

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
GRAND CHAPTER  
OF  
Royal Arch Masons  
OF  
FLORIDA.



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## PROCEEDINGS.

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At a Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Florida, begun and held in the Masonic Hall, in the city of Tallahassee, on Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, A. D., 1856-R. A. M., 2,386:

P R E S E N T :

M. E. J. WAYLS BAKER, G. H. P.

E. THOS. HAYWARD, G. K.	COM. JOS. MOORE, G. C. H.
“ THOS. BROWN, G. S.	“ D. S. WALKER, G. P. S.
“ JNO. B. TAYLOR, G. SECT'Y,	“ JAS. ELLENWOOD, G. R. A. C.
	“ M. BRAY, G. Tyler.

With a due representation of Subordinate Chapters, Members and Visitors.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

On motion, “all Royal Arch Masons of good standing, resident or sojourning amongst us, be respectfully invited to attend the sittings of this Grand Chapter.”

Companions Leonard, Fletcher and Walker were appointed as a Committee on Credentials and Returns.

The reading of the proceedings of last session was dispensed with.

The Chapter was called to refreshments until 3 o'clock, P.M., to-morrow.

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TUESDAY, 3 o'clock P.M.

The Craft were called to labor.

P R E S E N T :

M. E. E. R. IVES, as G. H. P.

E. R. W. MARSTON, as G. K.	COM. JAS ELLENWOOD, G. C. H.
“ THOS. BROWN, as G. S.	“ D. S. WALKER, as G. P. S.
“ JNO. B. TAYLOR, G. SECT'Y,	“ C. C. FLETCHER, as G. R. A. C.
“ THOS. HAYWARD, G. TREAS'R,	“ M. BRAY, G. Tyler.

With a due representation, Members and Visitors.

The minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The M. E. G. H. P. sent an apology for his non-attendance to-day.

*Comp.* Grand Secretary read a letter from the Secretary of Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, in relation to the exaltation of Comp. Sadler, which was referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER, No. 12,  
*Jacksonville, Jan'y 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1856.*

*Dear Sir and Companion:*

Your favor, without date, in reply to a communication addressed by our former Secretary, Companion Cole, under date Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> '55, was submitted to the members of our Chapter, at its last meeting, 28<sup>th</sup> December.

I am directed to say, that this Chapter claims as a *right* the amount received by yours from Companion Sadler, and that it will not receive it as a *gratuity*.

I am instructed further to say, that while this Chapter freely admits that "Florida R. A. Chapter, No. 1, is not to be informed of Masonic duty," (I quote your own words,) this Chapter claims also the same right, viz: that of acting without the dictation of yours.

Truly and fraternally yours,  
G. C. GIBBS, *Sect'y*

The Committee on Credentials and Returns reported the following Chapters duly represented:

Florida R. A. Chapter, No. 1, dues,	.....	\$48 00
Jefferson " " 5, "	.....	33 00
Columbia " " 9, "	.....	45 00
Olive " " 10, "	.....	26 00
Jacksonville " " 12, "	.....	37 00
Alachua " " 13, "	.....	29 00
Centreville " " 14, "	.....	15 00

The G. H. P. appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS. --- Leonard, Fletcher and Walker.
2. COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS--- Comps. Brown, Walker and Blocker.
3. COMMITTEE ON PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES.--- Ellenwood, Shine and Fletcher.
4. COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONS.--- Hayward and Leonard.
5. COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.--- Marston and Michau.
6. COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE .--- Brown, Walker and Hayward.

COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS.--- Leonard, Ellenwood, R. W. Marston.

Comp. C. C. Fletcher, H. P., of Centerville Chapter, was, by unanimous consent, recognized as the proper representative of said Chapter.

The communication of Comp. Ives, submitted at last convocation, (on page 14 of proceedings,) was discussed, and, on motion, it was laid over until next convocation for further action of subordinate Chapters.

Comp. Walker, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, made the following report:

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred a letter from Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, on the subject of the fees due for the exaltation of Companion Sadler, beg leave to report the following resolution as the sense of this Committee:

*Resolved*, That no fees are due from Florida Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1, to Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, arising from the exaltation of Companion Sadler; because Companion Sadler was unable to obtain the degrees in his own Chapter, the same were conferred in the Florida Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1, in compliance with the request of Companions Barrett and Douglas of Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, and under dispensation of the Grand High Priest,

in order to give to the Jacksonville Chapter a sufficient number of members to confer the degrees.

