyson using the following in his tribute to the Dead:—

“How pure at heart and sound in head
With what divine affections bold
Should be the man whose thoughts would hold
An hour’s communion with the dead.”

Under conditions of the Rite the G.H.P. reminds us that he does not measure the worth of Masonry by the size of the membership roll nor by financial resources. He states these attributes are well to have but suggests that any organi-
zation be it large or small with an interested and enthusiastic membership will always prosper — our comment is brief “Here, Here”.

Dispensations and visitations are fully covered while Finances are referred to as sound and ably handled. He sounds a note of warning to constituent Chapters not to encourage the making of Life members. We heartily agree with this comment a too liberal percentage of Life Members has ruined the financial standing of many of our Chapters.

A suggestion that strikes a responsive cord in our hearts is made by Comp. Bublitz, who recommends the presentation to Allied Forces of one or two ambulances.

He refers to a Patriotic meeting being sponsored by Grand Chapter. Major General Frank Parker of the United States Army spoke on conditions in England and Great Britain’s needs and position in the present World War.

The G.H.P. closes a truly great address with these thoughtful words:—

“My retrospection of life gives me a greater assurance of hope in the future, even in the life beyond the grave. In closing this chapter of my Masonic experience, and my life in general thus far, I glory in the beauties of memories and more appreciate the value of these poetic words:—

“And yet the wiser mind
Mourns less for what life takes away
Than what it leaves behind.”

The Grand Secretary presented a fine report even if there is a loss in membership. As remarked by the G.H.P. finances and investments indicate that financially Missouri is in a very healthy condition.

The committee on Necrology presented a beautifully worded report on the Fraternal Dead concluding with these lines:—

“Sleep the sleep that knows not breaking
Morn of toil, nor hour of waking.”

The proceedings of Missouri are splendidly printed and and brimful of interest from cover to cover. Prefaced by a Rotogravure portrait and a fine pen picture of the Grand High Priest, who after reading this Biographical sketch should have every reason to be proud of his achievements, business and social activities and above all of his many Masonic friends.

To say that the Capitular Review is from the versatile pen of Ray V. Denslow is synonymous with saying an out-
standing Review, which provides full coverage for all that should be mentioned. His "Foreword" is decidedly in a class by itself, we particularly like his reference to the Freemasonry of Great Britain. Comp. Denslow does not follow the beaten path of Reviews he topicalizes the matters of interest and quotes from Grand Chapters everywhere. Under G.H.P.'s addresses he make copious quotations from many jurisdictions including British Columbia, Manitoba and Quebec. Under Educational he gives considerable space to the report of the Educational Committee in Canada, and also in the Historical section quotes freely M. Ex. Comp. Stephens' address dealing with the history of Masonry in Canada. Under the caption "Review" he refers to our last review in friendly terms. Altogether Comp. Denslow's reviews provide perhaps the most complete picture of Royal Arch Masonry of any that have come under our notice. May we tender our heartiest applause for something that is really worth reading.

Don. Chapman was elected and installed as G.H.P. Columbia being the next place of meeting.

Orson H. Swearingen represents Canada in Missouri, while the one and only William J. Tow, of Toronto, represents Missouri in Canada.

MONTANA

E. E. Blumenthal, Grand High Priest.
L. T. Hauberg, Grand Secretary.

The Fifty-Second Annual held in Helena on June 19, 1941.

Grand Chapter opened in full form with R. Ex. Comp. H. C. Stith, Deputy Grand High Priest in the Chair. Owing to a serious illness the G.H.P. was unable to be present. A telegram of good-wishes was sent to him by Grand Chapter.

The Governor of Montana, Sam C. Ford, extended a warm welcome to the City of Helena. The Governor is a member of Helena Chapter.

The Deputy Grand High Priest delivered the annual address and in his opening remarks expressed keen regret at the illness of Comp. Blumenthal the G.H.P.

Reference was made to the fraternal dead and fitting tribute was paid to the memory of all who have passed to the Great Beyond since the last Convocation. Among those especially mentioned appears the names of P.G.H.P. J. Beaton Leggat and Grand Principal Sojourner John W. Agnew.
Dispensations and By-law amendments were purely routine. The Deputy G.H.P. reported on the consolidation of two Chapters “Zona” and “Three Forks”—with the merger effected by the two become one and will be known as Zona Chapter.

Under State of the Craft Comp. Stith reports in a cheerful and optimistic strain that there is a marked improvement throughout the Jurisdiction.

Among his recommendations is one to memorialize General Grand Chapter to undertake some Humane enterprise and suggests that this objective be a “Survey for Rehabilitation.” He gives as his reason that approximately two-thirds of the population are producing all the raw materials and food and all the manufactured articles needed. The other third are either under arms or working on war munitions. Comp. Stith is of the opinion that when this war is over one-third of the population will be without means of support resulting in a dislocation the like of which the U.S. has never experienced. If we may be permitted to express a thought we should say that the Companion is probably right in his contention, but unless we win this war we will face a disaster far beyond the rehabilitation of one-third of the population. It would therefore appear to us that our first effort should be to back with every ounce of power the efforts of those who are striving to stem the tide of frightfulness and for once live solely in the present in order that we may preserve the right to continue our present mode of life.

The Deputy G.H.P. concludes a fine address with grateful words of appreciation to all who have assisted him during Comp. Blumenthal’s illness.

The Grand Treasurer’s report must be encouraging to our Montana Companions—to us their finances appear in an extremely healthy condition.

The Grand Secretary reports a very insignificant decrease in membership. Ten of the subordinate Chapters show a nice increase.

In a most entertaining address on the Fiftieth anniversary M. Ex. Comp. L. L. Callaway carries the Companions into the dim and distant history of Masonry in Montana—journeying down through the years with reference to interesting incidents that played a part in the building of the Grand Chapter of today. He reminds the Companions in his closing comment that the history of G.C. is remarkable for the
placidity that has marked its many meetings and says: "It may be doubted if the course of a group of men over a period of 50 years has ever run more smoothly than that of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Montana."

Past Grand High Priests, Grand Representatives and deputations from Knights Templar, Scottish Rite, Grand Council and Grand Lodge were all presented, and each group received a warm fraternal greeting and honours in keeping with their rank.

From a really worth-while report on Correspondence we cull the following excerpt which in our opinion is heavily laden with good sense and sound judgment.

"Times of stagnation and cessation of work are not necessarily times of retrogression but they are often times that best try the mettle and worth of men. Slow growth secures harmony; cementing more strongly the ties of brotherly love and affection; developing a broader view of the beautiful teachings and purifying influences of our noble Order."

Would that space permitted a more generous quotation from this magnificent report which carries not alone sage advice but words of encouragement which are most helpful in these bitter days of confusion and unrest.

Among the many interesting matters covered in the proceedings we find reference to the pilgrimage of more than One Hundred R.A. Masons from Montana to Calgary, Alberta. We believe these international visits should be encouraged as undoubtedly they are productive of much good.

The Capitular Review by Claude J. McAllister, P.G.H.P., provides interesting reading. It is topically arranged and pregnant with lofty thoughts and high ideals. In his own inimitable style Comp. McAllister covers everything of importance, commencing with a foreword that in our opinion merits a classification as an epic. Eloquent, inspiring and up-lifting sums up our impression of Comp. McAllister's effort. We should like to quote it in its entirety but lack of space forbids. Many pages of solid type are necessary to cover the various phases of Royal Arch Masonry as seen through the glasses of Comp. McAllister. If we have one comment that may be critical it is that so arranged the report is difficult to review. Grand Chapters are not dealt with in alphabetical order, the orthodox plan of commenting on each jurisdiction is disregarded and in fact but few of these are mentioned by name, but, the substance of their several
Proceedings have been extracted and the whole moulded to gether into a definite commentary on the activities of the Capitular realm. We congratulate Comp. McAllister, on his review and express our sincere pleasure in being privileged to read and digest it. In his closing words he pays well de- served tribute to Royal Arch leadership and in referring to those who have left their mark in the Hall of Masonic en- deavour he has this to say:—

“They wrought with artistic skill their laudable and influential de- signs upon their Trestleboards of Godliness and honesty beneath the benign grace of the Royal Arch of Service, enhancing the beauty and grandeur of our temple of Brotherly Love.”

“Integrity of Life is fame’s best friend, Which nobly beyond death shall crown the end.”

Hamilton Clay Stith was elected and installed Grand High Priest. Comp. Hauberg continues as Grand Secretary.

H. T. Cummins is our representative in Montana, while a Masonic veteran is the person of James Herriott, of Toronto, represents Montana in Canada.

NEBRASKA

Thomas J. Aron, Grand High Priest.
Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary.

The Seventy-Fourth Annual Convocation held on December 4, 1940, in the City of Omaha.

Under the Charter of Florence Chapter M.W. Bro. Aron was received and with the Grand Officers assumed the chairs and convened Grand Chapter.

Honored guests were then presented, these included representa- tives of the Grand Chapters of Missouri and Iowa—the Grand Master of Grand Council, President of the Order of High Priesthood and the Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery. Following these distinguished Companions M. Wor. Bro. E. J. Lee, Grand Master of the G. Lodge, of Nebraska, was introduced and fittingly greeted.

Eighteen Past Grand High Priests were present to repre- sent the glorious past of Nebraska. Grand Representatives of Forty-one Jurisdictions then assembled about the Altar and were fraternally welcomed. Alas the representative of Canada was among the missing.

Grand High Priest Aron then read his annual address prefacing his remarks with the pert comment. “This year’s
report is not favored with any eloquence but rather with actual happenings”. We disagree somewhat with this statement finding the G.H.P.’s address interesting and extremely well-written. He refers in feeling terms to the death of that great Mason, William Tecumseh Sherman O’Hara, and other well known and well-beloved Craftsmen.

We are particularly interested in his reference to the splendid humanitarian work being carried on by the Nebraska Masonic Home.

Decisions, dispensations and visitations occupy much space bringing us to his concluding remarks, a line or two of which we quote:—

“To the best of my knowledge I have been a conscientious Mason and as such am a believer in Christianity but I must admit that during my year as Grand High Priest I have had a little difficulty in keeping that faith unshaken. I refer particularly to that proverb: ‘Cast your bread upon the waters and it will return ten fold’ Now Companions, in spite of what politicians may say about my profession, banking, I am not a greedy man and I did not expect the proverbial percentage, but, Companions, I would have liked to have broken even.”

“A year happily begun and enjoyed and a year which today still finds the future of Royal Arch Masonry within our control.”

The report of the Grand Treasurer indicates finances in a fairly comfortable condition while the Grand Secretary’s returns show a slight loss in membership—nothing serious—certainly an improvement on many other Jurisdictions.

In the report of the Fraternal dead we find this beautiful poetic thought:—

“Leaf after leaf drops off, flower after flower,
Some in the chill, some in the warmer hour;
Alive they flourish, and alive they fall,
And earth that nourished them receives them all.”

We regret to note no published report on Fraternal Correspondence.

Elmer E. Magee was elected G.H.P. M. Ex. Comp. T. J. Aron was presented with the Jewel of a P.G.H.P., and Grand Chapter was closed with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Order of High Priesthood convened at the close of Grand Chapter.

Nebraska is represented in Canada by William S. M. Enouy a most enthusiastic Craftsman, while C. A. Spellman plays a like role for Canada in Nebraska.
NEVADA

Walter S. Macpherson, Grand High Priest.
Edward C. Peterson, Grand Secretary.

The Sixty-Eighth annual Convocation held in Reno on June 10th, 1941.


Ten Past Grand High Priests were in attendance and were given a rousing welcome.

Delegations from Knights Templar, the Grand Council R. & S. Masters, and the Grand Lodge of Nevada were introduced, greeted and received with suitable honours.

The Grand High Priests address is in marked contrast to those from many other jurisdictions in that it is brief and yet seems to fully cover the activities of the year. The following is an excerpt from his opening remarks:—

"It is not the first period in the world's history when Freemasonry has had a serious trial for its existence, but the principles for which it stands, those of right against might, have always eventually triumphed, and we have every reason to believe that when sanity again comes to this war-torn earth right will again emerge triumphant."

The reports refer to the appointment of various Grand Representatives, official visits, installations, decisions and recommendations, among the latter is the suggestion that Chapters should set aside one meeting to be known as "Masonic Guest Night" and that Craft Lodge Masons should be invited to attend and at which no doubt speakers would trace the connections between symbolic and capitular Masonry. If this correspondent be permitted to interject a comment on this suggestion we should like to say that this idea is being used very extensively in our jurisdiction and is productive of much good. The G.H.P. concludes his address with an expression of appreciation for the loyalty and assistance of the officers of Grand Chapter during his tenure of office.

The Grand Treasurer's report indicates disbursements less than receipts and accordingly a balanced budget.

Nevada operates an Educational Loan Fund which assists worthy young people in their endeavour to secure a better education. From the reports submitted we should say this fund is proving a most successful objective.
Twenty-four Jurisdictions were represented at this Convocation by their accredited representatives, we are happy to note that Comp. Enrietti answered for Canada.

