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The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, convened in Annual Grand Convocation in the Masonic Hall, City of Jacksonville, at the hour of 10 o'clock, a.m. on Monday, the 19th day of January, A. 2415, A. D. 1885, the time and place of meeting provided for last year having been changed by order of the Grand High Priest by virtue of a Constitutional provision.

PRESENT:

M. E. William E. ANDERSON	Grand High Priest
R. E. J.W. V.R. PLUMMER	Grand King
R. E. ANGUS PATERSON	Grand Scribe
R. E. THOMAS S. WILMARTH	Grand Treasurer
M. E. DeWITT C. DAWKINS, P. G. H. P	Grand Secretary
M. E. WILLIAM A. McLEAN, P. G. H. P	Grand Chaplain
M. E. ENOS WASGATE, P.G. H. P	as G. Captain of the Host
E. F. S. GOODRICH	as Grand Principal Sojourner
E. S. M. FOWLER	as Grand Royal Arch Captain
E. C. H. WRIGHT	as Grand Master of the Third Vail
E. JOHN O. BAOG	Grand Master of the Second Vail
E. AUGUST BUESANG	as Grand Master of the First Vail
E. WILLIAM H. YOUNG	Grand Guard
Past Grand High Priests -- D. C. DAWKINS, E. WASGATE, W. A. McLEAN.	

Grand Representatives of the Grand Chapters of the District of Columbia, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, New York and South Carolina.

And Constituent Chapters represented as follows, to-wit:
St. Johns R. A. Chapter, No. 5 -- F. S. Goodrich, High Priest,
 S. M. Fowler, King, and C. H. Wright proxy for Scribe.
Santa Rosa R. A. Chapter, No. 6 -- J. G. Ellis, High Priest.
Madison R. A. Chapter, No. 8 -- Angus Paterson, High Priest.
Jacksonville R. A. Chapter, No. 12 -- D. C. Dawkins, High
 Priest, J. F. Clark, King, and T. S. Wilmarth, Scribe.
Island R. A. Chapter, No. 21 -- J. W. V. R. Plummer, proxy
 for High Priest, King, and Scribe.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and with
 devotion conducted by the Grand Chaplain.

Upon list of members present being furnished by the Grand
 Secretary, the Grand High Priest appointed the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Returns and Credentials. -- D. C. DAWKINS, F. S.
 GOODRICK and J. O. BOAG.
On Dispensations and By-Laws. -- A. PATTERSON, D. B.
 GIVENS and J. J. DELANEY.
On Jurisprudence. -- W. A. McLEAN, S. M. FOWLER and S.
 Pasco.
On Propositions and Grievances. -- T. S. WILMARTH, C. H.
 WRIGHT and G. S. HALLMARK.
On Finance and Accounts. -- J. W. V. R. PLUMMER, E. S.
 TYNER and J. O. BOAG.
On Memorials. -- W. A. McLEAN, R. J. PERRY and M.
 ENDEL.
On Foreign Correspondence. -- E. WASGATE, W. A.
 McLEAN.
On Printing. -- D. C. DAWKINS, T. S. WILMARTH.
 The M. E. Grand High Priest delivered the following

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Companions of the Grand Chapter of Florida:

Accept my greetings, as we meet again at the beginning of
 another year. There is a fitness in the season of our Grand
 Communication, and the lessons which the thoughtful heart
 involuntarily draws from the closing year, make the teachings of
 morality, fidelity, and purity which we here learn, come at this
 time with especial force.

Who is there that is not conscious of a feeling of sadness, as

he steps across the line which divides the dying year from the new one? The sorrows and errors of the past rise unbidden in the memory. The consciousness that we might have better improved the talent of time committed to our keeping, and the sorrowful assurance that the record, with all its imperfections, is now made up forever, haunt us like reproachful spectres.

Let us, then, while these feelings are fresh upon us, start forward with a resolution that this year shall carry up a better report than its predecessor. Let us, as men and as Masons, resolve to live closer to the obligations which rest upon us; to bring into our lives and conduct more of brotherly love, more of earnestness and purity of life and conduct. So will the new year bring to us a blessing, and at its close "look backward with a smile."

As we gather again around our sacred altar, and exchange the grasp of fraternal affection, we can rejoice that there are no missing links in our chain. The year that is past has been one of peace, health and prosperity in our State. Let us lift up our hearts with gratitude for our past blessings, and for the bright prospect that lies before the land in which our lot is cast.

