The following Lodges were represented: Arcadia 1524, Bradenton 1511, Clearwater 1525, Cocoa 1532, Coral Gables 1676, Daytona Beach 1141, DeLand 1463, Eustis 1578, Fort Lauderdale 1517, Fort Myers 1288, Gainesville 990, Jacksonville 221, Key West 551, Lake City 893, Lakeland 1291, Lake Worth 1530, Live Oak 1165, Miami 948, Miami Beach 1601, New Smyrna Beach 1557, Ocala 286, Orlando 1079, Palatka 1232, Pahokee 1638, Pensacola 497, Sarasota 1519, Sanford 1241, St. Augustine 829, Tallahassee 937, Tampa 708, West Palm Beach 1352, and Winter Haven 1672.

President Campbell announced that there were two new Lodges represented this year, Coral Gables and Winter Haven, and suggested they be given full membership in the state association.

Brother Dave Sholtz presented President Campbell with a check for $1,000 from the Elks War Commission to be used in state association rehabilitation work.

The President reported on the Harry-Anna Crippled Children’s Home, the Elks War Commission, the Elks National War Fund, New Lodges, and Membership as per pages 9-11 of the proceedings of the 39th annual meeting.

Brother L. F. Chapman reported that the plans for the Harry-Anna Home for the year had been changed greatly due to the loss of the superintendent, and that a new mode of operation had been established. He further stated that the main difficulty the home had to face this year is rumors concerning dishonesty on the part of the superintendent and the board of directors which he hoped to get straightened out and ended at this convention. Brother J. Frank Umstot reported that when the home almost closed this year, a great effort was made to secure financial assistance and more children for the home, both of which were accomplished very successfully.

The Executive Committee met in DeLand and was asked by State President Umstot to draft a charter for the incorporation of the Florida State Elks Association.

While seriously handicapped due to government restrictions on travel preventing all Lodges from participating, the state ritualistic contest was nevertheless held, and Miami Beach Lodge was declared the winner. Winter Haven 1672 was instituted April 21, 1945 and Coral Gables was instituted June 18, 1945.

The following officers were elected to serve for the 1945-1946 term:

President J. Frank Umstot, Tampa
Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dave Sholtz installed the new officers for 1945-1946.

**Unknown Soldier**

*(See Tomb of Unknown Soldier)*