We note that a Committee on Correspondence was appointed, yet, we fail to find reference to a report.

Rev. M. J. Hersey was elected and installed G.H.P.. It is interesting to note that this also was the occasion of our venerable Companions seventy-fifty birthday. A birthday cake suitably decorated marked the event.

Canada is ably represented in Nevada by Comp. Peter Enrietti, while Nevada's representative in Canada is John F. Marr, of Guelph, Ontario.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Temple E. Sutherland, First Grand Principal.
Roy E. Crawford, Grand Scribe E.
The Fifty-Third Annual was held on June 27, 1940, in Woodstock, N.B.

Grand Chapter being duly convened the G.Z. delivered his address which proved to be extremely brief largely due to the fact that unlike so many of our rulers the G.Z. failed to bore us with a lengthy account of his visitations and routine activities. We quote his comment on conditions in this country due to our participation in the great struggle for the perservation of democratic principles in which our Empire stands forth as the Champion of the rights of men of every clime and creed to live in peace and security.

"We meet this year when our nation is plunged into conflict to preserve the same objects, the same principles held so dear by all of us. Let us pray that our country again succeeds in upholding her rights and freedom as she did twenty-two years ago. We have been enjoying this protection, these privileges for many years and today our nation being in danger, I think that our Grand Chapter, as well as our Subordinate Chapters, should make some effort, some gesture toward the helping of our Empire besides giving our spiritual help."

A perusal of the reports of the Grand Scribe E and Treasurer indicates little change since our last review. The following is from the Report on G.Z.'s address and as it expresses very clearly our own views we are constrained to quote the section in its entirety.

"The Grand Z.'s reference to the fact that our nation is plunged into war is timely, not only because of our duty to be loyal and to cooperate in Canada's war effort, but because the situation of the world today brings home very forcibly some of the outstanding lessons of
Capitular Masonry, such as the duty to do proper work, the duty to be satisfied with proper wages, and above all the duty to adore Him Who is the Grand Artificer of the Universe. Had these principles been observed in Europe the world would have been in a different position today."

Edmundston was selected as the next place of meeting—while Thos. G. Ballantyne was honoured by advancement to the chair of G.Z.

During Grand Chapter’s recess the members and their guests enjoyed a motor trip down the St. John River.

We regret the absence of a Fraternal Report or Review—we are always happy to hear from our Sister Provinces.

Our Grand Chapter is represented in New Brunswick by Edgar W. Mair—we note with some disappointment that Comp. Mair was not among the Grand Representatives who answered the roll call.

New Brunswick is represented near this Grand Chapter by John W. Plewes, of London, Ontario.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Harry B. Tasker, Grand High Priest.
J. Melvin Dresser, Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Twenty-Second Annual Convocation was held in Concord on May 20, 1941.

Grand Chapter having been declared open by the G.H.P., Rev. Arthur A. Blair led in the devotional exercises.

Five P.G.H.P.’s and twenty-three Grand Representatives were received and duly honoured. We note with regret the absence of Canada’s representative.

John H. Anderson, General Grand High Priest was introduced with due ceremony and was tendered the gavel, which he returned with a few appropriate words of thanks for the reception accorded him.

From the Grand Chapters of Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New York came ambassadors of good-will each bearing the greetings and a friendly message from their respective Jurisdictions.

The address of Comp. Tasker is largely a resumé of his official acts for the year, opening with this all too familiar thought:

"The greater countries of the old world have been engaged in the most cruel and brutal warfare in all recorded history. Personal liberty has fallen before the ravages of dictatorship. It is a significant fact that the countries of Nazism and Communism are anti-church,
while in the democracies the church is sustained. Freemasonry has suffered much abroad and, with the church, has been denied existence.”

Fitting reference is made to the fraternal dead and in token of respect the companions stood at attention while prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain.

Reference to visitations is in detail and indicates that these visits, while enjoyable and entertaining were also very helpful to the constituent Chapters.

The G.H.P. quotes a letter sent by him to all Past High Priests, in this letter he asks their assistance in the Chapters to which they belong and ends with:—

“A chain is as strong only as its weakest link”. Capitular Masonry is an important “link” in our great Masonic chain. Let us each resolve to make it a strong link.”

He gives a graphic description of visits to other Jurisdictions, quotes his dispensations, refers to the special celebration in Washington Chapter, lists his various appointments and closes a very interesting address as follows:—

“In a world haunted with distrust, motivated by greed and without regard for a pledged word; in a world that is willing to trample the weak under iron heels that the strong may profit; in such a world we need more justice, brotherhood and goodwill. We need more of the spirit of self sacrifice expressed so ably by Ina Coolbirth in the following words:—

“O soul! however sweet
The goal to which I hasten with swift feet
If just within my grasp,
I reach, and joy to clasp,
And find there one whose body I must take
A footstool for that sake,
Though ever and for ever denied
Grant me to turn aside.”

Finances as covered in the Grand Treasurer’s report appear to be in a very satisfactory condition although the Grand Secretary reports a slight loss in membership.

Charles F. Waterman having been elected G.H.P. was subsequently installed into office together with the other officers by M. Ex. Comp. J. H. Anderson.

We regret that no report on Correspondence appears in the proceedings.
The Order of High Priesthood convened at the close of Grand Chapter.

Canada is represented by A. M. Dunstan, while the veteran Craftsman, Walter H. Davis, of Hamilton, represents New Hampshire in Canada.

NEW MEXICO

Frank C. Rolland, Grand High Priest.
A. A. Keen, Grand Secretary.
Forty-Fourth annual held at Las Cruces on May 12, 1941.
Grand Chapter having been duly opened by the G.H.P., the flag was presented and the assembled Companions gave the pledge of Loyalty.

Although sixteen Grand Representatives were present we note with passing interest that Canada's representative did not respond.

G. H. P. Rolland established somewhat of a record for brevity, his address being in a decidedly abridged form. After his introductory words of welcome he dealt with the appointment of certain Grand Representatives, enumerated his dispensations, visitations and recommendations and closed with a suggestion for the appointment of a Grand Lecturer to bring about a uniform interpretation of the work, and left with Grand Chapter this timely thought.

"The corner-stone of our Order is Religious Toleration; our teachings are all toward Religious Toleration. The foundation of our National life is Religious Toleration; our hope of the future is predicted on Toleration.

I know of no object for Capitular Masonry more worthy than to dedicate its efforts toward making every community in our Jurisdiction conscious of the necessity to maintain and support Religious Freedom."

The Grand Secretary's report places New Mexico in the favoured class—an increase in membership is shown. Congratulations—this makes refreshing reading after an avalanche of pessimistic reports. A balanced budget is cause for rejoicing while it is interesting to note that investments all seem sound and productive. In the Masonic Home Fund we note a balance of $26,871.60 which substantial amount speaks volumes for the charitable spirit of New Mexico.

Distinguished guests included the Grand Commander of Knights Templar and the Special Deputy of General Grand Council of the R. and S. Masters of the U.S.A.
The Committee on Necrology presented an eloquent report saying in part—

“These friends of the travel years we miss. But, by a sincere affection, they are with us in spirit, so that space cannot separate, nor time divide those who are bound together in the common Love of God.

“I cannot think of them as dead
Who walk with me no more;
Along the path of life I tread
They have but gone before.
But still their silent ministry
Within my heart has place,
And when on earth they walked with me
And met me face to face.
Mine are they by an ownership
Nor time nor death can free;
For God has given to Love to keep
Its own eternally.”

“It is thus that we take note of our losses, and acknowledge with tears the grief ‘that never shames our manhood’.”

Reuben Perry, P.G.H.P. presented his eleventh review. We congratulate Comp. Perry upon a very fine pen picture of the Capitular World. Of course, past experience has taught us to expect an outstanding review from one so talented as Comp. Perry whose eleven years service almost places him in the ‘veteran’ category.

Canada as usual receives friendly consideration. Comp. Perry in a condensed form covers about everything that happened at our Hamilton Convocation. He quotes our financial statement, comments favourably upon our last review, and has a kind word to say with reference to our charitable efforts. May we gratefully acknowledge this neighbourly review of Canada.

Sherwood Y. Jackson was elected as G.H.P. Comp. A. A. Keen was re-elected Grand Secretary. These Companions with the officers elected and appointed were duly installed and invested by M. Ex. Comp. Lloyd B. Johnson.

Albuquerque was selected as the next place of meeting.

John W. Elder is our representative in New Mexico, while one of Canadas outstanding Masons, Frank A. Copus, of Stratford, is privileged to represent New Mexico near our Grand Chapter.
NEW SOUTH WALES

Hamilton B. Mathews, Grand First Principal.
F. R. Sinden, Grand Scribe E.

Quarterly Convocation held February 8, 1939, in Sydney, opened in Ancient and Solemn Form, the G.Z. presiding.

Thirty-seven Grand Representatives answered the roll-call. Canada is especially honoured in being represented by M. Ex. Comp. H. B. Mathews, G.Z. From the address of the Grand First Principal we learn of many interesting visits throughout the jurisdiction, reference to dispensations which were all of a routine character and a sympathetic tribute to the Fraternal Dead.

Past Grand rank was conferred upon J. E. Southwell for his untiring efforts on behalf of the Order. Greetings from Pennsylvania were tendered by A. J. Kaglund who has just returned from the United States and a visit to the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Special Convocation April 22, 1939, at this meeting the proposals of the United Grand Lodge aimed at bringing together the two Grand Chapters at present existent in New South Wales was discussed. A motion to unite the two Grand Bodies under the title of United Supreme Grand Chapter was carried and if the necessary details can be worked out we may shortly learn that in the interests of Masonic unity the question of sovereignty has been settled and peace and harmony again prevail. This will indeed be good news to those of us in Canada who have followed this controversial matter with much interest.

Quarterly meeting May 10, 1939, a report by the Grand Z. on visitations, dispensations and rulings was read. Comp. A. J. Kaglund reported on Fraternal Correspondence and earnestly recommended that the Companions of the Jurisdiction should have an opportunity of reading the Capitular Reviews.

Quarterly Convocation August 9, 1939, from the Grand Z.'s address we learn that the arrangements for the recognition of New South Wales as a Supreme Grand Chapter are still incomplete. It appears that Scotland still maintains that New South Wales is still a Grand Chapter and without Supreme authority in the jurisdiction. The Grand Chapter of Scotland apparently is the only Grand Body in Royal Arch Masonry to take this stand, all other Grand Chapters recog-
nize the sovereign rights of New South Wales. We trust that this vexed question may soon be disposed of in an amicable manner.

Quarterly held November 8, 1939, we quote from the Grand Z.'s address:—

"Since our last Convocation world conditions have been again transformed, and in the interests of freedom and justice the British Empire has been compelled to declare war against Germany. The world has been staggered by the happenings of many months past. Destruction of material things and of moral values has become manifest amongst some of the great powers, and we deplore the loss of so much of the moral fibre of the world. As Masons we are builders and our work is in direct opposition to the destroyer. I trust that reconstruction will soon commence and moral standards again prevail.

In an effort to bring about settlement of the dispute with Scotland the Grand Master of Grand Lodge visited the Grand First Principal of Scotland to act as an intermediator and as a result progress was made which will no doubt soon open into full fruition.

Jubilee Convocation held December 8, 1939, this being the Annual meeting the Grand Principals were installed and Officers invested.

M. Ex. Comp. H. B. Mathews was re-installed, saluted and proclaimed Grand First Principal.

After the close of Grand Chapter a Jubilee banquet was held the the usual loyal toasts to His Majesty the King, the Grand First Principal and the Guests.

The Review of Sister Jurisdictions is efficiently handled by Comp. Kaglund and a select committee. Turning to Canada we find that we have been accorded one and one-half pages of quotation, comment and review.

Reference is made to the discussion held during our 1939 meeting relative to Master Masons having to wait three months before they can be exalted in the Royal Arch. Comp. Kaglund reminds us that in his jurisdiction twelve months must elapse before a brother may seek advancement and he gives us some very cogent reasons why this is deemed necessary. This writer thoroughly agrees with New South Wales and feels sure that after twelve months in the Symbolic Craft a brother is far better qualified to appreciate the importance and beauty of the Chapter degrees. Reference is made to the late M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton. We are sure that our friends in New South Wales will learn with regret that Col. Ponton succumbed to an illness that caused him to be bed-ridden many
months. We appreciate the friendly comment with reference to our well-beloved companion and heartily applaud the final words which define him “A Worthy Workman”.

Canada’s representative as has been mentioned is M. Ex. Comp. H. B. Mathews—while New South Wales is well represented in Canada by an outstanding Companion of equal rank, M. Ex. Comp. R. B. Dargavel, Toronto.