In Masonic matters this has been an uneventful year. Harmony prevails throughout our jurisdiction, and nothing has occurred to interrupt the cordial relations existing between this Grand Chapter and its sisters.

I have, during the year, issued but one dispensation. This was granted on January 19th, to Lake Butler R. A. C., No. 19, to elect and install officers, that duty not having been attended to at the proper time.

On March 6th I received from Companion Wasgate, P. G. H. P., an official report of his action in visiting St. Johns R. A. C., at DeLand, which was chartered at our last Grand Communication, instituting the Chapter and installing its officers. No dispensation having been applied for or granted, to authorize the institution and installation of officers at this time, the action, both of Companion Wasgate and of St. Johns R. A. Chapter, was irregular. I refer to the matter here in order to caution you, my companions, to avoid in the future any such error. While no harm has resulted, it was none the less a breach of Masonic law.

I have had but one question referred to me for decision, namely:

When a Chapter is opened at regular communication, can it be kept open by being called off from time to time, and can the regular business of the Chapter be transacted at such adjourned meeting?

ANSWER. -- A Chapter cannot properly be called off in the manner proposed. It should be closed before the companions separate, and all the regular business should be disposed of at that time. Meetings can be called at the discretion of the H. P., for the transaction of special business, but none can then be legally transacted except such special business as the meeting is called for. Balloting should always be done at regular communication.

I desire to acknowledge here the benefit and advantage which I have derived from the use of the library of Santa Rosa R. A. Chapter, No. 6. This is, without doubt, the most complete Masonic library in the State, embracing complete files of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter Reports from every jurisdiction in the United States. This has been, for many years, a labor of love with Companion John Carlovitz, the faithful and efficient Secretary of that Chapter. I desire here to extend my official recognition of his valuable labors in this direction, and at the same time to acknowledge the courtesy and kindness of the Grand Secretaries of the several Grand Chapters, for their valuable contributions to our Masonic literature.

It is my duty at this time to refer to the conflict of jurisdiction existing between the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec and the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales. The history of this case is briefly this: After the formation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec, which claimed and exercised exclusive territorial jurisdiction within that Province, with the exclusive right of its constituent Chapters to confer the degree of Mark Master Mason, the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales has granted warrants, under which two Lodges of Mark Master Masons have been formed in the city of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec. These Lodges are named respectively "Victoria, No. 301," and "Henniker, No. 314," from

which Subordinate Lodges a Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons has been formed, under the name of "The Provincial Grand Lodge for Quebec Province." Then Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Quebec has, through it M.E. Grand High Priest, protested against this invasion of its rights, and requested the Grand Mark Master Masons' Lodge of England and Wales to withdraw the warrants by virtue of which the said Mark Lodges were constituted, which request the aforesaid Grand Lodge has refused to grant. There can be no doubt that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Quebec, of right, has exclusive jurisdiction over Capitular Masonry within that Province, and that the attempt on the part of the Grand Mark Master Masons' Lodge of England and Wales, to charter Lodges within that Province, is an unwarranted usurpation of authority. We have recognized the authority of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Quebec, and have been on cordial terms of friendship with it. I therefore recommend that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Florida do refuse to hold Masonic intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons of England and Wales, or to recognize any Mark Master Masons belonging to Lodges working under its jurisdiction, until the aforesaid Grand Lodge shall withdraw its warrants issued to Lodges in the Province of Quebec, and abandon its claim to exercise any authority within said Province.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

April 11th -- Died, M. E. Companion Henry L. Payne, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Maine, and our Representative near that Grand body.

April 15th --Died, M. E. Companion James M. Howry, Past Grand Master and Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Mississippi.

April 28th --Died, M. E. Companion William French, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi.

July 28th -- Died, M. E. Companion James G. Luckey, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Illinois.

August 12 -- Died, M. E. Companion Arthur R.H. Atkins, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Illinois.

September 1st -- Died, M. E. Companion Elbert H. English,

Past General High Priest of the General Grand Chapter. In giving official notice of the death of Companion English, the present General Grand High Priest, Companion Alfred F. Chapman, requests that the several State Grand Chapters display, in such manner as to them seems best, appropriate emblems of mourning, at the next Grand Convocation succeeding the receipt of his letter. In accordance with this request, I suggest that the altar and stations of this Grand Chapter be draped in mourning during the present Convocation.