JAS. ELLENWOOD, *Chairman.*

Received and adopted.

The Chapter was called to refreshment until 3 o'clock, P.M., to-morrow.

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WEDNESDAY, Jan. 16, 3 o'clock, P.M.

The Craft were called to labor.

PRESENT :

E. R. W. MARSTON, G. K.

E. THOS. HAYWARD, G. Treasurer.

" C. C. FLETCHER, G. S.

Comp. JAS. ELLENWOOD, G. C. H.

" JNO B. TAYLOR, G. Sect'y

M. BRAY, G. Tyler

With a due representation, members and visitors.

The reading of yesterday's proceedings dispensed with.

[The G. H. Priest was not present after the first evening, being detained at home by the sickness of his family; consequently did not deliver the usual address.]

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws made the following report:

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws report in favor of the proposed amendments to the by-laws of Columbia Chapter, No. 9: Amendments to By-Laws of Columbia Royal Arch Chapter, No. 9, Alligator, Florida adopted June 4<sup>th</sup>, 1855.

1<sup>st</sup>. That the word "one" be substituted for "five" in the 4<sup>th</sup> line of the first section, 4<sup>th</sup> article of the by-laws under the head fees.

2<sup>nd</sup>. That the words "until the next stated meeting," in the 4<sup>th</sup> section of the 4<sup>th</sup> article, be stricken out, and the words "until the Chapter shall be satisfied that the candidate has made suitable proficiency in the preceding degrees," be inserted in lieu thereof.

The above amendments were proposed at the regular meeting of the Chapter on 7<sup>th</sup> of May, 1855, and on the

next stated meeting of the Chapter, June 4<sup>th</sup>, they were unanimously adopted.

A. J. T. WRIGHT, *Secretary*.

Received and adopted.

Comp. Ellenwood offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the elective Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter of the State of Florida be entitled to and shall receive 10 cents per mile for the distance they may have to travel in attending at and returning from the convocations of the Grand Chapter.

Received and adopted.

The Grand Chapter went into the election for officers, when Comp. Thomas Hayward was duly elected Grand High Priest.

Comp. E. R. Ives unanimously re-elected Dep'ty G. H. P.

" John L. McKinnon	"	"	Grand King.
" James Ellenwood	"	"	Grand Scribe.
" John B. Taylor	"	"	Grand Sect'y.
" R. A. Shine	"	elected	Grand Treas'r.
" Rev. C. E. Dyke	"	"	Grand Chapl'n.

The Chapter called to refreshments until 3 o'clock, P.M., to-morrow.

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THURSDAY, Jan'y 17, 3 o'clock, P.M.

The Craft were called to labor.

PRESENT :

M. E. E. R. IVES, G. H. P.

E. R. W. MARSTON, G. K.	Comp. JAS. ELLENWOOD, G. C. H.
" C. C. FLETCHER, G. S.	" THOS. BROWN, G. P. S.
" JNO B. TAYLOR, G. Sect'y,	" R. R. LANG G. R. A. C.
" THOS. HAYWARD, G. Treas'r,	M. BRAY G. Tyler.

P. G. H. P. Thos. Brown, with a due representation.

The reading of minutes dispensed with.

The Committee on Credentials reported:

The Committee on Credentials report the returns from

Alachua R. A. Chapter correct, except Chap. fees, one dollar less.  
All which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. K LEONARD, *Chairman.*

JAN. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1856.

Received and adopted.

Comp. Brown offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That a resolution adopted at the last convocation of the Grand Chapter, purporting to have been offered "by Companion Brown," but which, it is believed, was an error, "That Chapters under dispensation are not liable for dues to the Grand Chapter for members whilst they are under dispensation," be and the same is hereby repeated.

Received and unanimously adopted.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That Comps. Brown, Ellenwood and McKinnon be appointed on the address of the M. E. H. P. of last session.

Comp. Brown, P. G. H. P., installed the Grand H. Priest elect, Companion Thomas Hayward, as the G. H. Priest of the G. R. A. C. of Florida.

Comp Thos. Hayward, G. H. P., installed Comp. Jno. L. McKinnon as G. King.

Comp. Thos. Hayward, G. H. P., installed Comp Jas. Ellenwood as Grand Scribe.

Comp. Thos. Hayward, G. H. P., installed Comp. R. A. Shine as Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Council made the following appointments:

Comp. J. L. NIBLACK, Grand Capt'n Host.