NEW YORK

Charles J. Wells, Grand High Priest.
C. G. Wilhelms, Acting Grand Secretary.
The One Hundred and Forty-Fourth Annual Convocation held in Albany on February 4, 1941.
Grand Chapter was opened in Ample form—Rev. C. D. Broughton, Grand Chaplain, offering the opening invocation. The colours were posted with appropriate ceremonies and the entire assemblage joined in singing “America”. As a tribute to Canada the G.H.P. then directed that the Companions should sing “God Save the King”. Eighteen Past Grand High Priests and twenty-eight Grand Representatives were presented and officially welcomed.
Many distinguished guests were present from sister Jurisdictions — these included New Jersey, Delaware, Maine, Ohio, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and last but not least Canada, ably represented by L. F. Stephen, K.C. The Scottish Rite, Grand Commandery and Grand Council were duly duly represented by their respective leaders. As a fitting climax to the reception accorded the visitors, M. Ex. Comp. H. DeWitt Hamilton in eloquent words announced the presence of M. Wor. Bro. Henry C. Turner, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York.
The Grand High Priest’s address, while somewhat lengthy may well be described as a masterpiece, nothing has been omitted, few if any banalities are noted, official acts covered in detail and here and there throughout the address many worth-while and lofty thoughts.
In his opening remarks the G.H.P. refers to the titanic struggle between the ideals of Democracy and the Dictator’s hordes. He reports a revival of interest in Capitular Masonry, saying:—

“New vistas of accomplishment are opening up before our members, as they realize that one of the best prescriptions for the evils of this world is work.”
Opening a beautifully expressed tribute to the fraternal dead in these words:—

"The beautiful symbolism of the following lines reminds us of the slender thread that moors us to these shores."

"Death takes us by surprise
And stays our hurrying feet,
The great unfinished lies,
Our lives are incomplete
But in the bright unknown
Perfect their circles seem
Even as a bridge's arch of stone
Is rounded in the stream."

Special reference is made to the lamented death of that well-beloved Craftsman, Charles C. Hunt, who for forty-six years has faithfully and efficiently filled the office of Grand Secretary. The late Comp. Hunt was a Past Grand High Priest, and held many important positions in the various bodies of Masonry in New York State.

In the words of Comp. Wells—"a Masonic career of singular form and beauty has been brought up to the Grand Overseer for final inspection".

Canada takes this opportunity of extending sincere sympathy for the sad loss sustained by our Companies of New York, a loss shared by Masonry in general. Comp. Hunt's worth was recognized and appreciated here in Canada and his passing will be the cause of much sorrow to his many friends in our Jurisdiction.

Dispensations and rulings were all of a routine character, while among the G.H.P.'s recommendations we note one for the appropriation of $2,000.00 for charitable purposes. We are particularly interested in a decision that prohibits the wearing of Knight Templar uniform during the conferring of Chapter degrees. This decision, however, does not prohibit the wearing of such uniforms on other Chapter occasions provided the Apron of the Capitular Craft is worn outside the uniform.

This is a condition, that has never arisen in Canada, although in this correspondent's opinion there should be no objection provided an apron is worn.

Among the detailed accounts of visitations we find an interesting comment on the G.H.P.'s visit to Canada. Need we say that we were then as always delighted to have him with us and were particularly pleased to extend a welcome to
the distinguished escort that accompanied him, including our Grand Representative, R. L. Donovan.

Reference is made to the wonderful work being done by our New York friends through their Tuberculosis Relief Fund. From his comments on Masonic conditions we extract a few pertinent excerpts:

“No Chapter can accomplish more by doing less.”
“When we have sold ourselves on Masonry, we will have no difficulty convincing others.”
“The time has come to cease contentment with small impotent mutual admiration societies for Chapters, when thousands of high-type Master Masons surround us on every side.”
“Are we getting soft? Our fathers trudged miles on foot to school. Where is that old-fashioned rugged spirit of Masonry that accomplished things? It’s coming back! I’ve seen it in numerous places this year throughout the State. May this spirit spread to every Chapter!”

The optimism of Comp. Wells is most refreshing and we only regret lack of space forbids a more lengthy quotation from his inspirational dissertation on the need for more action among our Constituent Chapters.

He closes a remarkably fine address with these words:

“Beyond the horizon is yet another horizon.”
“The best of life is yet to come.”

Under “Permanent Fund” the Grand Treasurer reports $222,434.00, while under “resources” he lists investments of $114,597.00, the Tuberculosis Fund is quoted as $115,910.00 all of which indicates that the fiscal affairs of New York are in a very comforting state.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the facile pen of that Master Craftsman George E. Briggs. His foreword as to be expected from one so talented and experienced is a gem closing with these words:

“Like a church, our steeple has pointed to the sky, but our footstones have rested in the common-place work of life.”
“We have shot our bolt. Let us pray we have not altogether missed the target.”

Somewhat selfishly we, turn first to his review of Canada—here we find a generous resumé of our activities during our 1940 Convocation. Full coverage is given in a friendly manner, liberal quotations from our Grand Z.’s address and a most neighbourly comment on our first review, prove a source of inspiration and encouragement in our future efforts. Thanks Comp. Briggs.
We in Canada are happy to note the election and installation of George Rosendale as G.H.P. Comp. Rosendale has been a frequent and appreciated visitor to our Grand Chapter and we extend heartiest congratulations on a well-merited advancement.

Carl G. Wilhelms was elected to the office of Grand Secretary.

New York is represented by the genial W. Y. Mills, P.G.Z., while R. L. Donovan is Canada’s representative near the G.C. of New York.

NEW ZEALAND

C. A. Eckford, First Grand Principal.
F. J. Rea, Grand Scribe E.

Supreme Grand Chapter held its Forty-Ninth Annual Convocation in Blenheim on February 22, 1941.

R. E. Comp. L. M. Jolly presided. After solemn prayer and the singing of the National Anthem the election of officers was held C. A. Eckford being elected and installed as Grand Z.

Owing to the lamented death of M. Ex. Comp. D. Duncan the valedictory address was delivered by the Depute First Grand Principal who paid eloquent tribute to the memory of the G.Z., saying that at his death he was on the threshold of a brilliant career. Referring to general conditions the Depute remarked that despite these unusual and disturbed times Capitular Masonry continues to progress and the year would show an increase in membership. He informed Grand Chapter that Ireland had agreed to exchange representatives with New Zealand and that appointments had been made. Expressing the hope that the next Convocation might be held under happier circumstances the address is concluded with the timely poem of the late Sir Owen Seaman.

The Supreme Committee commenced the annual report with these words:—

“The dark clouds which had burst over Europe when the last report was submitted now appear to be engulfing the world, and it is sincerely and earnestly hoped that, as an outcome of the titanic struggle which lies ahead, we will be able to continue to live as free men working out our own destinies for the benefit of all mankind, and when we have engaged in a virtuous course, notwithstanding all the trials, impediments, and hardships we may be destined to endure, we should endure them all with fortitude, and ardently persevere unto the end, resting assured of receiving at the termination of our labours a noble and glorious reward.”
Sympathetic reference is made to the loss sustained by Masonry through death with special reference and a glowing tribute to the late Grand Z.

Under Honoris Causa Past Rank was conferred upon a number of Companions for distinguished service to the Royal Craft.

Over $4,000.00 was invested during the year in Government Bonds.

Membership is mentioned under "Condition of Capitular Masonry"—the 1936 records gave membership roll at 3,711. In 1940 it had risen to 4,093 with a further increase expected this year.

From a splendid address by the newly installed Grand Z. we quote:—

"In a changing world Freemasonry is, or should be, stable, and its strength and influence of such a nature as to provide the leaven for the mass. Masonry does not take part in political or religious reforms or disputes, but its influence is, and should be, in the visible lives of its members. We cannot all achieve high rank or perform great deeds, but we can, and must, if faithful to ourselves and our God see that in some respect our influence and example will make our District, our country, and our Empire better and happier for those who will follow us."

He closes with:—

"Companions, the future of our Institution and its power for good in the community depends on us, our influence must be used according to the principles and teachings of Freemasonry. It is a great and serious trust. Let us then accept it and apply it in our daily lives."

"To thine own self be true,
And it must follow
As the night the day
Thou canst not then be false to any man."

Grand Chapter closed according to ancient rites and with solemn prayer.

Jas H. Harkness represents Canada in New Zealand, while Dr. J. A. Evans, of Toronto, performs a similar duty for New Zealand near our Grand Chapter.

**NOVA SCOTIA**

T. C. Ives, Grand High Priest.
J. McG. Rutherford, Grand Secretary.
The Seventy-Second Annual Convocation held in Halifax, on July 10, 1941.

Grand Chapter opened in ample form by M. Ex. Comp. Ives, who was supported by eight P.G.H.P.'s.
The Grand High Priest delivered a thoughtfully prepared address in which he dealt candidly with various phases of the year's work and gave an interesting account of his actions as G.H.P. In his opening remarks he referred to conditions in the Motherland and Europe we quote a few lines:—

“In our Motherland and Europe today it is not so; many things have happened since we last met; many of the smaller nations have been trampled under foot; many innocent women and children, who could not defend themselves, have been slaughtered, and Masonry with all those great principles for which it stands, banned in every instance. The freedom which we enjoy is the most deeply rooted craving of human nature. Without it, peace, contentment and happiness, even manhood, are not possible. Happiness is freedom, and freedom is courage. We can only have brave men and women in a free world.”

Many appointments were made by Comp. Ives—these include Junior Officers of Grand Chapter, the Board of General Purposes and the Grand Superintendents. In speaking of his visitations he told of an official visit to Newfoundland, which by the way is under the jurisdiction of Nova Scotia. It is interesting to learn that in St. John's they have two Lodges under allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Scotland and three Lodges under the Grand Lodge of England. These lodges comprise some 800 members. They carry their own life insurance which is surely an innovation in Masonry. His comments under the caption of “Condition of the Craft” are not altogether encouraging, but he makes some recommendations which if adopted should be helpful.

A rededication service was held on April 6, this proved most satisfactory and interesting, Comp. Ives recommends that it be a yearly event.

After paying well-deserved tribute to the Grand Secretary and other officers the G.H.P. concludes a delightfully written address with a further commentary on world affairs, we quote a line or two taken at random:—

“Today, our world and democracy faces the greatest crisis in its history. During the past two years there has been many Masonic Lodges closed, but we trust that the spirit of Masonry still remains in the breasts of those Companions and that the day will soon dawn when peace and tranquility will again reign. There seems to be a lack of that mutual love and contentment which was characteristic of our home life generations ago, and there are few homes today modeled after the little home of Nazareth. Never indeed do the words of the scripture take on a more solemn significance than at this time: 'What doth it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul.'”
"We who are members of the British Commonwealth hold in our hands the future of the world. May God give us strength to foster this spirit of liberty and help build again self-reliant nations of every people."

To the last paragraph we are constrained to add a fervent Amen.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary’s reports indicate that finances are sound and while a slight loss in membership is recorded the Jurisdiction as a whole appears alive and active this is also noted in the reports of the Grand Superintendents of the Eight Districts.

The Grand Archivist is preparing a historical sketch of Freemasonry in the Maritime Provinces, this should prove most interesting and we trust when completed that Comp. R. V. Haris will favour this correspondent with a copy.

The Constitution was amended making $20.00 the minimum fee for exaltation. A resolution was adopted which waives the per capita Tax on all Companions connected with the armed forces.

We note with regret that no published reviews and no report on Fraternal Correspondence appears in the proceedings.

Following the election of officers, A. H. MacMillan was declared and installed as G.H.P.

A portrait of Comp. MacMillan adorns the proceedings followed by a very interesting biographical sketch.

The Order of High Priesthood convened on June 11, 1941. Nova Scotia is represented near our Grand Chapter by our Grand Third Principal, A. H. Monteith of Paris, Ontario, while G. S. Wright, of Halifax, keeps a friendly eye upon our interest in Nova Scotia.

**OHIO**

George E. Reiff, Grand High Priest.

M. C. Hambright, Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Twenty-Fourth annual Convocation was held in Cincinnati, October 2, 1940.

M. Ex. Comp, Reiff opened Grand Chapter after which the Grand Chaplain delivered an Invocation saying in part:—

"While the physical outlines of earth are being blasted to dust may we erect into eternal endurance the spiritual outlines of the world of peace, love, kindness, and brotherhood. Grant unto us bravery of spirit, purity of heart, staunchness of soul, clearness of vision and the will to do Thy will unfailingly. Keep us forever, workmen who blush not
over their work, nor have cause to blush, fellow workers together with Thee. Amen.”

Standing at attention Grand Chapter witnessed the ceremony of “posting the colours” by Knights Templar. A ceremony not observed in Canada but one which we might well adopt.

Many distinguished guests representing Sister Jurisdictions, the Grand Commandery and Grand Council were received and accorded suitable honours. M. Ex. Comp. F. K. Hall introduced the representatives of the Grand Lodge of Ohio and the Grand Senior Warden in the absence of the Grand Master was tendered the gavel as a token of the devotion and fealty of the assembled companions.

The Grand Senior Warden in a few well chosen words thanked Grand Chapter and returned the emblem of authority to the G.H.P.