Companions, it is instructive to us thus to call over the names of the honored dead. While we extend our sympathies to the several jurisdictions that have been thus bereaved, it is yet a consolation to us to remember that we share with them in the legacies left by the departed, the legacies of spotless lives of lamented deaths, and of cherished memories. The Patriarch Jacob, in his vision, beheld a ladder extending from Earth to Heaven, and the Angels of God ascending and descending upon it. Companion, let that vision become to each one of us a reality. When our eyes shall be closed upon this earthly scene, and opened to that brighter light which awaits us, may we not hope to meet upon that Heavenly Stairway those Excellent Companions who have gone before, and whose bright examples we remain to emulate!

In conclusion, let me urge upon you not to become discouraged, or "weary in well-doing," Though we are but few in number, yet we are laying the foundations of a building that will one day attain to grand proportions. Let us, then, be sure that every stone is faithfully squared and honestly laid. The great temple that once crowned the heights of Mount Moriah excited the wonder and admiration of the world. The deep and massive foundations upon which it rested remain to this day perfect and unshaken, silent but imperishable memorials of the fidelity of those who laid them. The greatest reward, and the only one which satisfies, is the consciousness of duty faithfully discharged. That reward, when fairly earned, will remain with us forever.

Upon you who are officers of your respective Chapters, let me urge the especial importance of doing your work thoroughly. Every candidate who comes for advancement in history in Masonry, comes

to us as a rough ashlar, to be squared, fitted and polished for its place in the Temple, by the tools of the Master Workman. See to it, then, companions, that you are yourselves thoroughly qualified to do the work, then shall every stone bear your mark and impress for good.

Companions, may the Divine blessing rest upon us, and guide us in all our ways! Amen.

W. E. ANDERSON,

January 19, 1885.

Grand High Priest.

On motion, duly seconded and adopted, the foregoing address of the Grand High Priest was referred to a Special Committee of three for distribution of subjects, and the R. Excellent Grand King announced Past Grand High Priests Wasgate, Dawkins and McLean, as such committee.

On motion of M.E. Companion McLean duly seconded and adopted, all Royal Arch Masons in good standing are invited to attend this Grand Communication.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 3 o'clock, p.m., to-morrow.

A. I. 2415, January 20, 3 p. m.

PRESENT.

M. E. William E. ANDERSON	Grand High Priest
R. E. J. W. V. R. PLUMMER	Grand King
R. E. ANGUS PATERSON	Grand Scribe
R. E. THOMAS S. WILMARTH	Grand Treasurer
M. E. DeWITT C. DAWKINS, P. G. H. P	Grand Secretary
E. MARCUS ENDEL	Grand Chapter of the Host
M. E. ENOS WASGATE, P. G. H. P	as G. Captain of the Host
E. JAMES F. CLARK	Grand Principal Sojourner
E. DARWIN D. GIVENS	as Grand Royal Arch Captain
E. E. S. TYNER.	as Grand Master of the Third Vail
E. JOHN O. BAOG	Grand Master of the Second Vail
E. F. S. GOODRICH	as Grand Master of the First Vail
E. WILLIAM H. YOUNG	Grand Guard

And constituent Chapters as on yesterday, and a number of other Companions.

The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor.

The minutes of yesterday morning's session were read and confirmed.

The Special Committee on Returns and Credentials made the following report, which was received and adopted, to-wit:

To M.E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Returns and Credentials have examined the returns of Gainesville Chapter No. 2, Santa Rosa Chapter No. 6, Madison Chapter No. 8, Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, Island Chapter No. 21, and Nassau Chapter No. 23, and find them correct. We have also examined the credentials presented, and find that the list of officers and members of the Grand Chapter present, as reported by the Grand Secretary, is correct, and we recommend that the Grand Secretary supply the statistical table.

Fraternally submitted,

D. C. DAWKINGS	}	Com
F. S. GOODRICH		
J. O. BOAG		

The Grand Secretary offered the following resolution which was duly seconded and adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That all the unpaid dues of Santa Rosa Royal Arch Chapter No. 6, to this Grand Chapter, which accrued prior to the year A. D. 1884, be and are hereby remitted to said Chapter.

The Grand Secretary stated that the High Priest, King and Scribe of St. Johns R. A. Chapter, were present, that the returns of said Chapter had not come to hand, but was assured that such returns would soon be received, and, therefore, upon his motion, duly seconded and adopted, Companions F. S. Goodrich, High Priest, S. M. Fowler, King, and C. H. Wright, as proxy for Scribe, of said Chapter are allowed to represent said Chapter at the present Grand Convocation.