" C. C FLETCHER, Grand Principal Sojourner.

" D. W. MCCRANIE, Grand Royal Arch Captain.

" SAMUEL STEPHENS, Grand Lecturer.

" H. T. BLOCKER, Grand Marshal.

" R. W. MARSTON, G. M. 1 Vail.

" F. C. BARETT, " 2 "

" Jas. L. MOSELY, " 3 "

" M. BRAY, Grand Tyler.

The Select Committee on the G. H. Priest's Address of last session made the following report:

The Committee appointed on the Address of the Grand High Priest, presented at the annual convocation of 1855, have duly considered the points brought to the attention of the Grand Chapter in said address, and offer the following report:

That they believe it necessary that the work in the several Chapter degrees be exemplified at each and every convocation of the Grand Chapter, and they recommend that the Grand High Priest cause the same to be done by the Grand Lecturer, or some other competent companion, in event of absences of the Grand Lecturer, at each convocation of the Grand Chapter, and that the system of work so exemplified, after approval by the Grand Chapter, be adopted as the work of this Grand Jurisdiction.

In regard to that portion of the address relating to ease of emergency, your Committee believe that no such cases should ever be brought to the consideration of a Chapter, and would respectfully recommend that the subordinate Chapters of this Jurisdiction be instructed to confer no degrees on an applicant until he has satisfied the examining Committee of his suitable proficiency in the preceding degrees.

The method of voting by subordinate Chapters, on application for Chapter degrees, is also brought to the attention of your Committee. On careful consideration of the subject, your Committee can see no good reason for objecting to the present method, as approved by this Grand Chapter, which is to ballot for the Royal Arch and preparatory degrees at one and the same time, and would therefore recommend that this practice be considered as the proper mode of balloting in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The last matter brought to the attention of your Committee is the practice prevailing throughout the State of conferring all the Chapter degrees upon a candidate in a single night, if time permits. Your Committee are



opposed to this practice as one totally at variance with the true interests of Royal Arch Masonry, and would recommend that in all cases of advancement the candidate shall first prove to the satisfaction of the Chapter his proficiency in the preceding degrees.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Received and adopted.

The Committee on Accounts reported as follows:

The Committee on Accounts beg leave to report, that they have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and find that there remained, at the close of the last convocation of the Grand Chapter, a balance in the Treasury of \$29 86

And that there has been received during this

Present grand convocation, by the Grand Secretary,

From Florida R. A. C., No. 1,	\$48 00	
“ Jefferson “ “ 5,	33 00	
“ Columbia “ “ 9,	45 00	
“ Olive “ “ 10,	26 00	
“ Centerville “ “ 14,	15 00	
“ Alachua “ “ 13,	29 00	
“ Jacksonville “ 12,	37 00	
	—————	233 00
		—————
		262 86

This amount contributed to the Library Fund and not appropriated and returned to the Grand Sect'y by the ex'r of Com. Douglas, dec'd.

20 84

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283 70

Out of which are to be paid the following sums:

To the Grand Secretary, for his salary,	\$150
And for postage and stationery,	20
To the Grand Tyler, for his services,	20
To B.F. Allen, Editor of the Sentinel,	

printing the proceedings of last sess'n,	44	
	_____	234 00
		_____
Now remaining in the treasury for con- tingent purposes,		49 70
Commission on 283 70,		11 32
		_____
All of which is respectfully submitted.		38 38

THOS. BROWN, *Chairman.*

Received and concurred in.

Comp. Ives offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the thanks for this Grand Chapter be returned to our Companion and Past Grand High Priest J. W. Baker, for the impartial and courteous manner in which he has presided over the deliberation of this Grand Body for the two past Masonic years.

Concurred in.

Comp. Ellenwood offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be and is hereby tendered to Jackson Lodge, No. 1, for the use of their Hall during the past convocation of this Grand Chapter.

Concurred in.

The Grand Chapter of Florida was closed in Ample Form.

JNO. B. TAYLOR, *Grand Secretary.*

## APPENDIX.

### RETURNS OF CHAPTERS

Under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Florida.

#### FLORIDA R. A. CHAPTER No. 1—*Tallahassee.*

##### OFFICERS:

Rich'd A. Shine, H. P.	Jno. Pratorius, TREAS.	H. T. Blocker, R. A. C.
D. C. Wilson, K.	Jno. R. Lloyd, C. H.	Jas. S. Rust, M. 3 V.
Thos Hayward, S.	Jos. A. Edmondson, P. S.	I. W. Bowen, M. 2 V.
Jno. B. Taylor, SEC.	Chas. E. Dyke, CHAPLAIN.	S. S. Knight, M. 1 Y.