After Comp. J. G. Stewart, Mayor of the City, extended an enthusiastic, historical and fraternal welcome—M. Ex. Comp. Reiff delivered his annual address—while lengthy and covering much of his routine activities in detail it nevertheless proved decidedly interesting. Under the caption of Necrology he pays eloquent tribute to many outstanding Craftsmen who since the last annual meeting have passed beyond the Veils. It is with profound sorrow that we learn of the passing of that truly great Mason, William T. S. O’Hara. We were privileged to entertain him in Canada during his regime as General High Priest. We contacted him on several occasions elsewhere and learned to admire and respect him as one of Masonry’s most talented sons. We share with our Companions of the United States the great loss sustained in the death of M. Ex. Comp. O’Hara, we borrow the following as our tribute:

“He is gone, but his memory liveth,
He is dead, but his example is here;
The sweetness and fragrance it giveth,
Will linger for many a year.”

The G.H.P. refers to the Revised Ritual which according to information he supplied has been most favourably reviewed.

We note with interest his comments regarding the work being done in the Ohio Masonic Home, where some six hundred indigent Masons, their wives, widows or children are being cared for. May we extend our applause to Ohio for the splen-
did humanitarian work which it has undertaken and which has been accepted by them as a sacred charge.

Among his visitations he mentions an invitation to Canada which he unfortunately was unable to accept but he sent as his proxy that Prince of Good Fellows—Williard T. Francis for whom we in Canada have a most wholesome regard.

Among the dispensations granted we find one to permit an Ohio Chapter to visit London, Ontario, and another to permit Occident Chapter, of Toronto, to confer a degree in Hillman Chapter of Cleveland. We are strongly of the opinion that these international visits should be encouraged, strengthening as they do that golden cord that binds us together in Love and Unity.

We quote M. Ex. Comp. Reiff’s concluding lines:—

"Today we are without sufficient spiritual force to face the economic, political and social questions of the world and master them. The totalitarian state of which we have seen and heard much and its destruction of liberties and freedom is possible today only because of the moral decline of its people. The moral life of the world is on the rocks with the result that our economic order is about to die. The problem that confronts the world, and we as Masons today, is fundamentally and basically moral and spiritual. It is imperative that our moral and spiritual power be comparable to our scientific knowledge and the instruments for both good and evil that have been placed in our hands."

It would be a direct dereliction of duty as a correspondent were we to omit reference to the sparkling address of Rev. James Thomas, D.D., space will not permit us to quote more than his closing remarks—would that every Mason could read this inspiring address which concludes with:—

"The words I have uttered this evening are in my weak way a "Call to Arms" to by brother Masons. In this hour I have considered myself somewhat of a watchman on the ramparts. The enemy is approaching, yea he is at our very gates, well equipped for battle and woe to the watcher who fails to warn in such an hour of peril. Within our own ranks we have numerous potent, non-alien, fifth columnists of our own making, whose presence I have indicated.

If we can conquer these insidious enemies within we will then have no fear of falling before the foe that comes from without. Let us, my brothers, heed this call to arms and lay upon the altars of our Faith, and Nation, the utmost of Masonic might!"

The Capitular Review is from the gifted pen of M. Ex. Comp. Carl W. Sperling whose foreword is brief but optimistic. The Review of Canada as usual is complete, embrac-
ing facts, figures and quotations from the address of our Grand Z. a friendly reference to the late M. Ex. Comp Ponton and a verbal bouquet for this Reviewer’s maiden effort. We appreciate his “Welcome to the Round Table” and will endeavour to merit the honour of sitting among the distinguished array of experienced writers who compose the Corps of Fraternal Correspondents.

Grand Chapter’s selection for Grand High Priest was Chester J. Pearce, while Mont. G. Hambright was again returned as Grand Secretary. Following the Installation ceremonies M. Ex. Comp. Reiff was presented with regalia and a jewel in keeping with his rank.

Henry Gruen represents Canada in Ohio, while Edwin Smith, our widely known G.S.E., has the honour to represent Ohio in Canada.

OKLAHOMA

Chas. N. Cutler, Grand High Priest.
J. A. Lathim, Grand Secretary.
The fifty-Second Annual Convocation held at Enid, April 15, 1941.

Enid Chapter having been opened in due form the G.H.P. and his officers were received, Enid Chapter was closed, and Grand Chapter declared open in ample form followed by the invocation by the Grand Chaplain.

M. Ex. Compy R. W. Evans, G.H.P., of Kansas; J. D. Cox, Deputy G.M. of Grand Council, of Texas, the G.M. of G. Council, of Oklahoma, representatives of Knights Templar, and Scottish Rite, were all introduced and received with appropriate honours. The Grand Master and an escort from the Grand Lodge, of Oklahoma, were fittingly received and welcomed. We are always happy to record the presence of the Grand Master at these Chapter Convocations as these interchange of visits provide another link to bind together these two original bodies of Ancient Free Masonry.

Fifteen P.G.H.P.’s and a host of Grand Representatives were presented to and welcomed by Comp. Cutler.

The G.H.P.’s address provides a summary of his official acts during the year. He reports visits both within and beyond his own jurisdiction, refers to several visits to the Masonic Home, gives an enumeration of his dispensations all of which were purely routine, names a number of Companions who have been commissioned as Grand Representa-
tives and concludes with words of appreciation to many who have assisted him during his term of office.

A loss in membership is indicated by the Grand Secretary's report. The Educational Fund is reported as $37,796.00—the general fund, $61,627.00 and an operating profit is shown for the fiscal year.

A resolution was adopted the purport of which was to send William Noble one of the two living Companions who were present at the organization of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, to the April Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada. Comp. Noble has for more than forty years represented Canada in Oklahoma and as a fitting reward for his lengthy service this trip to Canada was arranged. Well do we recall Comp. Noble's visit, we thoroughly appreciated his attendance and this correspondent was happy indeed to establish personal contact with one who has served as our representative for so many years.

The Committee on Necrology paid graceful tribute to the memory of those who died during the year closing with the immortal lines of William Knox. Space prevents a full quotation, but we reproduce the two last verses of this wonderful poem:—

"Yea! hope and despondency, pleasure and pain,  
Are mingled together in sunshine and rain;  
And the smile and the tear, the song and the dirge,  
Still follow each other, like surge upon surge.

"'Tis the wink of an eye; 'Tis the draft of a breath,  
From the blossom of health to the paleness of death  
From the gilded saloon to the bier and the shroud—  
Oh, why should the spirit of the mortal be proud."

Daniel W. Swaffar presented the Report on Fraternal correspondence and among other topics he referred to reviews of Sister Jurisdictions, stating that he had reviewed the proceedings received by him but following established custom these reviews are not published but are filed away in the archives. We regret exceedingly that Comp. Swaffer's reviews are not printed in the proceedings. We are sure that they are brimful of worth-while suggestions and lofty thoughts. Perhaps, Oklahoma may rescind this regulation and one of these days authorize published Reviews. We believe that they constitute one of the golden threads that binds together the various units of the Capitular World.
Clarence Brain was elected and installed as G.H.P. James A. Lathim again assumes the responsibilities of Grand Secretary.

The Order of High Priesthood convened at the close of Grand Chapter.

William Noble is our representative in Oklahoma. Ed. Worth represents Oklahoma in Canada.

OREGON

Andrew J. McCallen, Grand High Priest.
D. Rufus Cheney, Grand Secretary.

The Eighty-First Annual Convocation held in Portland, April 16, 1941.

Grand Chapter was opened by the G.H.P. Nine Past Grand High Priests being in attendance. Thirty-eight Grand Representatives answered the roll-call. The representative of Canada failed to respond. William Brown, Grand Master of the Grand Council and O. B. Nye, Grand Commander Knights Templar were presented and accorded Grand Honours.

The G.H.P. delivered his address which consisted of a detailed account of his many visits and a record of By-law Amendments and special Dispensations—Closing with a brief reference to Royal Arch Masonry in Oregon which he states is in a healthy condition and gives no cause for immediate alarm.

A loss in membership is noted though the number is not serious. Assets total $27,554.45.

The committee on Memorials presented a eulogy on the life of W. T. S. O'Hara, C. T. Conover and other distinguished and well-beloved Companions whose deaths have been recorded since the last annual Convocation. This section concludes with a stanza of our favourite hymn:—

"O Light that followeth all the way
I yield my flickering torch to Thee,
My heart restores its borrowed ray
That in Thy Sunshine's blaze, its ray
May brighter, fairer be."

M. Ex. Comp. Lloyd L. Scott presented the Fraternal Reviews. This report which is an epitome of Royal Arch activities among the various Grand Chapters gives a tabulation of membership throughout the United States, refers to
losses and gives a computation of the cost of printing the proceedings of fifty Grand Chapters. Comp. Scott contents himself with an abridged review of five Grand Jurisdictions. Canada is not among the favoured few.

The Grand Orators address entitled “The Man With a Mark” is a most delectable piece of literature, one which we enjoyed immensely. We only wish that it was possible to quote this literary gem in its entirety.

Bart R. Bracchi was elected Grand High Priest while Comp. Cheney was again selected as Grand Secretary. Portland is to be the next place of meeting.

Following Grand Chapter the annual convention of the Order of High Priesthood was held.

Fred A. Purdin represents our Grand Chapter in Oregon, while J. J. Gardiner, of Smiths Falls, a tireless worker in the quarries of the Royal Craft, is Oregon’s representative in Canada.

• PENNSYLVANIA

Walter M. Carwithen, Grand High Priest.
Joseph E. Quinby, Grand Secretary.

Quarterly Communication held in Philadelphia March 7, 1940. M. Ex. Comp. Carwithen presiding. Upon the roll of Grand Representatives being called Companions representing thirty-seven Jurisdictions responded and were officially greeted. The Quarterly report of the Committee on Finances was presented as was also the report of the Grand Secretary, while finances appear to be in excellent condition the Grand Secretary’s report indicates a rather disturbing loss in the membership.

Quarterly held June 6, 1040, routine business only appears in the proceedings.

Quarterly held September 5, 1940, reports of various committees received and dealt with. A beautiful Memoriam to the memory of James Walter Myers, District Deputy Grand High Priest was presented. An outstanding Craftsman, well beloved and with a brilliant Masonic future passed to the Great Beyond on May 15, 1940. We quote the concluding words of this wonderful tribute:—

"The silver cord is loosened, the golden bowl is broken, and his spirit has returned to God who gave it. He died in full Masonic and Christian faith in Immortality. Though dead, he lives and speaks."

"And is he dead
Who lifts thy life on high?"
Quarterly held December 5, 1940, at this communication many distinguished guests were present. These included a delegation from Grand Lodge, the Grand High Priest of Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New York, Maryland, Virginia, Ohio, Maine, New Jersey, District of Columbia, Delaware, West Virginia and Colorado. Present also in goodly numbers were representatives of Grand Council and Knights Templar.

M. Ex. Comp. Carwithen delivered an eloquent, inspiring and most interesting address.

Referring first to world-conditions the G.H.P. has this to say:

"The unrest that exists today throughout the Nations of the World is a cause of great concern, and demands intelligent thinking, sincerity of conviction and a loyal adherence to the aims and principles of this great Fraternity of ours, but above all, a trust in God."

Feeling reference is made to the fraternal Dead commencing with these words:

"Our departed Companies are not dead, they have merely sailed away not long ago in the hush of the pale twilight, through the purple shadows out on the ebbing tide into the unknown sea, on toward the far off Mystic Isles, where in a safe anchorage lie the craft of those who have gone before."

Visitation are fully covered, special interest is attached to the visit of F. R. Leech, Grand King, who attended our Hamilton Convocation. We in Canada while regretting that the G.H.P. could not be with us were very happy to have as his worthy representative Comp. Leech.

The G.H.P. reports his dispensations, appointments and rulings all of which appear to be of local interest only. He concludes a splendid address with a word of appreciation for all who have given him assistance during the year.

The Committee on Correspondence apparently functions as a Committee rather than presenting a report by the Chairman. John M. Core, P.G.H.P., an experienced and prominent reviewer deals with the group in which Canada is located.

His review of Canada is entertaining and decidedly complete. He quotes from our Grand Z.'s address and refers to many of his official acts. In referring to our last review he has many nice things to say about us, but perhaps the most accurate statement he makes is that in which he says: "The report on Correspondence has fallen into competent hands but the Review will be different from what the late Comp. Ponton wrote". How true, perhaps, no one appreciates the
difference more than the writer who finds it most difficult to follow in the footsteps of one so talented as our late Companion whose passing left a void in the Grand Chapter of Canada that we cannot possibly hope to fill. We note with interest that Comp. Core refers to visits to our Grand Chapter as having been worth-while. We should like to say that any benefit he may have derived from these visits are shared by we of Canada who find much to interest and inspire us in the ancient and historic Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. Comp. Core concludes his commentary on our last review by saying that it is worthy of the attention of Canadian Companions, but, judging from his own experience he leaves us with the comforting and encouraging suggestion that they won't read it. May we say that he is probably right, yet, we think it is the fault of the system rather than the individual. In our Jurisdiction a copy is sent to each Chapter, perhaps the senior officers may look it over, but, the rank and file have no opportunity of doing so. Hence our contention that the system is at fault. Many thanks Comp. Core for a most capable review of Canada.