The Committee on Memorials presented the following report, which was adopted:

At close of another Masonic year, we have abundant cause for profound gratitude to the Giver of all good, for the many mercies and great blessings by which we have been distinguished in our exemption from the pestilence that walketh in darkness, and the destruction that wasteth at noonday. Our jurisdiction has been highly favored in not being called upon to mourn the death of any of our members, but while this fact is cause for thanksgiving and praise to Him who doeth all things well, the tidings conveyed to us from some of our sister jurisdictions impress upon us in the most forcible manner the solemn truth that

“in the midst of life we are in death.” Several of the Grand Chapters have lost much by the death of some of their most honored and useful members. With them we mourn, and with them we mingle our tears of sorrow in their hour of bereavement and sadness, consoling ourselves, however, with the reflection that to the good and virtuous man death is but the beginning of a new life -- a more glorious existence.

One of the saddest duties devolving upon your Committee, is that of referring to the death of that eminent Mason, Companion Elbert H. English, Past General High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America. Not only as a Mason, but as a legislator and a jurist as well, he distinguished himself for his scholarly thought, his legal abilities characterized by a virtuous and upright life. His death may be regarded, and properly so too, in the light of a national calamity. The faithful discharge of the various duties devolving upon him in the high positions to which he was called, is to us an example well worthy of emulation. The death of such a man creates a void which, while difficult to measure, is far more difficult to fill.

We recommend that the suggestion contained in the address of the Grand High Priest, with reference to displaying the emblems of mourning be observed and practiced, as an humble tribute to the memory of a highly distinguished and most excellent Companion, who in life was honored and in death lamented.

W. A. McLEAN }
 R. J. PERRY } Com.
 M. ENDEL }

On motion, duly seconded and adopted, the Grand Chapter proceeded to the annual election of the Grand Officers of this Grand Chapter, for the present Masonic year, with the following result, to-wit:

M. E. WILLIAM E. ANDERSON was re-elected Grand High Priest.

R. E. J. W. V. R. PLUMMER was elected Deputy Grand High Priest.

R. E. ANGUS PATERSON was elected Grand King.

R. E. MARCUS ENDEL was elected Grand Scribe.

R. E. THOMAS S. WILMARTH was re-elected Grand Treasurer.

M. E. DeWITT C. DAWKINS, P. G. H. P., was re-elected Grand Secretary.

M. E. WILLIAM A. McLEAN, P. G. H. P., was elected Grand Chaplain.

Companion Herman Glogowski entered and took his place as Grand Royal Arch Captain.

The Grand Secretary presented the following report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts:

D. C. DAWKINS, *Grand Secretary, in account with Grand Chapter.*
1885. Dr.

January 19 -- For dues of St. Johns Chapter, No.5	\$11.00
For dues of Gainesville, Chapter, No. 2	19.00
For dues of Madison, Chapter, No. 8	28.00
For dues of Santa Rosa, Chapter, No. 6	19.00
For dues of Jacksonville, Chapter, No. 12	43.00
For dues of Island, Chapter, No. 21	52.00
For dues of Nassau, Chapter, No. 23	20.00
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	\$192.00

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By cash paid Grand Treasurer, as per vouchers	\$192.00
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The Grand Treasurer presented the following report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts:

JACKSONVILLE, Fla, January 21, 1885.

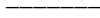
M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

T. S. WILMARTH, *Grand Treasurer, in account with Grand Chapter.*

1884	Dr.	
Jan. 1, To Balance		\$118.00
“ 16, “ Amount from Grand Secretary		262.00
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_____ Times Union, 1883		\$39.00
Jan. 17, Grand Guard Young		5.00
“ 17, Companion Plummer		25.00
“ 21, Grand Secretary Dawkins		150.00
“ 21, General Grand Chapter		8.93
Balance		152.57
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		\$380.50
1885.		
To Balance		152.57
Jan. 21, “ Received from Grand Secretary		192.00
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Subject to Appropriation		\$344.57

The Grand Secretary stated that the “No. 3” had erroneously been assigned to St. Johns Chapter, when that number had been previously given to Tampa Chapter, and requested an action of the Grand Chapter correcting the error; whereupon, upon motion of Companion Marcus Endel, duly seconded and adopted, “No. 5” was assigned to St. Johns R.A. Chapter.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 3:30 o’clock, p.m., to-morrow.