##### MEMBERS:

A. A. Fisher, R. A. M.	Robt. Gamble, Jr. R. A. M.	G. Gardner R. A. M.
M. Grand “	Ephraim Sanders “	H. K. Sadler “
Thos. Brown “	David E. Mason, P. M.	Jas. T. Hayes “
A. H. Bush “	Jno. Morrison, R. A. M.	Wm. K. Beard “
Jos. Saunders “	J. R. Carlisle, M. M. M.	Sam'l A. Spencer “
J. W. Baker “	Geo. Damon, R. A. M.	Thos Richardson, P. M.
Thos. Roberts “	Mathew Lively, R. A. M.	E. L. T. Blake, R. A. M.
Wm. H. Bayly “	Thos. P. Randolph “	Wm. Choice “
Beaufort Williams, R. A. M.	Hugh Fisher “	M. M. Michau “
R. Simmonds “	Robt. Heir “	Jno. Penny “
Jos. A. Braden “	D. W. Gwynn “	Jno. L. Sanders “

Dues paid, \$48.

#### JEFFERSON CHAPTER, No. 5—*Monticello.*

##### OFFICERS:

D. W. Donnel, H. P.	H. H. Berry, SEC.	O. Lewis, M. 3. V.
W. S. Dilworth, K.	Jas. Ellenwood, C. H.	Joel Walker, M. 2 V.
T. J. Chace, S.	Jas. A. Cooksey, P. S.	C. Davis, M. 3. V.

R. C. Hurst, TREAS.      Jas. R. Tucker, R. A. C.      W. H. Andrews, TYLER.

## MEMBERS:

S. W. Baker, R. A. M.	J. A. Mallette, R. A. M.	Jno. R. Cannon, R. A. M.
J. J. Collins, “	D. B. Bird, “	B. C. Clay, “
C. L. Powell, “	Sam. Stevens, “	J. A. Townsend, “
F. N. B. Oliver “	Joel Walker, “	Simeon Manning, M. M. M.
Wm. McMillan “	T. H. C. Nally “	W. C. Clark, “
G. J. Streety, “	Jno. A. Edwards, “	Thos. F. Johnson, P. M. M.
C. B. DeCausey, “	Josh. Taylor, “	John Wooten, M. M. M.
Jas. S. Russell, “	R. R. Lang, “	F. A. Dawkins, R. A. M.
A. V. Daniel, “	Jos. P. Turner, “	Henry Walke, M. M. M.
J. L. Taylor, “		

Dues paid, \$33 00.

COLUMBIA CHAPTER No. 9—*Alligator*.

## OFFICERS:

Edw'd R. Ives, H. P.	James W. Cathey, R. A. C.	Arthur J. T. Wright, SEC.
Augustus R. Bexley, K.	Martin Hancock, M. 3 V.	John L. Dozier, TREAS.
Geo. B. Smithson, S.	Martin H. Freeze, M. 2 V.	James C. Pierce, CHAP.
Silas L. Niblack, C. H.	Alexander Young, M. 1 V.	Henry F. Smith, GUARD.
James M. Baker, P. S.		

## MEMBERS:

L. Bryant, Jr., R. A. M.	W. E. M. Cousins, R. A. M.	Dan'l T. Trezvant, R. A. M.
Reuben Hogans, “	James M. Clarady, “	Abraham Ellinger, “
F. J. Wheaton, “	Charles W. Johnson “	Lewis H. Mattair, “
Levin Johnson, “	Hansford R. Alford, “	John F. Shands, “
Garrett Van Zant, “	Israel M. Stewart, “	Reuben H. Charles, “
Jacob T. Goodbread “	John W. Jones, “	John Rawls, “
Robert Brown, “	Richard Hurt, “	William H. Rosseau, P. M.
William H. Cone, “	William J. Greene, “	John Baker, “
A. S. Goodbread, “	Benj. F. Jourdan, “	John S. Sharp, “
Stephen Roberts, “	A. H. Martin, “	James S. Jones, M. E. M.
Stephen S. Smith “	G. McG. Bredalbane “	William J. Felkell, P. M.
Asa A. Stewart “		

Dues paid, \$45 00. Regular meeting of Chapter 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month, at night.

OLIVE CHAPTER No. 10—*Ocala*.