Frank R. Leech was elected and together with his officers duly proclaimed and installed.

Canada is well represented in Pennsylvania by Samuel Shaw, whose record of attendance assures us of faithful representation.

L. T. Stephens, K.C., of Hamilton, is privileged to answer for Pennsylvania in Canada.

QUEBEC

A. W. Pratt, Grand Z.
W. W. Williamson, Grand Scribe E.

The Sixty-Fourth Annual Convocation held in Montreal on March 26th, 1941.

Grand Chapter was opened in ample form by M. Ex. Comp. Pratt, with seven P.G.Z.s, seated in the East. Grand Representatives to the number of twenty-four were received and officially greeted. M. Ex. Comp. McLellan answering the roll-call as representative of his Ontario Companions.

M. Ex. Comp. Pratt delivered a thoughtfully prepared address. The opening reference to War-Conditions and our concern for the Mother Country being especially well timed and eloquently delivered. We quote a few lines to the sentiment of which every Canadian will generously subscribe.
"We are met this year still deeper under the shadow of catastrophe of war, and as we, in this Dominion, look across the seas to the Mother Country, our hearts bleed for our blood brothers there, bearing and suffering the maiming, havoc and destruction, wrought by a relentless, unscrupulous and almost inhuman band of tyrants. At the same time we may glory in the dogged and indomitable spirit that the experience of Freedom has placed and nurtured in their hearts and characters, that spirit that says, "We had rather die as Freemen than live as slaves under such tyranny as is abroad in the world today."

Comp. Pratt expresses regret that owing to changes in legislation due to the war that he was unable to visit Jurisdictions in the United States. He extended a warm fraternal greeting to those illustrious Companions who despite conditions crossed the border to visit Quebec. He also included an especially hearty greeting to our own G.Z., M. Ex. Comp. L. F. Stephens.

Under Necrology he pays feeling tribute to the Fraternal Dead. Special reference is made to the passing of that Grand Old Man of Masonry in Quebec, M. Ex. Comp. E. A. Evans, who occupied the chair of Grand Chapter in 1909-1910—he speaks in glowing terms of the late R. Ex. Comp Irvine Dibbles, G.H., who passed beyond the Veils during the year. Of him the G.Z. says:

"Of sterling worth he was one who reflected credit on our Royal Craft, and would have filled in a very worthy way indeed, the office of Grand Z. had not the summons come to him for service in the Chapter of the Most High."

May we take this means of conveying our deepest sympathy to our Companions of Quebec in the lamented death of these brilliant Craftsmen.

Among the G.Z.'s comments on visitations we find a friendly reference to his visit to our Hamilton Convocation and we very much appreciate his kindly remarks regarding the treatment he received at our hands. The Companions of Toronto will wish that I should also thank him for the nice things he had to say about the work of the Toronto R.A. Welfare Association.

Among his dispensations we find several to install Companions who have not served as W.M.'s of a Symbolic Lodge. Such dispensations are not necessary in our Jurisdiction, but, nevertheless we heartily approve of the principle.

He concludes an altogether delightful address with these impressive words:
“May the Most High preserve our King, our Order and our democratic way of life and guide us in our deliberations this day.”

The G.S.E. reports a slight loss in membership. From the Grand Treasurer we learn that finances are sound and that the Benevolent Fund has reached a total of $2,090.60.

A resolution to subscribe $1,000.00 for War Charities was carried and left to the Finance Committee to dispense.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is again from the pen of M. Ex. Comp. W. J. Edwards, his eleventh by the way. His foreword is inspirational and concludes with these poetic words on Victory.

“Ye that have faith to look with fearless eyes
Beyond the tragedy of a world at strife,
And know that out of death and night shall rise
The dawn of ampler life:
Rejoice, whatever anguish rend the heart,
That God has given you the priceless dower
To live in these great times and have your part
In Freedom’s crowning hour,
That ye may tell your sons who see the light
High in the heavens—their heritage to take—
I saw the powers of darkness take their flight;
I saw the morning break.”

Turning with interest to his review of our Jurisdiction we find three pages of note and comment. He quotes liberally from M. Ex. Comp. Stephens address and covers about everything worth-while that took place at our Hamilton Convocation. We are particularly appreciative of his kindly reference to our late beloved Correspondent Col. W. N. Ponton, K.C., and gratefully acknowledge his courtesy in quoting this writer’s description of the Colonel’s funeral. We also desire to express our keen appreciation of the all-too-generous comments anent our last review. May we say that it is a very distinct pleasure to review Quebec. Comp. Edward’s closing words with regard to Quebec’s feeling for the Mother Grand Chapter are heartily reciprocated here in Ontario and this writer is personally proud and honoured to represent the Grand Chapter of our Sister Province of Quebec.

Following the usual custom M. Ex. Comp. Pratt was re-elected for a second term while, of course, and as to be expected our old friend Walter Williamson continues as G.E.S.

D. McLellan is our genial and ever-faithful representative in Quebec.
QUEENSLAND

R. N. F. Quinn, First Grand Principal.
S. W. Coulter, Grand Scribe E.
Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter and Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

Regular Convocation held in Brisbane, April 3, 1940. M. Ex. Comp. Quinn presiding.

Acknowledgement of a “Resolution of Loyalty” passed at the October Convocation was read. This came through the office of the Governor of Queensland and later followed by a letter conveying the thanks of His Majesty the King.

Applications for a Royal Ark Mariners Lodge and Red Cross Council from two Chapters were approved, the Grand Scribe E.’s salary was fixed at 375 pounds per annum. A resolution was passed waiving Grand Chapter dues on Constitutent Chapters covering fees of members who are on active military service.

Annual meeting held on October 2, 1940, opened in ample form and solemn prayer. Past Grand rank was conferred upon a number of Companions whose labour in behalf of Royal Arch Masonary merited a reward.

War Savings Certificates to the extent of One Thousand Dollars were purchased.

We quote a line or two from a special Intercessary Prayer adopted by Grand Chapter for use at all meetings:

"Be ever with us amid war's alarms, and let us feel Thy presence, sustaining us throughout all trials and dangers; forgive our transgressions we humbly pray. We believe, despite the hates and fears which blind the eyes of men, that Thy Kingdom lives for evermore—O God our help in ages past, be with us now, and help us, for Thy Name's sake.—Amen and Amen."

Reports of the Grand Inspector of Workings and Grand Instructor indicates that absolute harmony prevails throughout this vast Jurisdiction and a spirit of healthy rivalry among the Chapters is a noticeable feature of all gatherings.

This being the Annual Convocation the officers for the ensuing year were elected and duly installed. M. Ex. Comp. Quinn again assumes the duties of First Grand Principal. From the Biographical sketch of M. Ex. Comp. Quinn we learn that he holds ranking office in Grand Lodge, of Queensland, Grand Lodge of Scotland, Grand Chapter of Scotland, is Provincial Prior of Knights Templar in Queensland and
Sovereign Grand Inspector General 33 degree Scottish Rite. Queensland Companions are indeed to be congratulated in having as their ruler one whose wealth of experience ensures that type of leadership so essential in these days of stress and turmoil.

Canada was duly represented by J. Shirra, Sr. In Canada Queensland is ably represented by the ever-faithful John Boyd, of Toronto.

RHODE ISLAND

A. S. Place, Grand High Priest.
Wilbur A. Scott, Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Forty-Third Annual Convocation was held in Providence on March 12, 1940.

The Grand High Priest opened Grand Chapter in Ample Form, the Chaplain, R. Ex. Comp. Albert Knight, leading in prayer.

Rhode Island's well-known hospitality to the visitors within its portals brought forth a lengthy array of distinguished Companions from Sister Jurisdictions, the Scottish Rite, Royal and Select Masters, followed by M. Ex. Comp. John H. Anderson—General Grand High Priest of General Grand Chapter—all received a warm welcome—M. Ex. Comp. Anderson being tendered the gavel.

In the Annual Address of the G.H.P. we find much of interest, his dispensations, rulings and visitations will make interesting reading for the Companions of Rhode Island but our interest is focused on his validictory remarks—we quote a really worth-while thought:—

“May I close with this thought. You remember when our Saviour, just previous to his death, went up in the mountain with his disciples to talk and advise with them. He know his end was near and he was concerned with the carrying on of the work of the Kingdom after His death. But his followers were more concerned with their own welfare at that time. They were anxious about what was to become of them after He was gone. Many of them had left their homes and business to follow Him and now their efforts seemed to be for naught. And then Jesus spoke to them words something like these: 'Have no thought of what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, or how ye shall be clothed. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you.'

Let me paraphrase. When we are disturbed about programmes for our meetings, about keeping our members interested, about securing new members and the many, many other problems that confront us in carrying on our work and which, at times, seem almost unsurmountable,
let me say, "Seek ye first the spirit of Masonry and all these things will be added unto you."

In referring to the chaotic conditions prevailing throughout the world he says:—

"We are actually engaged in the most terrific struggle our land has ever known. There is a tremendous battle going on between the righteous and unrighteous forces of this country. We stand at Armageddon. As just and upright Masons, where are we enlisted? Masonry had a silent but powerful part in fashioning the fundamental life and law of America. Can we render as great a service in these critical days? We seem to be lying supinely on our backs, embracing the delusive phantom of hope, when we should be up and doing. Let me invoke the words of that High Priest of old, 'Arouse, arouse, arouse.' That is the challenge before us today. May God grant us strength and courage in the days to come."

This is our first opportunity of reviewing the proceedings of Rhode Island—we seem to have been omitted from their mailing list for some years past. We are happy to have this privilege and sincerely trust that our review may merit a place among the regular recipients of Rhode Island proceedings.

Wilbur A. Scott presented the report on Fraternal Correspondence informing Grand Chapter that he has reviewed the proceedings of such other Grand Chapters as have sent copies of their proceedings. We feel somewhat humbled by his frank comment to the effect that he found nothing of unusual interest in these. Our experience has been all to the contrary we have found the proceedings of other Jurisdictions entertaining, instructive and illuminative. There are a few exceptions, of course, but generally speaking they furnish interesting material that keeps us in touch with what is going on beyond our own borders.

Clarence H. Cady was elected G.H.P., while Comp. Scott was re-elected as Grand Secretary. After the ceremonies of Installation the retiring G.H.P. was presented with a Jewel and Regalia suitable to his rank.

The close of Grand Chapter the Order of High Priesthood was convened.

Canada is represented in Rhode Island by Norris G. Abbott, while Ed. H. Brennan is Rhode Island's representative in Canada.
REVIEWS

SASKATCHEWAN

S. H. Jackson, Grand Z.
F. B. Reilly, Grand Scribe E.

The Seventeenth Annual Convocation was held in Moose Jaw on May 21, 1940.

Grand Chapter having been duly opened by M. Ex. Comp. Jackson, distinguished guests from North Dakota, Manitoba, and Alberta, were introduced and received a hearty welcome.

The Companions came to "attention" and sang "God Save the King" and out of deference to the American visitors, also sang "America." The Mayor of Moose Jaw extended a Civic welcome and in his remarks pictured a world in which brotherhood, good-will, fair-play and all those things for which Masonry stands would be universally practiced.

Grand Representatives were received and formally greeted. We note the absence of our representative.

The annual address of M. Ex. Comp. Jackson contains a resumé of the year's work, a report on many visitations both within and beyond the jurisdictional borders. No rulings were asked for and a very few dispensations were sought and granted.

He refers feelingly to the passing of a number of outstanding Masons and quotes Edgar Guest's.

"HE WHO SERVES"

"The world needs many men today
Red-blooded men along life's way,
With cheerful smiles and helping hands
And with the faith that understands
The beauty of the simple deed
Which serves another's hour of need.

Teach me to do the best I can
To help and cheer our fellow-man:
Teach me to lose my selfish need
And glory in the larger deed
Which smooths the road and lights the way
For all who chance to come my way."

While finances of Grand Chapter appear to be in a satisfactory condition, we note with regret that Saskatchewan, in common with most Sister Jurisdictions, suffered a slight loss in membership.

The reports of the Grand Superintendents of the Five Districts are interesting, well-written and indicate that despite the unusual conditions prevailing, that the Constituent Chapters are officered by active, energetic craftsmen and that the members generally are showing interest and enthusiasm.
In the report on Fraternal Dead, we find an eloquent Memorial to the memory of the late Dr. A. S. Gorrell. We in Ontario appreciate the reference to our distinguished brother who was a native of this Province and in 1917 was Grand Z. of our Grand Chapter—the writer serving under him as a Grand Superintendent. He was Past Grand Master of Saskatchewan, an active member of Supreme Council Scottish Rite and an outstanding member of Military and Medical Circles; his loss is one which will be shared by all who were privileged to know him.

“Life's labour done,
Serenly to his final rest he passed;
Where the soft memory of his virtues yet
Linger, like sunlight hues when
That bright orb is set.”

A Committee with M. Ex. Comp. Reilly as Chairman dealt with Fraternal Correspondence and briefly commented “that in a troubled world, harmony and good-will still dominates the Companions of the Royal Craft”—no published reviews appear in the proceedings.