A. I. 2415, January 21, 3:30, p. m.

PRESENT:

M. E. William E. Anderson, Grand High Priest, and others, as on yesterday.

The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor, the devotion being conducted by the Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of yesterday’s session were read and confirmed.

A special committee, on a certain portion of the address of the Grand High Priest, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To M.E. Grand Chapter:

The special committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand High Priest’s address which relates to the collection of Reports and Proceedings from the various jurisdictions in the United States, by Companion Carlovitz, Secretary of Santa Rosa Chapter, No. 6, beg to report, that we heartily indorse the sentiments expressed by the M.E. Grand High Priest Anderson, and join him in expressing the acknowledgment of this Grand Chapter, to the several Grand Chapters, for their valuable contributions to our Masonic literature, as well as to formally extend to Companion Carlovitz the thanks of this Grand Chapter for the courtesies shown to our Grand High Priest, in the liberal use of said library.

We furthermore commend the example of Companion Carlovitz, in his zeal and love for our noble Order, as worthy of emulation throughout this Grand jurisdiction.

ENOS WASGATE, J. W. V. R. PLUMMER, MARCUS ENDEL,	}	Committee.
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R. E. Companion Paterson, as High Priest of Madison Chapter, offered the following preamble and resolution, which were duly seconded and adopted, to-wit:

WHEREAS, Madison Chapter No. 8 failed to hold an election for officers at the time prescribed by law, and whereas, it will be for the interest of said Chapter that an election be held, therefore,

Resolved, That Madison R.A. Chapter No. 8, be and is hereby authorized to hold, at its earliest convenience, an election for officers for said Chapter for the present year, and to cause the officers then elected to be duly installed.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts made the following report, which was received and adopted, to-wit:

To M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts report that they have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and find them correct. We recommend that the following appropriations be made, to wit:

Printing Proceedings of 1884	\$39.00
Grand Secretary, salary	150.00
Grand Guard	5.00
Jacksonville, Chapter No. 12	15.00

And we recommend that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay for the printing of the Proceedings of this Grand Convocation and the running expenses of the Grand Chapter out of the funds remaining in his hands.

Fraternally submitted,

J. W. V. R. PLUMMER	} Com.
E. S. TYNER	
J. O. BOAG	

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, by E. Wasgate, P. G. H. P., chairman, made the following report, which was received, and the resolution thereto appended was adopted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence have the pleasure to report that since our last Annual Convocation a new star has appeared in the galaxy of Grand Chapters on this continent, in the far West.

On the 5th day of June, last year, the representatives of three Chapters located in Washington Territory, working under charters granted by the General Grand Chapter of the United States, met in convocation at Spokane Fall, and made arrangements for organizing a Grand Chapter for that Territory. The convention lasted three days, during which time they drafted a Constitution and By-Laws, elected officers, and appointed

a committee to notify the G. G. H. P. of their action, and obtain his consent to complete their organization; then adjourned subject to the call of the Grand High Priest elect.

On the second day of October the convention was called together at Walla Walla, when then the official communication of the G. G. H. P. was read granting them the necessary authority, and turning over to their care another Chapter U. D. in their Territory, and appointing a Special Deputy to institute their Grand Chapter and install their officers, which was done. Their organization is regular, and we extend to them a fraternal greeting and recommend an exchange of representatives.

In the matter referred to use from the address of our M. E. G. H. P., we feel that we have an unpleasant duty to perform, yet do not desire to shirk any responsibility, but are willing to perform any duty assigned to us, faithfully.

Your Committee made a partial report on this matter last year, and recommend a resolution forbidding Masons of our obedience from holding masonic intercourse with the Mark Lodges in Montreal chartered by the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales, etc., or any of their officers or members, (see proceedings of 1884, pages 401, 2,3) but recommended a suspension of action in regard to the parent body till the present Convocation to give our brethren across the water an opportunity to be heard, which was received and adopted unanimously. They have been heard, and their excuse is that their action is only for the benefit of Master Masons holding English Registers, thereby assuming that the Grand Chapter of Quebec is a clandestine body, or that the Master Masons holding *English Registers* are too good to unite with a legitimate body of Masons in Quebec because they are independent of any foreign power. As regards the first proposition, the Grand Chapter of Quebec was regularly organized and has been recognized by all the Grand Chapters on this continent, and also by the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales, etc., as a sovereign and independent body.