## OFFICERS:

R. W. Marston, H. P.	Jno. Lea, P. S.	Jesse W. Hunter, M. 1 V.
Josiah' Paine, E. K.	Jno. Helvenston, R. A. C.	F. N. Foy, SEC.
William Roberts, S.	Robt. Bulloch, M. 3 V.	F. Heard, TREAS.

Wm. S. Harris, C. H.      Neil Ferguson, M. 2 V.      A. C. Brown, GUARD.

## MEMBERS:

S. W. Stewart, R. A. M.	C. A. M. Mitchel, R. A. M.	William Edwards, R. A. M.
Jno. L Branch.	Jno. Parsons.	Simon Sheline.
S. G. Brown.	Robt. O. Lewis.	N. W. Eason.
Geo Helvenston.	Madison Post.	Thos. P. McHenry.
Rev. William Connell.	A. J. Cassady.	Jonas B. Hogans, P. M.
Jno. W. Pearson.	Jno. M. Payne.	Aaron Wooley, M. E. M.
Rev. N. P. Hotchkiss.		
Dues paid, \$26 00.		

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JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER, No. 12—*Jacksonville*.

## OFFICERS:

Geo. W. Call, H. P.      Jno. P. Sanderson, H. P. E.      John Thompson  
F. J. Wheaton, P. H. P.

## MEMBERS:

John S. Summis, R. A. M	H. D. Holland, R.A.M.	Sam Buffington, R. A. M.
George H. Smith.	Wm. Grothe.	John D. Mitchell.
Geo. W. Cole.	John L. Hale.	Michael Hearn, P. M.
E. A. Oak.	Thos. C. Blanchard.	Theo. Hartridge, P. H. P.
Melton Haynes.	Geo. Couper Gibbs.	F. C. Barrett, R. A. M.
Stephen Bryan.	L. S. Foster.	Manuel Crespo.
Levi S. Fickett.	George Flagg.	Paul B. Canova.
C. S. Emery.	James G. Dell.	L. H. Dunlop.
Dues paid, \$28 00		

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ALACHUA CHAPTER, No. 13—*Alachua*.

## OFFICERS AND MEMBERS:

M. Whit Smith, M. E. H. P.	W. W. Scott,	J. A. Stewart
J. T. Bernard, K.	L. M. Searborough,	G. U. Ellis,
S. Fagan, S.	T. C. Love,	Daniel Lynn, M. M. M.
W. J. Duval, R. A. M.	John H. Ellis,	J. B. Ellis,
Geo. Helvenston,	T. J. Prevatt,	J. B. Carleton,
Robt. Youngblood,	S. Whitehead,	J. B. Pane,
Benjamin Moody,	D. J. Ridaught,	Robt. Harrison,
T. A. Bradford,	T. B. Osteen,	J. M. Valentine,
H. Bradford,	B. T. Stokes,	Wm. Strickland.
Dues paid, \$21 00.		

## CENTREVILLE CHAPTER, No. 14.

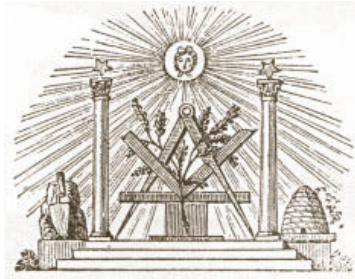
## OFFICERS AND MEMBERS:

C. C. Fletcher, H. P.	J. B. Jeffcoat,	Alex. Cromartie,
Geo. E. Dennis, K.	Jacob Elliott,	Richard Vaubrun,
T. K. Leonard, S.	Wm. N. Taylor,	J. M. Hill,
R. W. Fisher, SEC.	Hinton J. Saunders,	Nathan Goodman,
Thos. J. Roberts, TREAS.	J. M. Joyner,	J. I. Stroman, M. E. M.
Geo. H. Fisher, R. A.	John Evans, M.M.M.	Peter R. Baum, M. E. M.
Thomas Brunette,	Wm. E. Fisher, “	Richard Williams, M. M. M.

Dues paid, \$14 00.

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ADDRESS  
OF THE  
**Grand Officers.**



M. E. THOMAS HAYWARD,  
GRAND HIGH PRIEST, *Tallahassee.*

E. E. IVES,  
DEPUTY G. H. PRIEST, *Alligator.*

E. JOHN B. TAYLOR, M. D.  
GRAND SECRETARY, *Tallahassee.*

1856