A. E. Miscampbell was elected and duly installed as G.Z. F. B. Reilly being re-elected as G.S.E. Saskatoon was selected as the next place of meeting.

The proceedings contain two literary contributions which we should gladly reprint if space permitted—one in entitled “Foundation Stones,” by V. Ex. Comp. S. F. Arthur, while the other, a dissertation on “The Volume of The Sacred Law,” by H S. Fry. These should be printed in pamphlet form—they would be read with great interest by every Royal Arch Mason fortunate enough to receive a copy.

As a conclusion, we find that charming poem of Frances Anne Kemble-Butler on “Faith.” We can think of no better closing for this review:

“Better trust all and be deceived,
     And weep that trust and that deceiving,
Than doubt one heart that, if believed
     Had blessed one's life with true believing.

O, in this mocking world too fast
     The doubting friend o'ertakes our youth;
Better be cheated to the last
     Than lose the blessed hope of truth.”

Saskatchewan is ably represented near our Grand Chapter by E. W. Hitchcock, of Sault Ste. Marie. At this writing we
have not been advised as to the appointment of a successor to the late M. Ex. Comp. Gorrell, who for many years has represented this Grand Chapter in Saskatchewan.

**SCOTLAND**

The Marquess of Ailsa, First Grand Principal.
R. H. F. Moncreiff, Depute First Grand Principal.
George A. Howell, Grand Scribe E.

Quarterly Convocation held September 20, 1941, in Edinburgh, the Grand Z. presiding.

Under the obituary we find fitting reference to the passing of one who has been an outstanding figure in Masonic circles in Scotland. M. Ex. Comp. Peter MacAuslan a Past Depute First Grand Principal and the holder of Grand Rank in all branches of Scottish Freemasonry. It is with sincere regret that we learn of the death of Comp. MacAuslan and hasten to tender our sympathies to the Supreme Grand Chapter in the sad loss of a great man. A report on By-laws, Grand Superintendents and dispensations and the installation of District officers concluded the business before the chair, after singing the National Anthem Supreme Grand Chapter closed in ample form.

Quarterly meeting held December 6, 1940—financial reports were received and adopted. A resolution was passed dispensing with the annual banquet in connection with Vernal Equinox celebrations. The death of M. Ex. Comp. C. C. Nisbet, who for forty years has been an Honorary Life Member of Supreme Grand Chapter was recorded. We note that Comp. Nisbet has been a very active member of the Supreme Grand Chapter—having been present and in apparently the best of health at the September Quarterly meeting.

The territorial scope of Scotland is impressed upon us when we read of By-law amendments being approved from Chapters in Sierra Leone, Lima, Peru; Kampola, Africa; and donations for Air Raid victims fund from Tasmanian Chapters.

Following the Scottish custom of retaining the Grand Z. in office from year to year, the Marquess of Ailsa was nominated and again duly elected First Grand Principal, George A Howell continuing as Grand Scribe E.

Annual meeting March 21, 1941—M. Ex. Comp. T. P. Nathaniel acting in the absence of the G.Z.
Officers elected at last quarterly Convocation were installed into office by M. Ex. Comp. Sir John Watson, K.C., Honorary Rank was conferred upon the following distinguished Companions of other jurisdictions: Depute First Grand Principal on John H. Anderson, G.G.H.P. of General Grand Chapter of the U.S.A. Second Grand Principal on M. Ex. Comp. G. V. Purdue, of Western Australia and Third Grand Principal on M. Ex. Comp. R. M. Rutherford, of New Zealand.

At the conclusion of the Installation ceremonies, financial reports were received as also were reports of the various Grand Superintendents. It is worthy of note that the only reference to war conditions is found in the authorization of the Grand Scribe E. to insure the furnishings of Supreme Grand Chapter under the War Damage Act of 1941.

Canada has as its distinguished representative of Scotland, Sir John Watson, K.C., while Scotland is represented in Canada by another brilliant King's Council, W. H. Wardrobe, of Hamilton.

TENNESSEE

Hugh O. Edwards, Grand High Priest.
T. E. Doss, Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Twelfth annual Convocation was held in Nashville on January 27, 1941.

Grand Chapter was opened in ample form the Grand Chaplain leading in prayer. Nine Past Grand High Priests were in attendance.

Distinguished visitors from the General Grand Chapter, from North Carolina, and Mississippi were received and duly honoured as also was a delegation representing the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

The address of Grand High Priest Edwards was largely a business-like report on the years labour. Dealing briefly with visitations, dispensations and rulings. Among the dispensations refused we find one which asked authority to ballot on an application the same evening as received. This was very properly rejected. Two new Chapters were instituted, one Chapter surrendered its charter while two other Chapters consolidated, all of which shows that Royal Arch Masonry in Tennessee is active at least. The G.H.P. recommends that a special plaque be prepared for presentation to Lynn Bachman Chapter which for three years has shown the largest net increase in membership.
A further recommendation provides that the Constitution be amended to grant concurrent jurisdiction for all Chapters in the State. This is an innovation that may work to advantage in Tennessee, but, we conservative Canadians might find it dangerous practice in a Jurisdiction where rivalry among chapters while friendly is extremely keen, and where Chapter boundary lines are jealously guarded.

We commend Comp. Edwards’ recommendation for some definite objective. He suggests an annual grant to the Memphis Hospital, the establishment of a scholarship for students or the rendering of financial assistance to worthy high school students all of which are in our opinion as an outsider—worthy objectives.

The address concludes with these words and may we join with the G.H.P. in expressing the earnest hope that the day may not long be deferred when his hope and prayer may be realized.

“I hope and pray that the year which has just started will witness an end to the suicidal madness which has laid its hold upon mankind and that we will soon have an opportunity to assist in the rebuilding of the Temple of Civilization, which is today being destroyed.”

The reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary indicate that having regard for the present-day conditions that the affairs of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee are in a fairly satisfactory condition.

J. I. Walker presents his tenth review of Sister Jurisdictions prefaced by a foreword dealing in masterly style with the realm of Royal Arch Masonry and general conditions.

We quote a few lines of current interest:

“The plight of ‘war-torn Europe’ has occupied the center of the stage with both speakers and writers during the past year. May we join our Companions, who are subjects of those countries, in a fervent prayer to God for a speedy end of that terrible conflict, and remember that ‘truth, though crushed to earth, shall rise again,’ and ever show our faith that ‘hatred bent on the destruction of the rights and liberties of others must eventually bring down the wrath of time and justice on its instigators.’”

Canada receives favourable mention and is generously reviewed, quotations from the Grand Z.’s address and the various Committee Reports are all given space, a much appreciated tribute to the memory of the late Col. W. N. Ponton and a decidedly flattering comment on the writers first review are also given prominence. We are happy to join the Round Table Comp. Walker and are grateful for your graceful reference and friendly welcome.
W. P. Douglas having been elected Grand High Priest he with his officers for the ensuing year were duly installed into office by M. Ex. Comp.’s Hudson and Dawkins.

Grand Chapter closed with prayer after which the Order of High Priesthood convened.

Canada’s representative in Tennessee is R. H. Roney, Sr., while the interests of Tennessee in Canada will be guarded by the newly commissioned A. P. Feed, one of our most active and enthusiastic craftsmen.

**TEXAS**

Jewel P. Lightfoot, Grand High Priest.
Thos. M. Bartley, Grand Secretary.

The Ninety-First Convocation held in Waco, on December 2, 1940.

Grand Chapter having been declared open by the G.H.P. fifteen P.G.H.P.’s were received with honours. A host of distinguished visitors were introduced and formerly welcomed. Among these we note the presence of representatives from Indiana and Missouri, as well as, G. E. Sanders of the Grand Council of Iowa. In responding to the G.H.P.’s words of greeting, Roy V. Denslow, of Missouri, said: “I think that Texans and Missourians have this in common—a willingness to make a speech on any occasion, I have been promising myself a visit to Texas, but between finances and hail storms have been prevented until today from coming to Texas.” Comp. Denslow then made reference to the fight that is waging for the defence of democratic principles and among other things said:—

“Practically all of the Royal Arch Masonry outside of the United States is bound up in the Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapters of Ireland, Scotland and England. It is true there are degrees very closely resembling those of the Royal Arch that are used in the Scandinavian system, but after all, the great mother of all Masonry is the United Grand Lodge of England, and the Grand Chapter of England.”

M. W. Bro. Leo. Hart, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, of Texas, together with his official escort, received a most cordial welcome. The G.M. presented to Comp. Lightfoot a beautiful bouquet of roses in accepting which the G.H.P. replied with appropriate words.

Forty-two Jurisdictions were represented by their Grand Representatives and these Companions were accorded the usual honours.
In a most eloquent and inspiring address the G.H.P. gave a detailed account of his stewardship. His introductory remarks were calculated to make the visitors and delegates feel very much at home. He referred in feeling terms to the death of many Companions and paid special tribute to the tragic death of Sam J. Helm, one of Texas most prominent, and active and beloved craftsmen, and in whose memory the Grand East was adorned with a beautiful floral tribute. Under the caption of “State of the Order” Comp. Lightfoot traced the history of R. A. M. from its earliest days in Texas, told of the hardship of the pioneers of that time and the success which finally attended their efforts on behalf of Masonry. His reference to world conditions is timely, we quote a line or two:—

“The Holy fire has been swept from the altars in many lands, civilization itself is menaced, and supreme sacrifices are now being made to prevent a lapse backward into the conditions prevailing during the dark ages.

Let us reconsecrate ourselves to the noble and glories task of keeping the fires of Liberty, Equality and Brotherhood burning brilliantly so that when the storms have passed and the wreckage cleared away, the overturned altars in the lands of the oppressed everywhere may be raised again and the fires of hope, faith and human kindness relighted thereon by torches plucked from our glowing flames.”

In commenting upon the splendid work being done by the Masons of Texas through the maintenance of the Home for Aged Masons, the G.H.P. reminds his Companions that this was the first Home of its kind to be established on this continent.

Among the new commissions issued we note the appointment of Temple H. Morrow, of Dallas, as Canada’s Grand Representative, may we take this opportunity of expressing our keen pleasure in this appointment. Two new Chapters were granted dispensations while two others were consolidated and the charters of three were arrested. All of which indicates that the Royal Craft is being carefully ruled by a wise but firm hand.

Comp. Lightfoot brings to a close a most delightful and entertaining address with these prophetic words:—

“Each era brings forth new generations of the sons of men, born in state of mental and spiritual darkness from which they must emerge, in the same manner, and by the same processes, as the generations of the past. May the guiding light be kept burning upon our altars for their benefit, even as the fathers of old preserved it for our generation.”
In reading of the charitable work in Texas it is most inspiring to learn that Grand Lodge maintains a Home for Orphan Children of Master Masons. The building cost one million dollars, while another million has been subscribed as an endowment fund. Grand Chapter is responsible for the Home for Aged Masons, the buildings cost $408,000.00 while an endowment fund of $500,000.00 has been created for its maintenance. The Knights Templar system not to be outdone has provided a fully equipped hospital for the use of the other two institutions, the cost over $50,000.00. Our hats are raised in admiration and respect for the Masons of Texas who believe in action rather than words. Our own efforts seem weak and puny when one reads of the truly magnificent work of Texas.

The Fraternal Review is written by the G.H.P. who as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Sam J. Helm decided to leave unfilled the chairmanship of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence. An automobile accident resulting in his death, brought to a close the earthly career of one of Masonry’s most distinguished sons. Perhaps no fraternal correspondent was better known, more genuinely appreciated or more generally beloved than Comp. Sam J. Helm, of Texas. His capitular reviews covering a period of years marked him as one who was richly endowed with all the good qualities of heart and head. Talented, scholarly and cultured expresses this correspondent’s description of the late Companion and we take this somewhat belated opportunity to convey to Texas on behalf of the Royal Ach Masons of the Grand Chapter of Canada our deepest sympathy in their sad loss. Comp. Helm’s death and the details of the regrettable accident which occasioned it came as a distinct shock to all who have been privileged to know him either through his writings or by personal contract. Masonry in general and Texas in particular has sustained a great loss through the removal of this colourful figure. He was a great exponent of our Masonic Art and from all we learn one of nature’s noblemen. Long may his memory be cherished in the hearts of his friends, for it is in the treasure-house of the mind that the most beautiful monuments are kept and preserved. And so in the immortal words of Wordsworth, we from distant Canada pay humble tribute to the memory of Sam Helm—
"and when the stream
Which overflowed the soul has passed away
A consciousness remained that it had left,
Deposited upon the silent shore
Of memory, images and precious thoughts
That shall not die, and cannot be destroyed."

As a preface to the Capitular Review many pages are
are devoted to impressive memorials, and fac-similes of letters
received from near and far—all bearing testimony to the
true worth of Comp. Helm. It is therefore with feelings
akin to awe and reverence that we approach the reviews
which have been edited by John B. Hines but we understand
are the unfinished work of our late lamented friend.

Following an established custom the review is topically
arranged and deals with matters of interest as covered by
the various proceedings. It proves to be a veritable compendium of Masonic information and provides most delectable
reading for one interested in the realm of Royal Arch Masonry.