The Grand Chapter of England, however, which has no jurisdiction over the Mark, Past, or Most Excellent degrees, has never formally recognized them, but as we are at present not dealing with that body, we forbear making any further remarks in reference to them.

We think this settles that part of the difficulty. Now comes the second proposition. Are Master Masons holding *English Registers* too good to affiliate with a legitimate body of Masons independent of any foreign power?

There are Masons in our own jurisdiction owing the allegiance to and having strong affection for the parent bodies in England, and we are always glad to extend to them fraternal greeting, because they do not assume to be better than we are, and do not seem to feel disgraced by affiliating with us. Are our brethren in Quebec superior to those who sojourn here? Have they attained to that state of perfection that they cannot conform

to the manners and customs of the country in which they live, and where they expect to spend the remainder of their lives? We believe that the position taken by the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales, etc. is assuming an amount of arrogance unknown in Masonry, and detrimental to the Masonic principle. We do not desire, however, to use any language that might offend the ear of the most sensitive brother, and forbear pursuing the subject farther.

The Grand Chapter of Quebec has complete and undivided jurisdiction within that province, and we consider the course pursued by the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales, etc., unmasonic, unfraternal and untenable, and we recommend the adoption of the annexed resolution.

ENOS WASGATE, }
W. A. McLEAN } Com.

Resolved, That the recognition heretofore accorded to the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, etc., be revoked, and all Masons of our obedience are hereby forbidden to visit them or any of their subordinate lodges, or hold Masonic intercourse with any of their officers or members.

The Grand High Priest appointed the following Grand Officers, to-wit:

S. M. FOWLER	Grand Captain of the Host
HERMAN GLOGOWSKI	Grand Principal Sojourner
JOHN O. BAOG	Grand Royal Arch Captain
E. S. TYNER	Grand Master of the Third Vail
F. S. GOODRICH	Grand Master of the Second Vail
T. D. GIVENS	Grand Master of the First Vail
JAMES F. CLARK	Grand Guard

M. E. William E. Anderson, Grand High Priest, duly installed into their respective offices:

R. E. J. W. V. PLUMMER	Deputy Grand High Priest
R. E. ANGUS PATERSON	Grand King
R. E. MARCUS ENDEL	Grand Scribe
E. S. M. FOWLER	Grand Captain of the Host
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E. B. D. GIVENS	Grand Master of the First Vail
JAMES F. CLARK	Grand Guard

On the motion of M. E. Enos Wasgate, P. G. H. P., duly seconded and adopted, the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter is to be held in the City of Jacksonville, at 10 o'clock, a.m., on Monday next preceding the third Tuesday in January, A. D., 1886.

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws reported verbally, approving the action of P. G. H. P. Wasgate in organizing St. Johns Royal Arch Chapter, No. 4, but hereafter express authority from the Grand High Priest shall be requisite for the organization of newly-chartered Chapters, when he cannot do so in person.

The foregoing minutes were read and confirmed.

There being no further business, the Grand Chapter was closed in ample form.

D. C. DAWKINS,
Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS AS PER RETURNS.

Chapter	No.	No. of Members last year	Affiliated	Exalted.	Total	Died	Dimitted	Suspended	Expelled	Present Membership
Gainesville	2	24	1	--	25	--	--	--	--	25
Tampa	3	17	2	3	22	--	--	--	--	22
Santa Rosa	6	26	--	--	26	2	--	5	--	19
Madison	8	21	--	5	26	--	--	--	--	26
Mt. Horeb	11	14	--	--	14	1	--	--	--	13
Jacksonville	12	39	--	4	43	2	3	--	--	38
Island	21	52	--	--	52	1	1	--	--	50
Nassau	23	20	--	--	20	2	--	--	--	18

ESTIMATE:

No. of members last year, as per returns	213
Affiliated, 4; exalted, 12	16
Total	229
Died 8, Dimitted, 4; Suspended 5	17
Present Membership	212
Showing a decrease of 1.	

DIRECTORY OF CHAPTERS.								
Chapters.	No.	Convocations.	High Priests.	Kings.	Scribes.	Treasurers.	Secretaries.	P. O. Address
Gainesville	2	First Tuesday	M. Endel	R. F. Taylor	R. McClellan	T. A. Carroll	Julius Stark	Gainesville
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