Following the election of officers, W. R. Warley was in-
stalled as G.H.P.

Temple H. Morrow represent Canada, while W. E. Gowling, of Ottawa, is Texas representative in Canada.

VICTORIA

F. J. Thomas, Grand Z.
H. O. Thomas, Grand Scribe E.

Quarterly Convocation held in Melbourne, July 17, 1940. The Supreme Grand Chapter was opened in ample, antient
and Solemn form, the Grand Z. presiding.

Grand Representatives from twenty-three Jurisdictions
were in attendance. Being represented by the Grand Z., in
person, Canada, of course, answered the roll-call.

From the fine address of the Grand Z., we extract these
timely words:—

"We think of our Companions overseas who have been, and are being,
called to pass through the darkness of the Shadow of Death, and is it
not fitting that we who continue to enjoy the companionship of our
fraternal advantages should express our gratitude to and renew our
faith and trust in the Almighty.

May we, one and all, preserve a sense of our dependence upon God
and strengthen the bonds of our devotion to each other, and thus
gain fresh courage to live Masonry for God, our Empire and those
about us."
Following a report on his many visits to constituent Chapters the Grand Z. requested the Companions to rise while he paid tribute to those who have passed to the “Great Beyond”—Grand Chapter Choir rendered—“There is no Death”.

The Grand Treasurer’s report was presented and approved. A resolution to include in the regular line of officers a Grand Choirmaster was submitted and carried. This officer will take precedence over the Grand Organist. A letter from the Government was read thanking Grand Chapter for the donation of $5,000.00 which represented a gift from a member of Grand Chapter to the war fund to be used for the alleviation of suffering of men engaged in defence of the Empire. May we in distant Canada express our admiration of the generous spirit that prompted this magnificent gift.

A resolution was passed empowering every Chapter to remit the dues of any of its members while engaged on active service with the armed forces of the British Empire.

From a most eloquent and entertaining address by R. Ex. Comp. J. Dang low on the subject, “What Matters Most”, we quote the concluding lines of a wonderful dissertation on present day conditions, would that space permitted a more generous excerpt:—

“Surely, what matters most in the present crises is that we should each of us contribute our full quota of civil endeavour to the service of our country, determined to do all we possibly can to resist the fierce onslaught of arrogant aggression, and to rally sturdily to the defence of our beloved country and of our precious rights as free citizens of the Empire, praying that, in the sight of the Eternal Rules of the Universe, we may be judged worthy of the Victory which, with His help, we hope to win.”

Quarterly Convocation October 16, 1940, from the Grand Z.’s address the following earns our heartiest applause:—

“Dare we sit quietly and contrast our lot in life with that of any others in the old world? Compare our privileges with those of the centre of our Empire, who for weeks on end have been suffering all the out-pourings of a vitriolic Blitzreig? Can we, as a community even with all the reputation for tenacity, well earned as the result of our experiences of the last Great War, boast that we could have stood up to the same shattering as those forming part of the great metropolis of our Empire have—and still hurl back defiance? We do think, and love to feel that our community, and we as an institution, can ‘take it’ as they have done.”

Quarterly Convocation April 76, 1941, Mr. Ex. Comp. F. J. Thomas having been nominated for a further term as Grand
Z., was duly placed in office together with the other officers who had been nominated and elected.

From the Treasurer's report we note the purchase of $1,000.00 worth of War Savings Certificates, also reference is made to the purchase of a complete X-Ray unit which was presented to the Department of Army. The Grand Z. addressed Grand Chapter expressing thanks for the assistance accorded him during his first term of office and looking forward with confidence to his second year.

After singing the National Anthem Supreme Grand Chapter closed in Solemn form.

Victoria is represented in Canada by S. G. Newdick, of Toronto, while we are honoured in having as our representative in Victoria M. Ex. Comp. F. J. Thomas.

VERMONT

Floyd T. Sumner, Grand High Priest.
A. H. Grant, Acting Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Twenty-Fourth Annual Convocation held in Burlington on June 10, 1941.

Grand Chapter having been opened by the G.H.P.—the Grand Representatives were assembled and officially greeted. Visitors in goodly numbers were introduced, welcomed and received with appropriate honours. Among the Sister Jurisdictions represented we find New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, and Maine. The distinguished guests included leaders of the Scottish Rite, Grand Commandery, Grand Council and the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Vermont.

The address of Comp. Sumner proves to be brief in the extreme, yet, despite its brevity it seems to cover, without elaboration, of course, the activities of the year. After extending words of welcome to all present he refers in fitting terms to the passing of A. S. Harriman, Grand Secretary, whose death occurred on January 8, last. The late Comp. Harriman was perhaps the most active Mason in Vermont, being not only Grand Secretary of Grand Chapter, but, holding a similar position in Grand Lodge, Grand Commandery and Grand Council, he also was active in the Scottish Rite having attained the Thirty-third Degree.

The name of Comp. Harriman is well known to this reviewer, who feels at this writing as though he had lost an old friend. May we in Canada take this medium of expressing
our sympathy to our Companions of Vermont in the great loss that Masonry has sustained in the death of Comp. Harri-
man.

Dealing with fraternal relations the G.H.P. relates his beyond-the-jurisdiction visits. We are particularly interested in his kindly reference to his visit to our Sister Province of Quebec.

Among his recommendations we note his suggestion that District Deputies be appointed for a two-year term. This recommendation by the way is quite in harmony with the trend of thought in Canada where many are of the opinion that the efficiency of our District Officers would be improved by a longer term of office.

Comp. Sumner closes his address with a short commend on the struggle in Europe and elsewhere. His final words being a quotation from the G.Z. of Quebec, we quote:—

“Our motto must be—carry on—trusting that God will defend the right and looking forward to that day when Masonic ideals shall guide the world.”

The Acting Grand Secretary’s report indicates a slight loss in membership while the Grand Treasurer reports a small financial loss on the the year’s operations.

The committee on Necrology presented an eloquent report on the fraternal dead with special reference to the lamented death of the Grand Secretary. We quote the concluding lines of this impressive report:—

“Rejoice with me
At my soul’s loosing from captivity.
Wish me ‘Bon Voyage!’
As you do a friend
Whose joyous visit finds its happy end.”

“In the one of Shakespeare’s sonnets that keeps its music clear to the end, he asks that he be not mourned when dead, since he prefers to be forgotten rather than to bring sorrow to anyone. Therefore we do not mourn in hopeless sorrow, but in the joy of what life has been and shall be when again we share our life with those “whose music is the gladness of the world.”

From a special report we learn that with-drawal from the General Chapter has been under consideration but note with interest that the committee recommend in very strong terms that Vermont continue its allegiance to that Governing Body which from an outsiders viewpoint appears to be functioning in a manner that cannot fail to be helpful to Royal Arch Masonry in the United States.
Much to our regret Vermont offers no fraternal reviews or report.

A. S. Haven is Canada's representative in Vermont, while Charles H. Sheppard is Vermont's representative near our Grand Chapter.

**VIRGINIA**

Simon J. Sachs, Grand High Priest.

James M. Clift, Grand Secretary.

The One-Hundred and Thirty-Third annual held in Richmond on October 22, 1940.

After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Grand Chapter was opened in solemn form.

Perhaps, no Grand Chapter enjoys a finer reputation for hospitality than our Companions of the ancient and historic Grand Chapter of Virginia, as evidence note the host of visitors hailing from here, there and yonder. These included delegations from Sister Jurisdictions, the Knight Templar, and M. Wor. Bro. T. J. Traylor, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

All were received with that fraternal welcome usually associated with our companions of Virginia. We should not overlook mentioning that among those present was our then G.Z., M. Ex. Comp. Stephens, who was the recipient of an especially warm greeting.

Grand Representatives to the number of fifty-three were officially welcomed and duly honoured. Canada's representative was among those who answered the roll.

In a masterly address Comp. Sachs gives full coverage to the labours of the year.

In words of eloquence and sincerity he opens with a general welcome that leaves little to be desired. His comments on present day conditions carry a splendid message and we only regret that space will not permit a more generous quotation, but, we are so impressed that we give you a thought or two selected at random:

"Nor far from us, by means of modern transportation, is the sound of cannon fire; the explosion of death-dealing bombs and other forces of invention that seems more potent in death and destruction than that possessed by Milton's Angels, when in battle array, they made the very throne of God to tremble. Surely the throne of God must today be trembling."

"We must today fight these elements that would destroy everything set up by the church and by Masonry, by becoming sincere teachers and
preachers of the philosophy we profess and on which our organization is founded. Ours must be a sound philosophy or God would not have spared us these many years. Let us reconsecrate ourselves to those ideals of our fraternity and of our Government and build such a brotherhood that the world will marvel, and those boring from within, or from without, will find that impenetrable material that nothing but honesty and Godliness can penetrate.”

Simple yet fitting tribute is paid to the fraternal dead, with special reference to the lamented death of M. Ex. Comp. C. H. Ergenbright, P.G.H.P.

The G.H.P. tells Grand Chapter that he is much encouraged by increased interest and suggests despite a slight shrinkage in membership that R.A.M. is making progress in the right direction.

Twenty-four pages are necessary to accommodate detailed accounts of his many visitations, as we read these we are impressed with the fact that Comp. Sachs takes his Masonry seriously and has been a very, very busy man. Before passing the subject of visitations we should like to acknowledge his exceedingly kind reference to his visit to our Hamilton Convocation. He states that the visit gave him great pleasure, we should like him to know that the feeling was mutual. We also appreciate his friendly reference to R. Ex. Comp. F. J. Smith, who is Virginia’s Grand Representative, we are most happy to concur in his remarks and assure him that Fred Smith is one of Canada’s finest.

The address also testifies to the wonderful work being done by the Governors of the Masonic Home and expresses satisfaction with the administration of the Hubard Memorial Fund which is used to extend a helping hand to worthy boys and girls.

Dispensations, decisions and appointments all find their place in Comp. Sach’s report. This admirable address concludes with these words:—

“Let it be such work as our descendants will thank us for, and let us think, as we lay stone, on stone, that a time is to come when those stones will be held sacred because our hands have touched them, and that men will say as they look upon the labour and wrought substance of them, “see this our Fathers did for us!”

The proceedings contain a verbatim report of the addresses of many distinguished visitors. They make most interesting reading. M. Ex. Comp. Stephens told them much about the history of the Royal Arch in Canada and conveyed in his usual manner greetings from his Jurisdiction. We
are never ashamed to have Comp. Stephens speak for us, he has a message and knows just how to deliver it most effectively.

The Review of Sister Jurisdictions is by that experienced correspondent, E. Fenno Heath. This is Comp. Heath’s fourteenth review and as we peruse its pages we are impressed with the delightfully clear-cut manner in which he separates the important from the non-important features. Truly a splendid review. We quote one thought from his foreword—this thought by the way has formed the basis of many addresses by this writer hence his interest:—

“Masonry can never survive on past glory. If it fails in its duty of service to humanity it will cease to exist. When the individual Mason neglects his obligations, allowing his duties to the craft to be performed by others, he endangers the mission of the whole organization.”

His generous treatment of Canada is somewhat marred by the fact that we sent him a copy of our proceedings which he terms a mess. He, of course, means a printer’s mess. Many pages were printed double and the whole so blurred that he had to guess more or less at the contents. Accept our humble apologies Comp. Heath we shall certainly see that this does not happen again. As a matter of fact we do very fine printing in Canada and this copy should not be accepted as a fair sample of the printers art.

Extracts from our Grand Z.’s address are given prominence, details of our dispensations and reference to routine work are fully carried and he concludes with a most kindly reference to the late M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton to whom he refers as an outstanding reviewer. To all of which we heartily agree. We thank you Comp. Heath for your kind remarks and for your very neighbourly review of Canada.

Albert Sidney Burnham was elected and installed as G.H.P. Comp. Clift being re-elected Grand Secretary.

Canada is ably represented in Virginia by Albert L. Mattern, while Fred J. Smith, of Ottawa, is the official representative of Virginia in Canada.

WASHINGTON

Lee Allen, Grand High Priest.
Wesley C. Stone, Grand Secretary.

The Fifty-Seventh Annual Convocation held in Tacoma, May 8, 1941.
Fourteen Past Grand High Priests supported M. E. Comp. Lee as he opened Grand Chapter in Ample Form.

Visitors from Oregon, Idaho, the Knights Templar and a delegation from the Grand Lodge of Washington, were received, greeted and accorded the usual honours. From British Columbia Stanley Gordon, Grand Z., and W. P. Marchant, P.G.Z., took their places among the distinguished guests and were warmly welcomed.

Frank N. McCandless, Past Grand Master and Past Grand High Priest delivered the address of welcome to Grand Chapter. His smile, eloquent words and sincerity assured the Companions that the citizens of Tacoma appreciated their presence.

The G.H.H.P.'s address deals with By-law Amendments, Dispensations, Installation of Officers and other official acts. He recommends that the method and procedure of effectuating the consolidation of constituent Chapters be clarified and made more definite, and ends with a word of thanks for the assistance rendered during the year.

Following the G.H.P.'s address are reports of the various officers who were charged with the responsibility of inspecting the various chapters of the Jurisdiction. All speak in a manner that conveys the thought that conditions are improving and that interest and enthusiasm abound.

The Treasurer reported that all dues had been paid, all financial obligations met and the surplus in the treasury increased. A resolution was adopted to consider a revision of the ritual.

Gilbert D. Reeves, Grand Orator delivered a truly great address on the subject of "Man". He deals fearlessly with our weaknesses and short comings. Compares the great of different generations and centuries. Modern life with its ease and luxuries is responsible for what he terms Man's degeneration. He suggests man's maximum development is reached when he is placed in a position of hardship and opposition illustrating by saying that even a kite rises against and not with the wind. The address is well-timed, practical and carries a sound moral, it concludes with:

"Good timber does not grow in ease;
The stronger wind, the tougher trees,
The farther sky, the greater length,
The more the storm, the more the strength:
By sun and cold, by rain and snows,
In tree or man good timber grows."

In tree or man good timber grows.
From a touching report on Memorials we read with sympathetic interest of the great loss sustained by the passing of many distinguished craftsmen, the report concludes with this beautiful thought:—

"The vase in which roses have been distilled;
You may break, you may shatter the vase as you will,
But the scent of the rose will hang round it still."

Wesley C. Stone writes the report on Fraternal Correspondence and states that he has reviewed the proceedings of some fifty or more Jurisdictions. He states that it has been a pleasant occupation taking time it is true, but he found much of interest and many valuable suggestions. He comments that it is unfortunate that the companions generally are not given the opportunity of reading these publications. To all of which we agree and may we suggest that the amount of money saved by not printing these reviews is small compared to the value of keeping warm the contact with the other component parts of the Capitular World. We trust Grand Chapter may reconsider their decision Comp. Stone as we have always enjoyed your reviews.

Robert B. Palmer was installed as G.H.P. Wesley C. Stone again assumes the duties of Grand Secretary. Next meeting to be held in the City of Chehalis.

The Order of High Priesthood convened at the close of Grand Chapter.

Robert Y. McCroskey takes care of our interests in Washington, while H. A. Miller performs a similar duty for Washington in Canada.

WEST VIRGINIA

James E. Hart, Grand High Priest.
George Ford, Grand Secretary.
The Seventieth Annual Convocation held on October 14, 1940, in the City of Parkersburg.
With M. Ex. Comp. Hart presiding, Grand Chapter was duly opened and distinguished visitors received.
Thirteen Past Grand High Priests and Grand Representatives of forty-two Jurisdictions were welcomed with honours. We are pleased indeed to note that Canada was ably represented by Wilbur H. Cramblett, who succeeds the late F. C. Steinbicker.
We are happy to acknowledge Comp. Cramblett as our representative and feel assured that he will render the same
faithful service that characterized the distinguished Companion who preceeded him in this position.

The address of the G.H.P. was a business-like report on the year's work. Among those who have laid aside their working tools and passed to the Great Beyond we are shocked to find the name of F. C. Steinbicker, who for some years has represented Canada in West Virginia. We have appreciated his many virtues, we mourn his passing, let us take comfort in the thought that death is but the key that opens the Temple of Immortality.

In his address the G.H.P. also pays tribute to the memory of Dr. Wm. Turner Morris, Grand Treasurer and names as his successor M. Ex. Comp. H. A. Berry.

M. Ex. Comp. Hart's dispensations were all of a routine character, while no decisions of special import were made. Under "Finance" he says:

"Finance is a subject that admits of but little levity when mentioned by modern man."

A statement with which we are heartily in accord, indeed we suggest it provides a major problem for fraternal organizations everywhere. Comp. Hart unlike many others who refer to this subject is not content to sit and wring his hands in a fit of pessimistic collapse, he offers some really worth-while suggestions for the improvement of Grand Chapters finances. He closes with a brief comment on the world crisis, calling on all to render whatever help they may in the reconstructing of Western civilization.

The report of George M. Ford, Grand Secretary, is always interesting and his 1940 presentation is no exception to the rule. He prefaces his report with this:

"When things go wrong, as they sometimes will
When the road you are trudging seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you heave a sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit—
Rest, if you must—but do not quit."

While a shrinkage in membership is recorded we note that the financial conditions of Grand Chapter indicates careful handling.

We congratulate Comp. Ford on attaining his twenty-first year as Grand Secretary. May He who watches over all mankind, spare him for many years to come.
The Fraternal Review is by M. Ex. Comp. Ford—his nineteenth journey around the capitular world to use his own phraseology. We particularly applaud the last lines of his Foreword in which he states that in his opinion those Grand Chapters who have ceased publishing reviews are in themselves the greatest sufferers. As we have said on many occasions the fraternal correspondent helps to keep intact that three-fold cord that binds us one to the other in love and unity.

To Canada Comp. Ford allots one and one-half pages. He gives a liberal space to quotations from M. Ex. Comp. Stephens’ address—refers feelingly to the passing of Col. W. N. Ponton, K.C., and in his own generous manner has something nice to say about Col. Ponton’s successor—for which we offer sincerest thanks and appreciation.

Following his election Frank G. Hiele was duly installed in the office of G.H. Priest.

M. Ex. Comp. Alexander Cowan, one of Canada’s most outstanding Masons and representative of West Virginia for a lengthy period, died suddenly early in the year—leaving behind him fragrant memories of a well-spent life—his commission as Grand Representative of West Virginia being assumed by Harry J. McCallum, London, Ontario. We assure our friends in West Virginia that they may view this appointment with every confidence. Comp. McCallum will prove a worthy and faithful representative.

**WISCONSIN**

Adolph Hafner, Grand High Priest.
Wm. F. Weiler, Grand Secretary.
The Ninety-Third Annual held in Milwaukee, May 6, 1941.

Grand Chapter was formerly opened, the Grand Chaplain leading in the devotional exercises.

The G.H.P.s of Illinois, Iowa and Michigan together with representatives of General Grand Chapter, Grand Council, Scottish Rite, Knights Templar and the M. Wor. the Grand Master of Grand Lodge were courteously received and fraternally welcomed with honours befitting their respective stations. Thirteen P.G.H.P.’s were in attendance. The United States flag was presented and placed on the dais after which Grand Chapter sang “America” and recited the pledge of allegiance.
The Grand High Priest in his annual address paid homage and respect to the memory of those deceased using these words:

"We say they are dead, and yet we know:
There is no death. What seems so, is transition.
There is no death. The stars go down to rise upon some fairer shore."

His decisions, dispensations and recommendations are of local interest only. Referring to the state of the Order he reports a balanced budget and membership losses which are a 40% decrease from previous years. This is most encouraging and fits into our thought that having reached the lowest point the Royal Craft is now on the upward grade. He concludes a splendid address with a word of eulogy for the Grand Lecturer, and bespeaks for his successor a continuance of the loyal support given to him during the year—saying in part:

"The influences about him are like the fragrance of the roadside flowers, making the pathway one of sweetness."

"We assemble here together in fraternal fellowship and we can truly grasp the full meaning of the phrase, "Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

"I would be true, for there are those who trust me;
I would be pure, for there are those who care;
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;
I would be brave, for there is much to bear.
I would be friend to all, the foe, the friendless;
I would be giving, and forget the gift;
I would be humble, for I know my weakness;
I would look up, and laugh, and love, and lift."

Forty-five Jurisdictions were represented by their Grand Representatives, the ever-faithful Elmer S. Owens doing the honours for Canada.

A resolution was presented proposing the remission of Grand Chapter dues for any member of a subordinate Chapter who holds a Fifty-Year Certificate. We heartily agree with this recommendation, certainly a Companion who has served for fifty years should be entitled to some special consideration.

Something unique to Canadians is the Open Forum held in Wisconsin. It consisted of a general discussion on such important subjects as "Selling Capitular Masonry to Lodge members"—"Reclamation of Excluded and Demitted", "Concurrent Jurisdiction" and other timely topics. This thought rather impresses us although there are those who might claim that the first subject savours too much of commercialism. We quote the closing lines of a beautiful report on Obituaries:
"We pray that the noblest and finest virtues that we have seen in their lives may live on in us, that their lives may be written on the living tablets of human hearts."

The report on Fraternal Correspondence was presented by that distinguished veteran, William F. Weiler, one of our most capable correspondents. He commences a truly great Foreword entitled "Why" with this quotation from Proverbs:

"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver."

Around the word "Why" he has woven a literary treat, noticeably free from banalities, yet, heavily charged with lofty sentiment and uplifting thought that far transcends this mundane existence and leaves us in an ethereal plane whereas instruments of a Divine Force we learn more of the mission entrusted to us both individually and collectively in the great thought-life of humanity. Couched in eloquent terms Comp. Weiler asks "Why" attempt to modernize Masonry and then supplies impressive and satisfying answers. Would that space permitted a reprint of this entire dissertation on a subject that is of keen interest to every thinking Mason. We quote one paragraph only as a sample of Comp. Weiler's thought:

"Masonry is a song of the human soul. Masonry is the great spirit of services to mankind. Masonry is a character builder. Masonry has no creed except that it embraces the essentials of all creeds, a belief in the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man and Immortality in the Soul."

In our selfish desire to pay tribute to Comp. Weiler's Foreword we almost overlooked a comment on his review of Canada. He generously devotes three and one-half pages of note and comment, quotes liberally from the G.Z.'s address and makes some decidedly complimentary references to this correspondent and our last review. He classifies our review as a gem and expresses regret that it could not be more generally read and digested. All of which is most encouraging. We trust that we shall maintain our mental equilibrium and merit the kind words with which Comp. Walker has greeted us. However, we are somewhat apprehensive that he has established for us such a high standard that his readers may think that he has viewed the subject of his comment through rose-coloured glasses. Many thanks, Comp. Weiler, for the verbal bouquet which will be filed away in our treasure chest
among the fragrant memories of happy thoughts and inspirations.

Milton G. Kaumheimer was elected and installed G.H.P., and, of course, the genial and talented Grand Secretary was re-acclaimed.

The Order of High Priesthood convened at the close of G.C. Elmer S. Owen is our representative in Wisconsin, while, William J. Wadsworth, one of Toronto's public men, has the honour to represent that Grand Chapter near Canada.

**WYOMING**

John Stansbury, Grand High Priest.
Richard H. Repath, Grand Secretary.

The Thirty-Third Annual held in Gillette on July 15, 1941—the G.H.P. officiating.

Eleven Past Grand High Priests and twenty-five Grand Representatives answered the roll-call and were suitably recognized. We note with pleasure that Canada's faithful representative, R. H. Repath, was present to respond for our Grand Chapter.

Distinguished guests in the persons of Walter B. Saunders representing the Grand Commandery and Elmer E. McGee, G.H.P., of Nebraska, were received and under escort were conducted to the Altar and warmly welcomed. Each of these Companions acknowledged in appropriate terms their appreciation of the reception accorded them.

Comp. Stanbury's address was interesting, illuminative, beautifully written and presented. His opening remarks contained a welcome to the delegates and visitors and was marked by warmth and sincerity. Under Necrology he pays tribute to the memory of many distinguished craftsmen with special reference to the death of Past Grand High Priest, Harry E. Crain. It is of passing interest that during his term of office that no dispensations, decisions or rulings were sought. This is most remarkable and places the G.H.P. in a class by himself as in no other Jurisdiction reviewed by this correspondent does a similar condition obtain.

In his valedictory remarks he urges that those who love the Royal Arch circulate and engender a spirit of enthusiasm among those in whom the interest seems to have grown cold and unresponsive. We are constrained to quote his final admonition:
“If we have any differences we must bury them and put our heads and hearts to the task of building and instilling the spirit of the Royal Arch among all factions of Masonry. Then shall we see an outpouring of the Spirit, and the ocular demonstration of results and manifold blessings which has been promised to those who are faithful and believe.”

The Grand Secretary commenting upon a somewhat insignificant shrinkage in membership reports that death and suspensions are largely responsible for this condition and suggests that the Companions should not be discouraged but rather renew their efforts and attempt to reverse next-year the showing of the past twelve months.

Finances as indicated in the Grand Treasurer’s report appear to be capably managed while investments which are in U.S. Treasury Bonds are sound and productive.

The election of officers resulted in Homer E. Zorn being advanced to the position of Grand High Priest. Together with the other officers elected he was duly installed by M. Ex. Comp. W. J. Hagans.

The retiring G.H.P. was presented with a jewel suitable to his rank, and attention was drawn to the fact that as a Past Grand Master he had been similarly honoured by Grand Lodge and at the present time was holding active rank in the Grand Commandery. May we suggest that Comp. Stansbury must be a zealous and expert craftsman to have been so honoured by his fellows in the various branches of Masonry.

The City of Evanston was selected as the next place of meeting.

No published reviews or report on correspondence appears in the proceedings.

Howard E. Meadd, of Cornwall, is the very faithful representative of Wyoming in Canada.